



**2023
ANNUAL
REPORT**



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2023 brought the beginning of a return to a new normal to Quatrefoil Library.

With the lifting of the COVID Pandemic Emergency mandate, and the accessibility to vaccines, Quatrefoil Library resumed its in person programming. Hundreds of community members returned to our space or visited the library for the first time, and a new generation of volunteers began to emerge at the library.

We are grateful to everyone who checked out books, attended events, and volunteered their time at the Library over the past year. As you view the stories and numbers shared in this report, you will see that we are guided by the passions of our community.



2023 Q HIGHLIGHTS

The David Norris Memorial Scholarship

David Norris was a long-time volunteer of Quatrefoil Library and helped manage our scholarship program since its inception. In his memory, we have named our scholarship for him. [Read our tribute to David Norris](#) to learn more about him.

Our scholarship is a one-time, \$1,000 scholarship open to all high school seniors or college students who are/will be attending college within the State of Minnesota. In 2023, we gave two \$1,000 awards (thanks to [a grant from San Diego Pride](#)), one to Christianna Fritz and one to Hannah Hausman.

The New Library Manager Position

With approval from the Board, the Library created a new position called the Library Manager. Nicole Olila, a current board member, stepped into this new position on an interim basis in October of this year. The Library Manger position will expand our capacity to manage the Library collection. This position will work on reviewing collection policies, proposing new policies, and leading the Librarian Advisory Group.

2023 Q HIGHLIGHTS

The Revival of the Programming Committee

The Programming Committee was began to meet regularly again this year after a two year hiatus in response to the COVID Pandemic Emergency Mandate. In their first months back, the committee members implemented a new seasonal strategy that entails a curated series of events to be held each Spring and Autumn under a central theme. Once the theme is decided, they invite writers, artists, and community members to host events connected to the theme. The committee also created and received approval from the board for an honorarium at a flat rate of \$125 for the participating event hosts. The inaugural themes were a Spring Poetry Series and a Autumn series centered on “Trans Health and Wellbeing.”



LIBRARY EVENTS

“The Engagement” A conversation about the fight for marriage equality with Sasha Issenberg

Out of the Stacks: A Queer Poetry Open Mic

Speculative Catalogues with Allison Blevins and Amie Whittemore

Organizing Around LGBTQ+ Healthcare with the University of Minnesota Medical School

Defending & Expanding Trans Healthcare with OutFront MN

“Queer Nature” Poetry Reading moderated by Editor Michael Walsh

Telling Truth with TaneshaNicole and Ollie Schminkey

“Loving Scott: A Memoir” Book Reading by Pat Horner

TRANSP0ETHICALBODY: A Sensory Invitation with Tiely and Tanya Saunders from Amefrica Press

Our Lives, Our Books: A Short History of LGBTQ Publishing by Catherine Lundoff



Q BY THE NUMBERS

2 Volunteers of the Year

Rose Funk and Tom Nechodomu were recognized as volunteers of the year at the Volunteer Appreciation Day Celebration.

6 Outreach Events

Volunteers represented the Library at events like Day of the Transgender Child by Transforming Families and local prides in Greater Minnesota like Borderlands Pride in International Falls.

1,596 Digital Titles

Q Digital celebrated its one-year anniversary! Members from around the country are now able to access our vast collection of e-books and audiobooks.

2,142 Books and DVDs Checked Out

In addition to our digital titles, our patrons engaged with the physical items in the Library space. This included checking out titles like the book *All That's Left in the World* by Erik J Brown and the documentary *Tongues Untied* by Marlon Riggs.

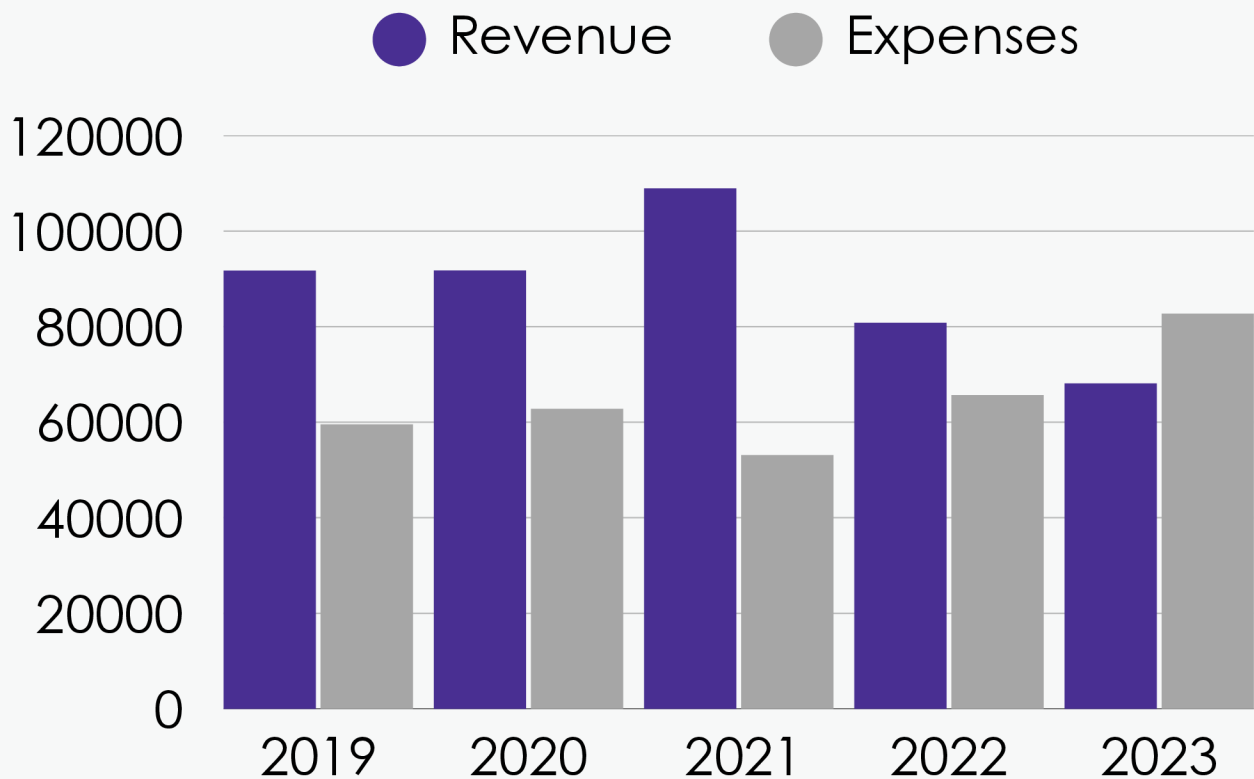
2,972 Card-Carrying Members

By the end of 2023, we saw our membership grow to nearly 3,000 total patrons, a net increase of 990 members over the prior year.

2023 QUATREFOIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Library ended the year with a deficit of \$14,586. This deficit came in part from the Library not drawing a contribution from our endowment fund as had been initially budgeted for. Additionally, we experienced an increase in expenses from acquisitions in order to maintain a standard of quality and expand the number of titles available in both our physical and new digital collections.

Quatrefoil ended 2023 with an increase of \$60,155 in total assets from 2022. Total assets increased to \$693,258.



LOOKING FORWARD

Next year we hope to continue to grow and expand the opportunities for connection.

Quatrefoil Library looks forward to increasing the number of titles in our digital collection in the year ahead. Likewise, the Library intends to expand our in person programming events by experimenting with new types of events in our space and inviting a diverse community of writers, artists, and community members to partner with us.

The Library has begun talks with the Minnesota Historical Society to potentially host in 2024

the first stop for a traveling community exhibit of the “Going Out Coming In” exhibit held at the Mill City Museum.

The exhibit explores queer night life in the Gateway District in the mid 20th century.

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