2022 Library Timeline

**WINTER**
- Introduced New Hours - Began opening an hour earlier at 9:00am Monday through Friday
- Distributed Home COVID Test Kits

**SUMMER**
- Presented Reading Programs for all ages, preventing the “summer slide”
- Introduced Summer Concert Series

**SPRING**
- Welcomed authors during the Read | Write | Ignite Literary Series
- Celebrated National Library Week in April with Library fine forgiveness in exchange for donations of supplies for Baxter Health Support Houses

**FALL**
- Hosted the Diamonds Exhibit from the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock
Library Programs Sparkle
Diamonds Exhibit
The Library hosted Diamonds, an exhibit from the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock in the fall of 2022. The interactive exhibit stepped visitors through diamond formation, mining, and processing. Library staff led groups of students from area schools on tours through the exhibit followed by educational activities.

Summer Concert Series
The Library featured some outstanding musical entertainment with a new summer concert series including a variety of musical performers and genres. Bookworms Café at the Library opened on concert nights for dinner and coffee.
2022 Fast Facts
Library visits, total items circulated, and program attendance steadily increased back to pre-COVID levels.

120,499 visits to the Library in 2022, compared to 113,467 in 2021.

196,139 items circulated in 2022 compared to 180,729 in 2021.

6% New Cards Issued
(1,383 → 1,782)

9% Volunteer Hours
(6,963 → 8,407)

9% Program Attendance

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25% Followers Gained
Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter total
(3,933 → 4,905)

19% Computer Users
(10,331 → 12,260)

29% USAGE
Online career and resume resources and tools.
(80 → 103)

29% USAGE
Ancestry.com
(1,900 → 2,453)

38% Wifi Users
(10,460 → 14,428)

60% USAGE
Online art and craft video classes and resources.
(68 → 109)
Baxter County Early Literacy Project

This community initiative continued to make great strides in 2022. Following through on our mission to equip all Baxter County children with the early literacy skills they need to enter Kindergarten, we distributed nearly 1,300 children’s books through the Little Free Libraries located near schools, in parks, and apartment complexes in Baxter County. Over 300 children were enrolled in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library reached two milestones in 2022. The Imagination Library of Baxter County reached over 1,000 children participating in the program, which is nearly 60% of all eligible children in Baxter County. In May 2022, Dolly Parton visited the Governor’s Mansion in Little Rock to celebrate Arkansas being one of the first states to achieve full statewide coverage with the program, making it possible for every child under age 5 in Arkansas to participate in the program and receive a free book in the mail each month.

Pop-Up Library

Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to introduce our Pop Up Library in 2022. The Library, complete with a canopy, crates full of books, a mobile checkout station, and hotspot, can travel to various locations and community events. Visitors to the Pop Up Library can check out items and get a library card on the spot.
Homeschool Advantage

Homeschooling families are some of the Library’s biggest fans and regular library visitors. Recognizing a need for some coordinated programming to support homeschoolers, Library staff created the Homeschool Advantage, a once-a-month program for PreK through 12th graders, with science, recreation, literature, and art components to enhance the homeschool experience.

New, Convenient Way to Track Reading Progress

In 2022, the Library rolled out the Beanstack app, an easy way for readers to track their reading and share their progress with the Library. Youth and adult readers used the app to track reading and receive incentives for reaching reading goals. For the year, a total of 527 readers used the Beanstack app, 21,473 books were read, and 328,113 reading minutes were logged.

Answering Tech Help Demands

As long as there are people who need help with technology, the Library will be here to assist. New in 2022, the Library introduced One-on-One Tech Help by appointment. Library staff lend their expertise to work with folks who need a little extra help using Word or Excel or navigating the Internet.
The Library depends on wonderful volunteers who help provide unmatched service and support for the entire community.

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A Friends of the Library volunteer, Margie Kelly, received a Gold Level President’s Volunteer Service Award for a second consecutive year in 2022 with 1,133 volunteer hours. (A minimum of 500 hours is required for the gold-level award.)

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Support for the Library

The Library depends on significant revenue from the Baxter County Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library to supplement a 1 mill Baxter County Property Tax, which has remained unchanged since the 1950s.

2022 Library Revenue

- Baxter County Property Taxes: 57%
- Library Foundation, including Donations & Sponsorships: 29%
- Friends of the Library: 2%
- State Aid: 6%
- Miscellaneous, Fines, Fees, Café Rental: 5%
- COVID Grants: 1%

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Library Foundation
The Library Foundation’s year-end giving campaign, Wrap it Up for the Library, was another success, raising over $90,000 in support of the Library. Other fundraising events rounded out the year for the Foundation including the Library Love Virtual Valentine event, the Library Giving Day on-line giving campaign, and the Ante Up for the Library Texas Hold’em Tournament.

Friends of the Library
The Friends of the Baxter County Library celebrated a full year of hosting their quarterly Used Books Sales, as well as their live auction and silent auctions, raising funds which help support the Library. The Friends also awarded four scholarships to graduating Baxter County seniors and one non-traditional ASUMH scholarship in 2022. At the time of the awards ceremony, the Friends had contributed over $650,000 to the Library over the 42 years they have been in existence.

The Friends of the Library were recognized in October of 2022 for their noteworthy and extraordinary leadership in support of the Library with the Foundation’s Heart of the Library Award.
2022 Foundation Donors

The Baxter County Library is extremely grateful to those who give to the Library. Our 2022 donors helped support a variety of Library programs and services.

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Letter From The Director
The Baxter County Library continued to fulfill the professional, educational, and entertainment needs of Baxter County residents in 2022. For many, the Library served as a second home, a meeting place, a business start-up space, a DIY workshop, and a personal development retreat.

The Library saw a lot of increases in 2022 – increases in the number of people coming through the doors, in number of items circulated, in the number of Library cards issued. Library staff kept up with the pace and exceeded expectations for service and programming.

Collaborating on community initiatives was key for us in 2022. Early in the year, we were part of the Governor’s initiative to distribute COVID-19 rapid test kits across the state. Library staff distributed over 1,000 test kits to our community. We continued our partnership with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, serving 800 after-school meals to Baxter County students.

We also continued our partnership with area schools and other organizations on the Baxter County Early Literacy Project and began a very successful partnership with the Red Cross, hosting regular blood drives to address a critical blood shortage.

2023 promises to be even busier and better, with an amazing selection of authors visiting during the Read | Write | Ignite Literary Series in the spring. In the fall, we will welcome an outstanding exhibit from the Museum for the Blind – A Child in a Strange Country, all about Helen Keller and the learning challenges she bravely faced.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Library in 2023! It is an honor to serve this amazing community.

Kim Crow Sheaner
Library Director
Library Staff

Congratulations to the Baxter County Library staff for an outstanding year of serving our community.

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