

HOW WE WERE FUNDED IN 2021

(unaudited figures)

Self-Generated Revenue	23.1%
Donations & Fundraising	21.7%
Other	1.4%
Municipal Funding	39.6%
Town of Rainy River	33.1%
Township of Dawson	4.5%
Township of Lake of the Woods	1.7%
Township of Morley	0.3%
Province of Ontario	29.2%
Public Library Operating Grants	7.5%
Other	21.7%
Other, inc. Transfer from Reserves	8.0%
TOTAL	100.0%

WHAT WE SPENT IN 2021

(unaudited figures)

Staffing Costs	46.7%
Programs & Services	21.9%
Collections	18.4%
Other	3.5%
Administration/Operational	5.7%
Physical Plant	25.7%
Rent	13.2%
Equipment & Furniture	7.9%
Other	4.6%
Other, inc. Transfer to Reserves	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%

The Library Board acknowledges everyone who donated time, materials and money to the Library in 2021. We couldn't do it without you. *Thank you!*

Rainy River Public Library Board (January 2022)

Donna Moen	Chair
Donna McDonald	Vice-Chair
Kim Desserre	Trustee
Mayor Debbie Ewald	Trustee
Anna Robinson	Trustee

Rainy River Public Library Staff (January 2022)

Michael Dawber	CEO/Librarian
Jodi Wittich	Assistant Librarian

Thanks and Best Wishes to Departing Staff and Trustees...

Bob McGreevy
Shawn Neilson
Emma Olson

We Dedicate Our Work in 2022 to Our Late Friend and Colleague, Sandra Whiffin.

Rainy River Public Library

"A vital meeting place for culture-seeking and culture-making..."

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Hours:

Tue/Thu: 1 pm – 6 pm | Fri/Sat: 10 am – 2 pm

When COVID restrictions are lifted, the Library will be able to welcome back volunteers. We will also be looking for new Library Board Trustees in late 2022. To learn more, visit rainyriverlibrary.com.



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2021: The Story of Our 65th Anniversary

In 2021, your public library...

- **Saved you \$99,424! Learn how >>>**
- Loaned 11,987 items
- Registered 33 new members
- Added 1,341 new items
- Provided free internet access to 4,901 users
- Loaned 2,670 eBooks and audiobooks by internet download
- Held 16 programs attended by 174 adults and children
- Gratefully received 145 hours of volunteer assistance
- Logged 60,970 Facebook impressions, 4,469 Instagram impressions and 2,730 visits to our website

DID YOU KNOW... that by borrowing from the Library, our customers saved \$99,424 in 2021? That's what it would have cost to buy the items we loaned out last year. Each of our members saved about \$203 by borrowing. There's no better bargain than your Public Library!

THE CHALLENGES AND HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

January 2021: The Library started its fifth year in Manitoba's FILL interlibrary loan network. Rainy River is the only Ontario library in the network, receiving 183 items on loan from 61 Manitoba libraries.

March 2021: After only three weeks with the doors open, the Library is returned to lockdown by the province. Curbside service remains in place until July.

July-August 2021: In place of the annual Summer Reading Club – which could not be held due to COVID – the Library offers seven weeks of free crafts for pick-up. Thirty-five kits went home with families.

November 2021: The Library successfully applies for \$24,332 from Ontario's Seniors Community Grant program. The grant funds eBook training for seniors and a major expansion of the Library's Axis360 eBook collection.

2021 IN PICTURES



In March, much-needed new flooring was installed in the Children's section...



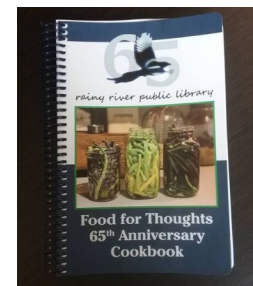
...but only the Library's resident teddy bears could enjoy it during lockdown! We were very happy to welcome back patrons in July.

LIBRARY CIRCULATION

2021 USAGE BY MATERIAL TYPE

Category	Loans	% Total
Adult Fiction	3,595	30.0%
Adult Non-Fiction	434	3.6%
Juvenile Fiction	597	5.0%
Juvenile Non-Fiction	170	1.5%
Young Adult (all)	68	0.6%
DVDs & Blu-rays	3,386	28.2%
Audio	467	3.9%
Periodicals	331	2.8%
Overdrive Audio+Video	1,279	10.7%
Overdrive eBooks	1,313	10.9%
Interlibrary Loans	269	2.2%
Axis360	78	0.6%
TOTAL	11,987	100.0%

The Library's 2021 circulation was badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. For half the year, use of the Library was restricted to curbside pick-ups and/or books-by-mail.



The Library Board spearheaded a cookbook fundraiser for our 65th Anniversary. Sales totalled over \$4,000 by year's end. Copies are still available to purchase for \$25 each. Contact the library to order – orders must be picked up.