



MEDIA FACT SHEET

Founded: 1838

Executive director: Jason Kuscma (2019-present)

Mission: To be the first place people go when they want to broaden their horizons or connect with one another.

Strategic priorities

- Help children (birth-third grade) learn to read.
- Help students (third-twelfth grade) succeed.
- Help adults expand their horizons within our areas of expertise.
- Provide technology access.
- Provide technology skills development.
- Serve as the go-to community connection and hub.



2024 by the numbers

Number of employees:

299 full-time | **90** part-time

Number of volunteers: **324**

Number of volunteer hours: **5,227**

In-person visits: Over **2 million** customer visits

Website visits: Nearly **1.5 million** website visits and over **4.5 million** pageviews

Circulation: Over **5 million titles** checked out

Cardholders: **280,000** (approximately 65% of Lucas County residents)

Size of collection: Nearly **1.5 million** physical items

Books: **1,142,055**

Video/DVDs: **92,439**

Periodicals: **48,227**

Audio materials: **44,145** (music and text)

Additional items: **13,715** (software, microfilm, maps, blood pressure kits, traffic cones, etc.)

Program attendance: **115,724**

• **82,705** youth | **33,019** adult

Programs hosted: **5,638**

• **3,951** youth | **1,687** adult | Storytimes: **1,330**

Community partner service hours: **72,103**

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Toledo Library locations: 20 branches and Mobile Services

- Birmingham
- Heatherdowns



- Holland
- Kent
- King Road
- Lagrange



- Locke
- Main
- Maumee
- Mott



- Oregon
- Point Place
- Reynolds Corners



- Sanger
- South
- Sylvania



- Toledo Heights
- Washington
- Waterville
- West Toledo



Mobile Services is Toledo Library's library-on-wheels that serves local neighborhoods, shopping centers, and other community locations.

Building master plan

The Toledo Library is embarking on an ambitious multi-phase, multi-year building master plan beginning in 2025. Chapter One encompasses:

- The development of the Washington Branch into a robust library campus, which will include a new branch building, the Friends of the Library book center, and a Library operations center.
- A new library and conservation center in western Lucas County—a facility that will be developed in partnership with Metroparks Toledo and will be the first of its kind in the United States.
- Major renovations at the Heatherdowns, Holland, and Maumee branches.

Future updates about these projects will be published on the Toledo Library website: toledolibrary.org/buildingforthefuture

Recent awards and recognitions

2023: Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS) National Gold Medal

The National Gold Medal highest honor that can be awarded to a library system or museum in the United States.



2023: Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction for Excellence in Financial Reporting

TLCPL has received this recognition seven years after the award was initially established in 2015.

2023: 2023 Sale/Acquisition of the Year for Toledo in Costar Group's Impact Awards.

TLCPL was recognized for the acquisition and planned development of vacant retail space for a new Washington Branch.

2024: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

TLCPL has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its annual comprehensive financial report for 27 consecutive years.

2024: A Top Workplace for 2024

TLCPL was recognized by the Toledo Blade in its Top Workplaces of 2024 awards, based on 2023 Energage survey results.

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Toledo Library signature collections

Several signature collections, each with a dedicated and specialized focus, help Toledo Library customers expand their horizons.

- **Art Tatum African American Resource Center:** an ever evolving collection, founded in 1989, that acknowledges the cultural heritage and lived experiences of African Americans.
- **Jennifer Fisher Nancy Drew Collection:** books and memorabilia featuring the intrepid young detective in the nation's largest public collection of Nancy Drew books and memorabilia.
- **Robert L. and Posy Huebner Collection:** more than 240 works of original art by illustrators of children's literature are featured at Main Library and throughout other branches.
- **Steinem Sisters Collection:** the country's only special feminist collection to be housed within a public library has more than 900 titles plus programs that build community.



Toledo Library service highlights

Welcome Toledo Lucas County

Welcome Toledo Lucas County (Welcome TLC) is a cross-sector network of community partners that is housed at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library. Welcome TLC's mission is to build a more welcoming and inclusive community for immigrants, refugees, and people of diverse cultures that supports a vibrant civic, economic, and social fabric for all.

Small Business and Nonprofit Department

Whether customers already have a business or see an unmet need and want to start a business, the Toledo Library's Small Business and Nonprofit Resources Department has the expertise and tools to help. In 2024, the Small Business and Nonprofit Resources Department held **2,349** assistance sessions and hosted **106** public programs. The Toledo Lucas County Public Library provided nearly **\$3.2 million** in value to entrepreneurs and businesses in 2024:

- Research services value: **\$2,407,106**
- Training and education value: **\$404,802**
- Technology and equipment: **\$234,483**
- Physical space value: **\$83,814**

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