

**Curtis Memorial Library is  
140 YEARS OLD  
on April 18, 2023!**



# How are things at Curtis?

The world has changed!

We are figuring out the balance between:

- Traditional library services
- New services for a new world



Books and  
reading

# BOOKS



**HELPING  
INTROVERTS  
AVOID  
CONVERSATION  
SINCE 1454**

# Programs for kids





# Programs for tweens and teens



Programs for adults -  
Sam Sifton, founding editor  
New York Times Cooking, July 2023



4/28/2023



# Providing food to kids and their caregivers

Thanks to CML partnership with MCHPP



*Did You Know?*

THIS SUMMER,  
MCHPP IS OPERATING  
8 FREE LUNCH SITES  
OPEN TO ALL KIDS

# Information, ideas and fun!



4/28/2023



# Creating community for everyone



On the other  
side of the  
tightrope?

All of the new ideas  
and changing needs  
that support our  
community in today's  
world





A sharing table  
every week, all  
year long to help  
combat  
community  
hunger

Thanks to support from MCHPP and the  
Merrymeeting Gleaners

4/28/2023





New spaces for  
all the folks  
working from  
home (when they  
get tired of  
home!)



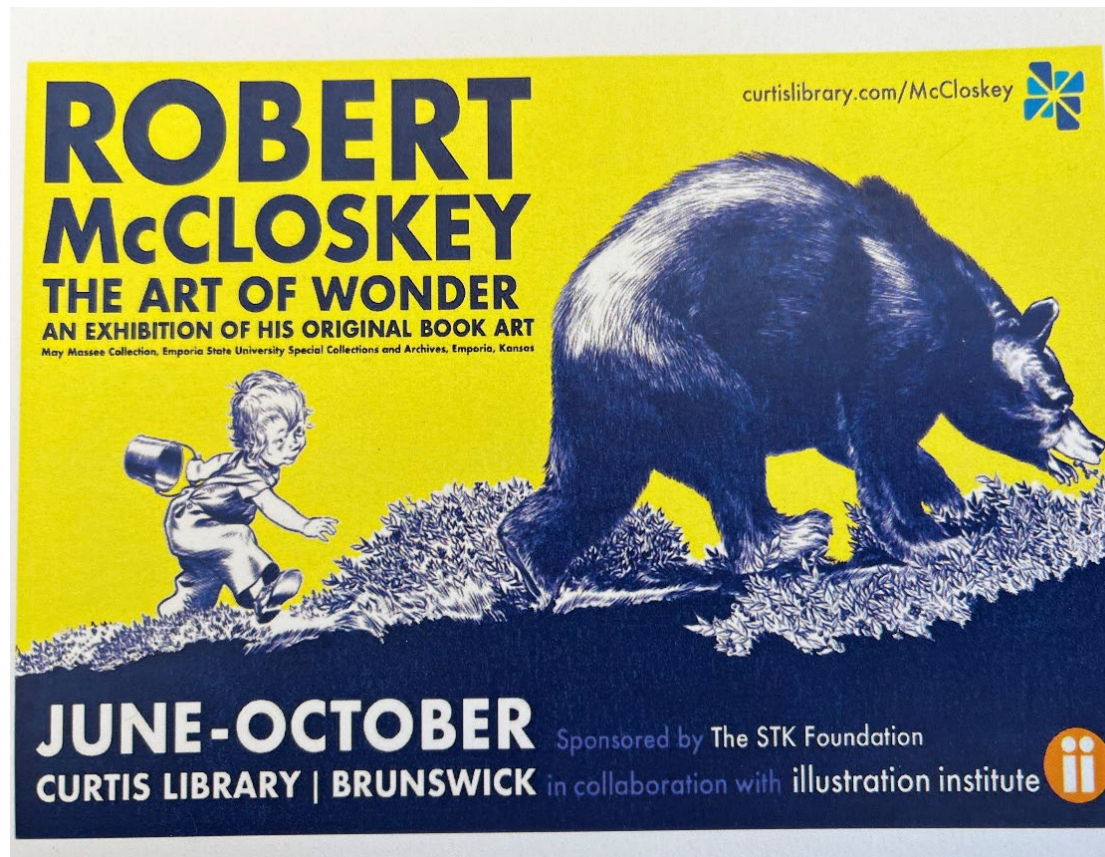
Formal *Sustainable Library Certification* to help us understand how to share ideas, information, and examples of how to be more sustainable. Curtis is the first library in Maine to do this.



**Sustainable  
Libraries  
Initiative**



An exhibit this summer of the illustrations by Robert McCloskey, the author of Maine favorites such as *One Morning in Maine*, *Blueberries for Sal*, *Burt Dow*, and *Time of Wonder* as well as the favorite *Make Way for Ducklings*.





A new EV  
bookmobile to  
ensure access to  
Curtis resources  
throughout the  
community!

# COMING SOON

## MOBILE MICRO-BRANCH/BOOKMOBILE

### 2023 FORD E-TRANSIT CARGO VAN



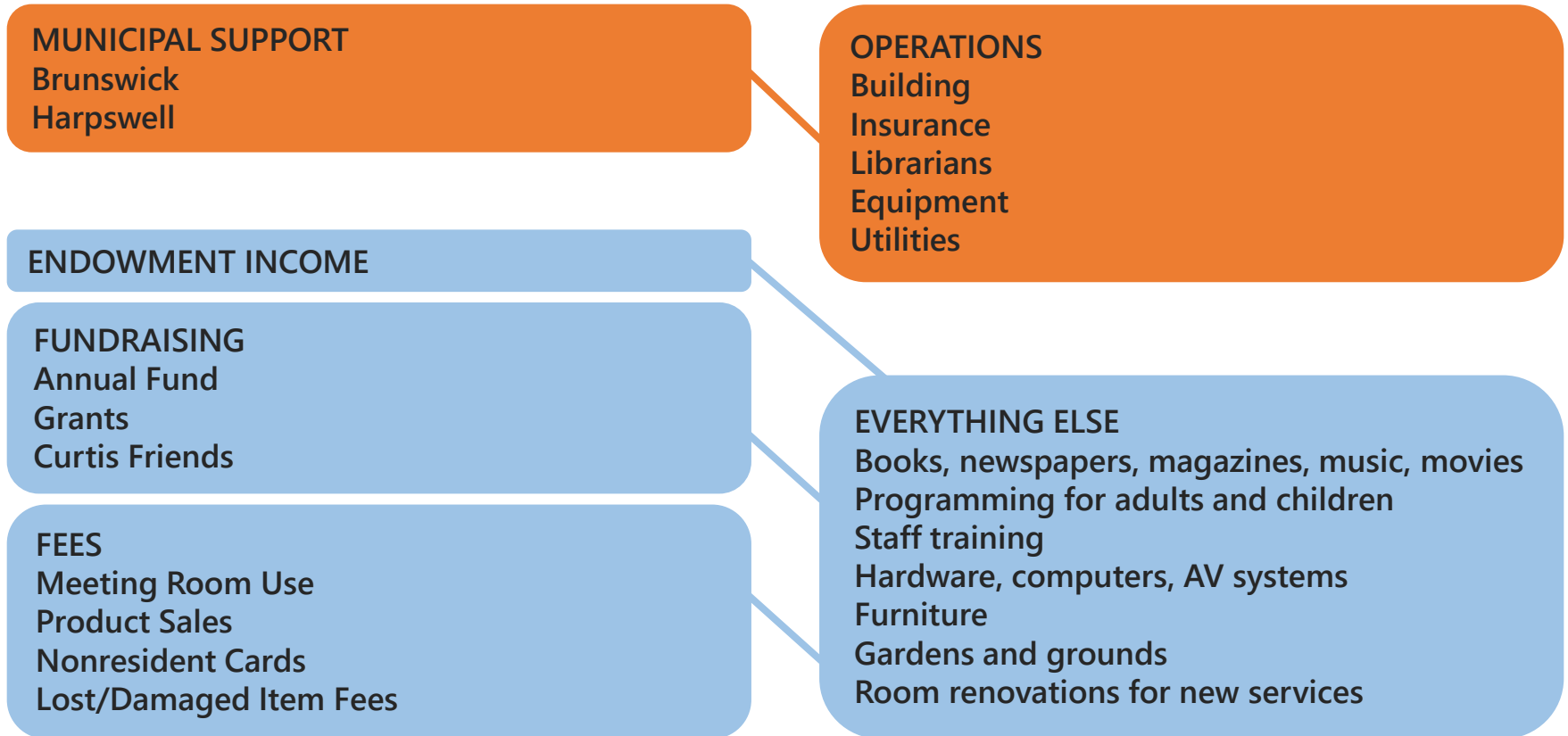
*Artist rendering*

We waited an extra  
year to get an EV  
versus gas powered  
van.



*Sample photos from Pittsburg Public Library Bookmobile*

# How the Library is Funded



# **FY 23-24 Operating Budget Request**

**\$1,751,744 = +\$115,968 = +7.1% versus FY22-23**

## **Driven primarily by:**

- Addition of new FT/benefited staff position – bookmobile librarian
- Proposed 4% salary increase for library staff
- Changing one PT Lending Services position from PT to FT/benefited after retirement of PT staff member
- Projected 5% increase in health insurance (increase in FY22-23 was 4.5%)







We hope you will support this initiative by funding the bookmobile librarian position.

Thank you!

Questions?





From ***Palaces for the People*** by Eric Klinenberg:

*I interviewed dozens of people about their memories of growing up in libraries and learned about all kinds of ways that the experience mattered: discovering an interest that they'd never have found without librarians. Feeling liberated, responsible, intelligent. Forging a new relationship, deepening an old one. Sensing, in some cases for the first time, that they belong.*

***THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY AND CURTIS LIBRARY!***