



# 2021 Annual Report



**West  
Perth**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Despite many challenges in 2021 due to pandemic restrictions, the Library celebrated its provincial re-accreditation along with new successes in introducing:



- Extended hours of operation
- A new website and logo
- Young Adult graphic novels
- Digital magazines
- Virtual crafting courses
- Summer programs at Mitchell Lions Park
- Story Walks at the Wetlands
- Mobile printing



# Quick Facts for 2021

- 2647 library cardholders
- 10 634 in-person visits
- 3242 reference questions
- 727 attendees in 87 programs
- 32 095 physical items checked out
- 1141 computer and wifi users
- 13 468 digital downloads
- 15 597 website visits
- 123 955 likes, shares, and followers on social media



# Financial Summary for 2021

## Revenues

Municipality of West Perth \$332 612

Province of Ontario \$24 827

Other Revenue \$8 700

**Total Revenue \$366 139**



Up 15.11% from 2020

## Expenditures

Library Materials \$61 764

Capital Projects and Technology \$33 889

Staffing and Training \$189 808

Facility and Utilities \$27 035

Administration and Supplies \$5900

**Total Expenditures \$318 396**



Up 2.38% from 2020

## A Message from the Library Board Chair

As has happened throughout historic times of global challenges and disruption as well as technological leaps like the printing press, electricity and the internet, society is faced with the challenge of finding our path through. We have had to learn, relearn and at times unlearn ways of doing things that no longer work in the current season our world faces. However, our mission at our library has remained consistent: to promote literacy and the life-long love of reading and learning. 2021 has been the year where our library adjusted to continually needing to adapt our methods to find creative ways to reach our community. Although the threads that hold our community together are stretched, at times seemingly beyond their capacity, we still see those connections formed and strengthened by our efforts at our library. We have taken learning and literacy outside and online and over the counter and on the street and under the awning. As we look forward to the new challenges and new opportunities that 2022 is sure to present us, we remain committed to our mission, even if it ends up looking different than it did last year, or for that matter, different than it did last week.

--Jesse Britton

# 2021 Library Board members

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