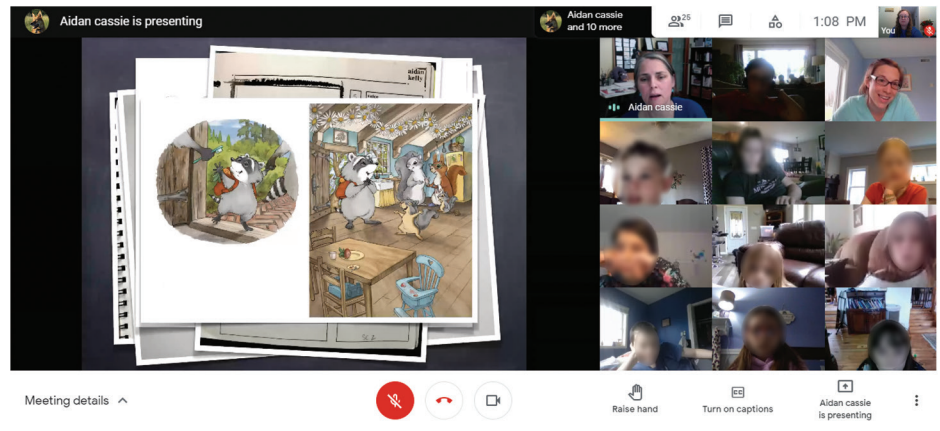




# HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021



**MESSAGE FROM  
THE BOARD CHAIR**  
David Purchase

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# Message From the Board Chair

## David Purchase, 2021 Library Board Chair

2021 was a year of recovery for the library as it was for much of our community. At the beginning of the year the library was just starting to reopen with the "Library To Go" program for patrons to order materials online and then pick them up at the door. For much of the previous year the library was completely closed due to major structural repairs in the building foundation as well as the pandemic lockdowns.

The Library To Go service was the first step in gradually resuming full library operations. Faced with so much uncertainty about the future of community life and the role of the library within it, the Library Board decided to delay working on a new Strategic Plan and instead adopted an interim bridge Strategic Plan for 2021 and 2022.

The focus for 2021 was to plan for ways and means to gradually reopen when circumstances permitted it. By summertime, the doors were reopened on a limited basis to the public. In the fall, hours were gradually increased and library programs began to be offered on the premises. By wintertime, the Boutique was reopened and library facilities were available for meetings.

The focus in the upcoming year will be looking at how the community use of the library has changed and how the library should adapt to meet those changing needs and wants. This will not mean closing any library facilities, services and programs but in potentially rebalancing them among the physical library, the virtual library and the library in the community.

The Library Board wishes to thank the CEO/Chief Librarian, David Tremblay, and his staff for their ongoing efforts in reopening the library and in planning for a changing future.

### David Purchase, HPL 2021 Board Chair

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#### Orange Shirt Day – Sept. 30, 2021

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"The days event was truly amazing. Made me very proud to be mayor of our community today... You did our town proud today."

~ *Mayor Karin Terziano*



"A great big thank you for all of your efforts in organizing a very meaningful Indigenous Commemoration and the sharing of learning and understanding for all of us."

~ *Community Member*



# Activity Report

## Annual Milestones



Activities  
Offered  
**351**

(2020)  
**252**



People  
Attended  
Activities  
**4,690**

(2020)  
**2,904**



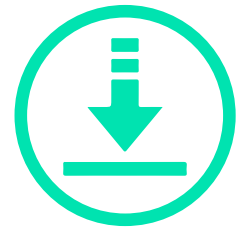
Items  
Checked  
Out  
**57,294**

(2020)  
**31,950**



Items  
Added to  
Collection  
**6,165**

(2020)  
**7,032**



Items  
Borrowed  
**39,034**

(2020)  
**42,771**

## Library to Go



Number of Users Picking Up  
Items (Jan - Aug 2021)  
**5,337**



"I just wanted to say thank you so much for picking out such great books for the girls. It was like Christmas. They were so excited about them. Great choices."

– Parent, regarding Book Bundles

Book Bundles Borrowed in 2021

**Kids - 278 | Teens - 8 | Adults - 37**

# Activity Report

## Annual Milestones

"Thank you for all you've done to make my life and others more interesting"  
~ *Book Club Attendee*

Dear Huntsville Library,  
Thank you for sharing this book. I asked my son to write a thank you, but I'm also grateful. We heard about this book on TikTok as a recommendation for reluctant readers (from a bookstore in the US) and we were so happy a copy could be found here.  
Thank you!

Thanks for lending us this book  
it was fun to read it

Thank you note sent  
through interlibrary  
loan



Visitors to the Library  
(Sept - Dec 2021)  
**25,139**



Active Card  
Holders  
Since 2020  
**3,107**



New Card  
Holders  
**666**



Questions  
Answered  
By Staff  
**4,331**

\*Library opened to the public in July 2021, but the people counter was not functioning until September\*

(2020, since 2019)  
**4,652**

(2020)  
**510**

(2020)  
**2,900**

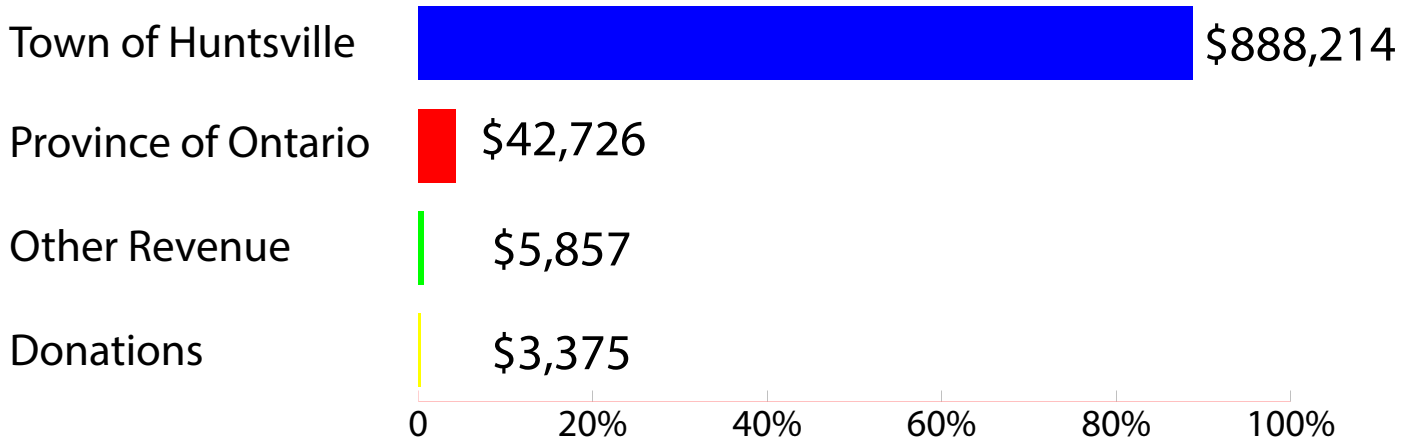


"The story walk on the Fairy Vista trail was wonderful today. Many kids on the trail were reading."  
~ *Community Member*

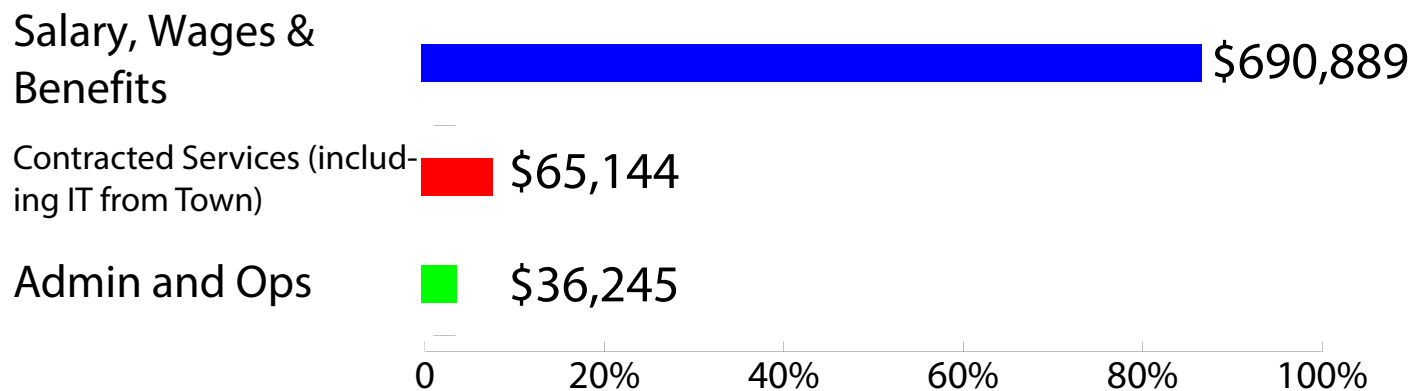
# Financial Summary

## Revenue and Expenditures

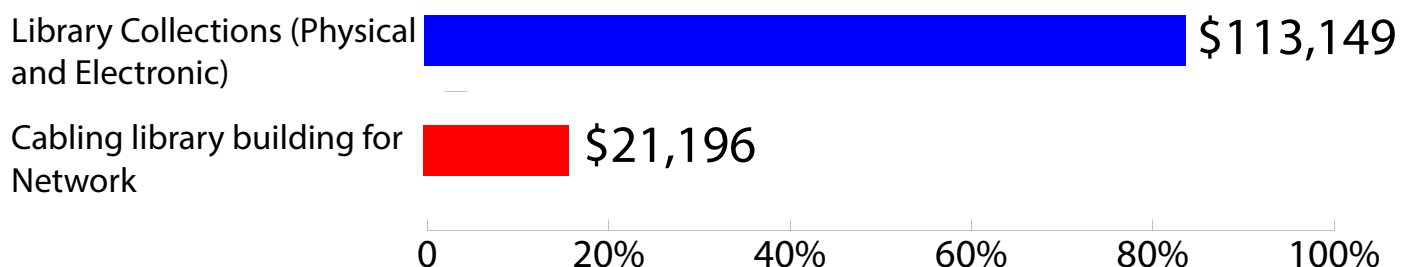
### Revenue | Total - \$940,172



### Expenditures | Total - \$792,278



### Capital Expenditures | Total - \$134,345

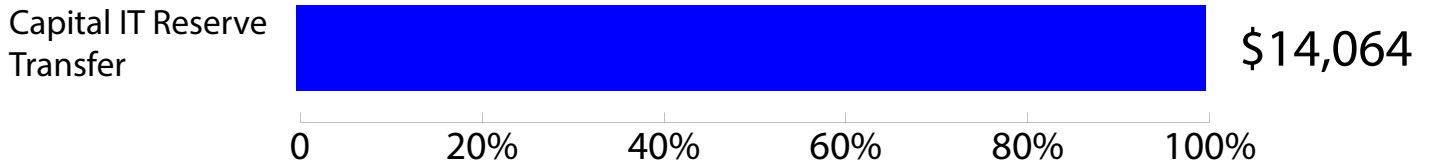




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### Reserve Transfers | Total \$14,064



### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library continues to provide financial fundraising support to the Huntsville Public Library. They provided funds to purchase READsquared, an online platform to run the Summer Reading Club in 2021. They have also contributed by paying for virtual children's performances during March Break and Summer. We are grateful for all their hard work and contribution to the library.



### Acknowledgements

The Library Board and Staff would like to thank the Friends of the Library, donors, and partners for their generosity and support. You all help us to achieve our goals and meet the needs of users.

*Community Art Collaboration  
~ Summer 2021*



#### VISION

A vital centre to collaborate, connect and explore the world in which we live.

#### MISSION

To provide accessible services, programs, collections and spaces designed to inspire and enrich the community.

#### VALUES

Intellectual Freedom  
Equitable Access  
Sustainability | Respect  
Innovation | Accountability  
Leadership | Community  
Life Long Learning | Creativity