Many youth events were hosted as well, with the Gingerbread House Kits alone reaching nearly 130 people per day, not including everyone who used curbside!

2,723 people have an active account at our library, including 426 new borrowers registered in 2021. They checked out 60,828 physical items in 2021. That's an average of 22 checkouts per borrower, & 1169 checkouts per week!

13,875 items were downloaded by our registered cardholders, including ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, music, movies, TV, and comics. That's 1,165 more than last year!

We shared our items with other libraries 6720 times and brought in items for our patrons 6274 times. That's an increase of nearly 20% over last year!

Of the 74,703 total items checked out by our patrons, 19% were digital downloads. That's an increase over 2020, even though we were open for physical borrowing all year.

The library hosted 56 in-person, virtual, and take-and-make events for adults, reaching 1,687 people. Many youth events were hosted as well, with the Gingerbread House Kits alone reaching nearly 600!

Our website had 43,913 visitors. That's 845 visits every week! The library events calendar was the most frequently visited page.

We gained 151 new followers on Facebook, and our page reach was 32,079. That's a reach increase of 11% over 2020.

There were 48,768 items on our shelves, plus another 1,093,912 digital items available to our patrons. That's more than 95 titles for every person living in our district.
**Director's Message**

The library’s second year of providing services during a pandemic proved to be every bit as interesting and challenging as the first. The entire staff demonstrated amazing commitment and resilience, working hard to be flexible and find ways to adapt library services to the ever-changing situation and still meet the needs of our community. On top of everything else, they summoned the energy to write FOUR successful grant applications for the benefit of area residents.

Some of the changes brought by the pandemic will become permanent, including curbside service, grab-and-go crafts, and no longer charging overdue fines for library items. Others, like masks and plexiglass shields, we hope to leave behind someday soon as we move steadily forward into brighter tomorrows.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with an amazing staff, dedicated board, and supportive community. Here's to an even better year in 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia DeMumbrum

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**2021 Highlights**

- Fines Free! The library no longer charges overdue fines.
- $87,534 in grants awarded for various projects including book pick-up lockers, solar powered picnic tables, a book bike, laptops and hotspots
- New air handlers and AC units installed
- Wi-Fi boosted in parking lot and additional outdoor seating added
- New online catalog introduced for better access to print and digital titles.

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**Financial Information**

Our 2021 general revenue, excluding donations, was $541,234. The operating millage, with the additional 0.25 mil approved by voters in 2020, accounts for 91% of the total. State aid and penal fines were the other large revenue sources. Donations, including $6,820 from the Friends Group and the final payment of the Ruth Anderson bequest, brought in an additional $32,136. Total expenditures were $473,844, resulting in an overall increase in net position of $99,526.

A new Capital Projects fund was created from the additional millage revenue, and the funds were used for a much-needed overhaul of the aging HVAC system and a new phone system. The fund was opened with $116,200 and expenditures came to $80,823, leaving a fund balance of $35,377 for future improvements.

The largest operating expense was personnel costs, at 47% of total revenue, and collection spending accounted for 6.4%, including amounts spent on the digital collection. Both amounts are in line with other libraries of similar size.

The library had a clean financial audit for 2021, and the library’s finances remain healthy. The operating fund balance increased by $9,839 to a total of $190,199. Of that, $62,022 is reserved for specific purposes. The remaining $128,177 is a rainy-day fund equal to just over 3 months operating expenses.