



# 2021

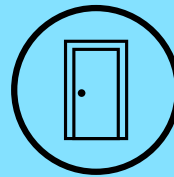
# ANNUAL REPORT



The library was open **2,201** hours in 2021



**5,275** people have a card at our library



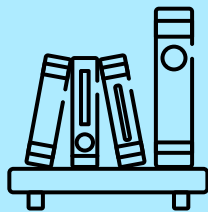
**37,894** people walked through our doors last year



In addition to **23,973** website visits



**2,893** new items were added last year



Bringing the total collection to **21,552**



There were **23,693** downloads of e-Content



Including **training classes, eAudio, eBooks, films & music**



Community members borrowed **85,155** physical items



Contributing to a total of **108,848** checkouts



That is **24.6% higher** than 2020!



Saving High Riverites **1.6 million dollars**





We offered **192** programs for kids



**179** for adults and seniors



**91** for young adults



And **178** for families



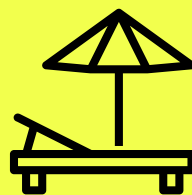
**6,488** people attended in total!



The library's patio was the venue for many programs.

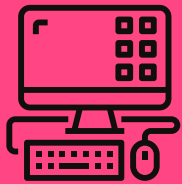


Thanks to funding from the Gathering Places Project, the space saw improvements including **electrical outlets, loungers, storage**, and more!

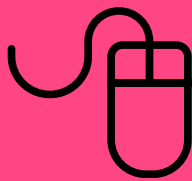


Even with the building closed for 4.5 months, program participation rose by **2.4%**





The library has **9** public computers



Patrons used them for **3,029** sessions



They also connected **56,963** times to our Wi-Fi!



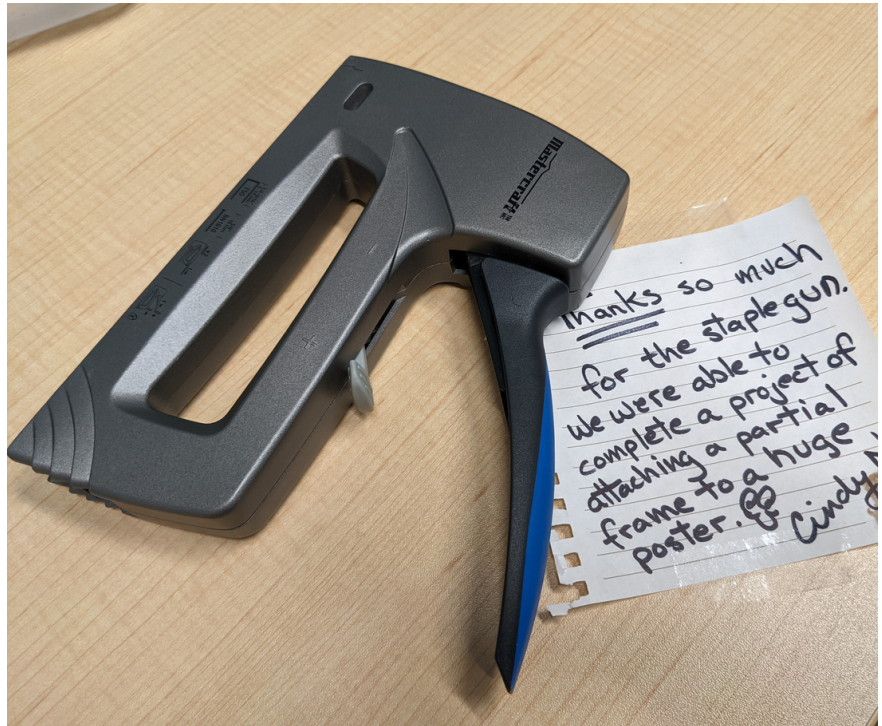
We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **24,880** times



And brought in **37,241** items upon patron request



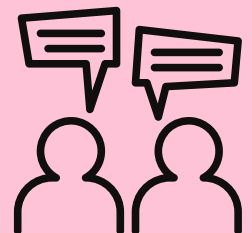
In response to students, families, and individuals needing stable at-home Internet for online learning and connection, **4 Telus smart hubs (with data) and 2 Chromebooks** were added to the **Gadgets to Go** collection.



Thanks so much for the stapler. We were able to complete a project of attaching a partial frame to a huge poster. @Cindy



You provided us with community feedback on which we based our strategic goals for the next 5 years.



### Relationship Building

*Meeting social connection needs and forming new partnerships for the benefit of the community.*

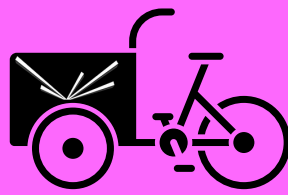
### Community Learning & Discovery

*Providing spaces that work in the library building. Developing programs that encourage reading and advance early and lifelong learning.*

### Access and Awareness

*Building awareness of library services of benefit to community members. Delivering affordable access to resources needed to thrive.*

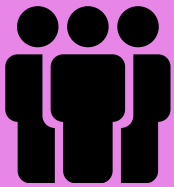




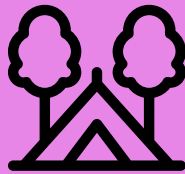
2021 was the first summer the book bike offered community outreach services

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Staff provided reading materials, accepted returns, & presented programs 4 days/week



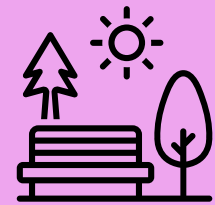
On one busy day, the book bike saw 44 patrons during a 1.5 hour period!



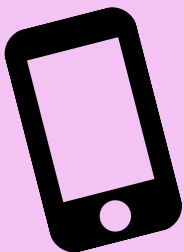
High River Parks & Rec Day Campers received free library cards & bike visits



The in-person summer reading program resumed safely in 2021 mainly outdoors.



Other healthy outdoor activities included Marigold's Story Walks & a local partnership with Dream Developments.



The Beanstack app supports local reading challenges & encourages reading throughout the year.



Further supporting learning, the library offered tutoring, the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program, and peer reading support.

