

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

It is our pleasure to put in your hands the 2021 Annual Report of the Brooks Public Library. This has been another full year for our library as well as our board. We are very proud of the services we offer and how the year progressed. We want you to be proud as well - this is your library.

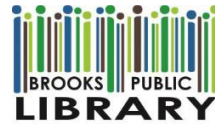
The Brooks Public Library has served the community with pride since opening our doors 71 years ago. We continue to provide high quality service with the ultimate goal of making our library an exciting place to be. Our staff works day and night to provide a first class service to our patrons, specifically, and to the community in general. Our board is always eager to support creative and innovative ideas to build a strong infrastructure foundation to grow our library into a modern library, as we remain vital and responsive to traditional library services.

2021 was an interesting year that has required the board and staff to approach library service in new and innovative ways. In keeping with government guidelines, we have initiated Curbside Pickup services, advanced telephone supports, and expanded online student support including exam supervision.

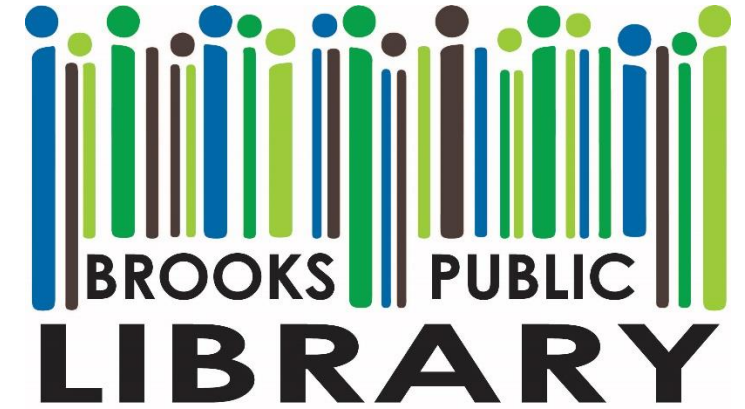
We would like to thank all those that supported us through the years. Special thanks to the Government of Alberta, the City of Brooks and the County of Newell for their ongoing support.

Finally, on behalf of our library family, our deepest gratitude to all our patrons and community members. You are the reason we do this. It is an honour to serve you all. Thank you!

City of Brooks Library Board



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2021 Brooks Public Library Annual Report

VISION STATEMENT

Brooks Public Library: A vital source of lifelong growth and learning at the heart of a vibrant, diverse community connected to the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

Brooks Public Library provides empowering opportunities with access to high quality services, collections, and facilities for all.

PLAN OF SERVICE 2019-2021

Our current Plan of Service outlines central goals for the Brooks Public Library. Those goals help the library fulfill its purpose, falling into the following 3 areas of focus:

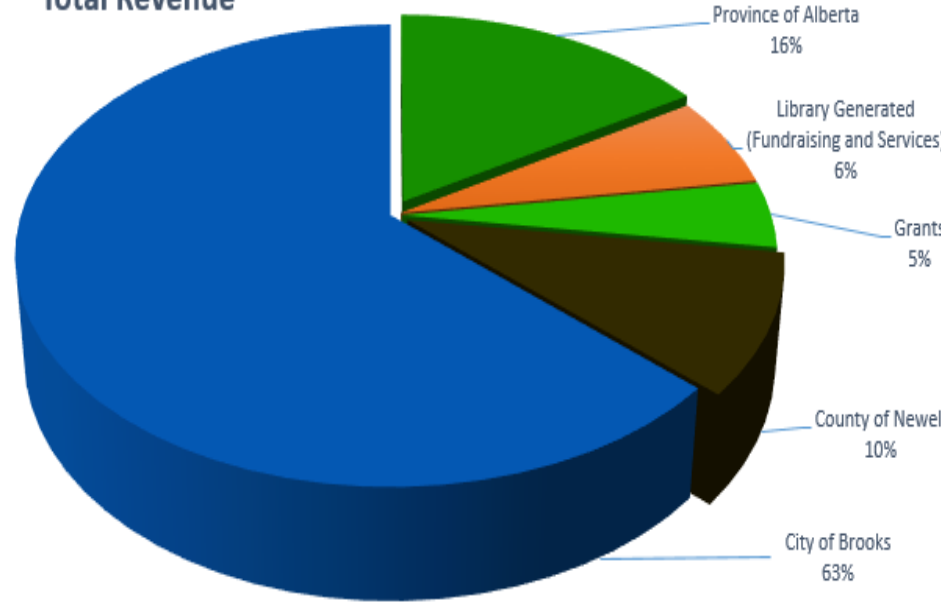
1. Know Your Community
2. Connect to the Online World
3. Become a Reader

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

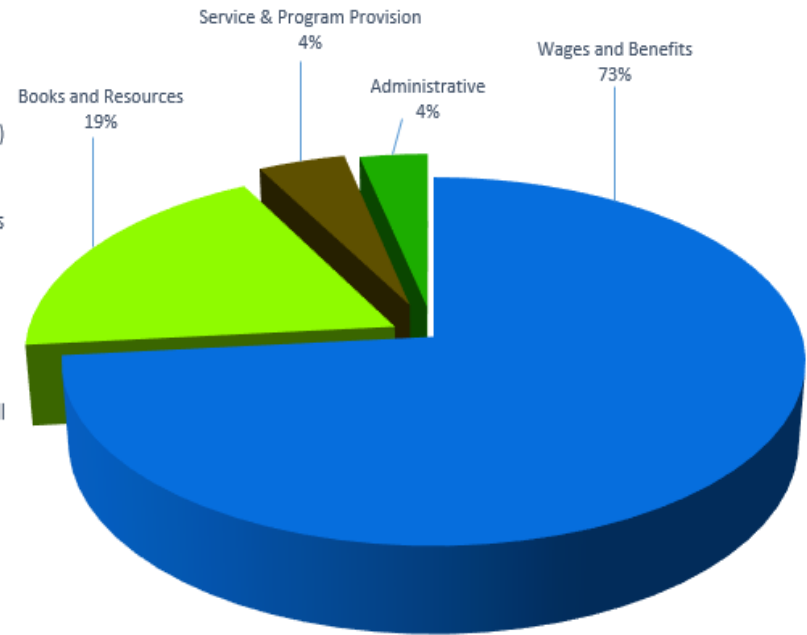
Biftu Abdalla
Bjornda Bjornson
Cathy Fox
Jon Nesbitt
Sarah Zottl

Shelley Barkley
Joel Cyr
Denise LaRocque
Robyn Nesbitt

Total Revenue



Total Expenditures



The library had **30,649** in-person and curbside visitors during the last year...



...contributing to a total of **56,238** checkouts ...in addition to **30,148** website visits!



We offered **99** programs...



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **23,513** times

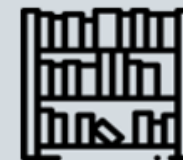
The library has **21** public computers and they were in use for a total of **3,008** hours!



There were also **17,527** connections to our Wi-Fi



The library added **4,411** new items last year



Bringing the total collection to **50,933**



... **503** people attended in total!



And brought in **16,147** items upon patron request



Brooks Public Library 2021