

2021 Annual Report



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The mission of the Glenwood & Souris Regional Library is to provide materials and services to help community residents of all ages meet their educational, cultural, and recreational needs. The library seeks to encourage reading and the use of current technology for life-long learning and enrichment of a citizen's quality of life.

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Chairperson's Report

The Glenwood & Souris Regional Library experienced an amazing year of "Re-Birth" through the rental agreement with Manitoba Housing, saved funds, generous donations, and the tireless work of Head Librarian Connie Bradshaw, Debra Wright, volunteers Murray Bradshaw and Rae Laval. The library was completely gutted – shelves, books, furniture - to allow for new flooring, construction, and painting.

During this period Covid 19 continued to cause shutdowns and staff were helpful with phone assistance and deliveries. Some visual displays were also curtailed due to Covid over the year.

Computer Drop-In access continues, with assistance when necessary. The library copier is much appreciated and a new one will be purchased in 2022.

Major funding continues from the Province of Manitoba, the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood, Donor's Choice, and private bequests.

One private bequest allowed for the purchase of a welcoming seating arrangement at the entry way, which is very appreciated.

The Children's Corner continues to be a work in progress, with a "dream" for new low cupboards with drawers at child level to display books. Photos of same available. Any volunteer assistance would be appreciated.

Test kits for Covid Self Testing are available at the front desk free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Mae Hart



STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Connie Bradshaw – Head Librarian

Debra Wright – Assistant Librarian
/Caretaker

Judy Suttie – Casual Assistant Librarian

Rae Laval – Super Volunteer

Librarian's Report 2021

'Unprecedented' is a word I would use to describe the year 2021 at Glenwood & Souris Regional Library. With continuing pandemic-response phases and a much-needed renovation project being carried out, it was truly a time of great chaos and upheaval for staff and patrons.

The year began with our doors still closed to the public due to pandemic restrictions and our home delivery and curbside pick-up being popular with the community. We welcomed our patrons back inside the library again on February 16 with strict health protocols, stringent cleaning, and limited hours. By April 6, our doors were closed again for new flooring, lights, paint, and minor enhancements. All the books were removed to another part of the building and shelving was dismantled and stored offsite. During this time, we found innovative and creative ways to continue our library services.

By the time our library was 'rebuilt' and ready to invite our patrons in to share our new space, suspension of in-person browsing was once again in place due to rising positive cases. On July 20, we were excited to finally welcome the community back inside our doors. For the rest of the year, we operated with safe measures in place and continued to work toward 'normal' services.

Although 2021 felt like a very long story, it is only a short chapter in our library's 65 years of service in supporting our community. This coming year will no doubt bring a new set of challenges; however, this last year has shown us that our enthusiastic library staff, hard working volunteers, and dedicated board members do extraordinary work to meet the changing needs in our community.

Connie Bradshaw

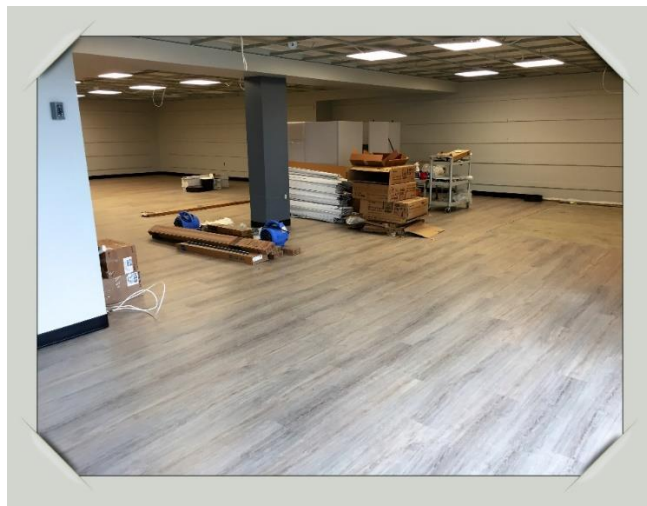
2021 At the Library

Pandemic



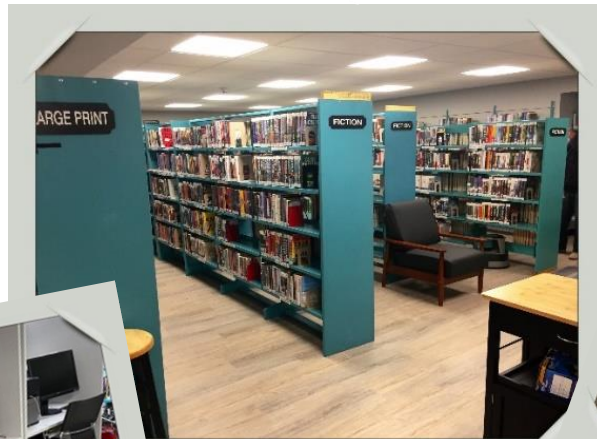
January began with our doors still closed to the public because of the pandemic. We offered home delivery and a book pickup service.

On February 16, patrons were allowed to return to the library with health protocols in place.



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The transformation begins....





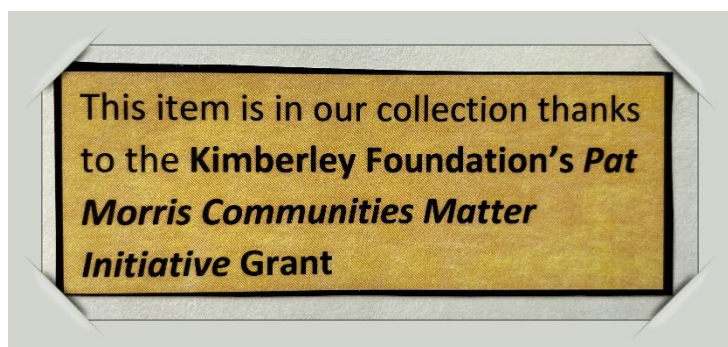
The library received a grant of \$750 from the Souris Glenwood Foundation to purchase new library signage. (Shown here is volunteer Rae Laval.)

The library received a gift of \$370 from the MWM Environmental. This allowed the library to purchase new chairs for the Children's Corner. (Shown here is Head Librarian Connie Bradshaw accepting the donation.)



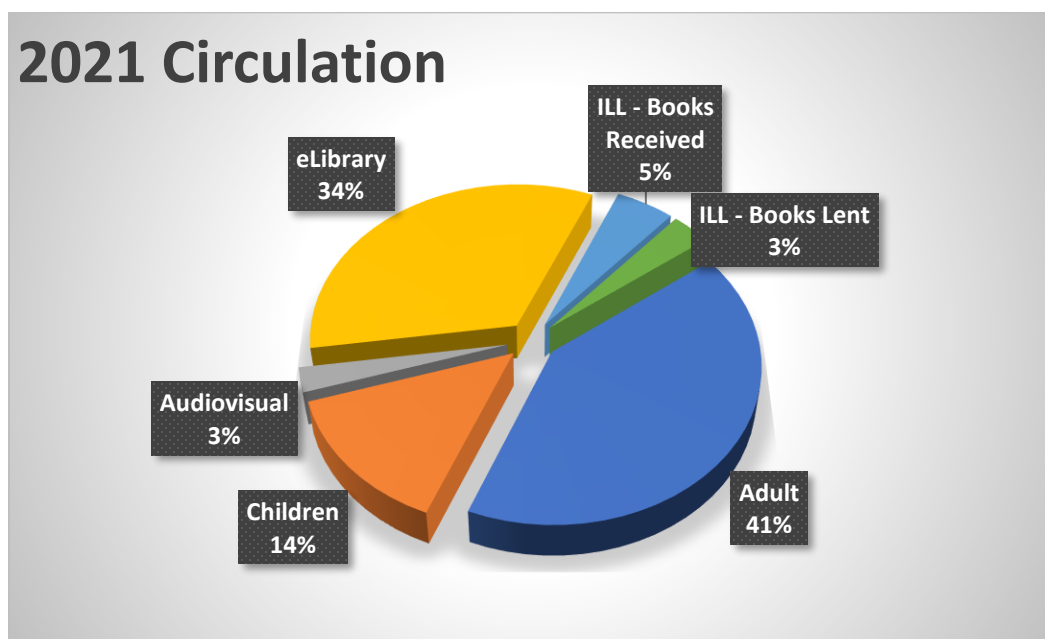
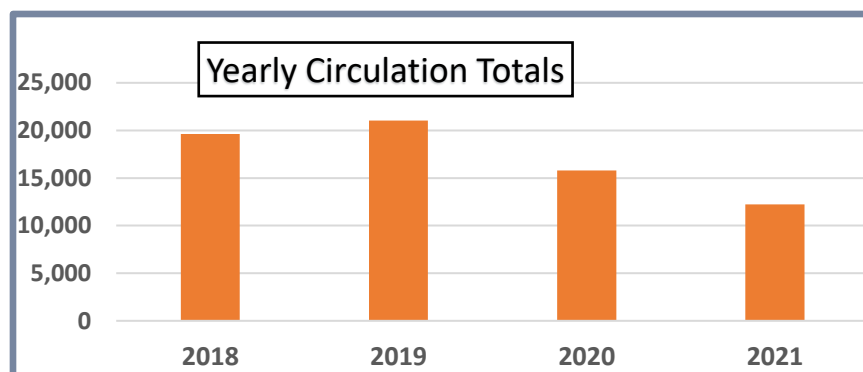
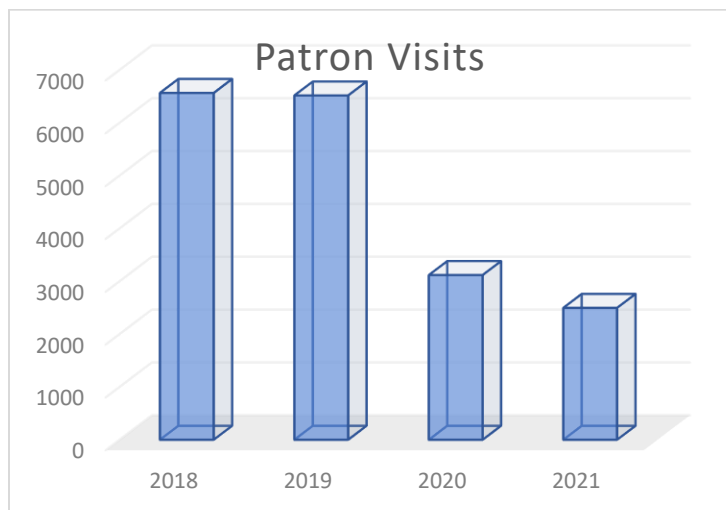
The library's proposal for the project ***Visually Challenged Patrons – Renew Your Library Card!*** was successful in being awarded a grant in the amount of **\$4,915** from the **Kimberly Foundation's Pat Morris Communities Matter Grant**.

To decrease the barriers to inclusivity in our community, this gift allowed us to purchase:



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- Optelec Compact 10 HD magnifier
 - ZoomText Magnifier/Reader (with speech) Software
 - Large print computer keyboard
 - Various page readers
 - Large print books and magazine
 - Audio books on CD
 - Large piece jigsaw puzzles/games

Statistics



GLENWOOD & SOURIS REGIONAL LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2021

	2021 Budget Unaudited (Note 9)	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
REVENUE			
Grants - Municipality of Souris-Glenwood	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
- Province of Manitoba - Operating	29,327	29,326	29,329
- Province of Manitoba - Manitoba Bridge Grant (Note 13)	15,000	15,000	5,000
- Souris Glenwood Foundation			1,200
- Rural Library Cooperative Technology		3,664	
- Other	7,765	6,932	
Donations	200	4,150	169
Donor's Choice	2,030	1,966	2,030
Miscellaneous		1,590	110
Membership fees	700	707	714
Interest	300	150	332
Printing/copying	300	114	192
	90,622	98,599	74,076
EXPENSES			
Books and subscriptions	10,975	9,811	9,615
Grants	7,765	8,301	
Insurance	2,140	2,042	2,005
Miscellaneous	300	218	443
Office	1,620	5,661	2,334
Postage	600	453	415
Professional development	600	525	
Professional fees	2,648	2,648	2,648
Rent	9,000	9,000	9,000
Repairs and maintenance	22,225	6,461	788
Salaries and benefits	37,125	36,165	35,251
Supplies	1,200	1,393	1,057
Technology upgrade	700	402	483
Telephone	600	581	586
	97,498	83,661	64,625
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (6,876)	14,938	9,451
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		52,106	42,655
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR		\$ 67,044	\$ 52,106

