

# FY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## IN 2023...



73 total donors gave an average donation of \$48



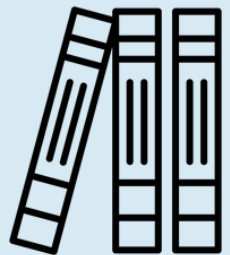
187 Antelope ROAMS deliveries were made in 4 cities and rural Johnson County



5,506 people visited the bookmobile

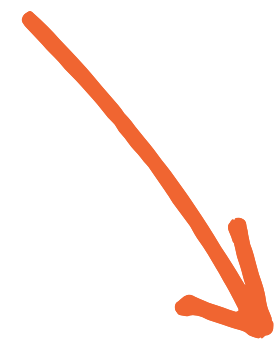


1,994 snacks were distributed through the Free Summer Lunch Program

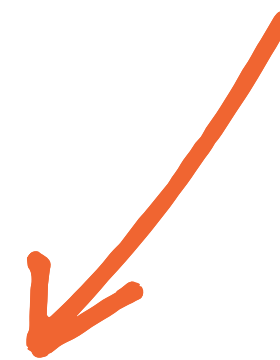


24 Little Free Libraries were supported in the South District

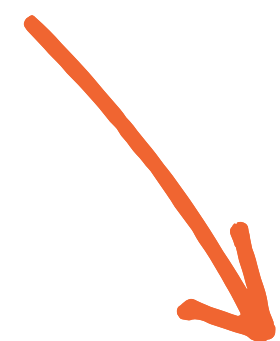
GRANTS  
**\$30,028**



DONATIONS  
**\$34,320**

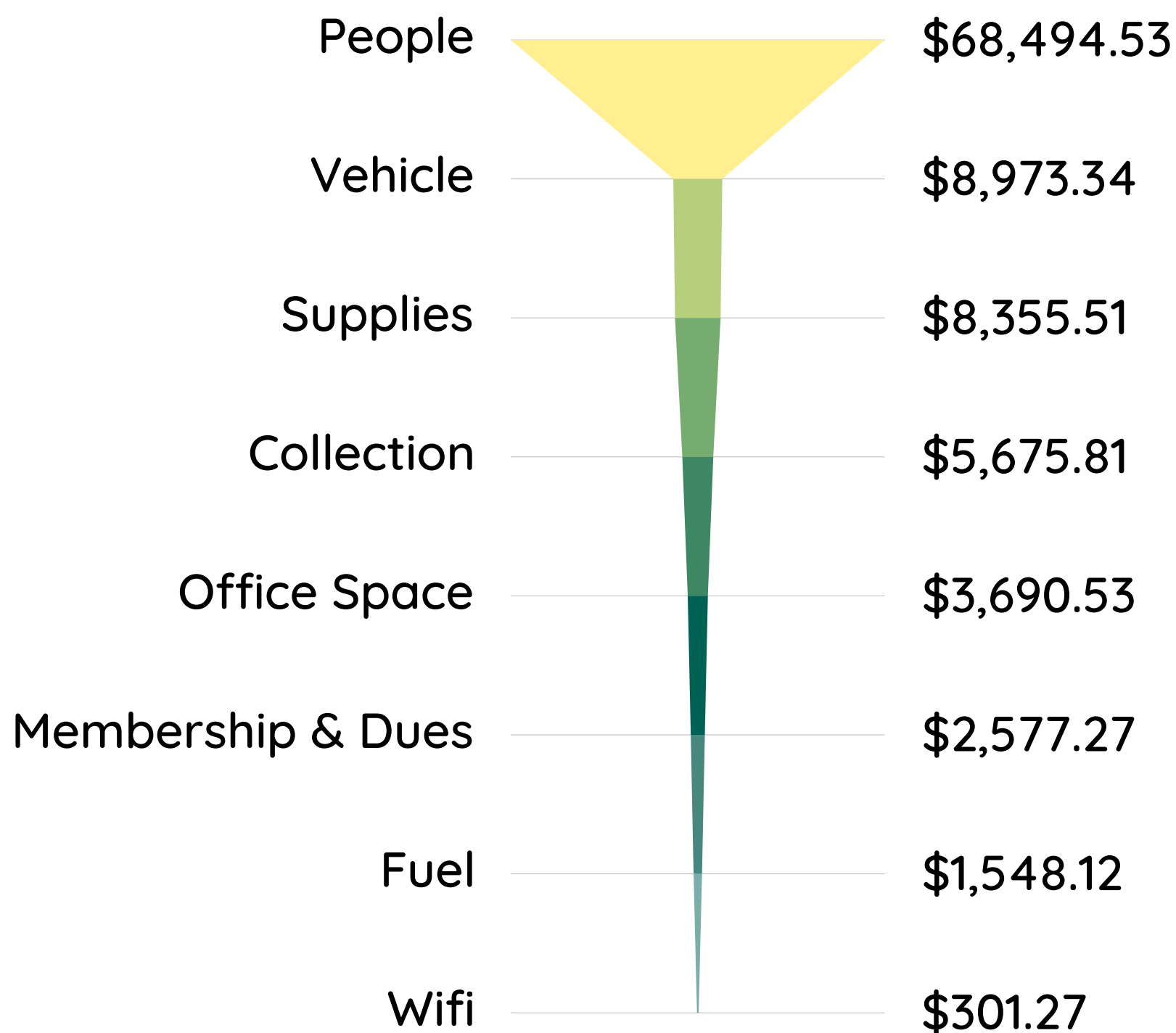


CONTRACTS  
**\$18,919**



FUNDRAISING  
**\$10,428**

## 2023 EXPENSES



## A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER:



2023 saw some exciting growth here at Antelope Lending Library, most notably with the addition of **two social workers as Community Liaisons!** Patrons have already connected with them for help locating AA meetings, applying for SNAP benefits, finding therapy, and more. They have been equally helpful in supporting our team members as we work with patrons in crisis to make sure that we are caring both for others and ourselves.

This last year also brought with it an alarming increase in book banning legislation in Iowa and across the country. According to the 2023 Book Ban Data from the American Library Association, the majority of challenged books across the country are written by or about a person of color or a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. **It is clear whose voices they are attempting to silence.**

In Iowa, that is no different. Iowa lawmakers argue that state law SF 496 “protects children,” but without clear guidelines, all information about sex, sex education, sexual orientation and gender identity are being removed en masse from school libraries.

At Antelope Lending Library, we know that **book banning limits access to important information and valuable community voices.** While we appreciate the important work being done in the courts to protect our First Amendment rights, in the meantime we are doing our part to ensure that the titles that have already been removed from our local school libraries are available to ALL through our bookmobile library. The Haunted Bookshop has been instrumental for their partnership in this effort - you can purchase titles from them that we still need for our library at their shop in Iowa City, or via the link on our website.

In 2024, we are **looking forward to strengthening and expanding our community partnerships.** From teaching weekly English classes at Open Heartland to providing more early literacy storytimes, we are here to stay, and choosing to be hopeful for what the new year will bring.

In solidarity,  
Cassi Elton, MLIS  
Antelope Lending Library Director

## DONATE IN 2024

**\$100** provides materials for 20 creative engagement kits

**\$50** pays for 2 household Antelope ROAMS deliveries

**\$25** maintains 1 lobby library per month

