



Annual Report

2021-2022



More than you'll ever know



LIBRARIAN'S STATEMENT

What a year it has been! Thanks to our hard-working staff, loyal volunteers, and generous donors, the Patten Free Library continues to open doors to learning by providing first-rate library service for the residents of the City of Bath and the Towns of Arrowsic, Georgetown, West Bath, and Woolwich.

As we look to the future, the Library has reinvigorated our path forward with a new 2022-2026 Strategic Plan which includes these three goals:

Outreach: To create broader and deeper relationships throughout our Library communities.

Facility: To maintain and enhance the physical plant and technology systems in support of the Library's mission.

Income and Funding: To ensure sustainable income streams to meet the current and future needs of the Library.

These goals will help us sustain our mission to transform lives, inspire lifelong learning, preserve local history, and build community through joyful, creative exploration and dialogue.

Sincerely,

Lesley Dolinger, Director



Morse High School teen volunteer at the BIW Gate Collection.



Participants at our Gingerbread House Making event.



Donors at our Music in the Park donor appreciation picnic.

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By the Numbers

123,630

Patron Visits

778

New Library Cards

4,797

Reference Transactions

46,730

Adult books borrowed

5,062

Young Adult books borrowed

33,897

Children's books borrowed

546

Museum passes borrowed

238

Programs hosted

13,066

Audio & eBooks borrowed



*A children's entry in our annual
Edible Book Contest*



*Darling's ice cream raised money
for us at our Goat Day event.*



Staff welcomes patrons back into the library after being closed.

FRIENDS OF PATTEN FREE LIBRARY

This fiscal year started with the first major book sale since the beginning of Covid-19. Thanks to help from the Navy, the Sunrise Rotary and a cadre of Friends we were able to offer over 600 boxes of books to the public in a late July book sale at Winter Street Center. With the help of Emily Read, a new Friends brochure was designed. The brochure offers information on Friends activities and membership. Copies can be found on the Friends Bulletin Board in the front hall of the Library.

The Friends supported PFL by matching pledges of new and returning donors on GivingTuesday. We are committed to continuing this match in subsequent years. A bake sale on Luminary Night was organized by the Friends. In the spirit of Holiday giving, we offered participants free cookbooks. Thanks to support from Union + Co, we held a book sale on Front Street during Winterfest...our first winter sale. The Friends contributed funds to cover the required entry fee for children to participate in the Read-A-Thon. This contribution was intended to make the Read-A-Thon open to all.

In December the bookstore introduced the Square credit card system. This is an easy system to operate and, after some reluctance, it has been embraced by our volunteers. This spring we started a new rewards program for members of the Friends of Patten Free Library. Members receive a free (equal or lesser priced) book for every 2 books purchased.

It is our pleasure to support the Patten Free Library.

Friends of Patten Free Library

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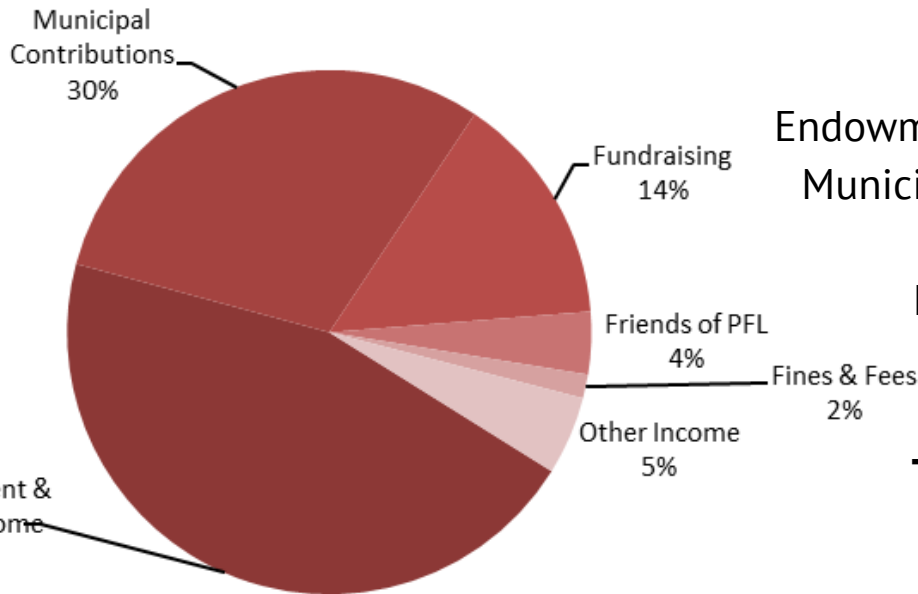
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FINANCIALS July 2021 - June 2022

Revenue



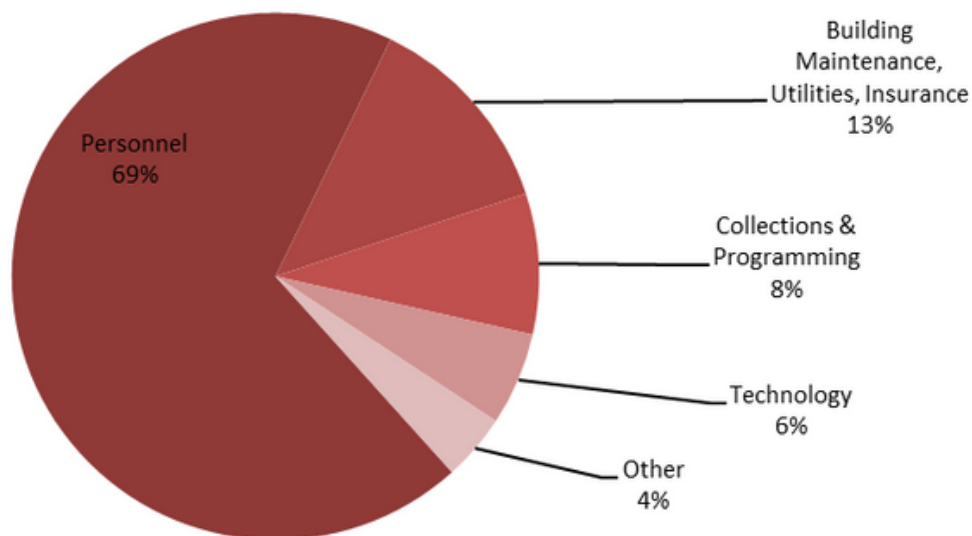
Operating Revenue

Endowment & Trust Income **\$423,448**
Municipal Contributions **\$281,767**
Fundraising **\$134,376**
Friends of PFL **\$35,932**
Fines & Fees **\$13,721**
Other Income **\$45,213**
Total Income \$934,457

Expenditures

Operating Expenditures

Personnel **\$643,637**
Building Maintenance,
Utilities, Insurance **\$118,908**
Collections &
Programming **\$80,750**
Technology **\$53,280**
Other **\$38,122**
Total Expenses \$934,697



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