



2021 Impact Report

Thank you for supporting Kitsap Regional Library

Dear Library Supporter,

We say it every year around this time, but it's always true: we're so thankful for you! As we look back on all that was accomplished in 2021 through your generous support, we are grateful.

As a donor, you are a vital and valued member of the Library family and your generosity has a profound impact on the patrons they serve. Kitsap Regional Library invited the public back into its buildings in April of 2021, giving a warm "welcome back!" to the community. Throughout the year, the Library served 324,883 patrons inside and an additional 45,907 patrons curbside. The amazing library staff engaged 12,877 viewers with more than 1,500 live and recorded virtual programs, and cardholders borrowed 2,328,629 physical and digital items.

Through your support, you create opportunities for our youth to excel in reading, ensuring they develop a life-long love of learning. You empower our teens to explore new ideas and learn first-hand about topics they find interesting, topics that can lead to future educational and workforce opportunities. And you help us engage in conversations that lead to better understanding, compassion, and often new friendships.

Thank you for investing in our community, helping each of us to dream more, learn more, do more and be more.

With gratitude,



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New Library, New Stories

On April 2, 2022, with the opening of Silverdale's new library, the decades-long dream of a new library came true! Thank you to our generous supporters for joining us on this incredible journey. The new library would not have been possible without you.

The Foundation was honored to partner with the Friends of the Silverdale Library, who, through countless volunteer hours, hosting book sales and counting every nickel and dime over the last 30 years, kept the dream of a new library alive! Not only did they challenge the community to match their \$100,000 gift, but their funding of the playground has helped anchor this campus as an invaluable place for the whole community.

We are grateful to the Central Kitsap School District for inviting the Library to relocate the Silverdale branch to the south end of the Central Kitsap High School campus. The school district's creativity and community-centric thinking were essential for this project's success.

In April alone, Silverdale's new library registered over 700 new cardholders, welcomed over 12,000 patrons and saw over 20,000 items checked out.

Central Kitsap is loving their new library – a library that would not have been possible without your support. Thank you again to each of you who invested in our community and helped us meet our \$5.5 million funding goal. With this new library, you have written an exciting new chapter in Kitsap Regional Library's story.



You Make A Difference

Your generous gifts to the Library help us ensure free and equitable access to the programs, projects and resources that empower our community. You make Kitsap a better place for all. Through programs like One Book, One Community, To the Library and Summer Learning your support has a lasting impact.



Summer Learning

June through August, thousands of kids, teens and adults take on the Library's annual reading and learning challenges. In addition to awesome prizes and kudos, Summer Learning does something crucial for kids and teens: prevents the decline in academic skills during the school break, known as the "Summer Slide."

- ◇ 10-hour finishers: 4,882
- ◇ 100-hour finishers: 2,814
- ◇ Learning Challenge finishers: 1,037
- ◇ Logged reading: Over 93,907 hours



One Book, One Community

Each year, the Library inspires civic dialogue by inviting the community to connect through a shared reading and learning experience. In a bold new move, 2021's committee selected **three books** that brought patrons of all ages together to discuss diversity, equity, mental health and more.

- ◇ Copies given to staff, community and partners: 1,534
- ◇ Copies checked out: 1,477
- ◇ Program attendees: 232



To The Library

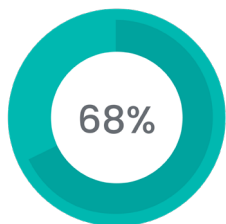
Since 2007, third graders in Kitsap have taken a field trip to the library and received, for many, their very first library card. Students get to know their librarians, enjoy a branch tour and take home a book to keep. Though schools were closed due to the pandemic, youth librarians delivered books to schools and filmed tours of their branches. With this quick thinking, 1,934 third graders received a library backpack and a book of their very own.

Securing the Future of Our Library

Your support ensures free and equal access to the programs, resources and services that empower a thriving community. Thank you for choosing the Library!

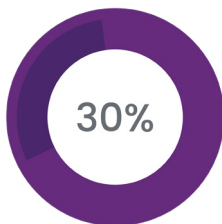
2021 Total Revenue

Last year, more than 830 donors contributed over \$2,613,275 to the Library and 458 individuals made their first gift!



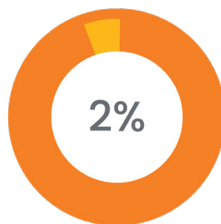
\$1,794,500

Grants



\$777,346

Community Supporters



\$41,429

Estate Gifts

2021 Expenses

The combined impact of your support totaled over \$1,940,831 to Kitsap Regional Library, providing the necessary funding for essential services, programs and projects.



\$65,831

Branch, Program
& Collection Support



\$77,147

Unrestricted Support
to Kitsap Regional Library



\$1,700,000

New Silverdale Library



\$80,862

Summer Learning



\$10,797

One Book,
One Community



\$6,194

To the Library

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