

# NCPL 2024 by the numbers



**2,272**  
new library cards issued



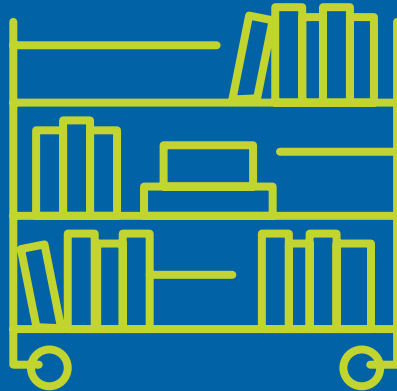
**618**  
passports  
processed



**137,617**  
visitors to the library



**17,750**  
uses of library wifi



**601,129**  
physical checkouts



**195,177**  
digital checkouts



**11,958**

reference questions answered

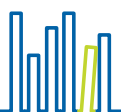


**39,831**

program participants



**1,515**  
programs  
and events



# MOST CHECKED OUT ITEMS of 2024



**Magazine:**  
*Taste of Home*  
magazine  
504 checkouts



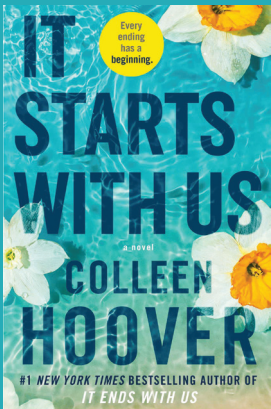
**Equipment:**  
*Hotspots*  
459 checkouts



**Adult Non-fiction:**  
*Scott Standard Postage*  
*Stamp Catalog*  
83 checkouts



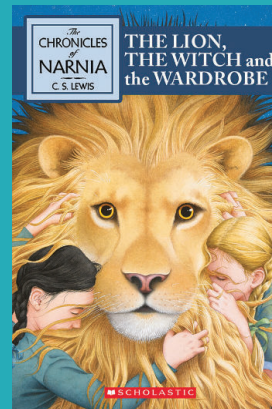
**Kids' Book:**  
*Dog Man: A Tale*  
*of Two Kitties*  
205 checkouts



**Adult Fiction:**  
*It Starts with Us*  
100 checkouts



**Kids' Movie:**  
*Super Mario Bros*  
264 checkouts



**Teen Fiction:**  
*The Lion, the Witch,*  
*and the Wardrobe*  
130 checkouts



**Movie:**  
*Oppenheimer*  
195 checkouts

# HIGHEST ATTENDED PROGRAMS of 2024

## For Children:

*Build Your Own Cat Castle:* **65**

*Pictures with Santa:* **145**

*Nora the Explorer Animal Show:* **71**

## For Adults:

*Take Your Child to the Library Day:* **250**

*Holocaust Survivor Program with Helen Marks:* **80**

*Intergenerational Program: Take Me to the Fair!:* **79**

# NEW ENDEAVORS of 2024



## **Specs the Gecko:**

A crested gecko became our Library pet in the fall of 2024. A naming contest drew over 200 entries from our patrons, and we landed on Specs as our gecko's name!

## **Assistive Technology:**

In early 2024, we worked to install assistive listening devices in both our lower level Community Room and at the North Canton Civic Center. During events, speakers will not only be able to amplify their voices using a microphone and speaker system but listeners will have the opportunity to use a wireless receiver to hear audio up to 1,000 feet away from the source.

## **Parent-Child Mobile Carrel:**

In August 2024, the Library introduced a mobile child carrel for parents who need a place for their children to play while they catch up on work inside the Library. The carrel includes a child-safe mirror, a learning panel, a comfortable play mat made of high-grade PVC-free material, and locking casters.

## **New Parking Lot:**

The Library's new overflow lot on the corner of Portage and Ream opened at the end of October. The lot features 39 total spaces, including two handicap spots and a dedicated spot for the Library's outreach van. We are eternally grateful to the North Canton Library Association for their generous funding of the project.

## **Library Speakers' Consortium:**

Our Friends of the Library group agreed to sponsor a subscription to the Library Speakers' Consortium this year, bringing dozens of best-selling authors like Shelby van Pelt (Remarkably Bright Creatures) and Liane Moriarty (Big Little Lies) to our patrons in a personalized virtual format. In only six months, over 300 patrons have enjoyed these free, engaging talks.

