



Putting
Community First



CHERYL SPACE, Library Director

Despite the challenges and pain of COVID, our libraries create a future filled with hope, connection, and innovation. I see bright lights everywhere: an outdoor jazz concert; children listening to stories in the sunlight; people signing up for library cards and book delivery in the park; PVD Young Makers building and painting custom sound systems; families learning Colombian folk dances; free seed libraries; bountiful electric outlets at Knight Memorial; and PCL Reads connecting passionate readers across the city!

The shelves are bursting with bilingual TED (Take, Explore, and Discover) Kits, filled with cool items like ukuleles, globes, and magnifying glasses, for students to borrow. During the pandemic, our doors remained open and our staff created important moments of social connection, both in person and online, for our library users.

Our staff warmly greet every visitor and care that each person who walks out the door is satisfied. Providence is a diverse, multilingual community, and we've been expanding our Spanish language programs, communications, and collections to be even more inclusive.

At the heart of everything we do is the desire to put the needs of the community first...

which is why I am thrilled we are changing our name to the *Community Libraries of Providence*. We've got ***something worth sharing*** --- with you, every day --- new books, free wifi, exciting programs, talented community members, and incredible staff.

Read on to learn about YOUR community library and discover stories that you'll want to share with friends, neighbors, and family.

We look forward to seeing you on your next visit!



a community
of leaders



PATRICIA RAUB, President, Board of Directors

As I end my term as PCL Board President and step down from the Board of Directors, I look back at a dozen years that have been, in turns, nerve-racking and exhilarating.

We have had our share of budget crises, punctuated by the occasional financial windfall. We have experienced roof leaks, boiler breakdowns, sewage backups, and electrical problems offset by successes in repairing and renovating a number of our library buildings. We encountered more than our share of staff turnover in our early years, but now we can boast of having a more stable and 100% top-notch team throughout the entire organization under the steady, inspired leadership of *Cheryl Space*, our Library Director.

We've come to learn that libraries are much more than repositories of books.

Over the years, we have been delighted to watch PCL expand and strengthen its many programs and services to the community. We have seen for ourselves that these offerings are enriching the lives of diverse groups and individuals throughout the city. As one of the “parents” of Providence Community Library, I have watched our fledgling organization mature and begin to move forward confidently. It is with some sadness but much pride that I, the last of the “founders”, move aside.

I leave the organization to enter a new phase in its development, as the renamed *Community Libraries of Providence*, in the capable hands of the next generation of board members.

About our Board

Providence Community Library is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 25 Directors. Nine Directors serve as “Friends organizations” representatives, one for each of our nine neighborhood libraries. The Mayor of Providence appoints three Directors to the Board; two are members of the community and one is a member of the Mayor’s staff. Three more community members are appointed, two by the City Council and one by the Governor of Rhode Island. The Library’s staff elects one representative to the Board. The nine remaining positions are elected by these sixteen Directors. The entire Board then elects four of its members to serve as officers.

Board of Directors (2020-21)

- Patricia Raub, President
(Friends of Wanskuck representative)
- Tony Aguilar, Vice President (at-large)
- Pam Vogel, Treasurer (Governor’s representative)
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- LaJuan Allen (Mayoral staff representative)
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(Friends of South Providence representative)
- Kendra Brewster (at-large)
- Avital Chatto (at-large)
- Joan Dagle
(Friends of Washington Park representative)
- Jordan Day (Mayoral staff representative)
- Deborah Del Gais
(Friends of Mt. Pleasant representative)
- André Herrera (City Council appointee)
- Caleb Horton (City Council appointee)
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- Sarah Morenon (Mayoral appointee)
- Tim Moroz
(Friends of Rochambeau representative)
- Joseph Morra (Staff representative)
- Raffini (Mayoral appointee)
- Paige Raposa (at-large)
- Amy Rosa (Staff representative)
- Adriana Vargas (at-large)
- Zachary Weinberger
(Fox Point Friends Representative)
- Cyndie Wilmot
(Friends of Olneyville representative)
- Lynn Zagoudis-Eastridge
(Friends of Smith Hill representative)

Our pandemic priorities: a community in need and a need to be in the community



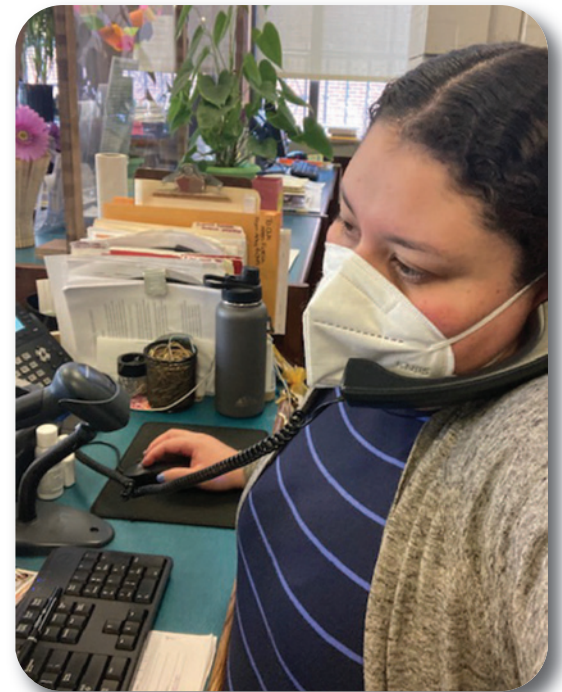
Adapting to the “New Normal”

As the pandemic continued, we upgraded ventilation in our facilities, created new signage, installed hands-free sanitizer stations and offered free masks. Curbside pickup of materials continued and returning library materials were “quarantined.” Providing safe access to public computers was a special challenge. **Heritage Restoration** created specially adapted computer stations with plexiglass barriers and public device users received a fresh keyboard and mouse for every session. New software permitted staff to help patrons on computers from a safe, social distance and users to print directly from devices to our printers.



“We worked with Carol Osborne of Smith Hill Community Development Corporation, Claudia Hincapie, Community Health Worker, and the National Guard to set up Covid-19 testing. They were amazing and moved heaven and earth to get people tested. Testing was done two mornings a week, January -June 2021 in the library parking lot, and Covid vaccines were given in May and June. ”

- Alan Gunther, Library Manager



Fidelia, a bilingual staff member, takes calls at Olneyville.

“An ounce of prevention” Getting Shots in Arms

Library staff helped PVD residents who needed extra assistance to navigate the sign-up process for vaccination appointments in the City’s online system and many staff also generously volunteered their time at City of Providence-run vaccination clinics. By Spring 2021, most library locations started to offer Moderna or Pfizer vaccines right on site.



a community
in response



Ms Cheri at Rochambeau
gives out bike lights

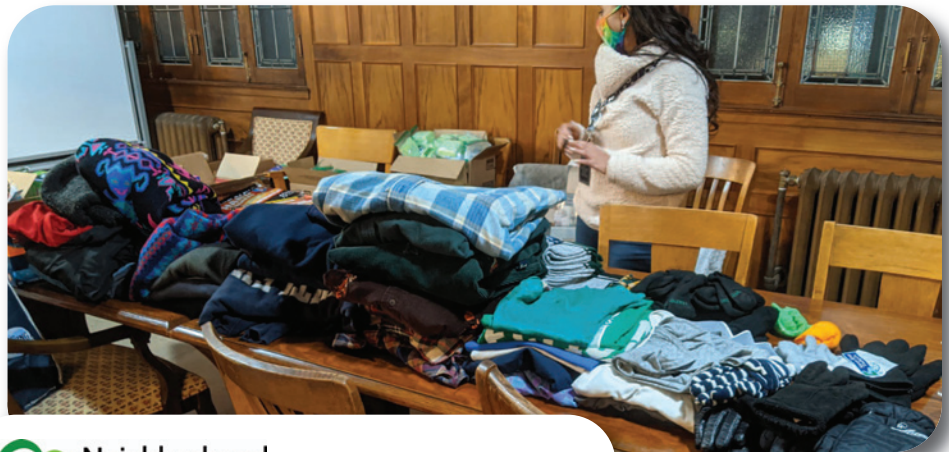
Lighting the way

In a very popular and successful campaign, we partnered with the **RI Bicycle Coalition** to distribute free bike lights to the city's cyclists.



Warm hearts

Many Providence children have inadequate winter clothing. Working with **Neighborhood Health Plan RI** and **Providence Community Health Centers**, libraries distributed free sets of warm hats, mittens and coats to any child that needed them.



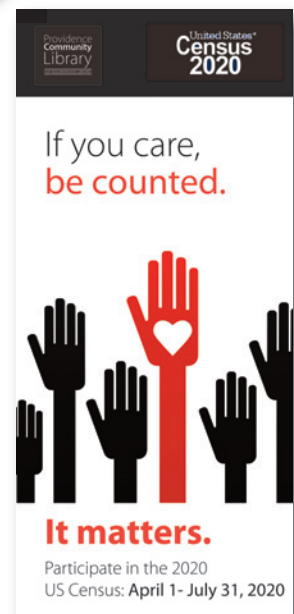
Learning to be caregivers

Our Youth Services Team trained with **The Autism Project** to learn more about Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing and how they impact a child's ability to interact socially, communicate and learn.



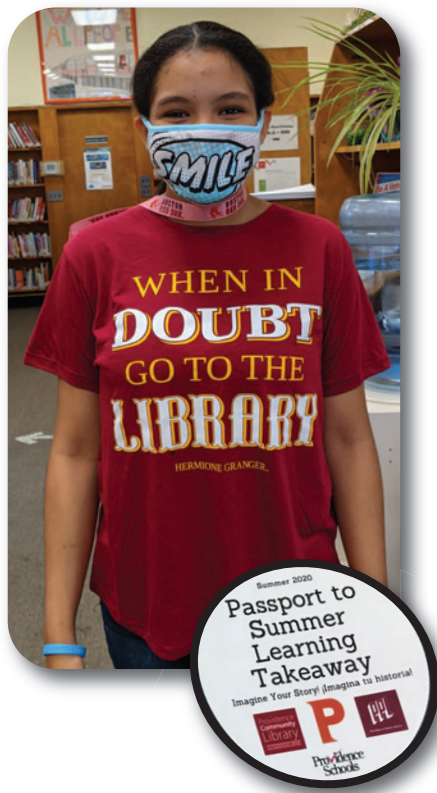
Count me in

As an R.I. Complete Count member and outreach grantee, the Library encouraged patrons to participate in the vitally important **2020 US Census**. It wasn't easy, given COVID-19 restrictions, but we distributed information in takeaway bags, organized and funded phone bank outreach and hosted sessions with personnel trained by the Census Bureau at all nine locations. We also presented a hybrid Facebook Live/in-person census story event featuring popular local storyteller, *Valerie Tutson*.

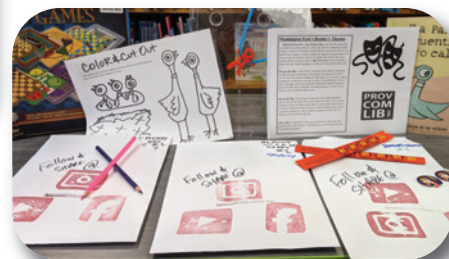


Building up STEAM in Young Learners

Take, Explore, and Discover! Introducing our new, hands-on, (TED!) Kit collection! The 45 unique kits are not only fun but also emphasize science and social studies themes, reinforce core curriculum concepts, encourage experimentation and create ideas for families to explore Providence. The TED Kit Collection was made possible thanks to generous funding from the Nordson Foundation.



TED kits and Take-away Activity bag contents



"Our main goal was getting literacy materials into the hands and homes of the children and Takeaway Activity bags were a solution. A tremendous amount of teamwork is required to create bags in support of something like the Passport to Summer Learning program. Library youth services staff worked together to decide themes, plan and write directions for the weekly themed activities, pack 1000+ bags per week with supplies and distribute them to children and families."

- Judanne Hamidzada,
Youth Services Coordinator

Seeds of learning

The Providence Seed Library program is a partnership between Providence Community Library and the Office of Sustainability's artist-in-residence, *Fatema Maswood*. It provides access to heirloom quality seeds, enabling youth and other community members to grow food sustainably. The initiative interconnects with BIPOC-led food justice and environmental justice efforts. High school interns construct and install raised garden beds and grow plants from seeds to full-bloom or harvest; they then teach those skills to others.



a community
of educators



PVDYM Intern spotlight: Brandon Feliz

Brandon Feliz, a 3rd year intern, has a vision for the future. He uses film as a vessel to carry his blended experiences as a mentor, public-speaker, researcher, and advocate. Brandon's innate communication and listening skills, paired with his genuine empathy for others make him a magnet to students he serves.

"We need to spread the word about these (PVD Young Makers, etc.) opportunities so more students can take advantage of them"

Brandon filmed a documentary of the Fox Point community mural project. As he spent time in the small, yet diverse neighborhood, he began asking questions about it's history.

Brandon decided to shift the film's direction when he discovered the neighborhood was historically redlined due to racism. He sought to expose the problems that currently exist, regarding redlining and systemic racism in our city, while highlighting diversity as the neighborhood's strongest asset. This showed his ability to adapt in order to pursue more relevant, meaningful, truthful work.

Additionally, Brandon plays an integral role as the chair for the **Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) Student Council**. He has a sophisticated ability to weave his work with RIDE's Student Council into his responsibilities as a PVD Young Maker tier 3 intern in order to bring a spotlight to the importance of real-life, hands-on learning to educators and decision makers in Rhode Island.

Brandon will attend **New York Film Academy** in the fall 2021 to pursue a career in Film!



PVD YOUNG MAKERS

PVD Young Makers provides Providence youths with access to both maker-space settings and trained teen mentors to create a unique, hands-on learning opportunity. **Providence Community Library** is a proud partner of this educational initiative, along with **FabNewport & Providence Public Library**. PVDYM is funded substantially by the **City of Providence**.

Build Guild

Working with local industrial designer *Jackson Morley* at his **Solid State** workshop in Olneyville, PVD Young Maker Interns designed and built nine portable, bluetooth P.A. (Public Announcement) systems to amplify the voices, stories, and messages of Providence's young organizers, activists, poets, and musicians. The equipment is available from our nine libraries for use in youth-led marches, sports practices, open mics, and more!



Thanks to **Providence AC+T** for funding, and for support from local businesses, including **Adler's Hardware**.



"When we first launched PCL READS, we knew we would be filling a huge need in the community by bringing people together in a time of isolation and fear. The attendance and reception to PCL READS has been phenomenal. What we didn't anticipate was the way we brought the staff together also in a time when we especially needed each other. Each PCL READS event highlights the unique creative talents of a different library and it has been the most beautiful thing to be a part of."

- Amy Rosa, Library Manager, Washington Park

PCL READS
Online session



BLACK HISTORY MATTERS (a series)

During 2020's tumultuous summer, people took to the streets to demand greater racial equity and social justice. This compelling virtual series inspired our community to explore the history and ongoing struggle for African Americans to achieve Civil Rights in Providence.



Presented in partnership with Rhode Island Black Heritage Society, RI Black Storytellers and support from Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.



Top 5 YouTube Videos (on PCL's YouTube Channel)

Adult

1. *Early African Arrival & Resistance (Part 1)*
2. *Gardening with RI Native Plants*
3. *Separate & Unequal (Part 2)*
4. *Model Building Workshop - A look at Japanese tanks*
5. *The Ongoing Struggle (Part 3)*

Youth

1. *Caterpillar Summer*
2. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*
3. *City of Ghosts*
4. *Lety Out Loud*
5. *Poemas y una actividad con una poema acrostico*

Building a model-building community

Alan Gunther's Model Building Workshop has been one of the success stories of our YouTube Channel. The master builder's programs draw viewers from across the globe and have attracted comments from fans in England and Canada.

One episode topped 300 views!



a community
online

Alcanzar el éxito juntos (Achieving Success Together)

After a year of studying by Zoom, the in-person graduation, which brought together the 19 people who successfully completed the GED program in Spanish, was particularly joyful.

Students included:

- *Maribel and Juan Giraldo*, a married couple who studied together
- *Maria Jose Lima*, who relocated to Providence just to complete our GED program
- *Nicolas Morales*, a senior completing the program after 5 years of determined study
- *Victoria Gomez*, who passed all four tests in record time

Cecilia Osorio contracted COVID 19, and during a terrible illness, she continued to attend her virtual classes. She said:

"The motivation to continue the GED classes helped me recover from COVID 19."

Thanks to the **City of Providence** for its continuing support of this important program.

*GED Grads,
together at last!*



Conectando Nuestra Gente (Connecting Our People)

In several of our neighborhoods, more than 40 percent of residents speak Spanish at home and we've long sought ways to better serve them.

Our **Conectando Nuestra Gente** initiative expanded classes, services and collections for the city's growing Spanish-speaking and bilingual population; we listened to feedback and developed more effective outreach strategies to connect to residents. Workshops in sewing, creative writing, dance, theater, handicrafts and audiovisual production skills were held at *Knight Memorial, Mount Pleasant, Olneyville, South Providence, and Washington Park* libraries.

The initiative was made possible in part by a grant from the **RI Office of Library & Information Services** using funds from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**.



FOX POINT

Artist *Cathren Housley* and Fox Point Library Youth Services Librarian *Carla Rennick* collaborated on a creative, collaborative sculpture workshop series for teens. The impressive end product took pride of place in the courtyard and the total attendance for this successful hybrid (in-person and virtual) series was over 260.

Fox Point held a colorful **May Day Celebration** in nearby Cabral Park. Forty children danced around the maypole, made flower crowns and pinwheels and each family received a take-home May Day gift basket.



Fox Point's *Ms. Donna* started **Chronicles of Yarnia** at the very start of the pandemic. The weekly group has become a tranquil, virtual meeting spot for knitters and handcrafters around the libraries.

KNIGHT MEMORIAL



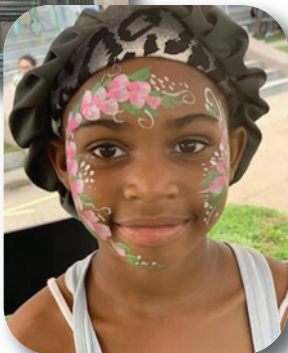
Knight Memorial's magnificent bronze doors were removed, repaired and restored to their former glory, thanks to **The Steel Yard**.

Seventy-six kids and adults made an exciting (safely socially-distant) tour through **Knightmare on Elmwood**, a haunted house created in the library's spooky lower level stacks.

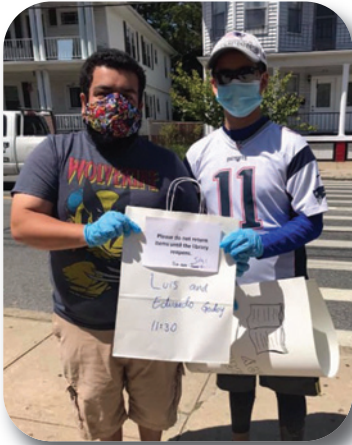
"Providence, our doors are open! Knight Memorial is looking forward to what the next year will bring, with building improvements and increasing services."

*- Gale Yallop,
PCL Systems Coordinator*

Face painting and fun at an outdoor fair



MOUNT PLEASANT



The patrons were delighted being able to pick up their books without having to come inside..

- Dhana Whiteing, PCL Systems Coordinator



Community building is a core principle of my work, so I knew I wouldn't let a pandemic stop me! Lugging the entire makerspace outside with Siv into the fall was completely worth it when our patrons arrived smiling each week in their sweatshirts. After working together with Dhana on a year of exhibitions featuring the work of our neighborhood artists, I was overwhelmed with delight when community members came out in force to celebrate their accomplishments at our outdoor reception.

- Lee Smith, Adult Services Librarian, Mount Pleasant

OLNEYVILLE

2020's virtual **Family Fringe day**, part of the Fringe PVD event organized by **The Wilbury Theatre group**, was coordinated by Olneyville Library and presented by PCL staff. Videos such as bilingual story time, folded book art, reader's theatre, STEAM crafts and robot adventures, encouraged PVD kids to explore our YouTube Channel.



The show must go on! Masked and socially distanced actors from **Living Literature** presented an outdoor performance in the Olneyville parking lot.



Olneyville's **Ms. Toni** helps a local child make a facemask at an open air sewing program.

ROCHAMBEAU



Ms. Sammi and Ms. Laken were a great team as they presented a weekly virtual **American Sign Language** story time on our YouTube Channel.



Staff gave out creative kits to celebrate National Library Week, containing assorted materials to make a diorama from a favorite story. This amazing **Book Nook**, created by Rochambeau readers *Grace, Maggie, Anaïs, Soli and Naomi*, was inspired by *The Bear Books* by Karma Wilson and illustrated by Jane Chapman.



Ms. Kelly's 2nd Virtual Edible Book Contest has a winner! It's "Catcher in the (Ham and Swiss on) Rye" by *Barbara and Rachel Carpenter*.

SOUTH PROVIDENCE

PVD Young Maker Interns *Deb Adekunle, Brandon Feliz and Dakota Watjen* moderated "What Now?" a series of teen-led, town hall-style panels about turning passion into civic action in Rhode Island. State Reps *David Morales, Sam Bell and Tiara Mack* joined online discussions about Health Equity, Climate Justice and Education Reform. The project was organized by South Providence Library Manager *Amy Vanderweele* and supported by the XIX: Shall Not Be Denied: Why It Matters initiative of the **Rhode Island Council for the Humanities**.



Ms. Edlberta and the South Providence staff didn't let the pandemic stop them as they continued to dazzle the neighborhood with colorful, outdoor crafting activities and homework help.



community
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SMITH HILL

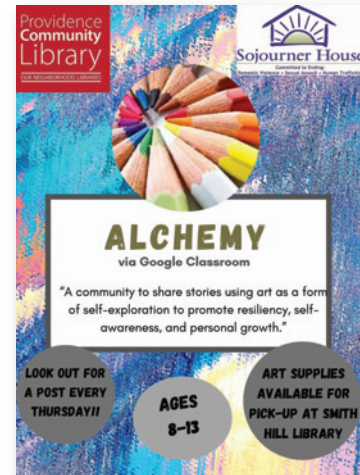


During lockdown, *Ms. Jennifer* started a **Smith Hill Library Google Classroom**, presented virtual programs to elementary school classes and held One-on-One Reading appointments.

"I received feedback that children were able to complete summer reading because of the sessions the library provided. One parent said her daughter was gravitating more towards reading. Later, the parent remarked "my daughter is reading harder books, thank you for working with her."

Smith Hill Library rapidly made the jump to working virtually. The staff created and aired some form of online content each weekday, including story times, crafts and poetry.

It was also the first community library to offer Covid testing.



WASHINGTON PARK



Big Nazo is always welcome at Washington Park! The characters dropped in to give away copies of the 2021 Kids Reading Across Rhode Island book *Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander. Free books were made available at several of our libraries by **Rhode Island Center for the Book**.

Washington Park's staff transformed their outdoor space into a vibrant and always welcoming hub of activity. Program themes included art therapy, literacy, STEAM, readers theater and LGBTQ, with a focus on cultivating a sense of normalcy and togetherness, despite the pandemic.



"Our designated space for the PVD Young Makers has received lots of attention, with vinyl-cutting and a heat press used to create really nice t-shirt designs worthy of marketing. We prepped lots and lots of Take & Go Bags to hand out to our patrons - containing Bath Bombs, Soap Making kits, Floating Circles and so many more kits!



These bags have provided quality crafting materials as well as literacy-rich time for parents and children."

- Denise Brophy, Library Manager



"As Facilities Director, I am passionate about stewardship and was determined to find the resources needed to perform building improvements. We've created a long-term facility strategic plan with the goal of preserving the buildings for future generations. These historic properties were built in the early twentieth century and had been neglected for many years, so the preservation of them was vital. I am grateful for the many supporters who have guided me and assisted with all of our accomplishments."



- Sue Gibbs, Chief Operating Officer

2020-2021 Facilities Highlights:

- Completed fire alarm system and electrical upgrades at Knight Memorial, *thanks to \$390,500 Champlin Foundation grant*
- Installed new roof, carpet and shelving at Mount Pleasant, *thanks to \$123,700 in CDBG funds/ Councilwoman Ryan*
- Installed Access Units at every library to extend strong WiFi signals into community, *thanks to \$60,000 CDBG grant*
- Upgraded ventilation systems everywhere to be *COVID regulation compliant \$45,980*



Many thanks to Wanskuck library patron, *Michael Blake*, for volunteering his free time and expertise to lay out brickwork at the entrance of *Wanskuck Library's* side-yard, complementing the brand new gate installed by *The Steel Yard*.



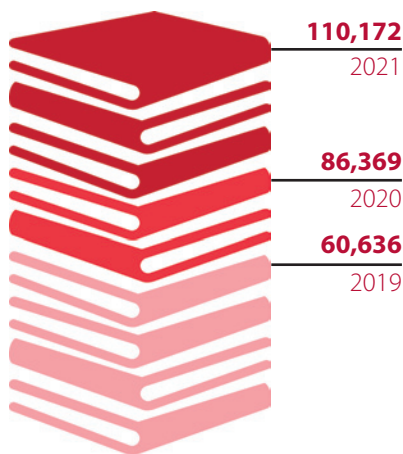
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our stats
at a glance

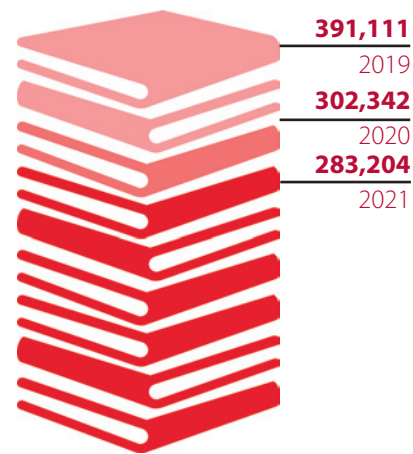


Library Use	Staff	67
	Patrons	35,011
	Locations	9
	# of Visits	340,346
	Computer (Lab) use	12,882
Online Use	Web visits	272,370
	WiFi use	50,292
Assistance	Reference/ Questions	26,793
Circulation	Physical	283,204
	Digital	110,127
	Total	393,331
Library Programs	# of Programs	2,805
	Attendance	30,507

Trends in preferences of reading materials:



Digital Circulation:
a 3-year lookback



Physical Circulation:
a 3-year lookback

Our Libraries

Fox Point Library
90 Ives Street / 401-331-0390

Knight Memorial Library
275 Elmwood Avenue/ 401-467-2625

Mount Pleasant Library
315 Academy Avenue/ 401-272-0106

Olneyville Library
1 Olneyville Square/ 401-421-4084

Rochambeau Library
708 Hope Street/ 401-272-3780

Smith Hill Library
31 Candace Street/ 401-272-4140

South Providence Library
441 Prairie Avenue/ 401-467-2619

Wanskuck Library
233 Veazie Street/ 401-274-4145

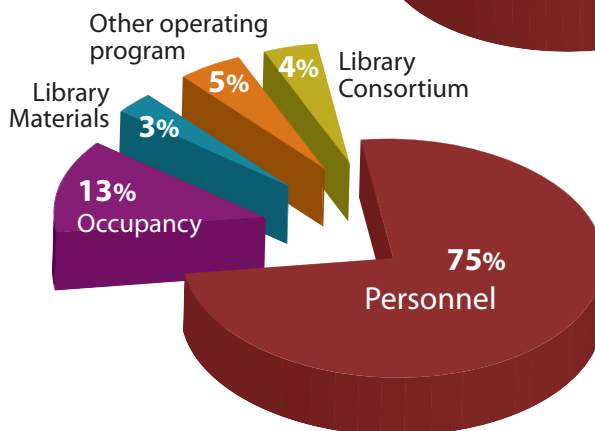
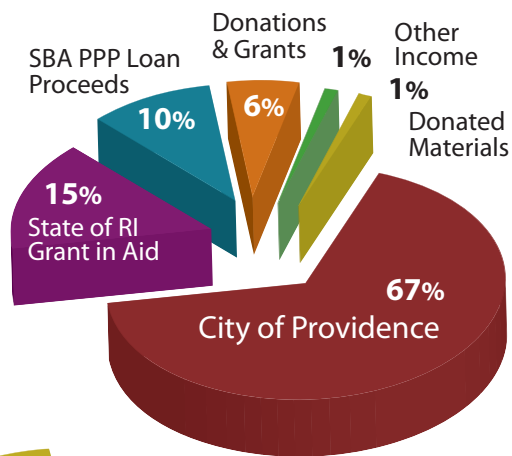
Washington Park Library
1316 Broad Street/ 401-781-3136

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Our Resources & Use

Snapshots of Providence Community Library's operating finances (unaudited) for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Resources:
Sources of Funding
\$5,933,000



Use:
Areas of Expense
\$5,733,300

In recognition of donor loyalty...

While we are grateful for every donor's interest in supporting the Library and its efforts, there are certain donors who have shown a consistent commitment to lend their support and we want to recognize those individuals or entities here.

Annual Giving: Donors who lend support every year to the Library

5+ years

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Since we started...

These amazing individuals have contributed each year since 2009 when we first opened their doors to the community.

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2020-21 Donors

\$3,000,000 +

City of Providence

\$800,000 +

State of Rhode Island

\$100,000+

CDBG grants thru City of Providence
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Information Services

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Rhode Island House of Representatives
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\$2,000 +

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City of Providence Art, Culture and
Tourism
Rhode Island Department of Health

\$1,000 +

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Patricia Raub - President, PCL Board of Directors 2009 -2021



Patricia was already an active advocate of Providence libraries and their services and staff, before she focused on keeping the neighborhood libraries open when they came under the threat of closure. One of our four original Founders, Patricia foresaw and fought for what the new generation is achieving now. Her endeavors have ensured that hundreds of thousands of people in Providence have access to life-long learning programs and enriching services. Her generous contributions,

including the time she has spent as a dedicated Friends representative of Wanskuck Library, and her vision of a welcoming library system, have made an indelible impact. As Community Libraries of Providence looks forward to the future, we remain forever grateful to Patricia Raub.

Rochelle Lee - PCL Board of Directors 2009 - 2021



Rochelle drew upon her skills as a social activist to lobby for the creation of Providence Community Library and the City Council appointed her as one of its first representatives to the Board. Rochelle has served on the PCL Board in a number of capacities and she has been a tireless volunteer at summer markets, galas and other events and has supported many library programs.

She knows library staff by name and takes the time to stop and talk with them. She is active in her Knight

Memorial Friends group. The Board is indebted to Rochelle for her willingness to question proposed library policies; on many occasions, her remarks have led the Board to take a better action than it might have done without Rochelle's intervention.

Patricia and Rochelle, thank you for everything you have done for Providence Community Library!

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