



The State of the Library April 2022

- In 2021, the number of books, eBooks, audiobooks, large print books, etc., borrowed by our community grew by 15% to a total of 511,935 check-outs system wide, including:
 - Bowling Green 342,250
 - Walbridge 42,022
 - Bookmobile 8,273
 - WC Jail Library 5,373
 - eBooks & digital content 114,017
- Number of cardholders is 22,842.
- We offered 448 programs attended by 12,098 people:
 - 103 adult programs with 1,570 attendees.
 - 345 youth programs with 10,526 attendees.
- The library owns a collection of 198,589 physical items.
 - 12,537 physical items were added.
 - Plus, 3,112 digital items were added.
 - 8,114 physical items were withdrawn.

2021 Highlights:

- The Foundation's No-Show Novel Night appeal raised over \$110,000 for the purchase of new books, audiobooks, eBooks, large print books, and picture books.
- Author visits: Carole Lindstrom & Michaela Goade, Nancie McDermott, Hannah Dennison, Susan Meissner, Beth Harbison, David Biedrzycki
- Over 9,000 COVID-19 Test Kits were distributed to the community.
- Expanded outreach services and home delivery throughout our service district.
- Creation of our digital collection, WCDPL OverDrive.
- We continued to serve the community during uncertain delivery situations by partnering with local Woodlink libraries and forming our own hub for sharing materials.
- New ways of getting books to patrons included book bundles and personalized reading suggestions.

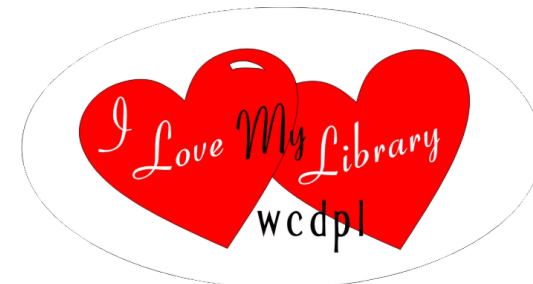
2021 Revenue:

Source:	Amount:	Percentage:
• State Public Library Fund	\$1,806,373	57.16%
• Local Levy	\$1,113,628	35.24%
• Fees, Misc.	\$25,332	0.80%
• Foundation & Friends	\$214,997	6.80%
Total	\$3,160,330	

2021 Expenditures:

Category:	Amount:	Percentage:
• Personnel	\$1,684,934	62.01%
• Print & Digital Materials	\$449,552	16.55%
• Supplies	\$44,943	1.65%
• Services	\$444,084	16.34%
• FFE & Technology	\$77,906	2.87%
• Other	\$15,607	0.57%
Total	\$2,717,026	

- 0.8 mill, 5-year levy passed in November 2010 with 58% approval.
- Levy RENEWED for 6 years in November 2014 with 70% approval.
- Levy RENEWED for 6 years in November 2020 with 73% approval.
- Levy funding accounts for 40% of the library's tax revenue support.
- The current levy will next be on the ballot in November 2026.
- State funding for libraries is set at 1.70% of General Revenue.
- As the economy improves and state revenues grow, so does support for libraries. As General Revenue decreases (or is cut), so does support for libraries.
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