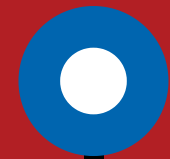


2022-23 Annual Contract Renewal between HPS and PLDL

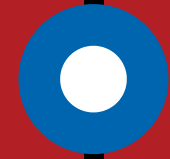


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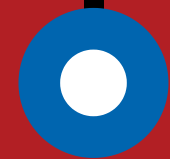
**Loss in
Funding**

1994



**Funding
Reinstated**

2018



What's Next?

2023

History

Legislation in 1994 barred school districts in Michigan from levying mills to support a library. In 2018, Hancock Public Schools made their first substantial commitment to library funding in over 20 years.

Our Story So Far

When libraries see new investments in time and funding, they extend the success of our communities.

Nov '18 – Oct '19

- Reinstated InterLibrary Loan Services
- Resumed open public hours
- Added new collections
- Launched the digital library catalog
- Began the history of Hancock lecture series and summer reading program
- Secured \$7,900 in donations and grants

Nov '19 – Oct '20

- New 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program
- Curbside and chromebook services during shutdown
- Online library card sign-ups
- Expanded the library's collections
- Secured \$17,900 in donations and grants

Nov '20 – Oct '21

- New multi-purpose media lab
- Participation in the Write Michigan short story contest
- Developed Senior Book Club Kits
- Created 35 STEM Kits for all ages
- Storytimes and book clubs return in-person
- Secured \$13,317 in donations and grants

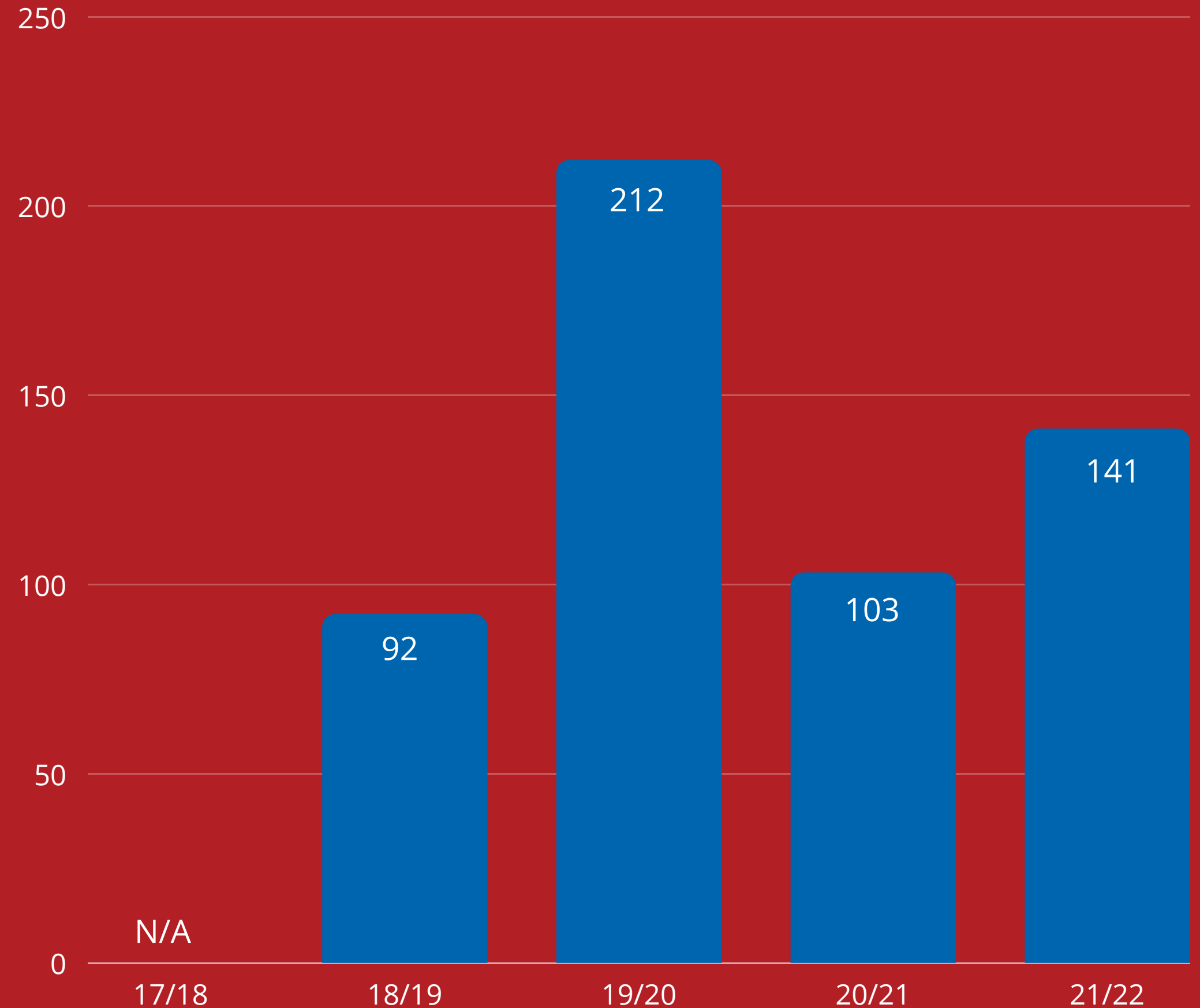
Nov '21 – Present

- Continued maintaining existing library services
- Received over 200 new books participating in the Children's Book Council (CBC) Favorite Lists program
- Awarded the Innovative Community Library Grant through the DoE
- Secured \$218,900 in donations and grants

New Library Cards

548 new library cards have been created throughout the time of the contract. The total number of registered library users is 1,745.

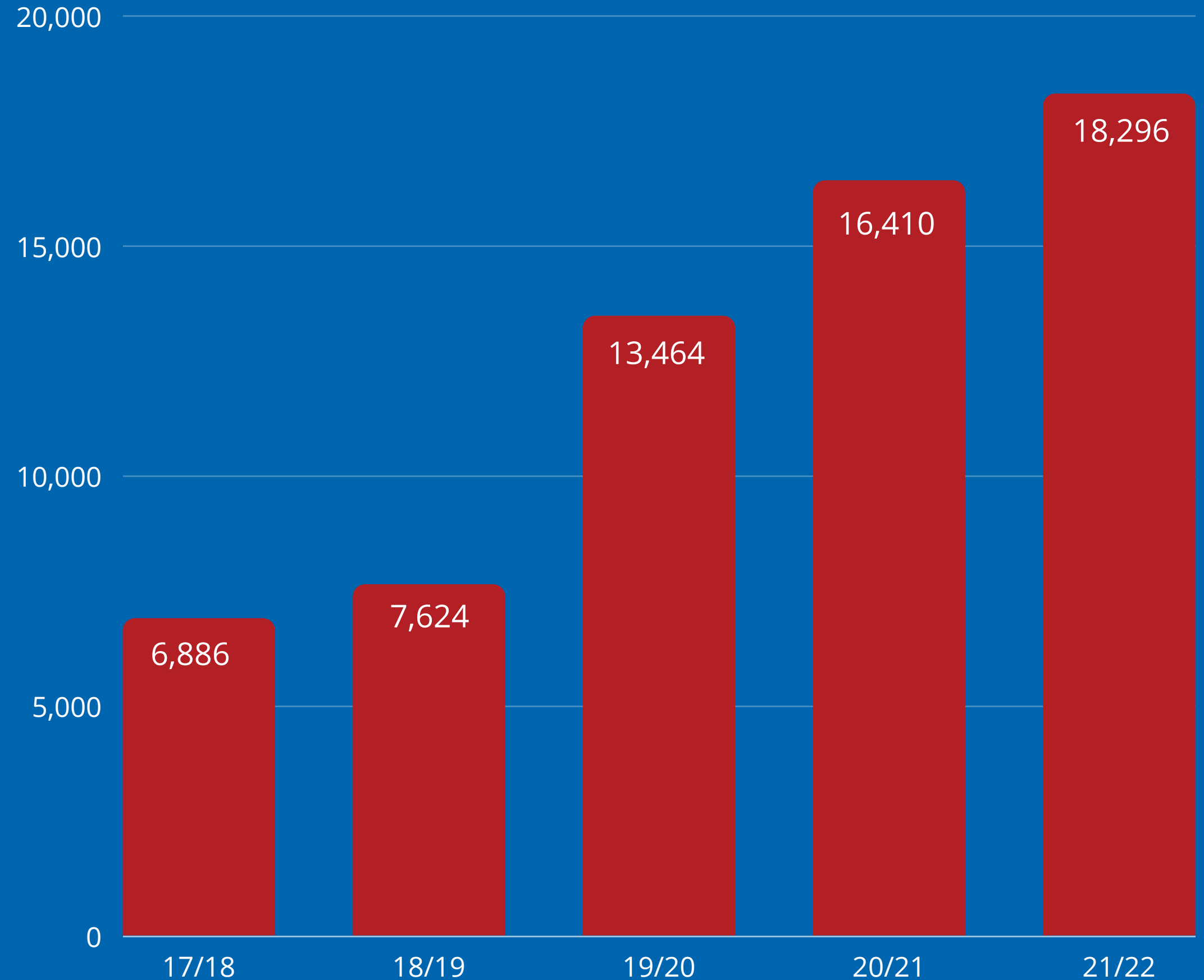
During the school closure, library card sign-ups increase 130% from the previous year.



Total Library Check Outs

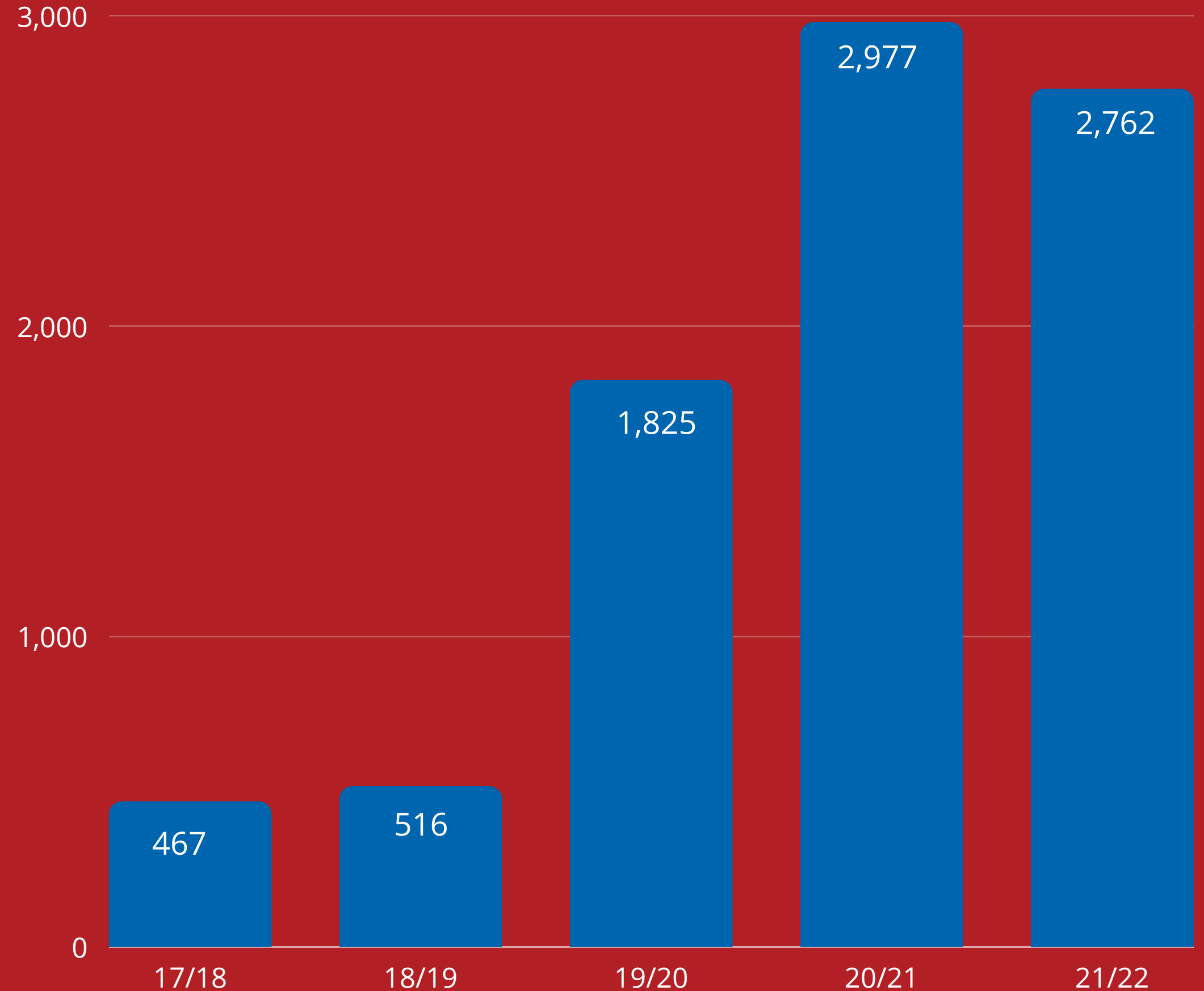
Annual check out of library materials increased 166% over the four years of the contract.

In the 21/22 year, library users checked out an average of 10.5 check outs each.



Holdings Placed

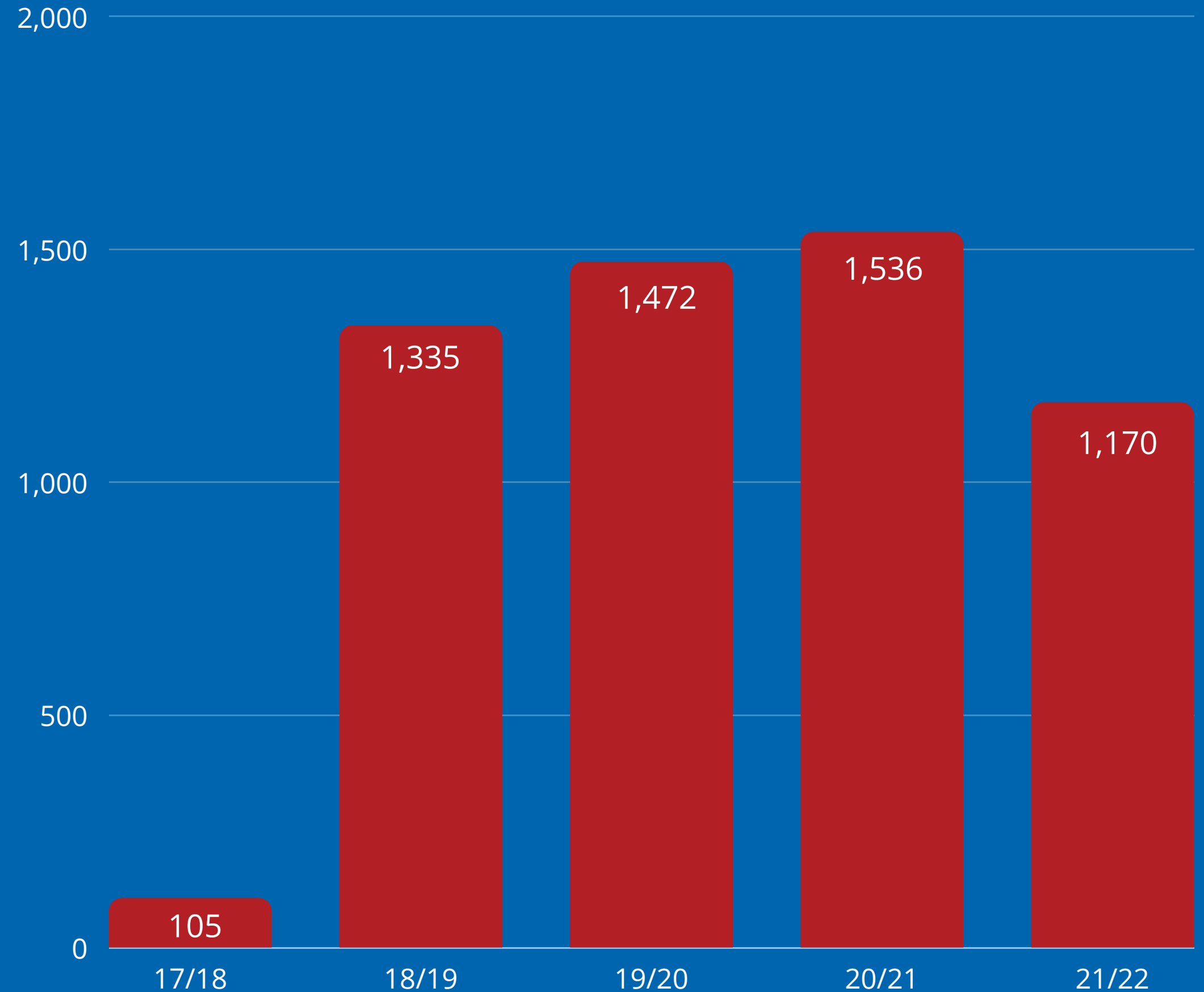
Library users continue to find value in our InterLibrary Loan Service. This service allows users to request books from near and far and expands the types of collections they have access to.



Items Added to Collection

5,513 new items have been added to the collection throughout the contract.

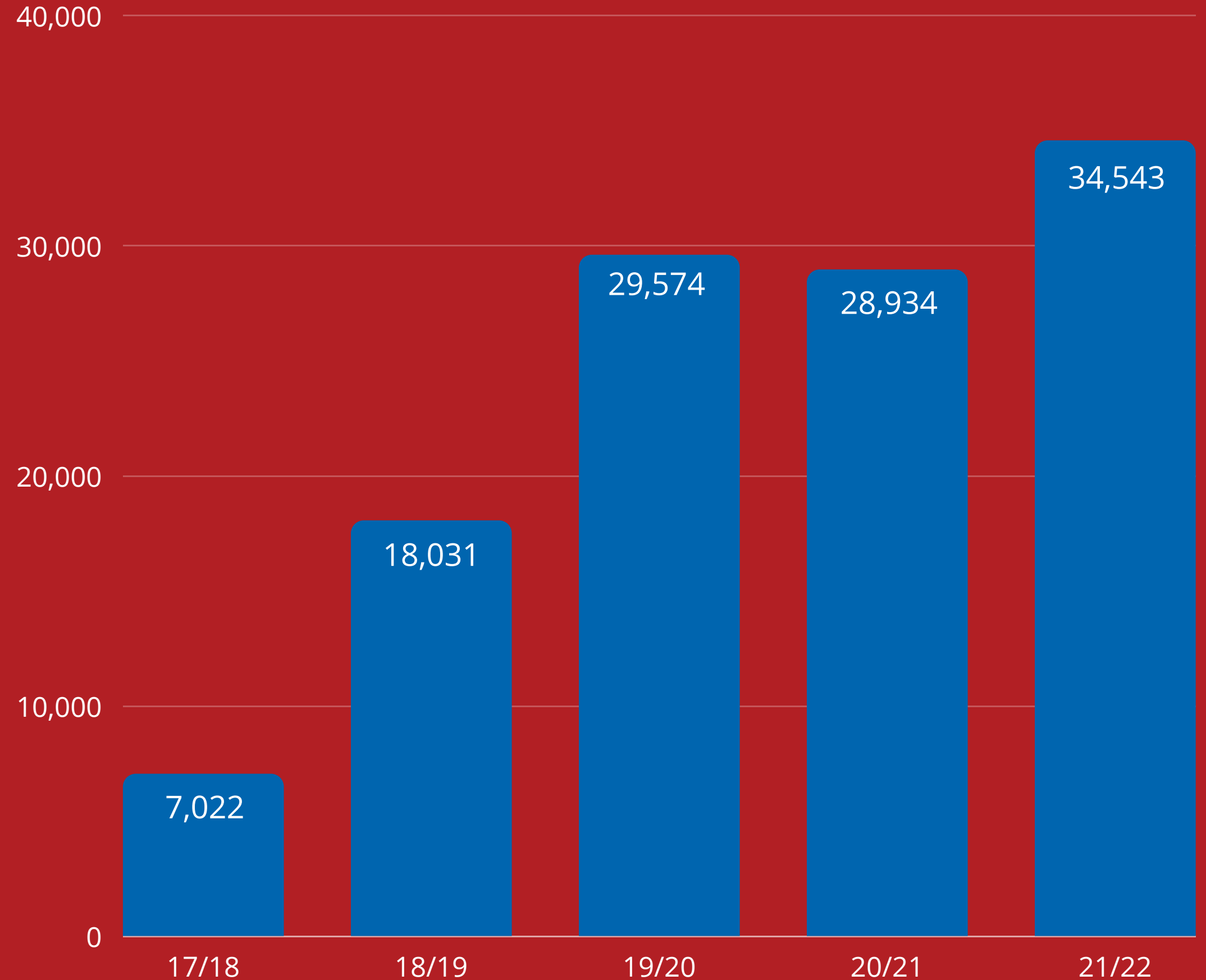
With the Innovative Community Library Grant, there are plans to update the nonfiction sections and provide additional literacy offerings, both physical and e-content.



Library Visits

From the 2017-18 school year right before the contract to present, library visits had increased.....

392%



Looking towards the future

- ① Continue to contract for services, with funding provided by the school district.
- ② Continue to contract for services, with an added contractual clause that requires the municipalities of the school district to levy a millage to support the library.
- ③ Pursue a PLDL millage with the municipalities that make up the school district.



Continue to contract for services, with funding provided by the school district.

This options represents our current contract framework.

While PLDL is not opposed to a short extension of the current contract, PLDL is aware it may no longer be possible for the school district to commit funds to a contract for library services.

It's also worth noting that a multi-year extension of the contract, with the same level of financial support for library operations, would not be able to provide the same level of service in the long run.

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Continue to contract for services, with an added contractual clause that requires the municipalities of the school district to levy a millage to support the library.

A district library can only levy up to 4 mills in total. PLDL already levies 1.96 mills in the PLDL district. If PLDL levies additional mills *outside* of their district, they cannot total more than 2.04 mills. This means PLDL could only levy up to .51 mills in each of the school district's municipalities(4). If we went this route, our libraries would still be unable to share resources and services, because they are not paying an equal millage rate. A levy in the amount of .51 mills is also not enough to support library operations in the long term considering variable expenses that will increase over time.



Pursue a PLDL millage with the municipalities that make up the school district.

This option would have PLDL pursue a millage to incorporate the four municipalities within the HPSD and expended our library district. Hancock School Public Library would become a branch of PLDL. The millage rate would need to match the current rate in Houghton and Portage Township of 1.96 mil to offer a fair rate to all taxpayers involved.

If a millage was achieved and the library district expanded, taxpayers would be funding the operations of both libraries. This would free up the current funds being allocated by the Hancock Public School District to be used in other areas. Resources would be shared freely within the district and new opportunities across the district could be explored such as a bookmobile or downtown location.

2022–23 Second Amendment to Joint Venture Agreement Request

- Extend the contract by an additional fiscal year with a second amendment
- Increase dedicated funding from .3 mil to .4 mil alongside all penal fines and state aid
- Reinstate the Hancock School Public Library Advisory Committee
 - 5 Member Committee: Both managers and 3 members-at-large
 - 1 member each selected by PLDL, HPSD, and the HPSD Foundation

Shout out to:

- Boni Ashburn
- Steve Patchin
- Dillon Geshel
- Hancock Public Schools Foundation
- Portage Lake District Library Board of Trustees
- Library users and residents of the school district
- Hancock Public School Board of Education



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Thank you!

Please reach out with any questions or ideas.

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