# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

LAKE CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY



# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Lake County Community,

As I looked back at our achievements in 2021 for this report, I was both surprised and proud at what we were able to do in year 2 of the pandemic. We expanded several of our collections, we recruited several awesome staff members, and we carried out excellent programming in new and innovative ways! My favorite program last summer was our Destination Storytimes, which brought us out into the community to safely deliver storytimes at spots such as the Animal Shelter and the Healy House.

We were also the recipient of several grants! Two grants that deserve special mention are from Climax and Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. We received \$7,000 from Climax to install a permanent Storywalk along the Mineral Belt Trail above the library. Stay tuned for a launch party in June...as long as the snow melts! We also received \$25,000 from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority to start a tool library. Our partners at Lake County Build a Generation thought it would be a good fit for us (it is!) and we are eternally thankful for our community partnerships.

We want to say thank you (again!) to all of our patrons for their patience last year as we navigated changing mandates and experimented with new delivery methods for our programming.

Sincerely, Brena Smith Director

# THE FIGURES

2,780

ADDITIONS TO COLLECTION

Adult 1,285
Children's 860
Young Adult 288
Spanish 201
Tool Library 86
LoT 60

35,147
TOTAL CIRCULATION
CHECKOUTS

Library of Things 528 Mobile checkout 85

**InterLibrary Loan** 

Requested by LCPL 8,503 Sent out to other libraries 2,620 335
NEW BORROWERS

### PROGRAMS & SERVICES

2021 was the year for trying new things for programming! We implemented Beanstack, a new way to track reading minutes and activities online or through their app. We did four reading challenges with 308 registered participants. We also expanded our reading challenges to include adults!

As the weather warmed up in the summer, we got out into the community and launched Destination Storytimes. Many of our community partners, such as the Fish Hatchery and the Tabor Opera House, co-hosted storytimes with us. This was a fun way to engage with our community safely. We also put together Take-and-Make kits with fun crafts.

We launched a Bookmarks Project, a program that gets kids excited about books, expands knowledge and reading skills, and allows families an invitation to share ideas together. We feature a display of books from a different theme each month. When kids read one of the books from the Bookmarks display, they can then come to the library's front desk and answer a few questions about the book. The participants then receive a prize, typically a treat on the town. They will then be entered into a drawing to win a free starter library, which consists of 3 books.

### PROGRAMS



#### Fall

Pre & Elementary School in library for weekly storytimes Storytime - Expanded to 2 days/week

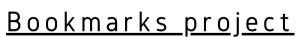
AMAX Room opened for public

again

<u>Spring</u> Plant swap High Altitude Gardening Workshop

Summer
Destination storytimes
Drive in
Take & Make





Reading Challenges
Winter Reading
March Wellness
Summer Reading
Local History

### SERVICES

27,281 Wifi Usage

> 2,808 Public Computer Usage

26,993 Total Visitors

### RECRUITMENT

The library was incredibly lucky to recruit 4 (!) new full time staff members:



Lanna Gonzales Materials and Marketing Supervisor



Becky Ison Children's Services Coordinator



Diego Gonzàlez Spanish Services Coordinator



Matt Baumgartner Young Adult Services Coordinator

## GRANTS RECIEVED



granted to LCPL through Colorado's State Grant to Libraries. The funds are used for digital and print collections.



granted to LCPL through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant funding was provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Colorado State Library to help communities respond directly and immediately to the pandemic, as well as to related economic and community needs through equitable approaches in digital inclusion and library services.



granted to LCPL through Climax's Site Investment Grant to install a permanent Storywalk on the Mineral Belt Trail.



granted to LCPL from Colorado Housing and Finance Authority to start a Tool Library.

# WE'LL CHECK BACK IN AFTER 2021

