

2022

GRATITUDE REPORT
Libraries change lives.

KING COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM



FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

My eleven-year-old son still enjoys sitting down with me to read a book together; we take turns narrating each chapter, discussing the characters and our theories on where the story will take us. I treasure this time with him and have our neighborhood King County Library to thank for their part in fostering his love of reading and the bond we've created over a good book.



Pictured: Lisa and her son read a book together

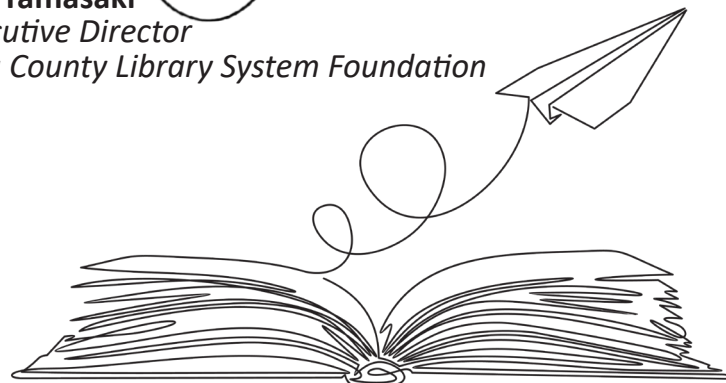
In 2022, your support of the KCLS Foundation ensured experiences like mine are happening throughout the many communities in

King County – and so much more. In addition to advancing lifelong literacy and learning you've strengthened KCLS' ability to empower, connect, and prioritize accessibility to its patrons through programs in diversity, equity, and inclusion, economic empowerment, and library innovation. Thanks to you, the Foundation was able to provide \$1.6 million to fund 16 programs addressing these needs.

This report illustrates the powerful role your generosity has made in bringing positive social impact to King County library patrons. On behalf of the Foundation, thank you for caring about our libraries and the communities they serve.

For the love of libraries,

Lisa Yamasaki
Executive Director
King County Library System Foundation



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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

King County Library System spans 2,300 square miles and serves nearly 1.6 million people through 50 locations and an extensive array of online services and community outreach programs.



Among other successes thanks to Foundation funding, KCLS officially became the first library in the state to offer mental health services with our Peers in Libraries program, and celebrated the opening of the second Makerspace at the Federal Way Library and third Welcoming Center at the Tukwila Library.

+50%
increase in
Otter & Sasquatch book program participation

155,399
people attended in-person and online programs

+63%
increase in
Raising a Reader literacy event attendance

21,832
books & STEAM kits distributed during Summer Reading

2022 FINANCIALS

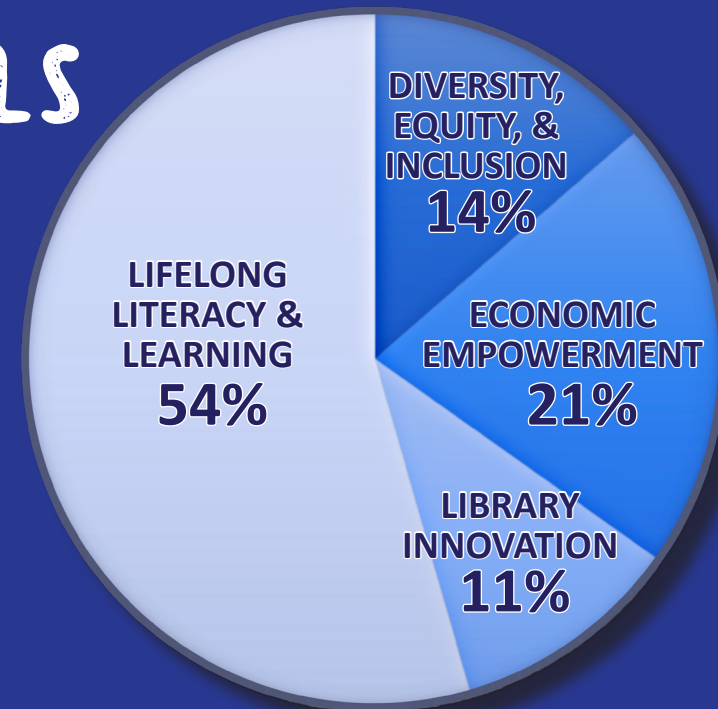
INCOME

In-Kind Contributions	\$646,844
Individual Contributions	\$773,534
Corporate & Foundation Contributions	\$546,190
Special Events Income	\$524,100
Earned Income	\$225,122
Investment Income	\$115,077
Bequests	\$504,383
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,335,251

EXPENSES

Library Programs and Support	\$1,637,073
Management and General	\$592,642
Fundraising	\$646,844
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,876,559

NET ASSETS (as of December 31, 2022) \$9,819,802
Preliminary figures subject to audit adjustment.



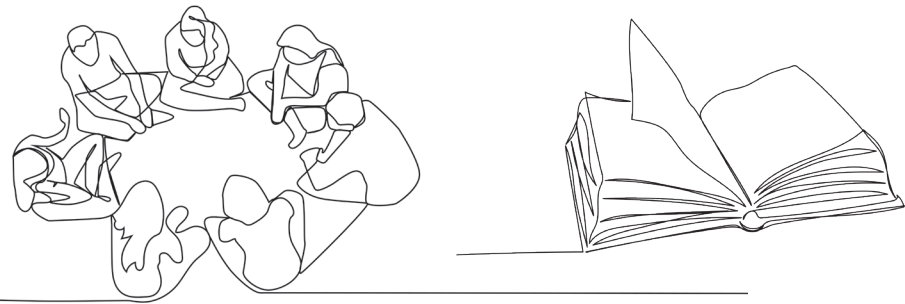
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PROGRAM SUPPORT GRANTED TO KCLS

2022 FUNDING PRIORITIES

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSIVITY

All Foundation-funded programs support diversity, equity, and inclusion through outreach to vulnerable and underserved populations. Our staff and community partners connect new arrivals, immigrants, and refugees to resources they need to find jobs, healthcare, childcare, access free adult education or immigration legal clinics, learn and practice English, and apply for citizenship.

We connect BIPOC and immigrant-owned businesses to KCLS and other resources, fostering strong local networks, boosting small business growth and supporting community economic development. We also highlight diverse voices that mirror the communities we serve with free events for all ages that feature BIPOC and immigrant authors.



LIFELONG LITERACY AND LEARNING

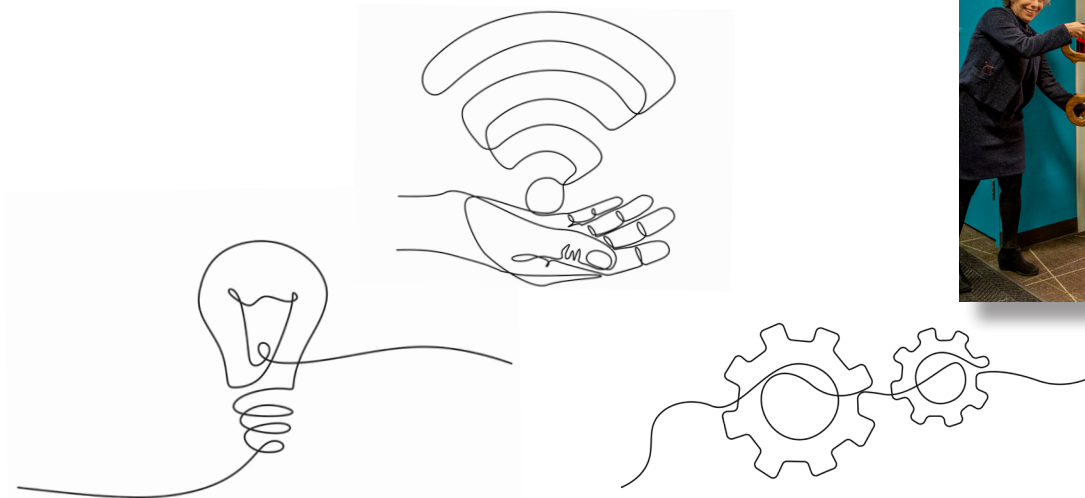
Our libraries engage our youngest readers with diverse, age-appropriate materials, offer ongoing education and skills training for adults, and create opportunities for social interaction for older residents and their caregivers. Each summer, we challenge and incentivize readers of all ages to keep learning and discovering new stories.

Science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) skills are essential for 21st century jobs. KCLS and our local partners distribute STEAM learning kits throughout King County and offer hands-on maker labs at our Bellevue and Federal Way libraries. Our staff supports families with young children develop life-long reading habits essential for school and life success through age-appropriate materials made available each week.

LIBRARY INNOVATION

Ongoing Foundation investments enable KCLS to better leverage data and advanced technologies to serve our increasingly diverse communities. This ensures that our libraries continue to pilot and grow new ways to reach, inspire, and serve King County's 2.3M residents.

2022 initiatives included state-of-the-art lockers to provide patrons safe, contactless 24/7 access to library materials as well as investments in natural language voice-based search and additional language translation capabilities, all of which continue to grow access to library resources.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

We provide free access to mentors and resources in 9 languages to help folks find jobs, grow new skills, explore entrepreneurship, or build a small business. We also connect people with local resources such as financial literacy classes, unemployment benefits, rental assistance, and low-cost childcare, as well as provide support to small business owners by connecting them with counselling, local grants, and how-to guides.

Foundation-funded staff help residents living in tent cities, shelters, day centers, and local clinics connect to vital services and resources. We also provide individuals and families experiencing homelessness with regular access to books and learning programs, as well as Wi-Fi hotspots and computers to keep people connected to housing, healthcare, and job-related services.



A note from a long-time KCLS Foundation supporter:

"I find that giving to the library foundation is a pleasure. It is important to establish a culture of giving to those organizations that are important to me, so I give to the library every year.

I hope that I can share my enthusiasm for the library and stimulate others to give, and keep giving regularly.

I have always loved libraries, from visiting my rural county library as a four-year-old to wandering the stacks of the UW Health Sciences Library in my graduate studies years. Much of the pleasure has not been in the reading (which I very much enjoy!) but in the availability and diversity of information. Just wandering and sampling is enjoyable. Support of the Foundation's programs helps ensure that experience for the next generation of library users and hopefully encourages others to join that culture of giving.

Giving to the Library is a multi-generational opportunity. My six year old grandson visited for two weeks this summer and completed his KCLS Summer Reading Program Challenge. He was delighted to have his picture taken in front of the Reader Board at the Kirkland Library. We were both proud.

- Rick Taylor

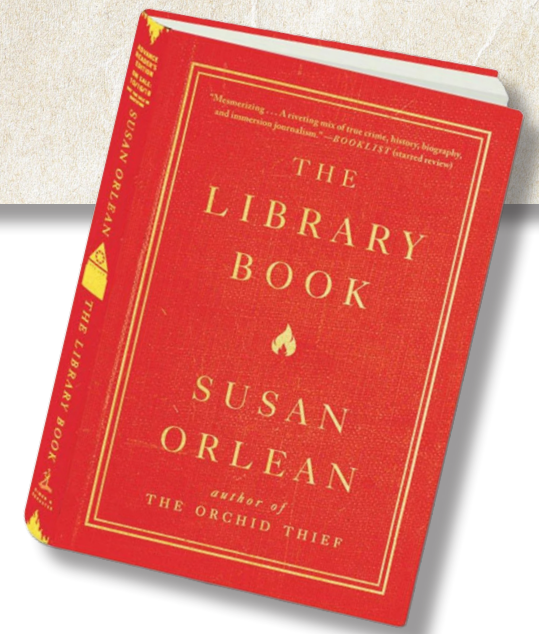


A note from a new KCLS Foundation supporter:

"How did I find the KCLS Foundation? It all started with a book—a borrowed treasure from the library. As someone who proudly claimed to use their library card more than their Costco card, I was already aware of the immense joys that books can bring. However, Susan Orlean's captivating work, "The Library Book," shed light on the integral role libraries play in our communities. Beyond the abundance of knowledge found within their free books and internet access, libraries empower their communities through life-changing services, particularly for underserved populations.

Inspired by my reading experience, I developed a clear vision of how I wanted to contribute to my community—by supporting our libraries. This is where I found the KCLS Foundation. The foundation is dedicated to providing critical resources and job skills programs for individuals facing housing instability. They also offer invaluable guides to essential services for non-native speakers, immigrants, and refugees, resources tailored for small businesses, and organize engaging social events across all age groups, among other valuable initiatives. By supporting the KCLS Foundation, I can actively participate in enhancing the accessibility and impact of our libraries, thus making a meaningful contribution to the betterment of our entire community."

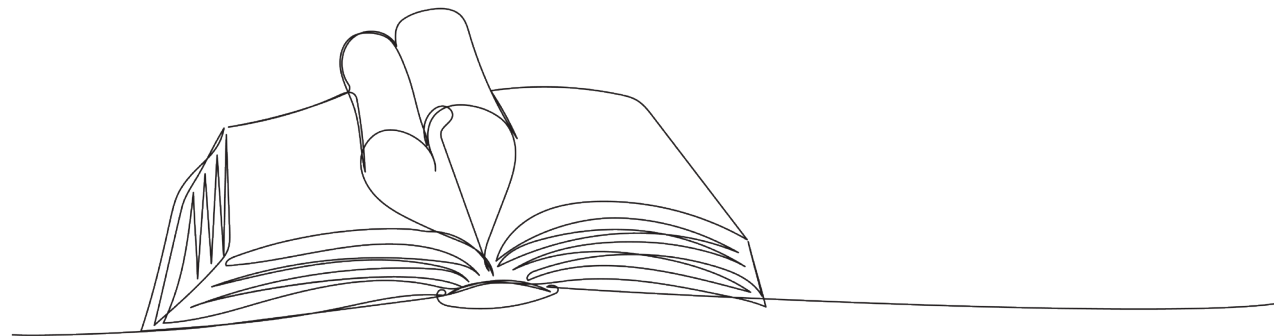
- Maria West



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED KCLSF IN 2022

The work of the KCLS Foundation to fund new and innovative programs at our libraries would not be possible without the support of every single donor, volunteer, partner, patron, and stakeholder. Thank you.

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For generations, King County Libraries have been a staple for lifelong learning, access, and community. Members of the Literary Legends Society help sustain and fund crucial, innovative, and diverse programs and services throughout our libraries for generations to come by designating the KCLS Foundation in their estate planning and legacy giving.

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