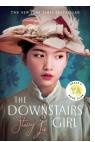
MOST POPULAR CHECKOUTS

Of all the items borrowed this year, these were the most popular.













LIBRARY EVENTS



853 events

22,159 participants

CURBSIDE PICKUP

5,134 curbside pickups

30,201 items picked up

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ANNUAL REPORT

2021



EMBRACING THE UNEXPECTED



A message from the Director:

Last year was a challenging year for the Library.

I am extremely grateful to our patrons, who were patient and supportive as the Library modified services to meet the ever changing health requirements. We all adapted to challenges that required a lot of out-of-the box thinking! The Library anticipated the unknown and prepared for what was to come. We continued to serve the public the best way we could.

We got creative! One of our creations was a Pop-Up Library. The Library was determined to bring books to the people. We bundled up and took book carts full of new popular titles outside the building. Our patrons joined us outside and browsed pop-up collections which we were able to check out on a laptop outside the building. It brought joy to both staff and patrons.

Eventually, we were allowed to let the public in by appointment. What a tedious process it was! Kudos to all for support and understanding! People were scheduling appointments for whole families to come in. I never saw so many picture books taken out at once!

Slowly but surely, we found a way forward. The Library was finally opening with fewer restrictions. We resumed programs in the park. Those programs thrived. More than

100 people attended each program! We learned from the situations presented to us and adjusted as needed and witnessed the success that comes from doing so.

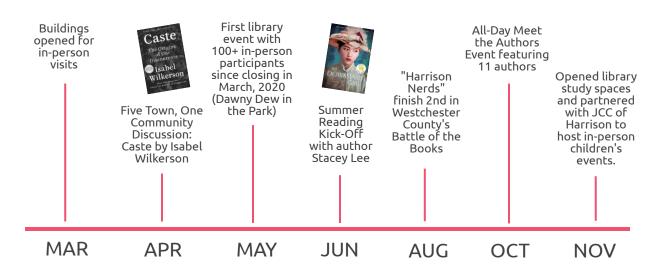
I am tremendously proud of the Library staff. The staff demonstrated compassion, flexibility, and dedication to our community. The fact that we were able to accomplish all of this while abiding by ever evolving mandates and remaining healthy is a true testament to the sheer dedication and persistence of staff and the Board of Trustees.

Last spring several senior staff members retired. We thank them for their service to our community. We will miss them. The Library is slowly returning to normal: resuming regular operating hours, opening meeting rooms, in-person programs and all that we have to offer.

The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, said: "The only constant in life is change." The coming year will bring new changes and challenges. The Library changed in many ways in order to remain a constant in the community.

Galina Chernykh
Library Director

Library HIGHLIGHTS



BY THE NUMBERS

It was a different year for everyone BUT our community still showed us lots of love! Here is an overview of our year:



new library cards



22,880 reference

reference questions answered physical items checked out



131,540

39,254
digital items



5,198

public internet sessions

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE

\$37,329
.\$2,613,123
\$1,410
\$8,721

Total Revenue.....\$2,660,583

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	. \$2,142,813
Library Materials	\$116,304
Facilities	\$152,384
Other Expenditures	\$219,600
Transfer to Other Funds	\$29,482

Total Revenue.....\$2,660,583

11,829 card holders

42,701 library visitors

102,875 visits to our website

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

62,296reach

59,778

6,095views