



HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY **ANNUAL REPORT** **2020**



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David Purchase

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Message From the Board Chair

David Purchase, 2020 Library Board Chair

2020 was a unique and challenging year for everyone in our community and your library was not exempt. In addition to the impact of the Covid-19 virus, the library faced the need for major repairs to keep the building operational. Work on the roof and the foundation began in 2019 but continued well into 2020 culminating in a major overhaul of the foundation before the library building was habitable again. While some repairs will continue into 2021, we are now confident that the existing building will be able to continue to be the community hub for library programs, collections and services when we emerge from the pandemic.

In addition, the library also faced a further challenge in the arrival of our new CEO/Chief Librarian, David Tremblay, in the middle of the pandemic shutdown. David has shown great skill in taking over the operation of the library under these circumstances. He and the library staff have enlarged and improved our virtual library to keep library programs and services going. Once the building was habitable again, they developed the “Library-to-Go” to provide books and other materials to our patrons while keeping them and our staff safe at the same time.

On behalf of the library board, we wish to express our thanks to the library staff for overcoming these challenges and keeping the library operational, albeit in a limited fashion, and to the community for their patience and understanding as we navigated our way through the unique and challenging year that was 2020. We look forward to working with both the library staff and the community to bring a revamped and better library back to full operation in the coming year.

David Purchase, HPL 2020 Board Chair

“Amber has been fantastic coming up with all the virtual activities for the children. We have been looking forward to Storytime every week” – Parent



Activity Report

Annual Milestones



Activities
Offered
252



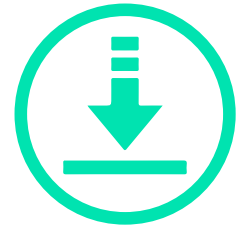
People
Attended
Activities
2,904



Items
Checked
Out
31,950



Items
Added to
Collection
7,032



Items
Borrowed
42,771



“The TD Summer Reading Club has been a great incentive for us to keep reading this summer; our family loves being part of it!”

– Parent



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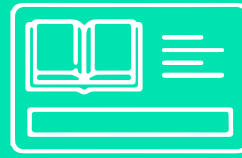
Virtual
Library
Visitors
43,511



Virtual
Library Page
Visits
84,030



Active Card
Holders
Since 2019
7,067



New Card
Holders
510



Questions
Answered
By Staff
2,900

"Thank you for continuing to run the programs with the Huntsville library! Seeing you today and hearing the stories, it's probably the happiest my son has been all week." – Parent



Financial Summary

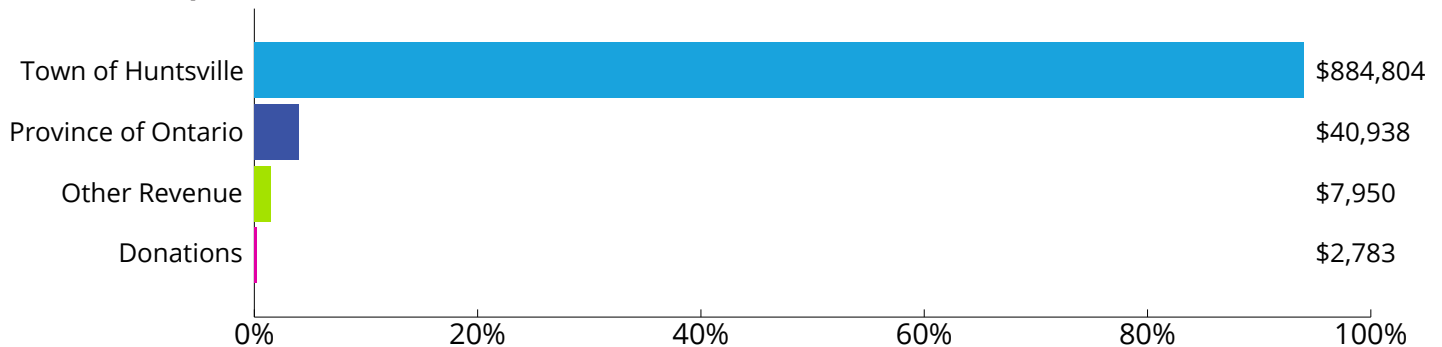
Revenue and Expenditures

Friends of the Library

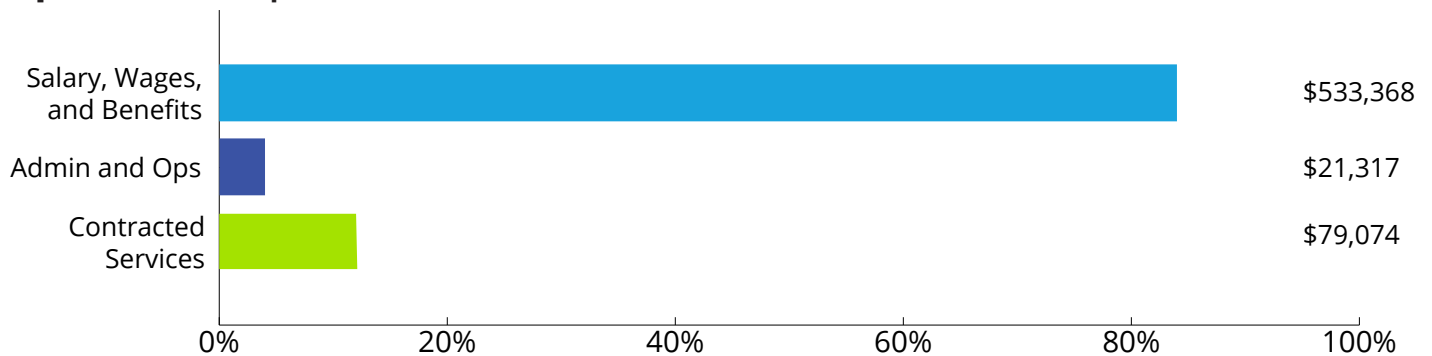
The Friends of the Library continues to provide financial fundraising support to the Huntsville Public Library. They provided funds to purchase READsquared, an online platform to run the Summer Reading Club online during the pandemic. We are grateful for all their hard work and contribution to the library.



Revenue | Total - \$936,475



Expenditures | Total - \$633,759

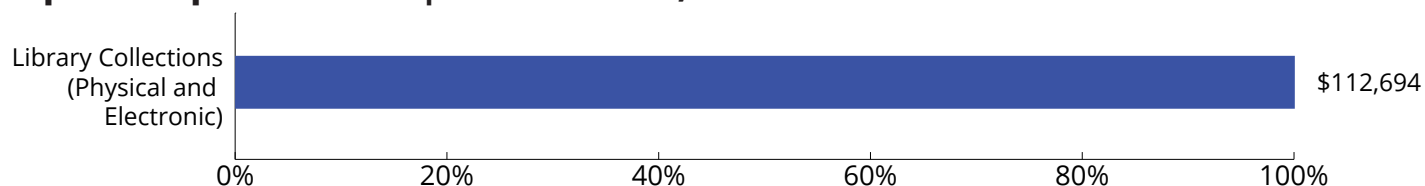


"We love your programs, so it's very easy to be supportive." – Elementary School Principal

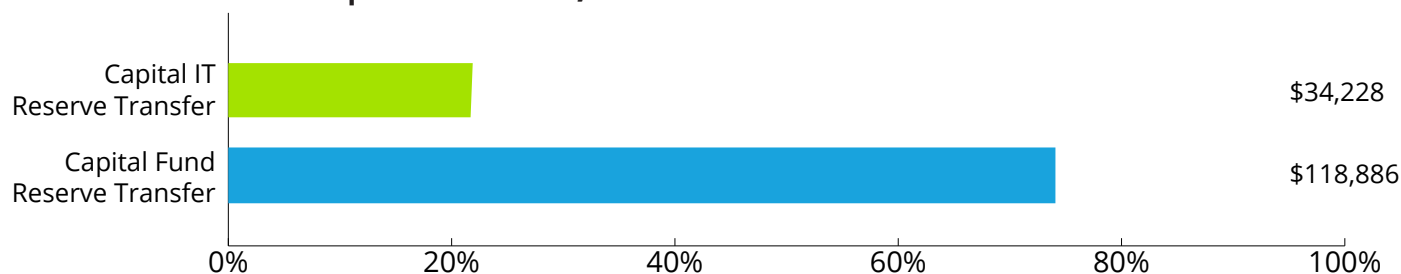
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Capital Expenditures | Total - \$112,694



Reserve Transfers | Total \$153,114



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.

"I am absolutely loving baby/toddler story time with Amber. I am so glad that the library is offering it via zoom. I have a three month old son and the interactive songs are so helpful. Being an older parent, I have totally forgotten all of the rhymes, games and lullabies that parents sing to their children. Joining in with Amber every Thursday lets me practice and remember these songs and rhymes so that I can sing to my son during the week. I even join storytime when my son is asleep so that I can learn new songs each week! Amber has done such a great job and is so friendly. The chaos of all the children unmuted always brings a smile to my face and Amber interacts with the children so well. Thank you so much for offering this program." – Parent



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