

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: 2022 LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT
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BACKGROUND

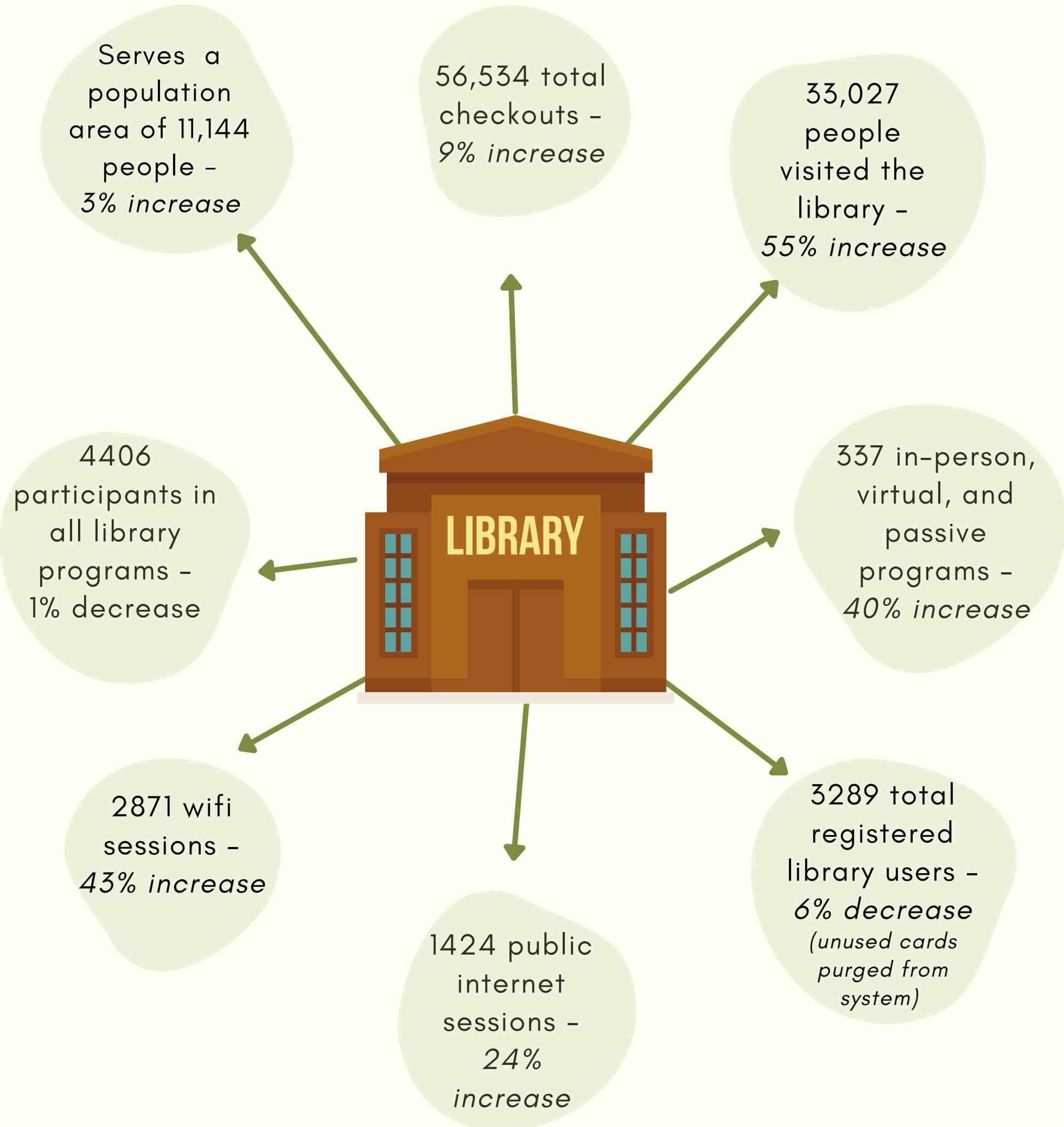
Every year, public libraries are required by statute to submit an annual report to the State of Minnesota to inform them of use statistics. Our report has been submitted and confirmed by the Library Board. I am now sharing the report with Council.

As you may be aware, the COVID-19 pandemic hit libraries hard nationwide. Although our library was one of the fastest to pivot and continue to provide resources to the community in a safe and efficient manner, library use did take a dip in 2020 and 2021. Among our pivots were quick implementation of curbside service, creation of a YouTube channel for virtual library programs, hybrid virtual and in-person programs, outside programs, more passive programs, increased access to audiobooks and ebooks through the Libby reading app, and a new SELCO Libraries app for checking your library account status and self-checkouts from your phone. All of these changes are still among our services, in addition to all of our pre-COVID services. I am pleased to share that, as we have emerged from the pandemic, library use continues to climb back to 2019 levels and we continue to happily serve the community in many facets.

The attached infographic shares the data from our 2022 Minnesota Library Annual Report.

2022 Library Use Statistics

CANNON FALLS LIBRARY



Changes compared to 2021 library use