



Kalamazoo Public Library

2021-2022 Annual Report



The Return to In-Person Services Post Pandemic

KPL returned to in-person services in early June of 2021 at 50% occupancy levels at all locations. Despite the challenges caused by the pandemic, KPL continued to thrive and drive new services, new programs and focused on innovation, accessibility and **fun**. Instead of letting COVID-19 stop us, KPL set its sights on the future of library services and how to continue to meet our patrons' needs, both in-person and virtually.

We prioritized meeting our patrons where they were. Curbside service continued to be provided. Programs were hosted in person, virtually, and hybrid to accommodate our patrons' needs as they adjusted to the "new normal." We focused on expanding our digital collections and services. Our Mobile Library delivered books to teens and children. We maintained our buildings to the highest standard possible so our patrons who were ready to visit us felt safe.

While 2021-2022 was a challenging year for KPL and our community, we all came through **#kzooststrong**. KPL staff looks forward to a bright future of continuing to evolve our services to provide the best experience to you, our patrons.

How Does Your Library Benefit Your Family?



*Craig and Denise have two children, their teen son Michael, and four-year-old Jason. They are frequent users of their local branch of KPL. Craig is a heavy reader and prefers print books. His wife Denise also loves to read but prefers eBooks. Denise frequently checks out multiple books for Jason each week so he can meet his goal of **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**. Michael loves anime and participates in KPL's **Anime in the Afternoon** program, which meets twice per month. He also loves to read and uses KPL **databases** to help him with his homework. The whole family is a fan of using **Hoopla** and **Freegal** to stream movies, music, and popular TV series. And while they are a busy family, they enjoy participating in as many KPL programs as possible. So what is patronizing KPL worth to this family each year?

KPL Materials & Services	Average Annual Usage	Value of Use
Adult books borrowed	30	\$510
Teen books borrowed	15	\$180
Children's books borrowed	144	\$2,448
eBooks downloaded	20	\$300
Movies streamed	36	\$144
Music downloaded	200	\$200
Adult programs attended	12	\$180
Teen programs attended	36	\$432
Children's programs attended	48	\$336
Database searches	24	\$478
		\$5,208

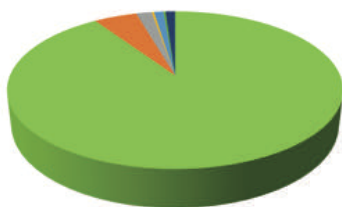
What value does KPL bring to you? Find out at kpl.gov/librarycalculator

*This fictional family is inspired by a KPL power user family. The values were calculated using the Library Use Value Calculator.

Financial Report

Revenue*	Taxpayer Funds
Property Taxes	\$12,380,659
State Aid	676,128
Grants and Memorials	246,535
Interest Income	32,511
District Ct. Penal Fines	148,143
Library Fines and Fees	36,643
Other Revenue	148,491
Total Revenue	\$13,669,110

FY 2021-2022 Revenue*

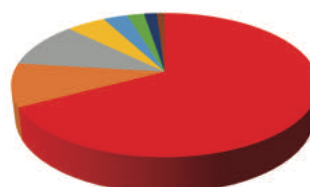


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■ Other Revenue

Expenditures*

Salaries & Benefits	\$8,341,099
Library Books and Materials	1,206,693
Technical & Purchased Services	1,280,983
Facilities Maintenance & Repair	610,950
Capital Expenditures	378,666
Operating Expenses	267,742
Community Engagement	200,789
Other Expenses	122,376
Total Expenditures	\$12,409,298

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*General Operating Fund and Capital Improvement Fund only.

2021 Highlights

Summer 2021



- KPL reopens to the public in June at 50% occupancy capacity at all locations
- Curbside service is continued at all locations
- Masks remained required for visitors and staff
- Programs continued to be held virtually only
- The Mobile Library delivered free books to children and teens through partnerships with Loaves & Fishes and Kalamazoo Public Schools

2021 Summer Reading Challenge

2,222 Participants: 486 birth–Age 4
1,230 Grades K–5, 506 Grades 6–12



KPL Honored with an Award

On July 23, 2021 Disability Network Southwest Michigan presented KPL with its 2021 Community Inclusion Award.

Fall 2021

New Services!



Idea Lab

KPL's makerspace and design lab.
kpl.gov/idealab



Mobile Library

Brings the library and pop-up programming to you!
kpl.gov/mbi



Library of Things

Check out household items, electronics, and more!
kpl.gov/things

Programs

200 Swag Bags Given Out

SECOND ANNUAL VIRTUAL GEEK FEST

Virtual 2021 Youth Literature Seminar

385 Attendees

1,106,854 Views

Read Along

In Memoriam



Saul Amdursky
1945–2021
Served as Director
1987–2004



KPL Live

Watch KPL programs on a livestream. kpl.gov/live

Art Exhibit

KPL honored artist David Small with a month-long exhibit at Central Library. The exhibit was a celebration of Western Michigan University's acquisition of more than 60 pieces of original art.



David Small with wife and fellow author Sarah Stewart

2021-2022 Highlights

Winter 2021-2022

Friends of KPL Celebrate 25 Years of Service



Since the bookstore opened in 1996, FKPL has donated more than a million dollars to help KPL fund popular library programs such as the Summer Reading Challenge, Reading Together, Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee, Ready to Read, and Global Reading Challenge. FKPL has also funded scholarships for KPL staff for continuing education and program innovations.

New Service!

2,560 downloads since March 2021!



Listen to KPL Podcasts: Presented by the Kalamazoo Public Library, "Five Author Questions" or "5AQ," is an interview podcast that asks five questions to delve into the minds of authors. kpl.gov/podcasts

Program Highlights

- **Tiny Art Show:** 52 tiny pieces of art were displayed at all KPL locations.
- **Fleece, Love, and Blankets:** 182 blankets were made by patrons and donated to Project Linus, a nonprofit that provides handmade blankets to children 0-18 in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

Spring 2022

20th Anniversary Reading Together
The Best We Could Do by Thi Bui was the first graphic novel chosen for a Reading Together program.

- Virtual Events: 7
- Virtual Author Visit: 1
- Community Discussions: 5
- Total Attendance: 469



Party in the Park Returns!

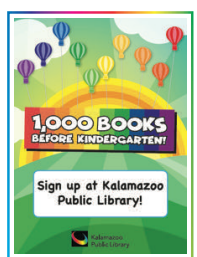
More than 3,000 gift bags with a free book and a snack were delivered to preschoolers through local partnerships. While the program was rained out, a fun storytime was held inside with costumed characters.



Summer 2022

New Programs

Early Childhood Literacy
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten got a new look.



Ready to Read program Read and Run featured storytelling stations for young "runners."

New Service Highlights

DEI Strategic Plan

KPL launched a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan to address social inequities within the library. kpl.gov/dei



Great Idea!
KPL's redesigned maker space and creative studio, Idea Lab, reopened to the public. kpl.gov/idealab

Roll Out!

The Mobile Library debuted at several community events, festivals, and the Do Dah Parade. kpl.gov/mb

