



## 2020 Year in Review

Normally, reviewing the previous year is a lot of fun - combing through photos, remembering programs, looking back on art displays is satisfying and fulfilling. This year? Not so much.

And yet, despite all of the challenges and difficulties we faced as a community, a country, and a world, we soldiered on.

We closed our doors to patrons on 3/14/20 with a miserable and sad feeling, but still knowing that we were doing the right thing to help stop the spread. We stayed closed and staff took turns coming into the building two at a time or working from home. We adapted, just like you all did. We learned how to use - and teach - GoToMeeting and Zoom and how to design google forms and record programs. And eventually we moved out of the Stay-at-Home phase to the Curbside phase. And then to the Come On In! phase. And then to the cautious, Sit Down For a While phase.



The light at the end of the tunnel is no longer looking like the headlights of the oncoming train. We will continue to follow the science as we carefully plan our next steps, and soon enough we'll be back to holding story time and looking at the hustle and bustle of a full building that sometimes gets a little too loud. And we'll be loving it.

~Gloria Goverman, Director

## Services

Although the Library building was closed to patrons for several months, library services never stopped and in fact, digital use skyrocketed. We had to rethink how to deliver services and did so by lifting as many restrictions as we could; expanding online library card options, and introducing online programming. Some of what we did during that time included:

- Calling over 1,000 patrons to touch base and make sure that they were well.
- Added **Kanopy** and **Creativebug** two fabulous digital services for lifelong learning, hobbies, and entertainment.
- Lifted the caps on **Hoopla**. Monthly use doubled so we knew we were on the right track.
- Added a YouTube channel and created and posted our own video content. Check it out **here**.
- Worked out a way to give students volunteering opportunities by creating **Virtual Volunteering** so that they could satisfy their school community service requirements safely and indulge their creative skills.
- Continued Story Time as Ms. Cathy took advantage of copyright restrictions which were temporarily lifted so that she could continue remotely.
- Initiated Curbside Service as soon as we were able to bring staff members back into the building.
- Continued with our Storywalks© tradition. Last year we did **A Hop is Up** by Kristy Dempsey and **Llama Llama Hoppity-hop** by Anna Dewdney. We also added an interactive butterfly display and a Fairy Garden in a little red wagon.

- Assembled and distributed 1,234 (how's that for numeracy perfection?) Grab n' Go Bags.

Check our online [calendar](#) for Book Groups, Gardening Programs, Meditation, and other ways to join in until we can meet again In Real Life.



Gardening



Origami



Ms. Cathy doing Story Time



ASL Finger Spelling



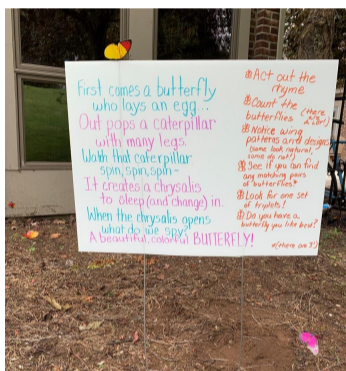
STEAM



We Missed You!



Storywalks!



Butterfly Activities



Emily Loves Crafting at Home



Lauren loves her Grab n' Go Craft



Storywalks are fun for grownups too

## The People





Long-time Trustee Barbara Zawadzinsky stepped down from the Library Board



Judith Smith, who served as Board president, resigned from the Library Board



Liz Colbert, who started as a part-time clerk and became the most organized Office Manager, retired



We welcomed Karen Bauer, life-long Hopewell resident, to the Library Board



We also say hello to Karina Skoufalos who joined the Library Board



Jessica Waldron joined the team and works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the office running smoothly



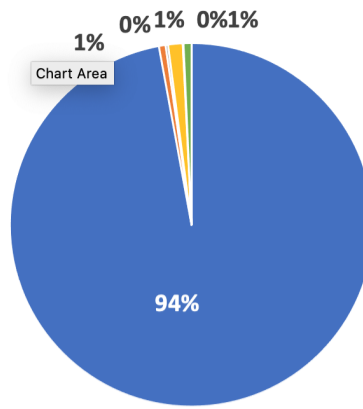
Ed Crocco is now our part-time facilities manager

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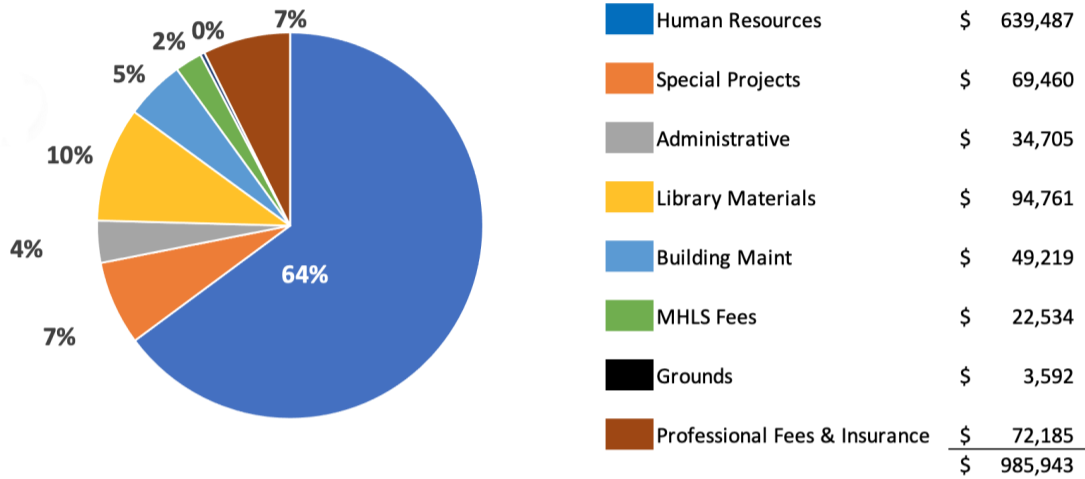
## The Financials

### SOURCE OF FUNDS

<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Tax Levy	\$	983,592
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> State Funds	\$	5,970
<span style="color: gray;">■</span> Fines	\$	2,322
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Donations	\$	13,052
<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> Grants	\$	687
<span style="color: green;">■</span> Interest & Other	\$	7,188
	\$	<u>1,012,811</u>



### USE OF FUNDS



Surplus funds are being used to address infrastructure improvements.

*Unaudited numbers.*



Nothing could stop the Canine Therapy Club from meeting up for a good chin-wag.

[website](#)