

2022 Street Books Annual Report

Thank you for all your incredible support of Street Books. Here are some great things that happened in 2022 in large part because of you!

Bike Library Shifts

We increased the frequency and locations of library shifts, putting friendly librarians and bike libraries with curated books at each location, to meet our library patrons where they are.

- We hired Kerry, a longtime library patron turned librarian who operates a weekly shift on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- We shared more than 3,000 books! And we received many book returns from our regular patrons, who know they can bring them back to the bike library to be circulated again, or pass them on to a friend if our paths do not cross.
- We continued to run many of our summer weekly bike shifts throughout the winter months, in order to keep in touch with our patrons year-round and navigate the continued global pandemic together ([see our current weekly schedule here](#))
- We operated nine library shifts in Portland each week, employing ten street librarians, including people living outside
- We launched a new bike library donated by Icicle Tricycles!
- We provided hundreds of reading glasses, (which help people read medication bottles as well as books!), sleeping bags, tents, ice water during



1 New Librarian
(10 total!)

1 New Bike
(3 library bikes total!)

9 Library Shifts / Week

28 Community Partnerships

100s Reading Glasses Delivered
(as well as sleeping bags, tents, ice water during the heat and blankets and hand warmers in winter!)

3000+ Books Checked Out!

Street Books is a bicycle-powered mobile library, serving people who live outside in Portland, Oregon. We also curate boxes of books and deliver them to our community partners around the city. We are a 501c3 Non-Profit. Read our story at www.streetbooks.org

the heat and blankets and hand warmers in winter. We also now carry Narcan and received training in how to use it as well as other first aid and health and safety training.



I was living outdoors when I first found Street Books, and I checked out maybe three books a week. I probably got over 50 books that first season. I'd sit down at the waterfront on that bench and pass the time of day. It really, really beats sitting around doing nothing, and it most definitely beats sitting around feeling bad.

– Ben Hodgson, board member, street librarian, patron, author.

Partnerships

We increased our capacity to support and respond to the many community-based organizations who asked us to provide books and librarian services at their locations, enhancing their services.

- We expanded our partnerships to 28(!) community-based groups we partner with to provide our services! ([see more about community partners here](#))
- We assessed who and where we are not serving yet and made a plan to help ensure everyone has access to our services/libraries
- We created the new position, Library Operations Coordinator, and hired bilingual bike librarian Josh Pollock to strengthen our current partnerships and respond to new inquiries for librarian services - greatly expanding our partnerships!



As one of the organizations that started the alternative shelters in Portland during the onset of the pandemic, it was wonderful to be able to call on Street Books to bring their bike libraries to our villages. They hired a librarian liaison living in each village to take orders for books and Street Books then delivered the books. The villagers love it and those books take them places they would not have been able to go. Street Books also brings books to our headquarters, thus contributing to our programming! As we set up more villages in Portland and grow our programs, I am excited to be able to continue and grow our partnership with Street Books!

– Dana Lynn Louis- Director Gather:Make:Shelter gathermakeshelter.org

Equity

We worked toward building an anti-oppression focus while supporting systems change for the human rights of everyone. This work is ongoing.

- We always ensure that every bicycle library shift and each curated box of books has a broad range of titles and genres so that each patron can see themselves reflected in our offerings. We offer titles in Spanish and will purchase books in any language requested.
- We provide a wide array of books by women and writers of color, as well as books about ending racism and oppression.
- We created an equity team of staff, board members and community leaders to sustain and focus our equity work and help equip us with tools to center equity in all that we do.
- We crafted an equity statement together that we read and reflect on weekly and that we know is a dynamic tool that will change as we grow, learn and change.
- We created equity filters to use to support equity in all decisions we make across the organization.
- We changed our large indoor fundraising event to an outdoor community-building event to adapt to COVID and to take the party to the community. We did an extra mailer to make up for the lost fundraising. It worked and everyone had a lot of fun!

Big Firsts of 2022



Equity

We underwent a re-examination and implementation of equity practices across the organization

Positions

We created 2 new positions: Library Ops Coordinator and Internal Projects Coordinator

Preparedness

Librarians carry Narcan (emergency overdose medicine) and have First Aid Training

Revenues

Street Books revenues totaled \$260 thousand, through grants and donations like yours

Admin/Planning

We grew as an organization in order to respond to the needs in our community. We had a lot of very smart help from our committed board and talented staff to support this growth.

- We created a new position, Interim Projects Coordinator, to help us build fundraising and internal systems as we grew. We hired former Sisters of the Road Director and KBOO Community Radio Station Manager Monica Beemer.
- We had our first board and staff all-day retreat and created a 2023 strategic plan and guiding calendar for our organization and our work.
- We took part in the Give!Guide for the first time in 2022. This increased our donors and connected us with many new people and great non-profit organizations.
- We created policies and benefits to support our staff and to help us as we grow!

Finances

We planned and grew our revenues to support new positions to support our important work. This allowed us to increase wages and offer benefits for our staff!

2022

Total Revenues = \$260,882.72

Expenses = \$173,226.57

Net Gain/Loss: \$87,656.15

Total Current Assets 12/31/2022 = \$213,944.04

2021

Total Revenues: \$147,093.94

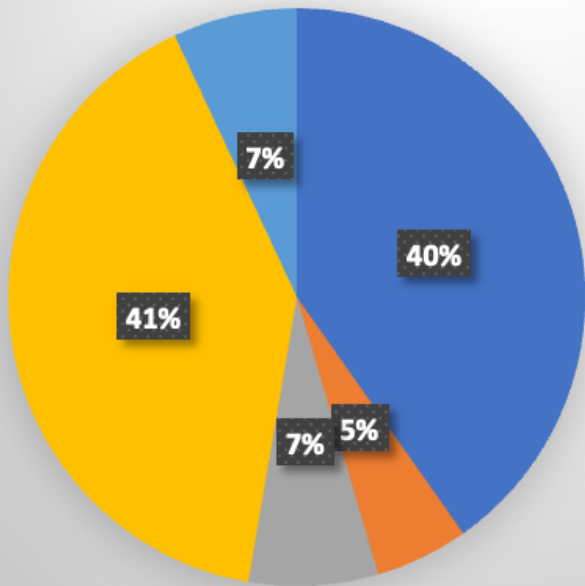
Expenses: \$133,800.46

Net Gain/Loss: \$13,293.48

Percentage of expenses that go toward programming = 80%

Percentage toward admin and fundraising = 20%

2022 Revenue Total = \$260,882.72



- Individual Donations
- Monthly Donors
- Corporate Donations
- Grants
- In-Kind (books, HQ rent)