

# ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

*Enriching Lives. Inspiring Minds. Creating Community.*





# FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a difference a year makes! In the beginning of last fiscal year, July 2020, Maine was only just emerging from the Governor’s Executive Order to ‘Stay Healthy at Home.’ At the time, the Library’s focus was on planning for a safe re-opening to the public and in the meantime, continuing to offer curbside pickup, grab-n-go kits, expanding our Books on Call service, and bolstering our digital content.

Use of Hoopla and Libby, our online platforms for streaming movies, music, and audiobooks as well as downloadable e-books, comics, and magazines, went through the stratosphere. The sheer volume of emails and notes of gratitude we received indicated just how critical a service it was to help kids, teens, and adults remain engaged – not to mention sane – at a time when so many were still working and schooling from home – all while the world awaited a return to “normal” social activities and gatherings.

With some creativity and finagling, our Summer Reading program was a resounding success with registration up 55%! By fall, we were offering online programs for adults. Some of our most heavily attended programs included York resident Dr. Alan Gitelson’s discussion of the contentious 2020 election and our Race and Equity series with Dustin Ward, a local racial equity and reconciliation advocate and former pastor. Virtual trivia nights and weekly online meditation sessions were also quite popular.

YPL took advantage of the various stretches in which

we remained closed to the public to focus attention on some housekeeping projects. We re-designed and launched a new website and logo. We gave the entire building interior a much needed sprucing up with a few fresh coats of paint. And we phased out a 20 year old phone system and moved to VOIP.

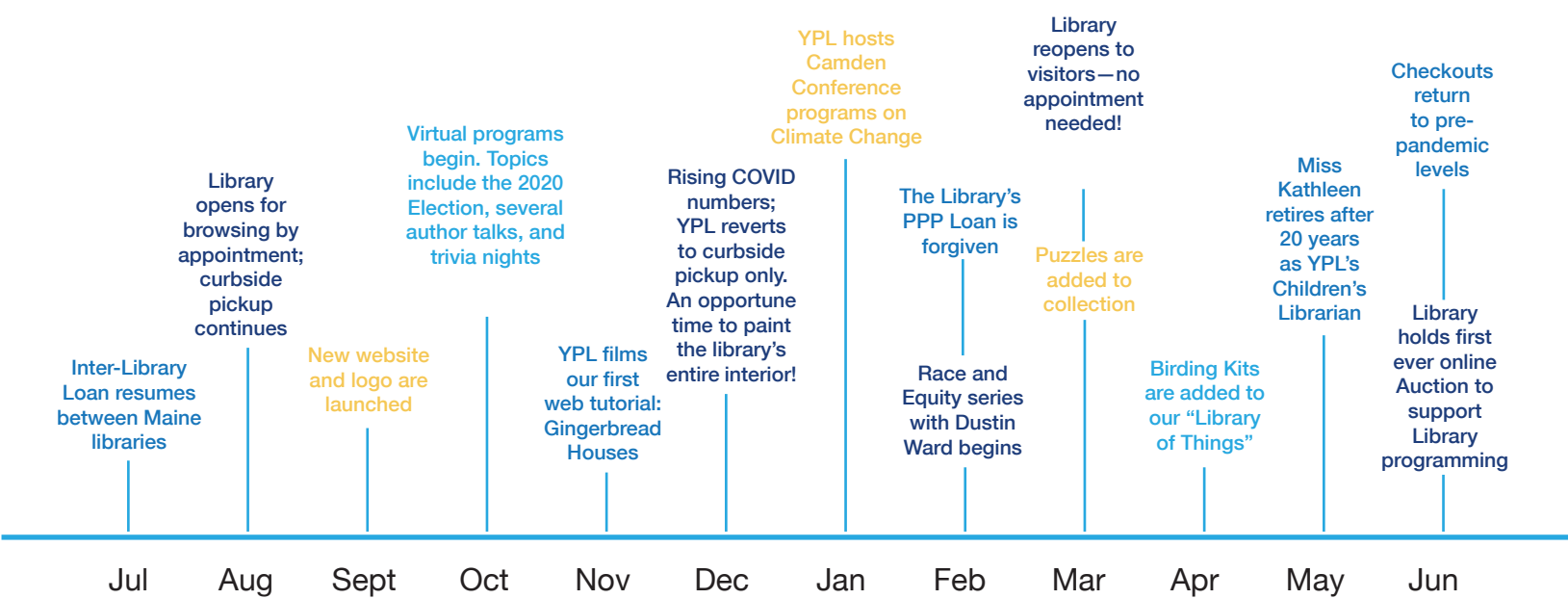
It wasn’t until we neared the end of the fiscal year that 75% of York county had received both vaccines and boosters were well on their way. This proved to be the deciding factor for many in feeling comfortable to return to the Library - fully masked, of course. For our pint-sized patrons, the return to Library visits concluded on a sad note with the retirement of a legend in these parts. After 20 years, we said a collective goodbye to longtime Children’s Librarian, Miss Kathleen. We wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement.

Looking ahead, we wish all good things to everyone as we each continue to define what it means to ‘Enrich Lives. Inspire Minds. Create Community’ in the time of COVID. We remain grateful for your ongoing support of *your* Library.

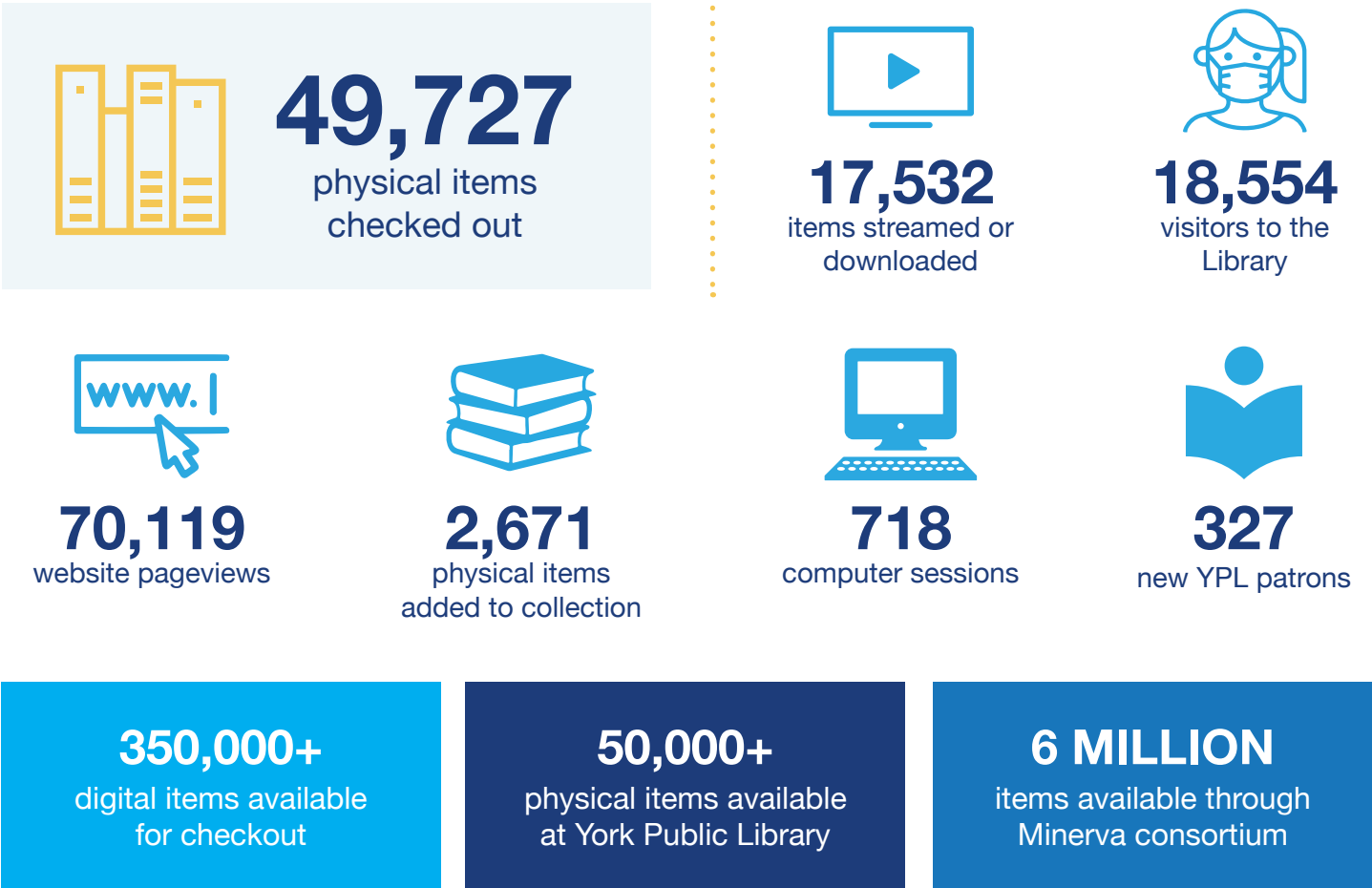


Warmly,  
*Michelle Sampson*  
**Michelle Sampson**  
Executive Director

# 2020-2021 LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS



# By the Numbers



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## REVENUE

Town of York.....	\$628,010
PPP Loan Forgiveness.....	\$75,039
Association Membership.....	\$62,574
Grants.....	\$29,102
Auction.....	\$30,903
Restricted Gifts.....	\$7,432
Unrestricted Gifts.....	\$37,887
Investment Income	
Donor Restricted.....	\$27,892
Unrestricted.....	\$34,562
Other.....	\$4,397

**TOTAL REVENUE..... \$937,798**

## EXPENSES

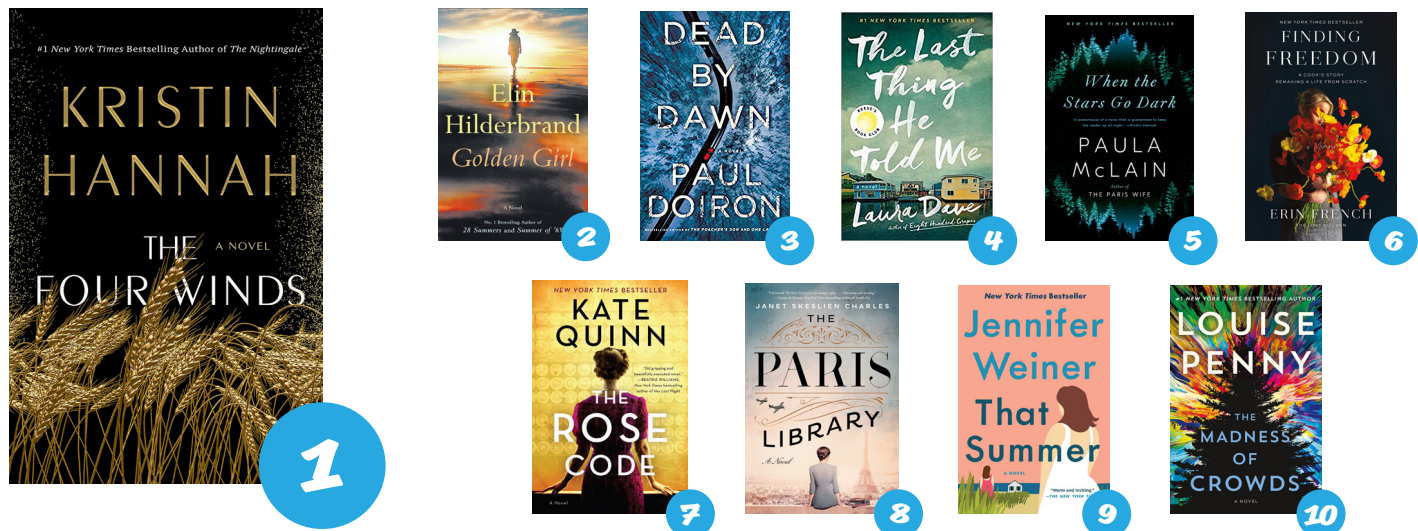
Salaries and Benefits.....	\$629,560
Facilities.....	\$138,216
Acquisitions.....	\$57,351
Services.....	\$48,532
Supplies.....	\$16,057
Capital.....	\$26,065

**TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$915,781**



# MOST POPULAR CHECKOUTS

Top Titles Borrowed in 2021



# PROGRAMS

Throughout the pandemic as Library hours of operation fluctuated and social distancing guidelines continued, the number of programs we were able to offer fell far below that of a typical year—though were still well-attended.



# CURBSIDE & OUTREACH



5,909  
curbside  
visitors



332  
school visit  
attendees



700+  
grab-and-go kits  
handed out



317  
summer readers  
(204 in 2020)

# ANNUAL SUPPORT

We are grateful for the funding we receive each year from the **Town of York**. Without this operational support, we would be unable to sustain the number and quality of programs, services, content platforms, and variety of materials area residents have come to enjoy and expect from their library.

The **Virginia Parsons Endowment** provides support for the Library's Youth Services Department. "Jinny" was a beloved teacher at York High School for 40 years and a Trustee Emerita of the York Public Library Association. She worked tirelessly to help fundraise for our existing facility. Her many contributions have left a lasting imprint on the community.

The Library also receives annual support from the **YPLA General Endowment Fund**.

# GRANTS

York Public Library thanks the following organizations for their generous support of library operations, Summer Reading, digital platforms, resources for seniors, and music programming in FY21:

- The Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation
- Network of the National Library of Medicine, New England Region
- Kennebunk Savings Bank
- The David A. Dionne Charitable Trust

# 2021 AUCTION

Our first online auction was a tremendous success! From jewelry and handcrafted goods to dining and one-of-a-kind experiences, the Auction offered something for everyone. Our first edition of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* grossed over \$10,000 for the Library! Funds raised from the Auction will support Library programs, from guest speakers to Ukulele classes to musical concerts and more. We would like to thank the many local businesses and individuals who contributed such wonderful auction items as well as our Auction Committee for volunteering their time and talent to make this event such a success.

## Special thanks to our Auction Sponsors:

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SAVE THE DATE: Our 2022 Auction is June 10-18!



# A FOND FAREWELL

After 20 years with York Public Library, Children's Librarian "Miss Kathleen" Whalin has hung up her puppets for good and is now enjoying a well-earned retirement. Lucky are we that she landed in York, to become a fixture in the community and help shape the lives of so many young people. We already miss her characters and voices, her uncanny book recommendations, her unending knowledge of children's literature, and her "Sock Fairy" visits to the YPL staff room.

"How lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

- WINNIE THE POOH



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YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

THE YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (YPLA), incorporated in 1922, is the private, nonprofit entity that owns and governs York Public Library and protects its future. Public funding provides a basic operating budget for the Library, but we rely on contributions from the Association and its members to supplement town funding to meet the needs of our community.

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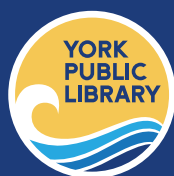
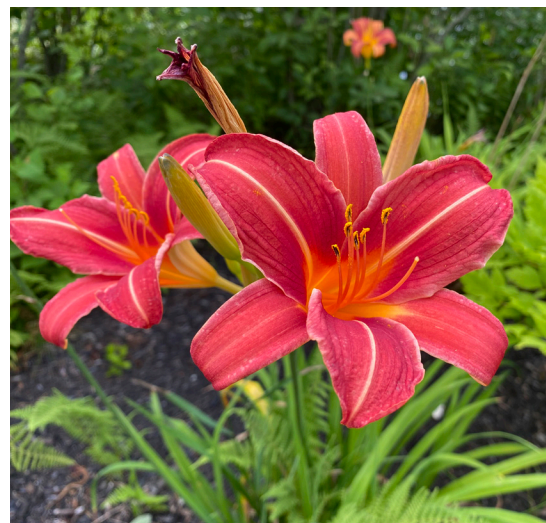
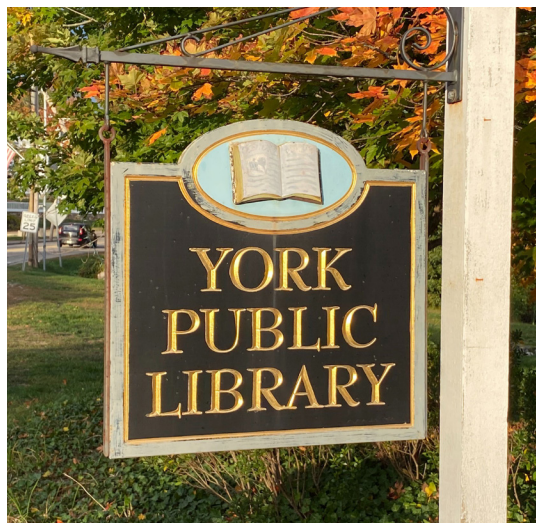
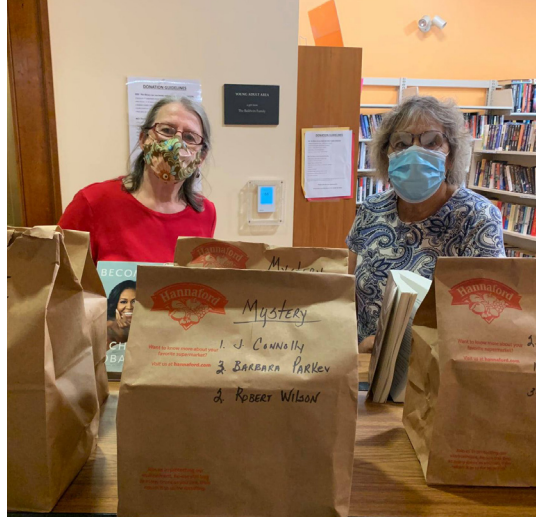
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