

# TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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## 2021 Annual Report to the Public



In 2021 the Library was thrilled to resume and expand services! We were also lucky enough to add three new staff members to our team; Head of Youth Services Librarian Alyssa Harvey, Library Assistant Michelle Dannehofer-Cau, and Library Clerk Tricia Bitley.



2 Lawmar Lane, Burnt Hills, New York 12027

### Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM—7 PM

Wednesday & Friday 9 AM—5 PM

Saturday 9 AM—2 PM

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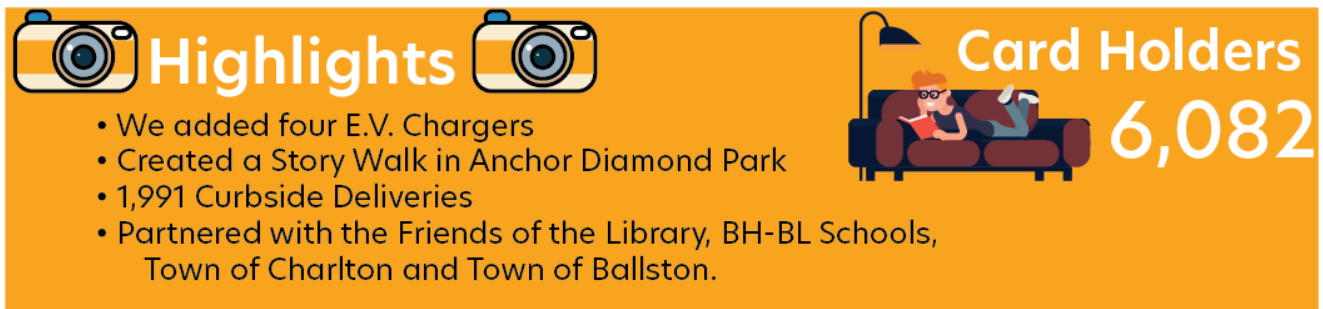
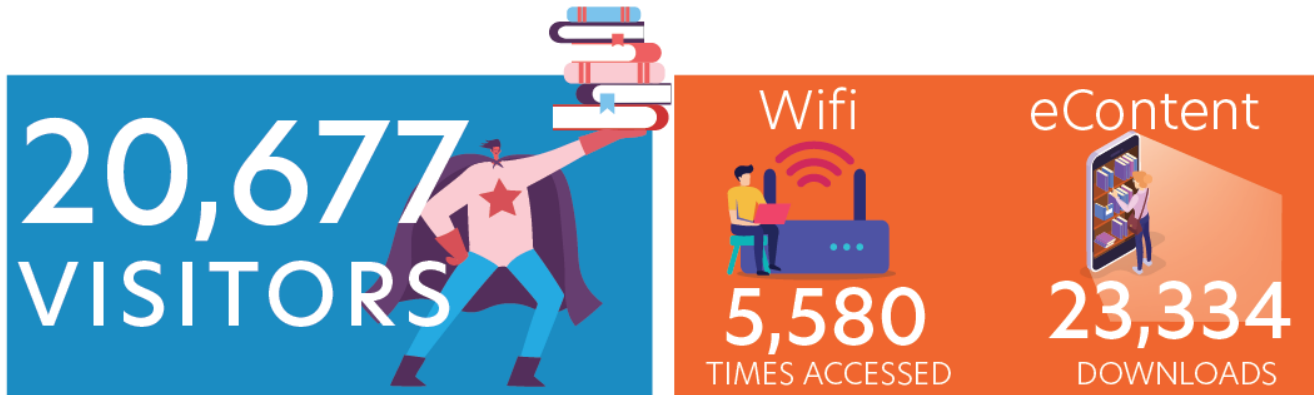


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### REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

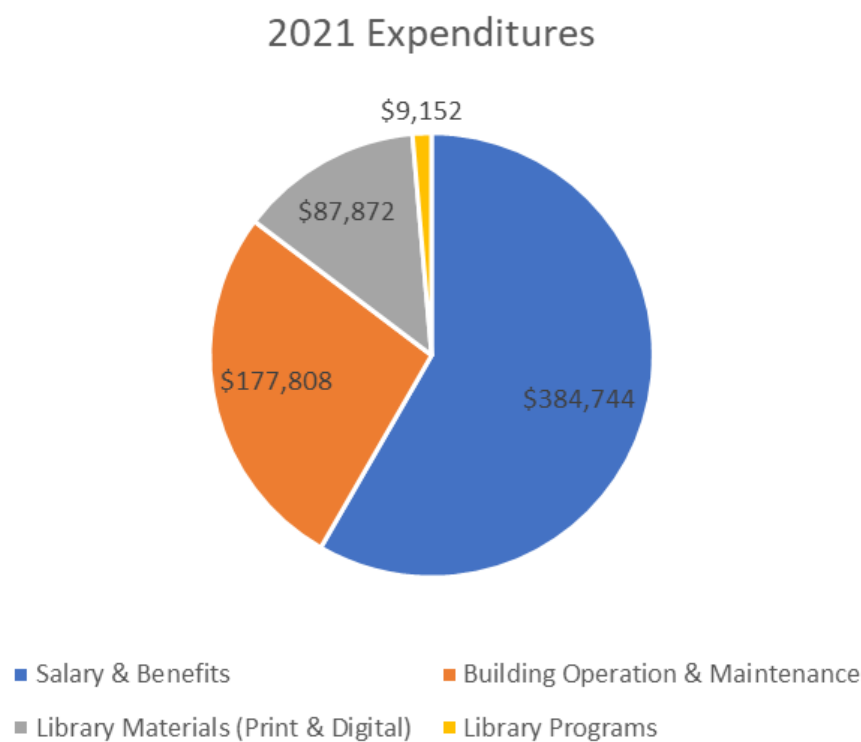
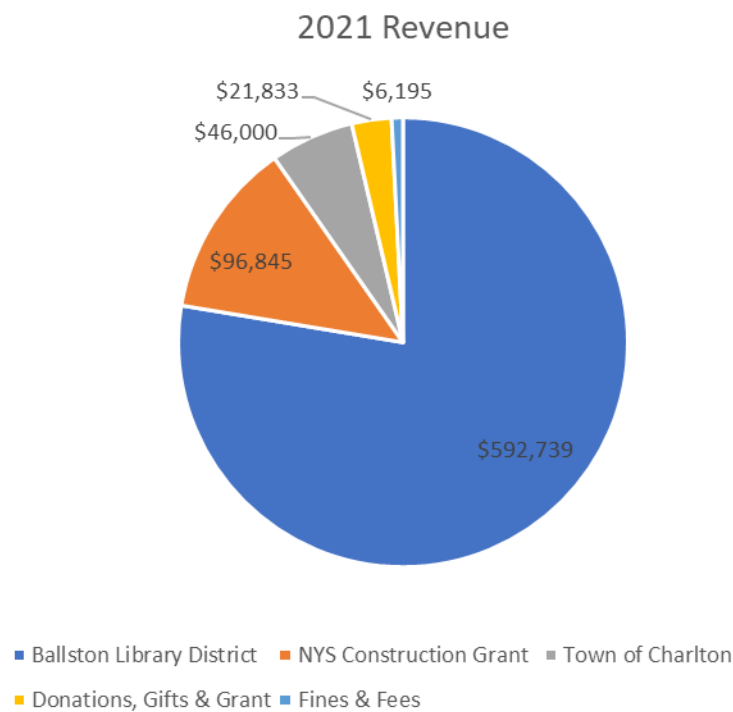


## HOW WE GOT IT DONE IN 2021



# Library Finances

The Library receives funding from several sources. Primarily supported by the residents of the Ballston Tax District (Ballston residents who live outside the Village of Ballston Spa), the Library also contracts with the Town of Charlton to provide service to their residents. In the past few years we've aggressively applied for grants to upgrade our facility and make our building more sustainable. In 2021 a NYSEDA grant fully funded adding four Electric Vehicle Chargers to the Library parking lot. We also were awarded a \$107,000 New York State Construction Grant to build a Local History Room and upgrade to the existing light fixtures to LED. We hope to begin construction in Fall 2023.



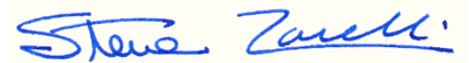
## **A Note from Steve Zarelli, President of the Library Board of Trustees:**

For the past two years, much of the library's efforts have been focused on continuing to deliver valuable services through the ever-shifting pandemic. I am proud to report that we did not skip a beat; from curbside pickup to online programming, the library never shut down. All the credit goes to the amazing, resilient and passionate staff of your library. We're not completely out of the woods, however, we're optimistic that we can start to focus again on returning to the in-person programs and services that are the hallmark of the Town of Ballston Community Library.

This fall we are scheduled to begin construction on a local history room. Funded in large part by a grant from New York State, this new space will honor the history of our town and also give groups a gathering place in addition to our community room. This is just the latest phase of a journey that started years ago with the reconfiguration of the first floor. The library hears your feedback and has prioritized making changes in response to the community's evolving needs.

This will be my last letter as President of the Library Board of Trustees; I have reached the end of my term, as have two other long-serving trustees, Tom Shaginaw and Michelle Hernandez. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve our community with an inspiring team of trustees and library staff. I am confident that the Board of Trustees will continue to remain strong, reliably guide the library, and advocate for providing services that exceed expectations. The best is yet to come.

The library is the gem of our community. With your support, it really sparkles.



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### **Library Management Team**

Rebecca Verhayden Darling, Director  
Alyssa Harvey, Head of Youth Services  
Jenn Richard, Head of Adult Services

### **Library Staff**

Angelo Aldi	Elizabeth Lafergola
Mary Jane Baumbach	Hannah Moore
Tricia Bitley	Amelia Grace Morrow
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