



Loveland Public Library ANNUAL REPORT



2021-

FROM THE DIVISIONS

In 2021, Loveland Public Library worked to support the community of Loveland during a turbulent year of changing health regulations, increasing COVID-19 infection numbers, and a return to business as usual. We aimed to inform, inspire and engage our community through diverse programming, quality materials for checkout, and up-to-date technology.

Our Children's Division opened the Treehouse tweenspace, giving Loveland tweens their own space to explore. Librarians worked with a tween advisory group, TWIG, comprised of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to design the space. The group decided on a cool logo, fun programming, and exciting games to include in the new space. The opening coincided with the kick-off of the library's Summer Learning Program.

In Teens, teen patrons were engaged by new programs and resources at the library, including table-top role-playing with Dungeons & Dragons, 3D printing and Sewing certifications, creative writing workshops and fired pottery. Thompson School District students earned 150 volunteer hours, attended a virtual author visit with the famous Ally Condie, and took home over 9,000 meals in collaboration with KidsPak.

Adult Services supported patrons by working with Aspire3D housing to bring our PopUp computer lab to the community where librarians were able to do one-on-one technology training. This brought people closer to their families as they learned about Face-time, Zoom, or downloading pictures of family. In fall, they brought back the popular Día de Los Muertos celebration. To keep people informed of library and community happenings, Adult Services also launched the Loveland Libcast Podcast, where people can tune in bi-weekly to hear about upcoming community and library events.

The Technical Services team continued to inform and support the Loveland community through their behind the scene work. This year they cataloged and



processed over 12,000 new physical items. This included unusual items such as laptops, ukulele, and various kits. Their work ensured that people had access to the newest materials. Additionally, they worked to implement new software to help the library evaluate how the collection is being used and provide focus points for improvement.

Throughout the summer, Library Technology and Innovation held a series of makerspace open houses in order to celebrate the re-opening of the makerspace and to introduce the space to new residents. At these sessions, users of all ages were inspired to create projects, toys, prototypes, and tools using the 3D printers, Carving mill, art digitizer, graphic design software, microphones, video cameras, and digital drawing pens in the makerspace. LTI also migrated the library's website to a new platform with ample new features to improve the user experience, and began circulation of 10 laptops with built-in mobile data to help patrons get connected.

After 4 wonderful years of service, Library Director Diane Lapierre wrapped up her final year with the Loveland Public Library in December 2021. She has embarked on the next exciting journey in her career as the Executive Director of the Poudre River Library District.

BUDGET

2021 Revenue: \$3,306,443

Grants received included the United Way Grant, IMLS Grant, Rotary Grant, Corona Virus Relief Funds, State Library Grant, & Grow with Google Grant.

\$40,679 Friends

\$72,860 Grants

\$3,134,498 City General Fund

2021 Expenditures: \$3,068,591

\$45,273 Programming

\$72,860 Other Friends' Expenses

\$81,093 Electronic Materials

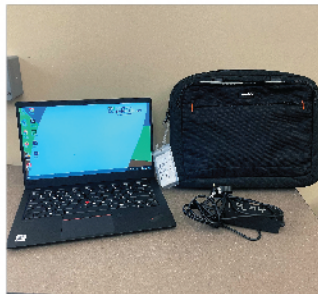
\$179,361 Library Materials

\$321,232 Operations

\$2,398,576 Salaries/Benefits

LIBRARY STORIES

The Library began circulating Windows 10 laptops with built-in mobile data & internet access at the end of 2020 using pandemic grant funds to help provide internet access outside the library. In 2021, the laptops were the most circulated individual items within the entire Library collection with 721 unique circulations.



The Teens Division added new programs & resources to support teenagers through experiential learning, including tabletop role-playing games, 3D printing & sewing certifications, creative writing workshops, fired pottery, & more. Throughout the year, 3,781 teens attended 139 Teen programs at the library.



Pandemic precautions presented unique challenges for caretakers who unexpectedly found themselves in charge of young children's early development. In response, the Children's Division used

grant money to purchase & assemble 12 Brain Boxes for checkout. These boxes, each tailored to a specific age group, contain learning activities for children & caretakers to support development.



Adult Services partnered with Homeward Alliance to connect our community with resume & application assistant, technology & job skills & other resources. These essential services

helped community members build stronger job skills & supported them in seeking employment.

In 2020, the Children's Division had the opportunity to distribute desks made by CreatorSpace to support preschool kids learning from home by setting them up with desks their size. They held a contest to pick 10 local children to send desks home with. In 2021, we had the opportunity to connect 10 more children with these pint-sized desks!



Obtaining a high school diploma is often an essential step to starting a career or attending higher education. To support community members' career & higher education goals, Adult Services connected the library with Career Online High School. This pilot program provides a limited number of scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to expand their career opportunities, prepare for workforce entry and continue their education.

