



**2024
ANNUAL
REPORT**



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 was a year of expanding capacity.

In the past year, the Library has focused on strengthening its internal structures and processes. A newly created Cross-Committee Meeting now supports collaboration across the committees. The Library finalized a commitment of having 50% or more of its board be composed of members who are BIPOC, Trans or Gender Nonbinary.

In addition, the executive committee approved and supported re-establishing the operations committee to manage the facilities needs of the Library and

lead various projects to make improvements to the physical space in collaboration with other committees.

By curating the experience for our volunteers and our patrons in this way, we hope to create a more welcoming and inclusive experience in the Library space that facilitates connections to our stories, our history, and our neighbors.



2024 Q HIGHLIGHTS

The Introduction of the Zine Wall

2024 saw many improvements to the physical space, including most notably the incorporation of a Zine Wall. This installation shows zines made by LGBTQ+ artists and is now on display for patrons to peruse while visiting the Library. This project to uplift yet another medium through which our community shares its stories was a collaboration between the Operations and Collections Management Committees, and led to the creation of a Zine Working Group.

Reconnecting with the University of Minnesota

Quatrefoil's Library Manager collaborated with the University of Minnesota Center for Community-Engaged Learning to restart a partnership that had been dormant for a decade. The reintroduction of this reciprocal relationship led to 10 students visiting the Library to work on various projects for the Collection Management Committee. These students will do 18-20 volunteer hours during the semester, working on processing, inventory, booksale organization and more.

Creating a New Collections Management Policy

The Librarian Advisory Group updated and expanded

2024 Q HIGHLIGHTS

Quatrefoil Library's Collection Development Policy in 2024. This new policy outlines the purpose and objective of how librarians will expand the library's collection through purchases and donations in keeping with the mission of Quatrefoil Library. It discusses specific collections and subject areas that are unique to Quatrefoil. The policy also outlines how foundational principles of librarianship, such as intellectual freedom and no censorship, are practiced at Quatrefoil. The documentation of these policies provides guidance to Q librarians and to anyone who questions the materials collected at the library.

Going Out, Coming In Exhibit

Q Library leaders worked with the community engagement office of the Minnesota Historical Society to explore hosting a traveling exhibit of “Going out Coming In” a seasonal exhibit that explores queer night life in the Gateway District in the mid 20th century. With the support and generosity of MNHS, we hosted the exhibit from September 2024 to January 2025. The Library hosted an interactive community event during LGBTQIA+ history month to invite the community to view the panels and engage with their history.

MEET THE PRESIDENT

Hello Quatrefolians, my name is Ollin Montes.

I am the newly elected Board President! I am grateful to have been chosen by our community to step into this role. I previously served as co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee in 2019, became a board member in 2021 and served as Chair of the Programming Committee in 2023.

I think our organization finds itself entering a new threshold in history. It's clear that we play a critical role in the community as a kind of key stone institution in the Queer Ecosystem. Hundreds of new people have come to us looking for queer community and queer media. We live in an era in which Trans folks in our community have become vilified by a national movement building political power on the criminalization of Trans people specifically and queer people more broadly. We have an opportunity to raise our organizational capacity to meet the increasing demand for the items in our collection and the use of our physical space for belonging, resilience and self-discovery.

MEET THE PRESIDENT

When I'm not at the Library, I work as a Professional Lorax! I work in an Urban Tree Canopy Program for an environmental restoration non-profit. Previously, I worked for 6 years as a political organizer with experience in immigration, housing and climate organizing. When I'm not on the clock, you can find me loitering under a tree with a good history or poetry book in hand.



LIBRARY EVENTS

**Moving Out: Stories of the
Silent Queer Migration with
Twin Cities Queer Transplants**

**Displaced, Migrated,
Transformed: QTBIPOC Writing
Workshop with Pauline Moll**

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**“Work in Progress” Book
Reading by Reid Vanderburgh**

**“Wild Things” Book Reading by
Lynette Reini-Grandell**

Q Clothing Swap

**A Few Tales – Faerie &
Otherwise with Patrick Scully**

**Somatic Workshop on
Migration with Sierra Tuck**

**The Work Beyond Trans Refuge
presented by MNTIRN**

Quatrefoil Pride Kick Off

**“Fatherland Motherland” Book
Reading by Leo Rodriguez**

**“Out in the Stacks” Panel Series
hosted by Queer Voices**

**20th Anniversary Screening of
“Venus of Mars” Film**

**Zine Workshop with Sarah
Evenson**



Q BY THE NUMBERS

2 Volunteers of the Year

Megan Reed and Derek Harauf were recognized as volunteers of the year at the Volunteer Appreciation Day Celebration.

9 Outreach Events

Volunteers from Quatrefoil Library represented the Library at various community events like People's Pride, Cargill's LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group community fair, as well as MNPOC Pride.

2,408 Books and DVDs Checked Out

We continue to see the use of our collection increase, with new members and new titles coming to the Library regularly. New titles included *How we Named the Stars* by Andres N Ordorica and "Adversary" by Blue Delliquanti.

2,882 Digital Titles Checked Out

Members from around the country continue to show interest in and support for our expanding collection of e-books and audiobooks.

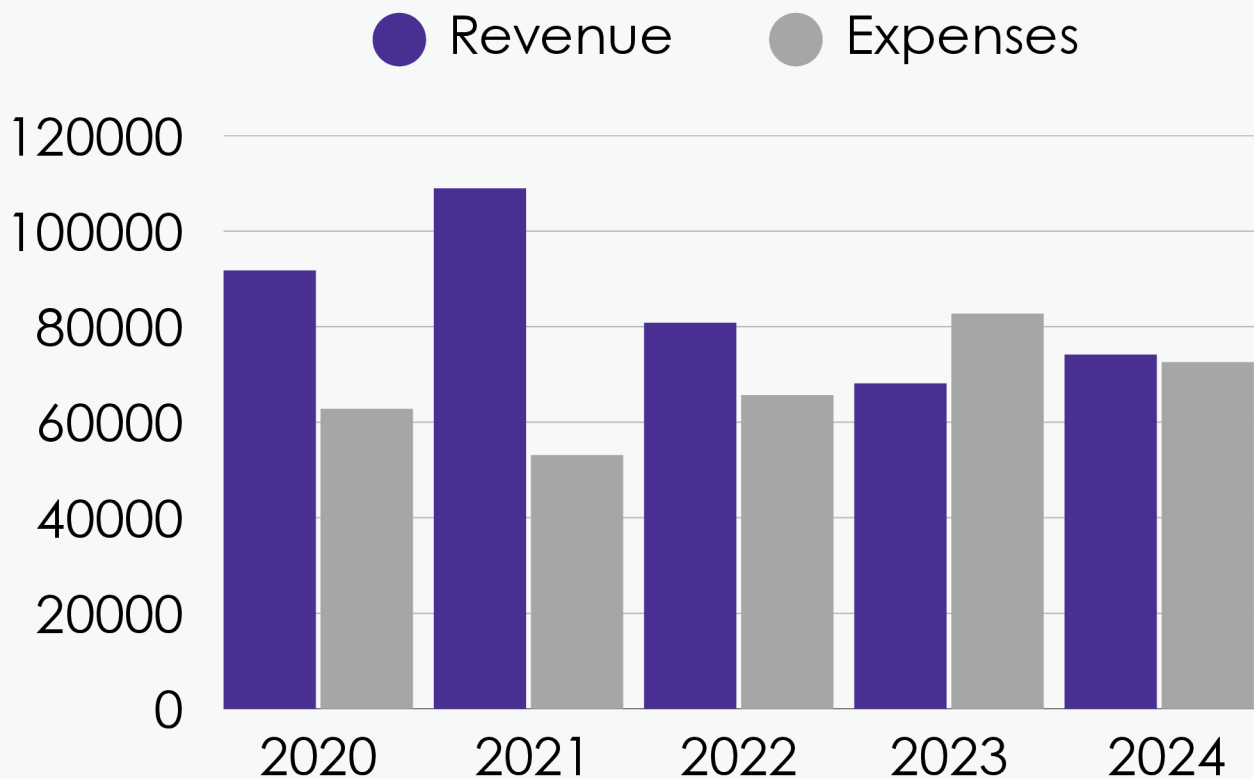
3,548 Card-Carrying Members

By the end of 2024, we saw our membership grow to over 3,500 total patrons, a net increase of 576 members over the prior year.

2024 QUATREFOIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Library ended the year with a surplus of \$1,574. This surplus came in part from the Library returning to regular book sales, the return of a contribution from our endowment fund, and support from our donors. We continued to invest in our community and our collection on course with previous years.

Quatrefoil ended 2024 with an increase of \$65,001 in total assets from 2023. Total assets increased to \$758,259.



LOOKING FORWARD

Next year we hope to find new ways to connect with our community.

Quatrefoil Library looks forward to increasing the number of titles in our collection and the number of volunteers in our space in the year ahead. We anticipate bringing new talent and ideas in the space to further our mission and increase the types of events, stories, and projects that happen within the Library.

The Library has had a recent uptick in individuals and groups looking to use our space to organize, meet new

people, and share passions. We anticipate that the demand for our Community Room space will continue to rise in the new year and look forward to what new faces and ideas will come into the Library in response.

Mostly, we expect the new year to be full of fun.

Stay connected with our work by visiting our Website qlibrary.org and our Instagram [@quatrefoillibrary](https://www.instagram.com/quatrefoillibrary).

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