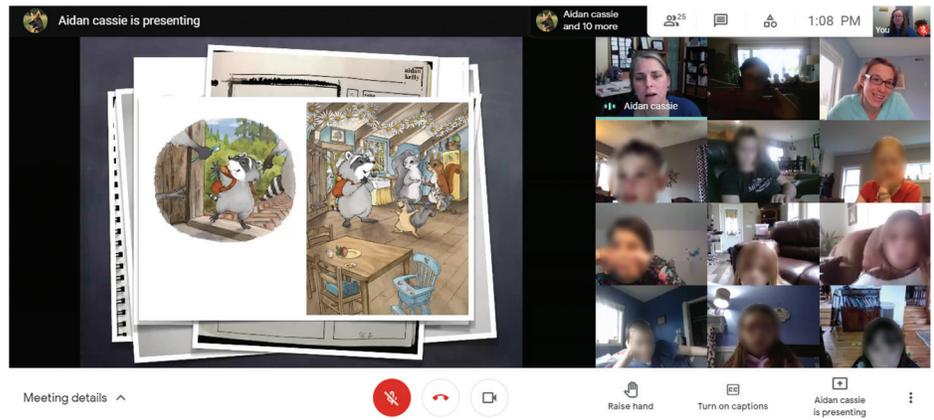




HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2021



**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

Orange Shirt Day - Sept. 30, 2021

"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



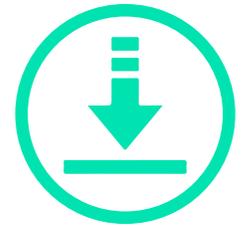
Items Checked Out
57,294

(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

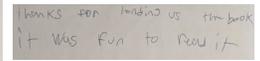
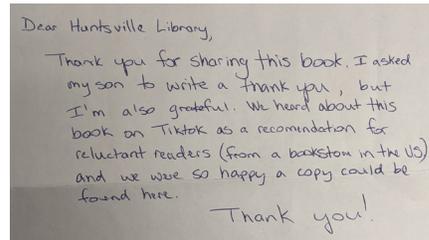
Book Bundles Borrowed in 2021

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*



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

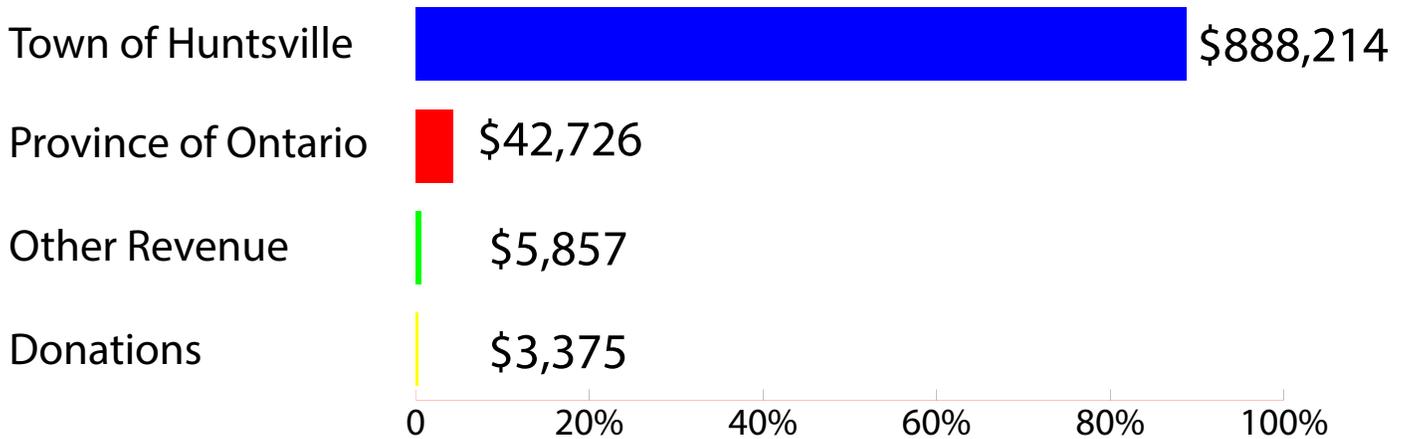


“The story walk on the Fairy Vista trail was wonderful today. Many kids on the trail were reading.”
~ *Community Member*

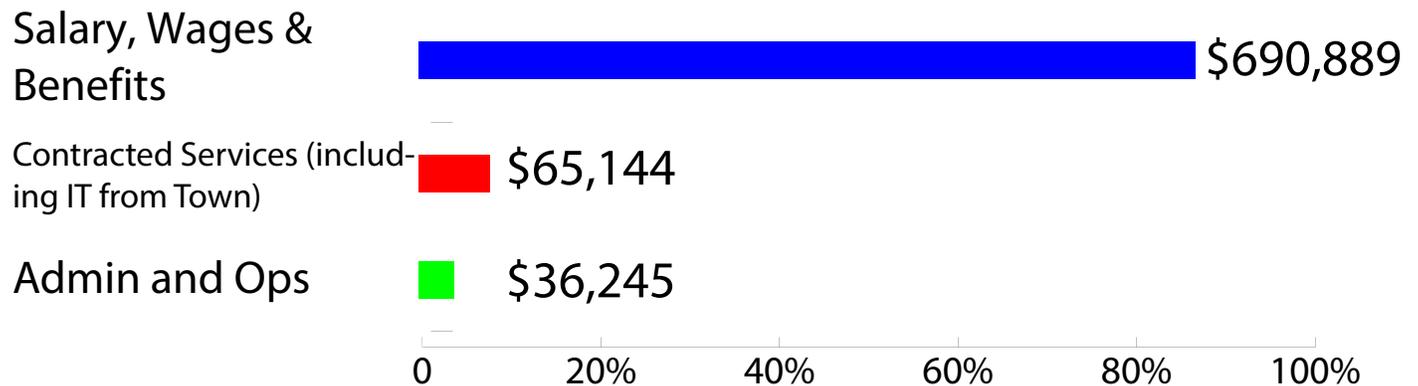
Financial Summary

Revenue and Expenditures

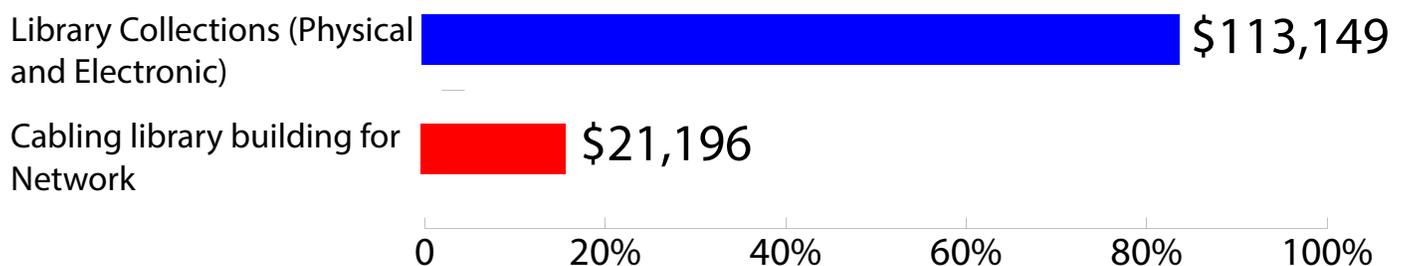
Revenue | Total - \$940,172



Expenditures | Total - \$792,278



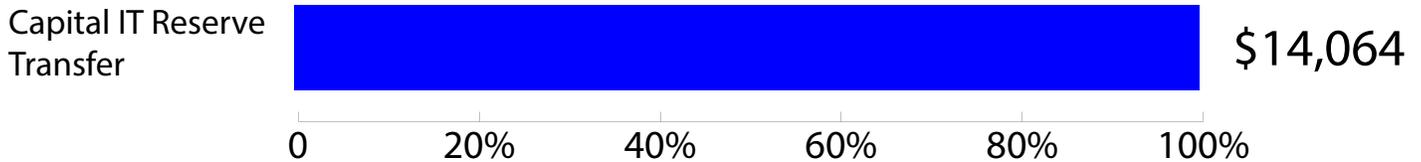
Capital Expenditures | Total - \$134,345



Financial Summary

Revenue and Expenditures

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