Reflecting on 2021, I am filled with gratitude for the growth of the library and the people who made it happen. I am also very excited about what the future holds for library service to our community.

This snapshot of the past year represents hard work and innovative thinking by staff dedicated to excellence, even during challenging times. It also represents community members who value the library by making use of resources for lifelong learning.

In our 65-year history of service, the Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, donors, volunteers, community members, and staff have worked together to create the thriving library district we see today.

In 2022, I am eager for us to build on our legacy and continue to expand services and resources in creative, meaningful ways for all members of the community.

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**LIBRARY PATRONS**
- 114,439 library visitors
- 21,344 active library cardholders
- 3,961 new library card registrations

**CIRCULATION NUMBERS**
- 219,945 physical materials circulated
- 78,093 digital materials circulated
- 5,657 items delivered to home-bound patrons
- 5,509 materials checked out to assisted living, nursing homes and school facilities

**TECHNOLOGY USAGE**
- 551,156 minutes logged at public-access computer stations
- 299,541 WiFi sessions logged at community library branches

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
- 64 library employees
  - 25 full-time positions
  - 39 part-time positions
  - 4 positions added in 2021
NEW LIBRARY SERVICES

Two Community Branches
Opened in Clever and Sparta

Community Connect Partnership
Offered free public WiFi access points in the county

New Research Tools
Introduced Consumer Reports and Gale Legal Forms Databases

Library of Things
Added musical instruments to the Library of Things collection

Outdoor Concert Series
Hosted five outdoor concerts featuring local musical artists

StoryWalk®
Children’s books installed along walking trails in Nixa and Ozark

Patron Notifications
Improved library access with automatic renewals and library card expiration reminders

Chadwick Community Stop
Community Pick-up and return location added in Chadwick

Flu & COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics
Offered four vaccine clinics in Clever and Sparta

OUR MISSION

"Engaging Christian County through expanding access to innovative, community-driven facilities, services, and lifelong education opportunities."

$96,391.81
AWARDED IN GRANT FUNDING

- $46,375 toward digital resources, WiFi hotspots and internet services
  Library Services & Technology Act
- $25,032 for new computers and technology equipment
  Library Services & Technology Act
- $21,780 to provide more WiFi hotspots for patron checkout
  Library Services & Technology Act
- $1,750 to fund musician’s fees and event supplies for concert series
  Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies
- $1,000 to stock the Shared Shelf pantry with food and toiletries
  Walmart
- $454.81 for participation in a Public Library Director conference
  Library Services & Technology Act

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