



LINDA HALL LIBRARY

2023 Annual Report



LINDA HALL LIBRARY
SCIENCE • ENGINEERING • TECHNOLOGY

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE: BASEBALL IN THE ANALYTICS ERA



Moderator Brian Kenny from MLB Network and panelists Sean Forman, Shakeia Taylor, and Daniel Mack from *Beyond the Box Score: Baseball in the Analytics Era*, June 15, 2023.

I am delighted to share with you our annual report for the year 2023. As I reflect on my first year as President of the Linda Hall Library, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the journey we've embarked on together. Since joining the Library on July 10, 2023, I've had the opportunity to get to know our dedicated staff, engage with our vibrant community, and immerse myself in the inner workings of this remarkable institution.

This past year has been one of significant achievements and memorable milestones, from hosting the renowned Harvard astronomy professor Avi Loeb for our annual Bartlett Lecture, to re-enlivening our Second Saturday weekend programming, which opened our doors even wider to the community. One early achievement was co-curating the exhibition *Chained to the Sky: The Science of Birds, Past and Future*. Launched just four months into my tenure, it showcased our magnificent collection and our commitment to bridging the gap between

historical knowledge and contemporary scientific inquiry.

Our accomplishments this past year are reflected in several key metrics, which you will see later in this document. One such success was experiencing a more than 60% increase in overall visitation, with on-site visitation more than doubling during the period *Chained to the Sky* was open. Our work has strengthened our ties with our community and stakeholders. Reflecting on the surprises and successes of 2023 fills me with excitement for our current year and the many possibilities that lie beyond.

Together, we have set a strong foundation for the future, and I look forward to building on this momentum as we continue to innovate, inspire, and lead in the world of science and society. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey.

Eric Dorfman, PhD | President



EXPANDING THE CLASSROOM

The Linda Hall Library is dedicated to fostering innovative and creative teaching by providing access to our extensive resources. While the Library is renowned for its holdings in chemistry, technology, and engineering topics, we also support educators, students, and researchers in fields like history, foreign languages, fine arts, and international affairs. In 2023, the Collections and Public Services team **proudly hosted 70 groups and classes,**

offering tailored visits to familiarize them with our diverse holdings and assist them in becoming patrons and avid users of the Library.

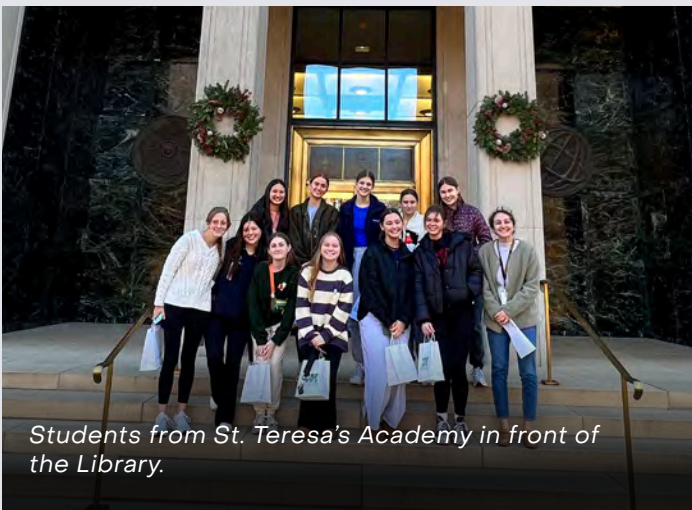
Visits to the Library spark curiosity in science and inspire visitors to explore our diverse materials and discover new ways that science shapes our lives.



Students from St. Teresa's Academy explore examples of materials at the intersection of art and science.



Joplin High School research students consult materials from the Library's History of Science collection.



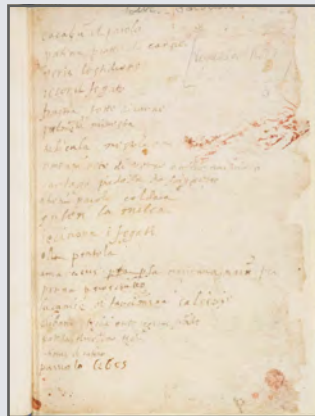
Students from St. Teresa's Academy in front of the Library.



Joplin High School research students consult materials from the Library's general collection.

COLLECTIONS SPOTLIGHT: NEW ACQUISITIONS IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

From the early works of Galileo Galilei to the groundbreaking contributions of Stephen Hawking, our Library holds some of history's oldest and rarest writings and scientific manuscripts. **In 2023, we acquired 34,460 items.** We are proud to highlight some of the exceptional 2023 additions to the Linda Hall Library's collection.



Mela, Pomponius, and Printer of Pomponius Mela. *[O]rbis situm dicere aggredior impeditu[m] opus & facundiae minime capax. Venetiis [Venice: [Printer of Pomponius Mela], 1477. Print.*

In July 2023, we acquired a second edition of Mela's geography, **[O]rbis**, from Bernard Quaritch Ltd. This remarkable acquisition enhances our holding in incunables and early geographies. The copy is particularly intriguing due to the annotations within it. For example, while there is no evidence that Mela's work ever contained maps, a contemporary reader created a fascinating south-orientated map with schematic representations of the Nile and Don and made several minor corrections to the text.

Additionally, a sixteenth-century reader annotated the rear flyleaf with a short list of translations from Latin into Italian, mostly related to cooking and food items (eg., 'perna-prosciutto').

In November 2023, we acquired **Computus astronomicus (1500)** from Sokol Books, making our Library one of only three holders of this edition. *Computus astronomicus* combines mathematical and observational astronomy to provide valuable insight into calculating essential dates in the Christian liturgical calendar --- Christmas and Easter.

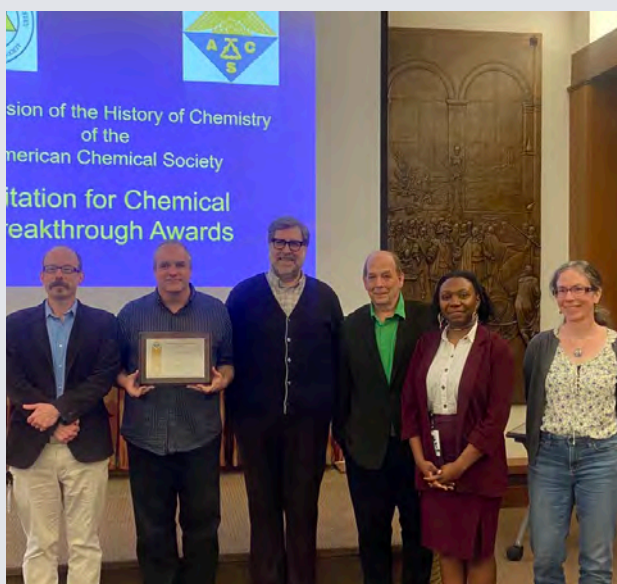


Petrus. *Computus astronomicus*. Keulen [Cologne: Ludwig von Renchen], 1500. Print.

We look forward to continuing our mission of preserving and expanding our collection of historical, scientific works, and we are excited about the possibilities the future holds for further enriching our Library's offerings.



DIGITAL INITIATIVES UNIT RECOGNIZED BY AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY



Members of the Digital Initiatives Unit, from left to right: Michael Walker, Jon Rollins, Patrick Drummond, Ben Gibson, Victoria Proctor, Sally Crosson



This plaque was presented to the Linda Hall Library Digital Initiatives Unit by the American Chemical Society's Division of History of Chemistry (HIST).

For seventeen years, the Linda Hall Library's Digital Initiatives Unit (DIU) has been a leading provider of high-quality scans from archival chemistry journals. **In 2023, the DIU team scanned 432,032 pages.** The team often delivers these scans to the American Chemical Society's Division of History of Chemistry (HIST) on short notice and of exceptional quality. HIST recognized this dedicated service and awarded the Linda Hall Library a Certificate of Appreciation. This certificate is a testament to the outstanding contribution and support provided to the American Chemical Society. This well-deserved recognition for our DIU team exemplifies their dedication and commitment as advocates for public access.



TECH FORWARD: ENHANCING ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

The Library is unwaveringly dedicated to broadening accessibility for Library users worldwide. In 2023, we became a development partner on Ex Libris' Rapido resource-sharing product, which streamlines workflows and integrates into Library management systems. This project aims to better support lending libraries in serving more patrons.

We were one of the few libraries chosen to be a development partner, and with this mutually beneficial partnership, we will have access to this product in 2024, enhancing our lending services and broadening the range of individuals who can access our materials.

“Researchers in Kansas City and all over the world rely on our library to provide access to hard-to-find and lightly held materials...The breadth and depth of these materials document the trajectory of scientific research over many decades and provide access to materials that are not available anywhere else.”

JANE DAVIS

Vice President for Access and Digital Services



THE FACE OF LINDA HALL LIBRARY: NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

The Linda Hall Library's collections, programs, and extraordinary talent make this a place where people of all interests and backgrounds can learn and explore. Our staff are the best at what they do, and in fact, it has been said that of all the treasures in the Library, the most valuable among them go home every night.

2023 was a remarkable year for the **61-person talented team** at the Linda Hall Library. We **welcomed 13 new faces** and celebrated the dedication of those who have shared their talents with us for many years.

NEW HIRES:

Hannah Bonifield
Coordinator of Engagement

Nico Bradshaw
Stacks Page

Zoe Cacy
Stacks Assistant

Aida Clark
Reference Assistant

Finch Collins
Assistant Curator of Rare Books

Julie Cone
Human Resources Generalist

Eric Dorfman
President & CEO

Nate Green
Custodian

Josh Judin
Visual Designer

Jack Moran
Library Page

Katie Rieger
Director of Grants Management

Colin Turnham
Reference Assistant

Rebeca Escamilla
Curatorial Fellow, Rare Books

NOTEWORTHY ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Schmid, 45 years

Ali Modarres, 15 years

Eric Scrivner, 10 years

Kristina Gabuardy, 10 years

Jason Dean, 5 years

Elizabeth Lawless, 5 years



IN 2023, LINDA HALL LIBRARY
INCREASED STAFF BY **22%**

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

The Library treasures its ability to connect, engage, and share information with its global community of patrons. We recognize that the Library’s future lies in becoming and staying the go-to science Library for students, scholars, and lifelong learners, and our communications and marketing team works diligently to share high-quality updates and happenings from the Library.

In 2023, this team was recognized with another prestigious Nonprofit Connect Philly Award. These awards celebrate outstanding achievements in nonprofit marketing, communications, and fundraising. In 2023, the Library was awarded a **Gold in the Identity Campaign** category for our work in creating the Kansas City Invention Convention (KCIC) brand guidelines.

Our team previously won two other Philly awards: Silver in the Website category and Silver in the Social Media Brand Management category. This recognition affirms our mission to be an essential resource for all those passionate about the pursuit of knowledge.



Patricia Robb, Brand Manager, and Jennie Nguyen, Director of Marketing and Communications, at the 2023 Nonprofit Connect Philly Awards reception.

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Anne Dema, Linda Hall Library Trustee, and Judy Kay Mullen.



Theoretical physicist and musician Stephon Alexander, Marilyn Bartlett Hebenstreit, Linda Hall Library Board Chair, NEA Jazz Master "Big Chief" Donald Harrison, and Jim Hebenstreit.

GOVERNANCE

We are deeply grateful for the expertise and dedication of our Board of Trustees, chaired by Marilyn Bartlett Hebenstreit, granddaughter of our first board chairman, Paul D. Bartlett, Senior.

IN MEMORIAM



We also want to take a moment to honor and remember one of our board members, Curt Gridley, who passed away in March 2024. Curt was a well-known innovator and entrepreneur who co-founded Groover Labs, a space where entrepreneurs and tech workers can get support and share ideas. Curt was a dedicated and compassionate member of our Board whose mentorship, kindness, support, and energy contributed greatly to the Library's mission and expanded its reach to connect with more individuals. We are thankful to have known and worked beside him, and he will be remembered fondly.

2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Marilyn Bartlett Hebenstreit
Chair

Anne C. Dema
Vice Chair

Alison H. Armistead

Michael J. Brown

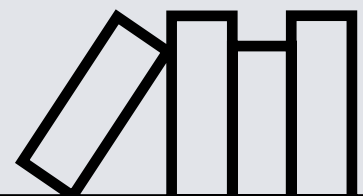
Curt D. Gridley

Niles Jager

John A. MacDonald

Nicholas K. Powell

Alejandro Sánchez Alvarado



The 2023–24 fellowship cohort consisted of 24 research fellows from:



- **US**
- **Canada**
- **Germany**
- **Switzerland**
- **Ukraine**
- **UK**



**OVER 100 FELLOWS
SUPPORTED SINCE
PROGRAM LAUNCH
IN 2011**

2023-24 LINDA HALL LIBRARY FELLOWS

Sophie Emma Battell

University of Zurich, Virtual Fellow

Michael Berkowitz

University College London, Residential Fellow

Oleksiy Boldyriev

Bogomoletz Institute of Physiology of NAS of Ukraine, Ukraine Fellow

Yulia Cherniavskaia

Rutgers University, Virtual Fellow

Sylvan Goldberg

Colorado College, Residential Fellow

Christopher Halm

Deutsches Museum, Virtual Fellow

Roger Hart

Texas Southern University, NEH Postdoctoral Fellow

Liz Kambas

Indiana University Bloomington, Residential Fellow

Emy Kim

Queen's University, University of Toronto, Virtual Fellow

Martin-Oleksandr Kisly

National University of Kyiv–Mohyla Academy, Ukraine Fellow

Yandong Li

University of Washington, Virtual Fellow

Breanna Lohman

University of Toronto, Residential Fellow

Pamela Long

Independent Scholar, Virtual Fellow

Garrett McKinnon

North Carolina State University, Pearson Fellow in Aerospace History

Oleksandr Okhrimenko

Independent Scholar, Ukraine Fellow

Nydia Pineda de Ávila

University of California, San Deigo, Virtual Fellow

Sebastian James Rose

University of Greenwich, Virtual Fellow

Elizabeth Savage

University of London, Virtual Fellow

Chelsea Shields

University of California, Irvine, Residential Fellow

Ritam Sengupta

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Virtual Fellow

Peter Soland

Southeast Missouri State University, Residential Fellow

Kara Swanson

Northeastern University, Residential Fellow

Yurii Vasylyev

Sumy State University, History of Science and Medicine Fellow

Helbert Velilla Jiménez

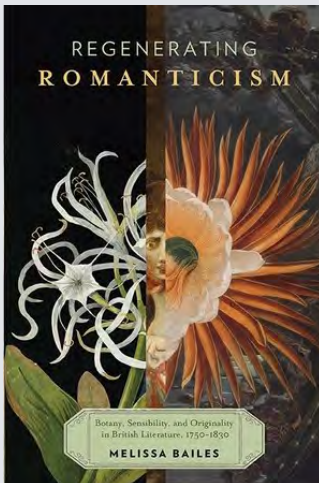
École Normale Supérieure, Université Paris PSL, University of Salamanca, Residential Fellow

INSIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS: FELLOWSHIP PUBLICATIONS FROM 2023

In 2023, we also welcomed our first **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** research fellow. This fellowship program is funded through a prestigious grant for the next three years. We are thankful for the NEH's support for current and upcoming initiatives.

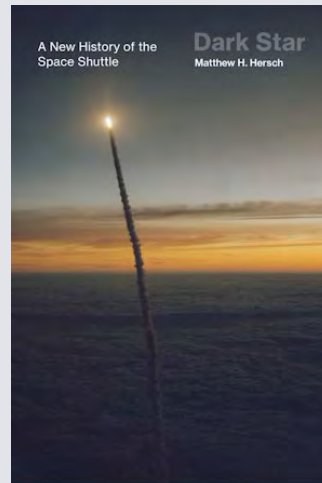


In 2023, our former fellows had **14 publications** that drew upon the research they completed at the Library during their fellowship.



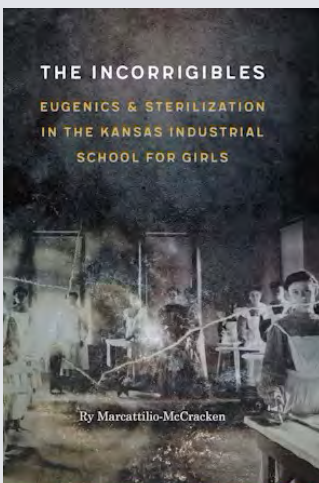
Melissa Bailes, 2020-21 Residential Fellow

Regenerating Romanticism: Botany, Sensibility, and Originality in British Literature, 1750-1830 (University of Virginia Press, 2023)



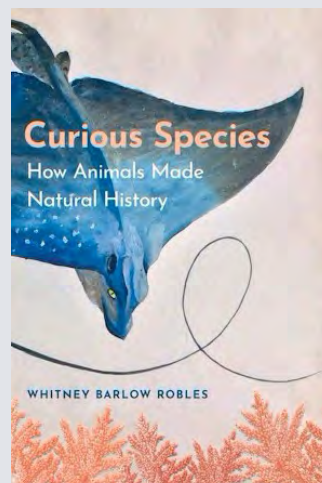
Matthew Hersch, 2020-21 Travel Fellow

Dark Star: A New History of the Space Shuttle (MIT Press, 2023)



Ry Marcatillio-McCracken, 2017-18 Residential Fellow

The Incurrigibles: Eugenics and Sterilization in the Kansas Industrial School for Girls (University of Nebraska Press, 2023)



Whitney Robles, 2017-18 Travel Fellow

Curious Species: How Animals Made Natural History (Yale University Press, 2023)

CHAINED TO THE SKY: THE SCIENCE OF BIRDS, PAST & FUTURE

In November 2023, in-person exhibitions returned to the Library with the opening of *Chained to the Sky: The Science of Birds, Past & Future*. This three-part ornithology exhibition featured rare books from the Library's collection and items on loan from the Field Museum in Chicago. Visitors explored the evolution of bird studies and observed extinct bird study skins, including the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Passenger Pigeon, and Carolina Parakeet.



CURATORIAL TEAM:

Exhibition Curators

Eric Dorfman, PhD
Eric Ward

Lighting Design

Kristina Gabuardy, Franciso Gabuardy

Digitization

Sally Crosson, Rachel Culver, Patrick Drummond, Ben Gibson, Nilufar Movahedi, Victoria Proctor, Jon Rollins, Mike Walker

Landscaping

Samantha Sanchez, Eric Scrivner, Franciso Gabuardy

Graphic Design

Josh Judin

Curatorial Assistance

Sophia Hahn, Paula Y. Wheeler, Finch Collins, Jason W. Dean, Matt Reeves, PhD





“Those who study birds actively are warning about the dire state of North American birds. Bird populations on our continent have declined by more than 3 billion in the last 50 years, causing dramatic changes in our natural animal and plant ecosystems. Chained to the Sky celebrates groundbreaking ornithology throughout history and shows how we can make a difference in our own backyards and neighborhoods. The exhibition aims to inspire visitors to learn from the past, raise concern for our dwindling bird populations, and promote further study and conservation.”

DR. ERIC DORFMAN

*Linda Hall Library President
and exhibition co-curator*



AN EVENING AT LINDA HALL LIBRARY

For over a decade, the Library has hosted free public programs, bringing together some of the brightest minds in science. These events include panel discussions, lectures, and activities, both in-person and virtually.



April 6 – Breaking Barriers: An Evening with Astronaut Ellen Ochoa

Trailblazing astronaut Dr. Ellen Ochoa, the first Latina in space and second female director of NASA Johnson Space Center, spoke about her spaceflight experiences and the future of human space exploration.



June 15 – Beyond the Box Score: Baseball in the Analytics Era

Brian Kenny from MLB Network and a panel of experts examined the role of Big Data in baseball, its impact on the game's history, and what it means for the future of America's favorite pastime.

29% of all attendees were new visitors to Linda Hall Library in 2023

Total Attendees
6,715
 (61% increase over 2022)

Total New Attendees
1,920
 (21% increase over 2022)



October 19 – The Search for Earth 2.0: Why We Think It Exists and How We’re Going to Find It

Planet hunter Jessie Christiansen, lead scientist at NASA’s Exoplanet Archive at Caltech, presented on the past, present, and future of our hunt for Earth 2.0.

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

The President's Circle is an esteemed philanthropic group dedicated to preserving the past, exploring the present, and envisioning the future of the sciences. Members enjoy numerous benefits, including exclusive access to curated experiences, early access to exhibitions, networking opportunities, and an invitation to the annual President's Circle event.

The 2023 President's Circle event featured a thought-provoking presentation by Dr. Eric Dorfman on the Library's future initiatives and offered early access to the *Chained to the Sky* exhibition. Lon and Debbie McCroskey, our President's Circle Chair members, graciously hosted a captivating, rare book presentation for attendees.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our President's Circle members for their generous support. Your contributions have been pivotal in advancing the Library's mission.



Dr. Eric Dorfman providing an exclusive Chained to the Sky presentation.



Dr. Eric Dorfman, 2023 Chair of the Board Marilyn Hebenstreit, and President's Circle member Alan Atterbury at the President Circle event.

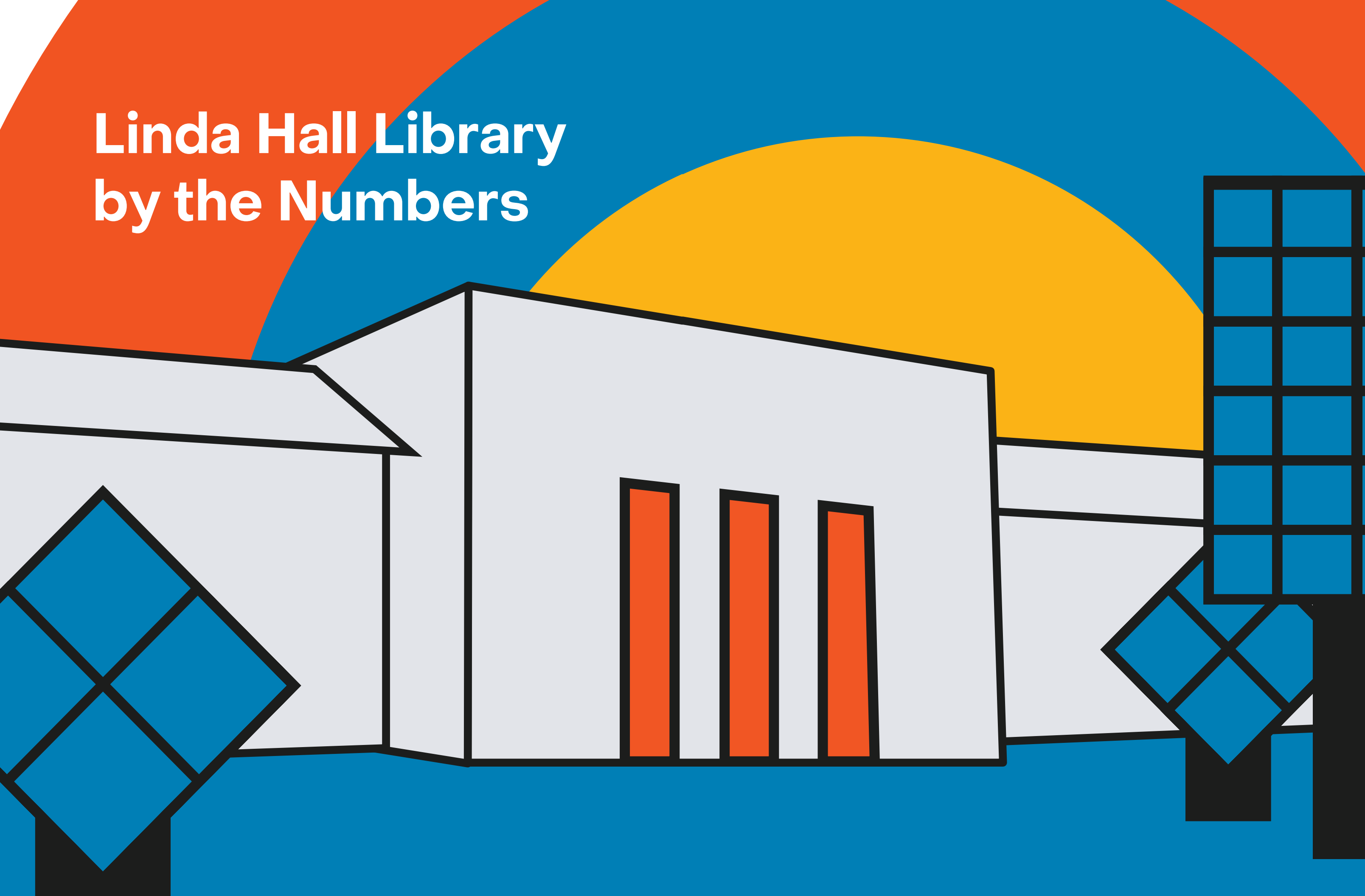


Lon and Debbie McCroskey, Linda Hall Library President's Circle Co-Chairs.

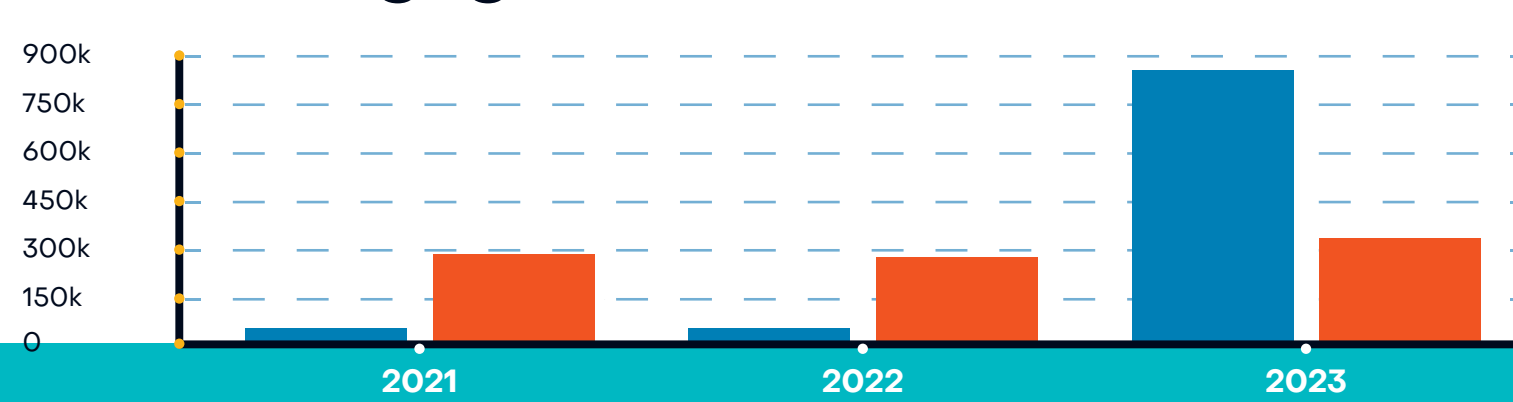
"Debbie and I are proud to serve as the Co-Chairs of the Linda Hall Library President's Circle. Both of us grew up in Kansas City and we have great memories of visiting the beautiful grounds and the Library, and of participating in the educational programs. We want to promote and financially support this wonderfully unique resource."

Lon McCroskey

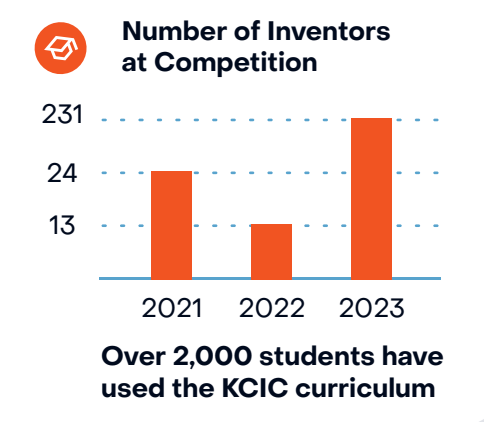
Linda Hall Library by the Numbers



Virtual Engagement



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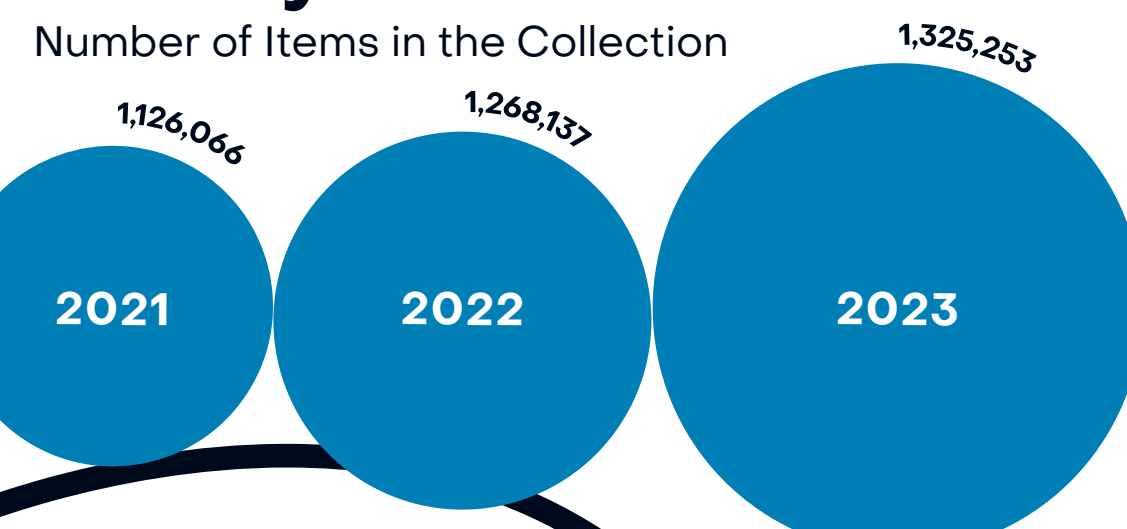
"How do I Become?" topics

Frequency of Topics Offered

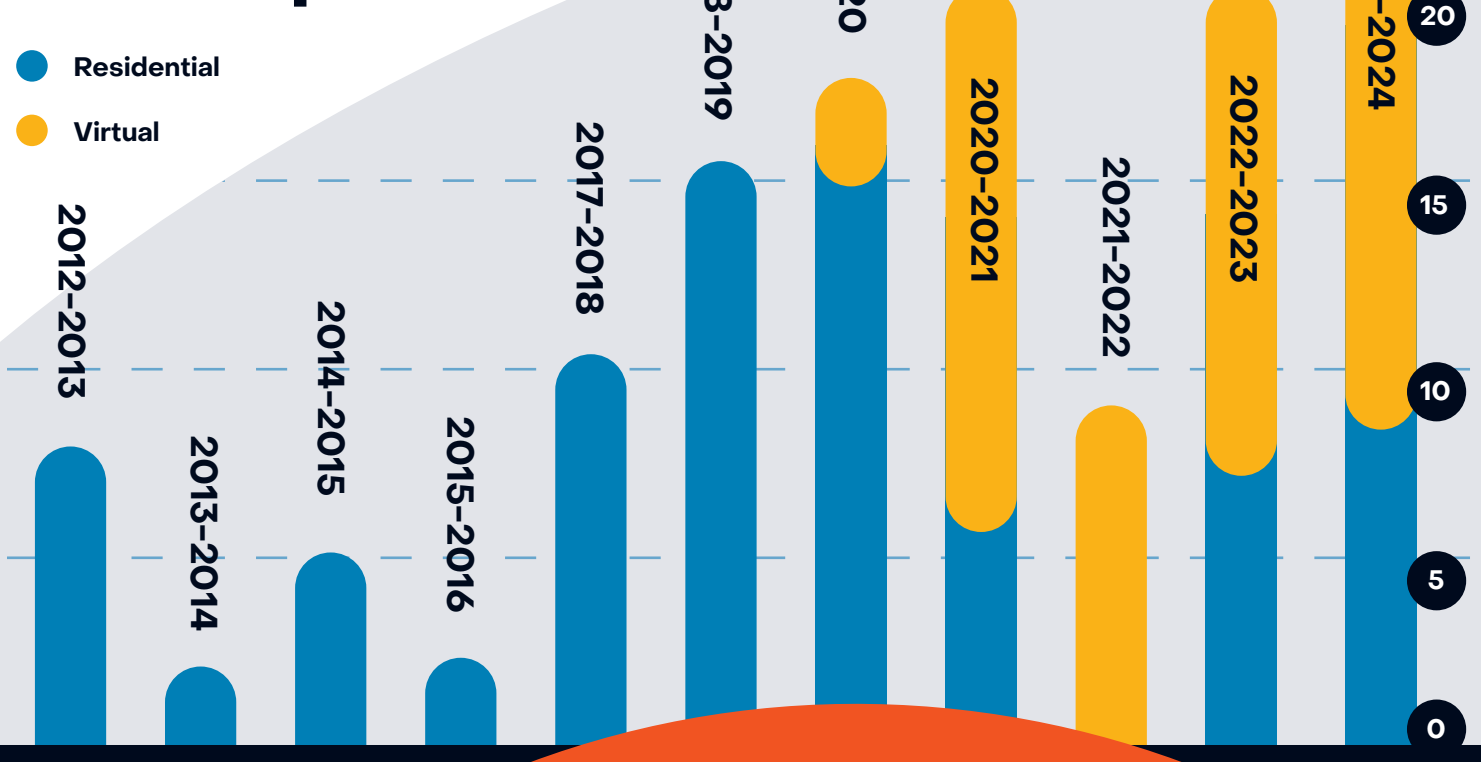
Technology	7	Animation	3
Engineering	7	Science	3
Forensics	5	Architecture	2
Astronomy	3	Meteorology	2
Wildlife Biology	3	Invention	1

STEM Career Exploration Series

Library Collection

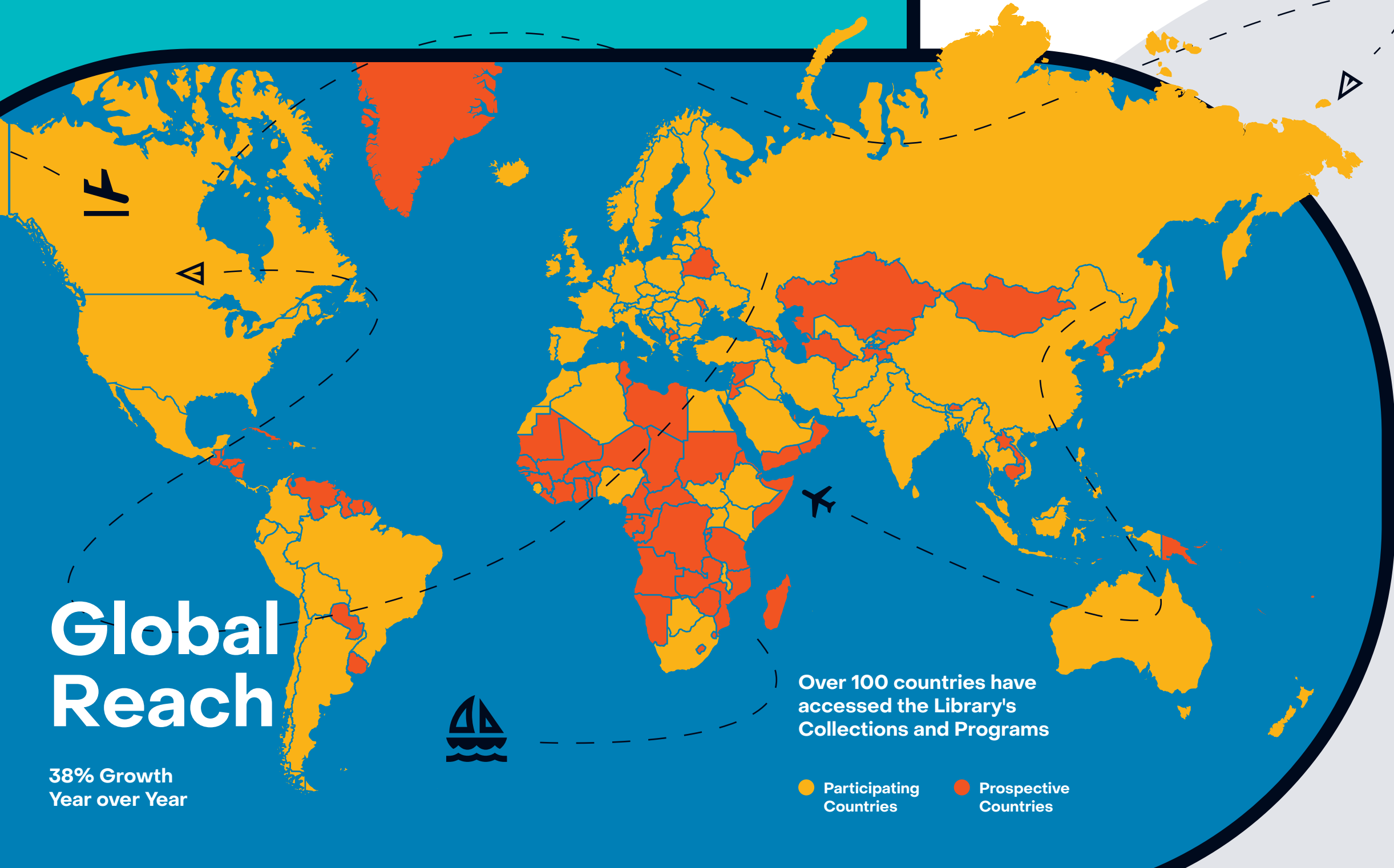


Fellowship Participation



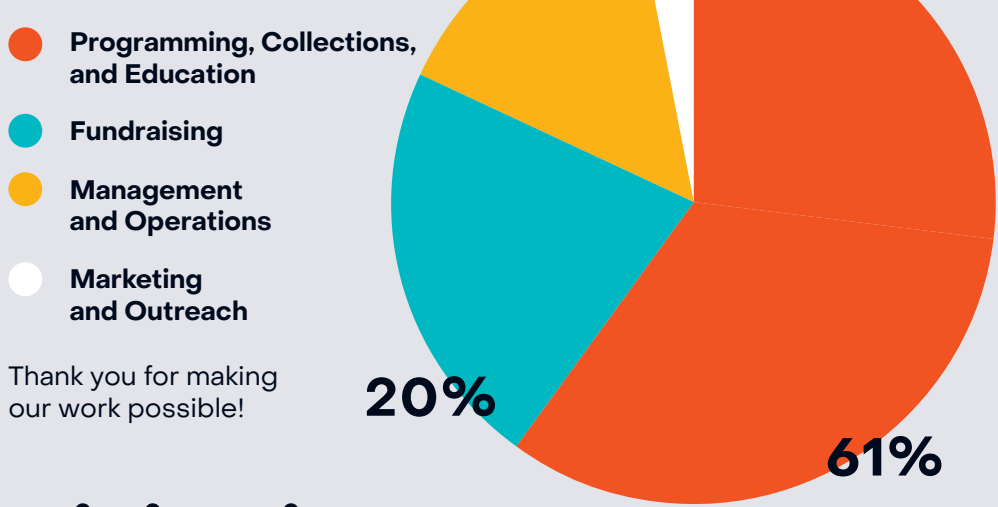
Global Reach

38% Growth Year over Year

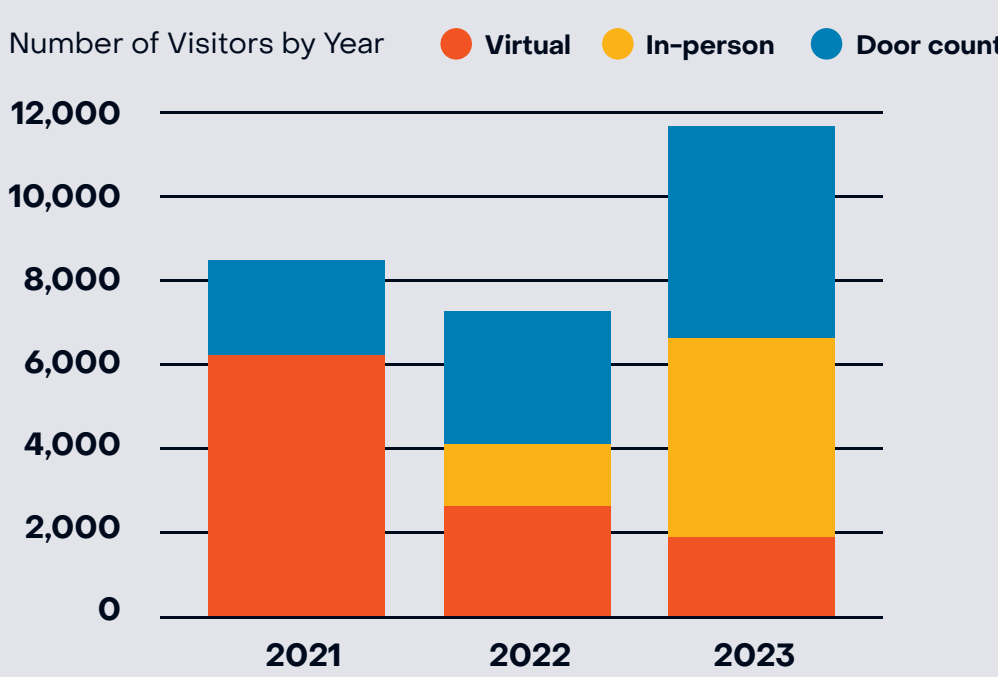


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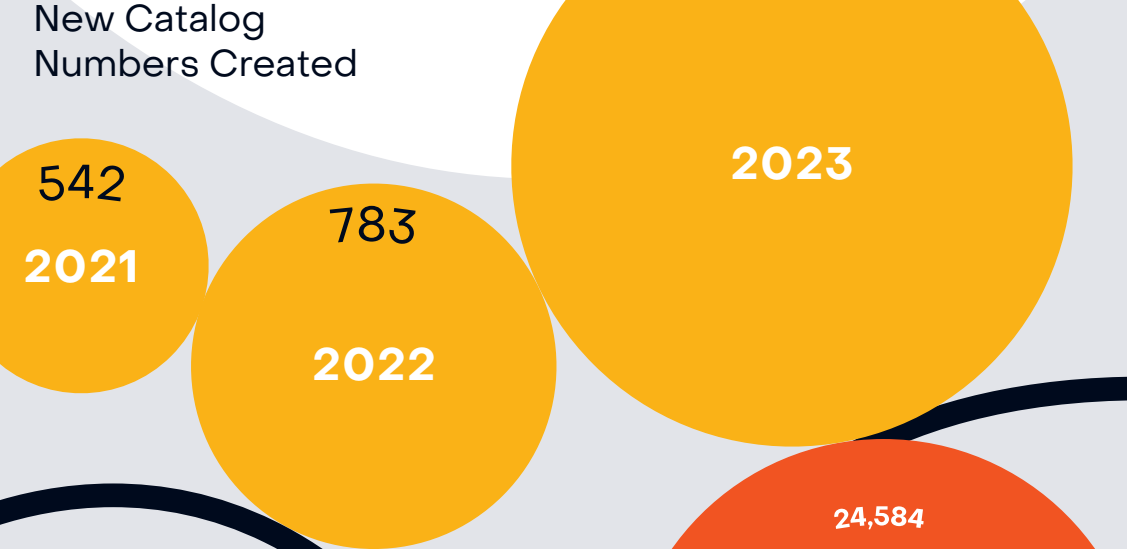
Your Support at Work



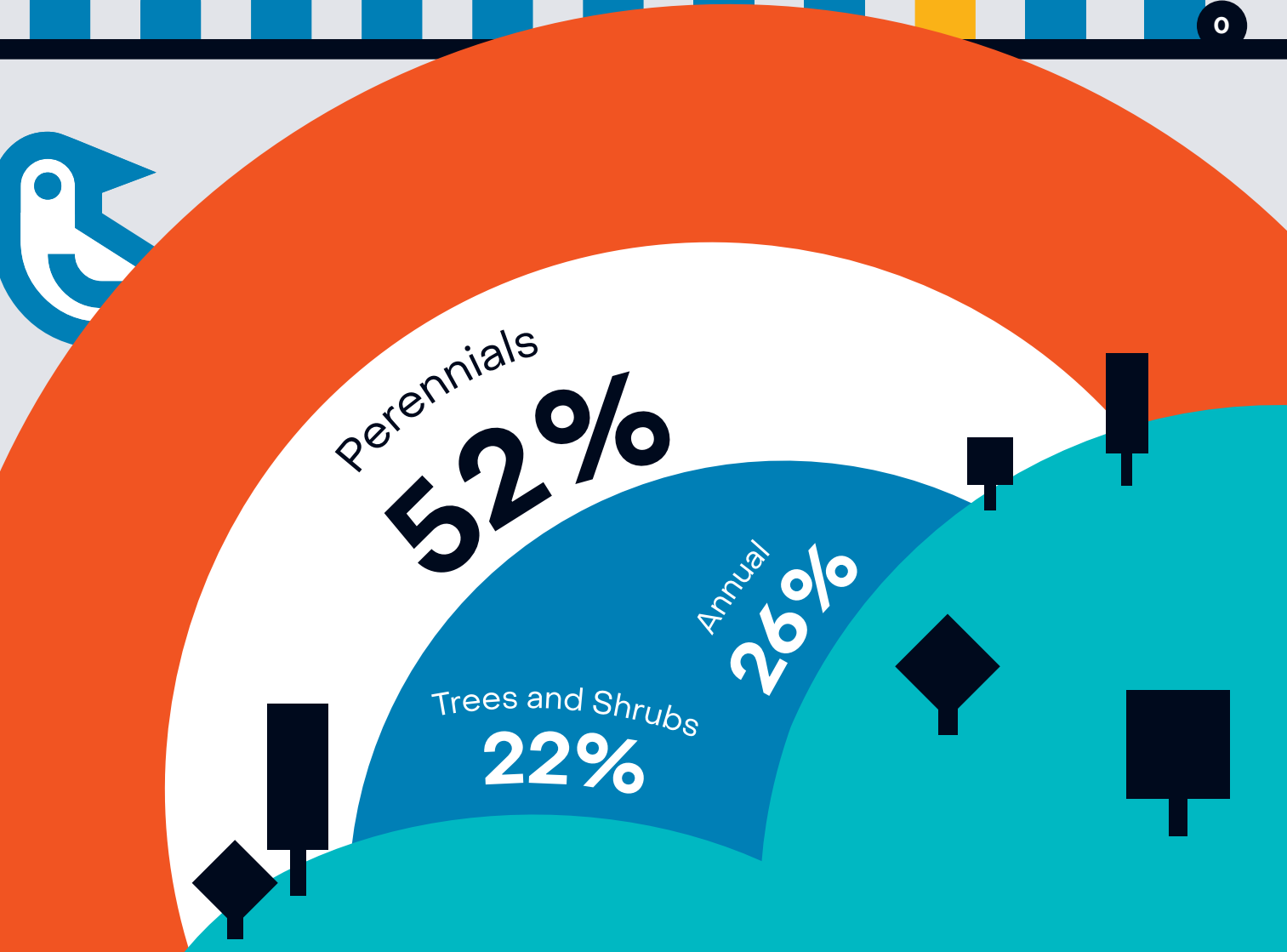
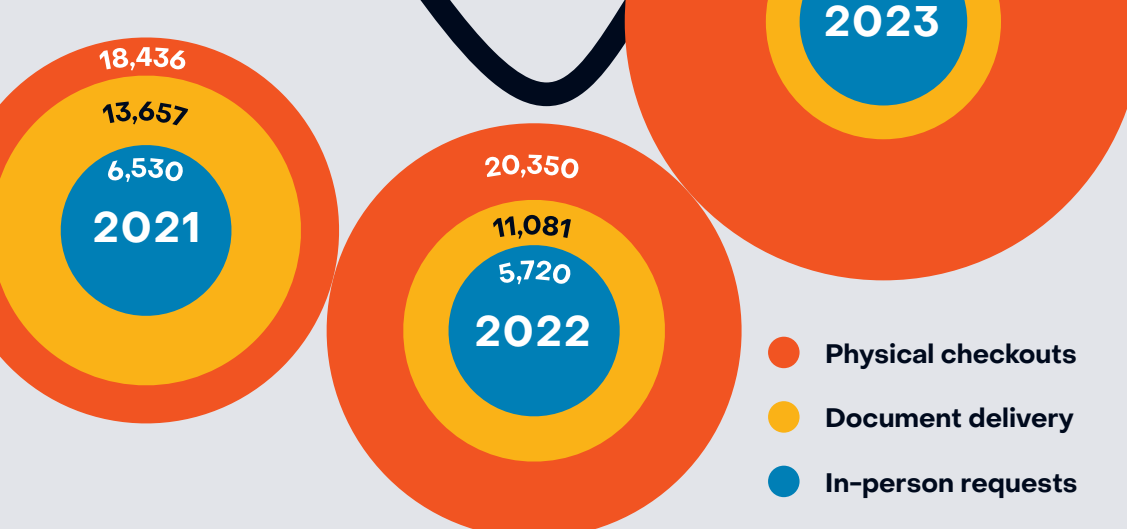
Visitation



Original Cataloging



Library Services



PROGRAMMING PARTNERS



In partnership with **William Jewell College**, the Library hosted Nobel Prize-winning scientist Michael Young, who discussed his pioneering studies on circadian rhythms.



Presented in partnership with the **American Jazz Museum**, *The Jazz of Physics* featured theoretical physicist Stephon Alexander and NEA Jazz Master Donald Harrison, who explored their theory of quantum improvisation with a night of jazz and its poetic link to the universe.



Following her lecture at the Library, **Rainy Day Books** hosted a book signing with NYT bestselling author Susan Casey.

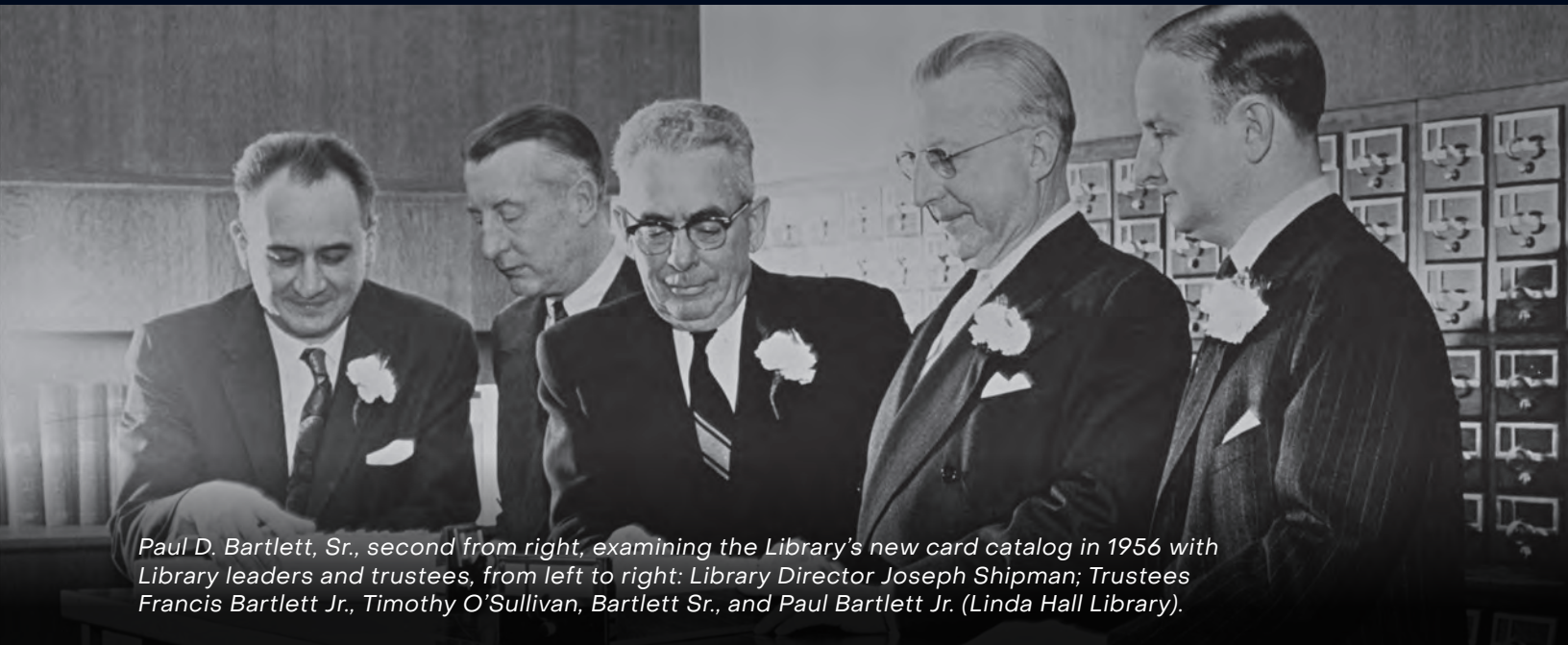
The Linda Hall Library thanks the following partners for their support in bringing science programming to life:

- American Institute of Architects – Kansas City
- American Jazz Museum
- Astronomical Society of Kansas City
- BioKansas
- BioNexus KC
- Carter Community Memorial Trust
- Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
- Evergy
- FORVIS
- Harry Portman Charitable Trust
- Husch Blackwell
- International Relations Council
- Kansas City National Security Campus managed by Honeywell FM&T
- Kansas City Public Library
- National WWI Museum and Memorial
- Rainy Day Books
- T-Serve Foundation
- UMKC School of Science and Engineering
- User Experience Professional Association, Kansas City
- Walmart
- William Jewell College

Did you know Linda Hall Library programs can be accessed on the Linda Hall Library YouTube channel?

WATCH:





Paul D. Bartlett, Sr., second from right, examining the Library's new card catalog in 1956 with Library leaders and trustees, from left to right: Library Director Joseph Shipman; Trustees Francis Bartlett Jr., Timothy O'Sullivan, Bartlett Sr., and Paul Bartlett Jr. (Linda Hall Library).

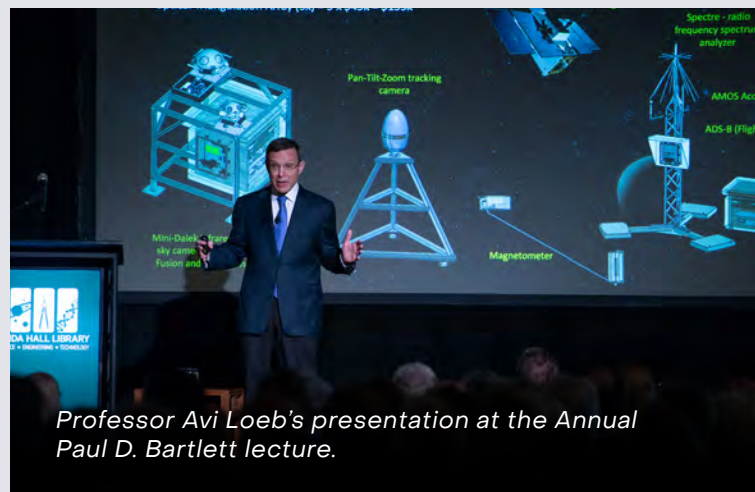
21ST ANNUAL PAUL D. BARTLETT, SR. LECTURE

The Paul D. Bartlett, Sr. Lecture series was established in 2003 to bring the finest university professors to speak on subjects related to the Library's collections. The series is presented in association with the **Princeton Alumni Association of Greater Kansas City, the Yale Club of Greater Kansas City, and the Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Kansas City.**

In 2023, Professor Abraham (Avi) Loeb delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the search for extraterrestrial life, exemplifying scientific curiosity and its importance for our survival. Avi Loeb, PhD, is the Frank B. Baird, Jr. Professor of Science at Harvard University and a bestselling author of nine books, including, most recently, *Extraterrestrial* and *Interstellar*. Loeb is the Director of the Institute for Theory and Computation within the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and is the Head of the Galileo Project.



L-R: Anne C. Dema, Linda Hall Library Trustee, Professor Avi Loeb, Jessica Kerrigan, Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Kansas City.



Professor Avi Loeb's presentation at the Annual Paul D. Bartlett lecture.

CHAMPION TREES AT THE LINDA HALL LIBRARY ARBORETUM

When Herbert and Linda Hall, the visionary founders, bequeathed their estate to establish a public library, they left behind a legacy. Their wish was simple yet profound --- to preserve and maintain the grounds of their former home so that the surrounding trees and grass could continue to add beauty and dignity to the Library. This wish has been faithfully upheld for almost 80 years, transforming the Linda Hall Library's grounds into a living testament, an urban arboretum, and a garden of trees within the city.

Aligned with the Library's mission, the acquisition of trees has focused on obtaining unique and underutilized trees that are perfectly adapted to the local environment. This careful selection has led to an urban green space that is not just a garden but a living museum of trees. Today, the grounds surrounding the Library proudly host some 300 trees, each one a unique representative of its genus and species, including **16 champion trees and the renowned tree peonies.**

WHAT MAKES A CHAMPION TREE?

Champion Trees are determined using a formula based on height, spread, and trunk circumference, showcasing the largest trees of each genus and species.

YOU CAN VISIT OUR 16 CHAMPION TREES:

- American Hornbeam; Musclewood; Blue Beech; Water Beech
- Amur Maakia
- Anise Leaf Magnolia
- European Beech
- Hardy Rubber Tree
- Japanese Yellowwood
- Korean Mountain Ash
- Magnolian Linden
- Royal Linden
- Shumard Oak
- Silver Pendent Linden
- Texas Red Oak
- Loose-Flower Hornbeam
- Turkish Filbert
- Yulan Magnolia
- Double Flowered Horsechestnut





SUPPORTING STEM EDUCATION

Our extensive holdings and programming support innovative teaching in STEM. We offer digitized collections, exhibitions, and activities for educators and students. With a few keystrokes or a trip to the Library, STEM educators can easily access digitized collections, exhibitions, and activities for their students. Our subject specialists have curated STEM educator guides that gather selected items from the Library's collections designed to supplement and enhance the delivery of STEM curricula. Educators can reach out to us directly for curated experiences or access our virtual resources.

WOMEN IN STEM ON YOUTUBE

Our *Women in STEM* series on YouTube highlights prominent women leaders in the sciences. These discussions focus on the roles and achievements of women in STEM, envisioning a future with greater female representation, and exploring ways to support women and marginalized groups within these fields. The series also aims to inspire young girls to pursue STEM opportunities.

HOW DO I BECOME? SERIES

We hold monthly *How Do I Become?* programs designed for high school and early college students interested in STEM careers. Topics discussed include coursework, internships, college programs, and best practices for becoming a successful STEM professional, from meteorologists to animators to forensic scientists. Students can get academic and career advice from young professionals during these interactive sessions.



**YOUTUBE SUBSCRIBERS
GREW FROM 500 IN 2020 TO
7,700 SUBSCRIBERS IN 2023**



A panel of STEM professionals shared their educational and career experience with students at a *How Do I Become?* event in October 2023.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

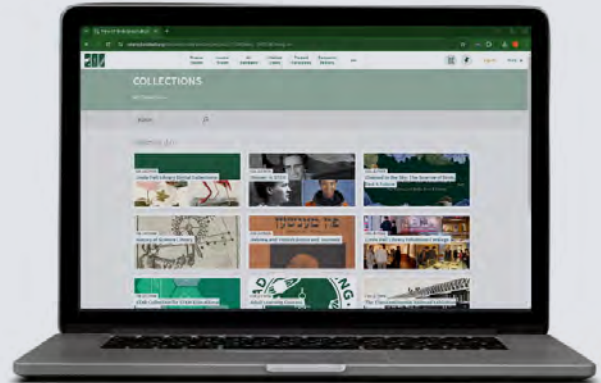
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DIGITAL EXHIBITIONS

For more than 77 years, scholars, students, researchers, academic institutions, and businesses throughout the Kansas City region, across the nation, and worldwide have been using the Linda Hall Library's collections to learn, investigate, invent, explore, and increase knowledge. These expertly curated Digital Collections make this possible.

From the science of natural disasters and the discovery and evolution of nuclear science to the building of the Panama Canal, the Library's Digital Exhibitions have something for all interests and research purposes.

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KANSAS CITY INVENTION CONVENTION

The Kansas City Invention Convention (KCIC) is a STEMIE (STEM + Invention + Entrepreneurship) competition and outreach program presented by the Linda Hall Library that supports **17 counties** and **31 school districts** throughout the Kansas City metro area. KCIC teaches problem-solving and creativity to students in grades 5-12 while providing educators with a project-based curriculum to inspire the innovators of tomorrow.

The 2023 Kansas City Invention Convention reached record-breaking numbers. Nearly **1,000 students** across the Kansas City metro accessed the free online invention convention curriculum throughout the school year. Without our partners, we would not have been able to grow this program to what it is. We extend immense gratitude to our title sponsor of three years, the Kansas City National Security Campus managed by Honeywell, who have partnered with us and witnessed the remarkable growth of this program.



KCIC BY THE NUMBERS



2023 Participation

233 students
116 inventions



Digital Reach

195,644 total impressions
8,816 website views
4,636 total engagements
273% increase in total followers
102% increase in total

“STEM, STEM education, and STEM communities are really the engine that powers our ability to be successful, so making sure we have a space and are actively participating in the development of STEM education in our communities is really essential for us to be successful now and in the future.”

JOHN JUNGK

PHD, Chief Technology Officer, KCNSC
Managed by Honeywell FM&T

KANSAS CITY INVENTION CONVENTION NATIONALS

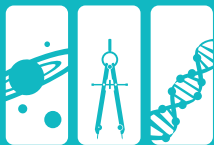
In June 2023, the Linda Hall Library sponsored **7 students** to travel to The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, to represent Kansas City at the **Raytheon Technologies Invention Convention U.S. Nationals**. At Nationals, students presented their inventions to a panel of expert judges, engaged with students from across the country, and participated in immersive educational experiences.

“Having a heavy emphasis on STEM education has been really beneficial to me and my learning. I’ve been able to explore other things besides just reading a book. I get to get my hands dirty, explore, invent, and create. It’s been so beneficial in teaching me how to work in teams and collaborate.”

MEGAN A.
Student

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

As we reflect on the past year, we are thankful to all our community partners whose support has been instrumental in furthering joint initiatives and many that have resulted in significant achievements. As we look forward to 2024, we are eager to further strengthen existing partnerships and cultivate new relationships.



UMKC

In 2023, we were honored to receive the **2023 Vanguard Award for STEM Outreach Partner of the Year** from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. This award recognizes exceptional supporters who have shown outstanding commitment and dedication to the School of Science and Engineering. The awards acknowledge professional accomplishments, service to the community and university, and commitment to STEM education in the Kansas City region. This award is presented to an individual, organization, or company that has demonstrated exemplary support for K-12 STEM initiatives. Past awardees of this award include the Kauffman Foundation, Prep KC, Robin Stubenhofer, and Google Fiber.

BIONEXUS

In 2023, we also became the **annual host of the BioNexus KC Science2Art program**. The Science2Art program fosters a deeper connection between scientists and the broader community. This platform allows regional scientists to display complex scientific concepts as visually compelling narratives. Each piece tells a personal research story from the scientists and their teams.



BUSINESS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

In 2023, we launched the Business Leadership Council (BLC) to foster collaboration within the local STEAM ecosystem. We would like to extend a thank you to our inaugural Business Leadership Council and Stella Nova Society partners!

The Stella Nova Society (SNS) caters to emerging professionals, offering networking, leadership development, and community collaboration opportunities. We look forward to pilot projects like STEAM Real World Learning Day and A Day in the Life of a STEAM Professional.



PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



STELLA NOVA SOCIETY (SNS) OVERVIEW

As an extension of the BLC, the Stella Nova Society (SNS), or “New Star” Society, caters to emerging professionals from diverse backgrounds within these organizations, offering opportunities for networking, leadership development, and community collaboration. In 2024, **we look forward to the two pilot projects: STEM Futures Showcase Day in the summer and A Day in the Life of a STEAM Professional in the fall.**



Nick Powell, Linda Hall Libray Trustee, Mary Ann Powell, Marlys and Michael Haverty.

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From Kaylee Peile, Director of Development

Since assuming the role of Director of Development, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the dedication and passion that our team, supporters, and partners bring to our mission. We have strengthened our ties with community partners through a series of engaging programs and events aimed at fostering intellectual curiosity and lifelong learning. Through targeted fundraising efforts and donor stewardship initiatives, we have met our fundraising goals, securing support for our operations, programs, and strategic initiatives. The generosity of our donors has been instrumental in our growth and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Library. As we look to the future, I am confident that our continued collaboration and innovation will propel the Linda Hall Library to even greater successes. Together, we will build upon our achievements and continue to inspire curiosity, discovery, and learning for generations to come.

From Katie Rieger, Director of Grants Management

As the newly appointed Director of Grants Management for Linda Hall Library, I am thrilled to have joined the team, and I eagerly anticipate the opportunities ahead. The energy and passion I have witnessed within the Library and from our community have been truly inspiring. Some of my favorite highlights these past few months have been meeting and working creatively with organizations to achieve our shared goals.

I firmly believe that these meaningful relationships and collaborations are the foundation to our success; and I'm eager to work alongside current and new partners on joint funding opportunities. In addition to joint funding opportunities, we will also apply to individual funding opportunities related to **collections, digitization, eco-resiliency, fellowships, and programming**. With creativity, determination, and collaboration, I am optimistic about all we can accomplish together.

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25% of donors increased their giving in 2023



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