

# ANNUAL REPORT

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

January 27, 2022

This year marks our first full year of pandemic service, and in a few short months we'll have been living with COVID as a part of our daily lives for two years. Annual reports generally contain lots of statistics detailing how much better things were than last year – more checkouts, more downloads, more building visits and computer uses. I'll share some of those with you, but they really don't tell the library's story this year because there's nothing to compare it to!

If there's one thing I wish I had counted, it's the number of times someone came in the door saying it was their first time inside the library since the shutdown, and I got to say "Welcome back!" That was my favorite part of every day.

Thanks to all of our patrons for your understanding, kindness and flexibility. Constantly changing protocols have been stressful for everyone, but our supportive community made it possible for library staff to roll with the punches and keep our doors open for our regular, pre-COVID schedule.

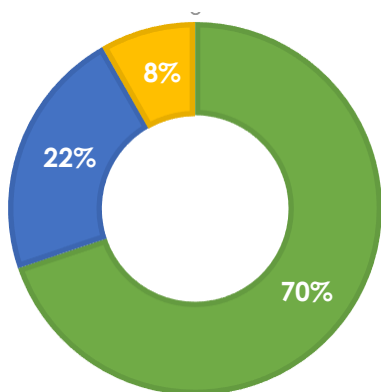


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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS | FISCAL YEAR OCT 2020 - SEPT 2021

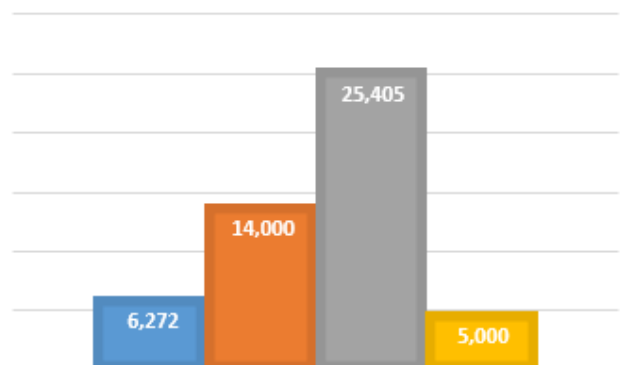
OPERATING EXPENSES: \$ 407,957

- \$ 284,808** Patron Services
- \$ 89,374** Administration
- \$ 33,775** Building + Operations



CAPITAL + PLANNING PROJECTS: \$ 50,678\*

- Architectural services
- Fundraising feasibility study
- Front steps rebuild
- Fennell Street deposit



\* The funds to support capital projects come from grants, donations and investment income. They are gained and accounted for separately from operating funds.

## NEW + NOTABLE

### Growing Up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House

virtual lecture entertained and informed 71 people

DEC

### Baby Story Time Kits

gave parents the tools to have story time at home, plus a librarian-curated monthly board book subscription

MAR

43 people discussed *The Bromance Bookclub* with bestselling romance author **Lyssa Kay Adams**

MAY

Subscribed to **Mango Languages** offers 70+ courses for online, interactive learning

JUL

A record 129 toddlers thru 2nd graders participated in the **Library Loot program** for growing readers

OCT

### Coping with Life During COVID

connected 30 elementary and middle school families with a psychologist to learn about supporting mental health

JAN

Jeff Brownscheidle took 56 people on his 16-year adventure **Hiking America's Triple Crown** (plus 115 views on YouTube)

APR

**Front steps + ramp replaced** for a more accessible building

JUN

The Rev's performance of **The Golden Goose** at Austin Park played to a rapt audience of 82

AUG

## ON OUR SHELVES

41,539 books, DVDs, etc. checked out

377 kits for all ages checked out: **UP 4%**

Most read adult fiction book was *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Most popular picture book was *Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes*

**61,847 total check outs (incl. digital)**

## DOWNLOADABLES + STREAMING

20,308 digital items used: **UP 6%**

**Breakdown:** 51% ebooks, 11% video, 37% audiobooks and 1% music

Total minutes watched on Kanopy: **47,022**

Most popular TV series on Hoopla was *Death in Paradise* from BBC Studios

## PEOPLE + PROGRAMS

14,900 visits to the building despite COVID protocols

1,418 take-home craft kits inspired creativity

2,865 people attended 195 virtual and in-person programs

Most attended program was the *Messy Art Summer Celebration* on the library lawn (2 sessions, socially-distanced) with 101 people

## TECHNOLOGY

5,174 wifi sessions: **UP 47%**

23,922 website visits: **UP 5%**

69 hotspot and Chromebook borrows