

## We believe in being...

# Approachable Knowledgeable

Innovative



# Rampart Library District (RE-2) Community Needs Assessment

## Respondents wanted ...

- A better sense of community
- More connections and friendships
- Improved mental and physical health
- More experiences
- Awareness of services

## We anticipated most of these needs



## What we did in advance:

- 1. Developed organizational values
- 2. Built a culture of "Yes" and "Can"
- 3. Prioritized and hired for better marketing
- 4. Created a position for super-powering connection opportunities
- 5. Re-branded
- Overhauled our service model and spaces for experiences

## Responsive Strategic Plan Goals:

- Increase awareness of services
- Foster creativity
- Improve access
- Facilitate community connections



Saturday, June 10th from 10am - 2:00pm \*Please note that we extended the time!

Join us for a ladybug themed craft and snack! Learn about the life cycle of ladybugs and see them take off!

Release of live ladybugs into the community is at 12PM.







Hikers of all fitness levels are welcome!

Get to know other local hikers and schedule hikes with folks at your skill level.

Exchange knowledge about trails, gear, and anything outdoors! Each meeting is at 5pm.

June 1 July 6 Aug 3 Sept 7 Oct 5 Nov 2 Dec 7

Contact info: Tim Miller at timm@rampartlibrarydistrict.org or 719-687-9201 x101



## COFFEE CHATS

Coffee, donuts, and community. Come hang out and meet new people!

Meets the first Friday of each month at 10am in the Colorado Room at Woodland Park Public Library

Call 719-687-9281 and ask for Nick for more information





## People are using RLD a lot more

- 2022 saw the most activity attendance
- 2022 saw the second-most circulations ever
- We answered a record number of information and technology questions in 2022

## 2023 is on-track to be our best year in most metrics

## **Contact Information**

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## Live, learn and achieve

### 7 branches

- Central
- Mission Viejo
- MLK Jr.
- Iliff Square
- Hoffman Heights
- Chambers Plaza
- Tallyn's Reach



## **Pre-pandemic**

- Community connectors.
- Bridge the digital divide.
- Free programs and classes
- Gateway for new immigrants
  - ESL and conversation classes
  - Citizenship information and classes
- Help with
  - Job applications
  - Applying for government assistance
  - Health information
- Partner to provide food for kids.
- Safe places for all



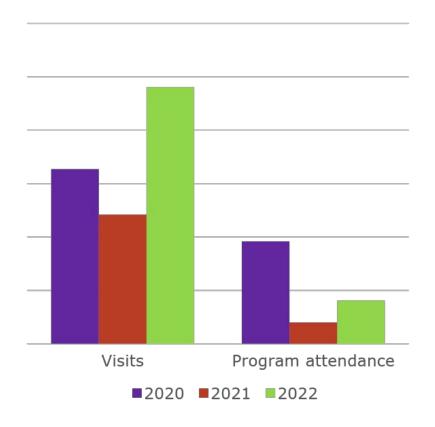
## **Pandemic**

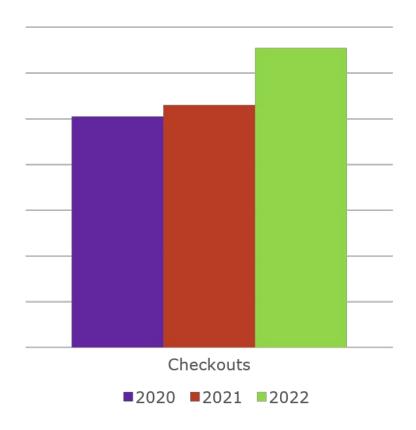
### Lifeline

- Computers and WiFi
- Printing, faxing, copying
- Curbside pick up
- Virtual programs
- Programs "to go"
- Virtual reference



## Post-pandemic





## What patrons are saying

\$2.5 million Congressionally Directed Spending to renovate the MLK Jr. Branch

#### **Survey responses**

A safe place for children to be themselves
Skills-based learning
STEM programming
Multi-generational programs
Play music together
Have conversation
Reduce isolation



## **Aurora Commission for Older Adults**

- Reduce isolation
- Promote community
- Multi-generational programs
- Mission Viejo Branch pilot
  - Meet and greet
  - Survey attendees
    - Local history
    - Multi-generational gatherings
    - Coffee talk
    - Health issues
    - Music



Multi-generation split trivia

## Community

Aurora students who strongly contribute to the life and community of their respective schools.

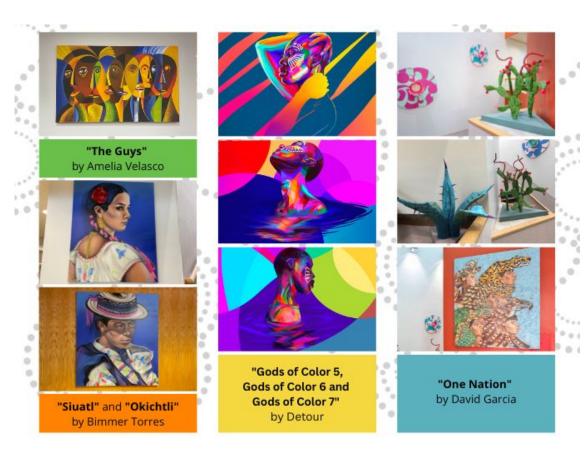






## Reimagining space and opportunity

- "The Guys" by Amelia Velasco
- "Siuatl" and "Okichtli" by Bimmer Torres
- "Gods of Color 5", "Gods of Color 6" and "Gods of Color 7" by Detour
- "One Nation" by David Garcia



## More successes















## Library Innovation Center

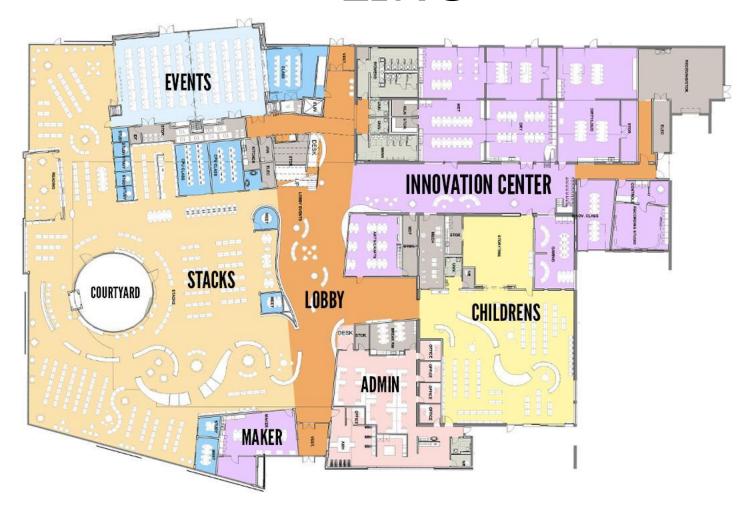
# LINC (LIBRARY INNOVATION CENTER) BY THE NUMBERS

- 60,300 square feet
- 30.2 million
- 130,000 materials
- 75 computers
- 17 options for public room reserve
- 13 options for maker/innovation/tech

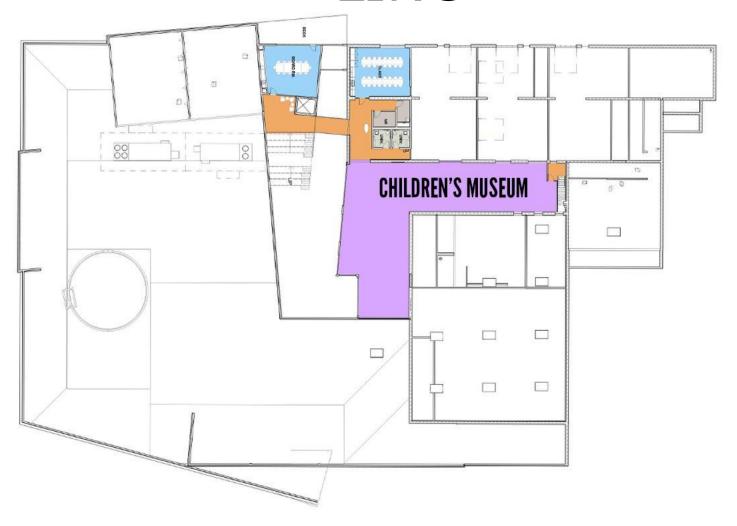
## WHY LINC (LIBRARY INNOVATION CENTER)?

- Permanent Downtown Library
- Response to Strategic Plan
- Destination for Entire District
- Diverse Community Needs

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## DESIGN PROCESS

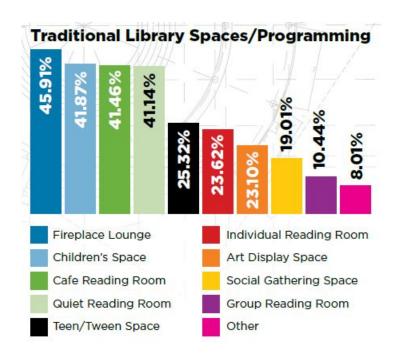
## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

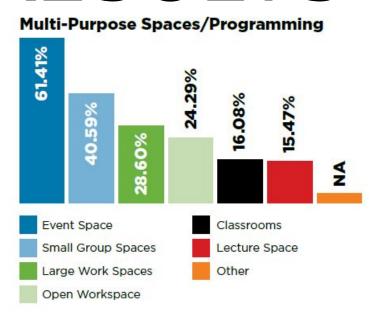


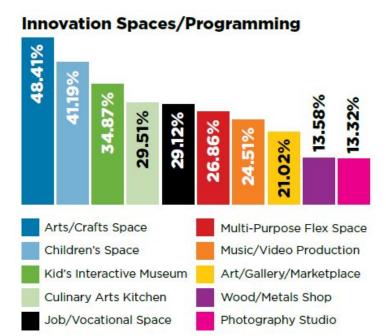




## SURVEY 1 RESULTS







# TECHNOGLY & INNOVATION SPACES

## **Public Technology**

## Free Public Computers



Free Wifi



## Printing/Copying/Scanning/Faxing

- 200 free print credits per month
  - .01 black and white
  - .05 color



## **Technology Instruction**

### **Computer Basics**

- Introduction to Computers
- Introduction to The Internet
- Introduction to Email
- Introduction to...
  - Microsoft Word
  - Microsoft Excel
  - Microsoft PowerPoint
  - Microsoft Publisher
- Introduction to Canva

#### Internet Essentials

- · The Cloud
- Cryptocurrency
- Website Building Basics
- · Internet Safety (All Ages)
- Cutting the Cable Cord
- Self-Publishing Online

Coming soon... Adobe Creative Content Corel Suite



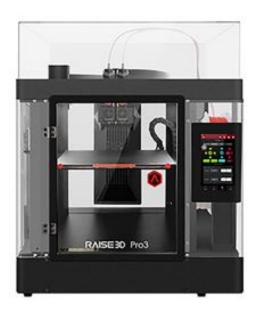
Career and Workforce
Development

- Workshops
  - Resume and Cover Letter Writing
  - Job Skills
  - Interviewing
- · Book a Librarian
  - Career Exploration and Planning
  - Employer and Position Research
  - Assessment and Skill-Building
- Job Resource Center
  - Worksheets
  - Library Resources
  - Collection Materials



## Woodshop

- CNC Router
- Planer
- SawStop Table Saw
- Scroll Saw
- Band Saw
- Drill Press
- Lathe
- Disc Sander
- Miter Saw
- Track Saw
- Router table
- Mini Lathe
- Spindle Sander
- Drum Sander
- A wide array of power tools











- Makerspace
  - Universal Laser Systems VLS 3.75 Laser Cutter
  - Universal Laser Systems VLS 6.75 Laser Cutter
  - Roland LEF 12 UV Printer
  - Raise3D Pro 2 3D Printers
  - Die Cut Machine
  - Cricut
  - 8 in 1 Heat Press
  - Sewing Machines

# COMMUNITY

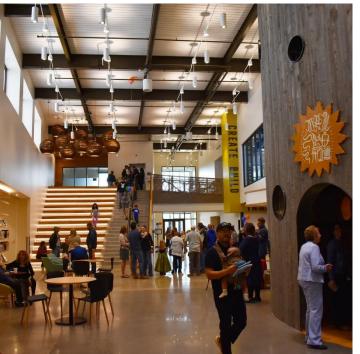












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