

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

Spring

Plant swap
High Altitude Gardening Workshop

Summer

Destination storytimes
Drive in
Take & Make



Bookmarks project

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 González
Spanish Services Coordinator



Matt Baumgartner
Young Adult Services
Coordinator

GRANTS RECEIVED

\$5,500

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

\$6,000

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.

\$7,000

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

\$25,000

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

WE'LL CHECK
BACK IN AFTER
2022!

