

Statistics at a glance

Library Visitors	29,554
Circulation—all materials	29344
Programs	163
Attendance to Programs	1960
Books in Collection	22076
Videos	1,281
Uses of Library Wifi	9,125



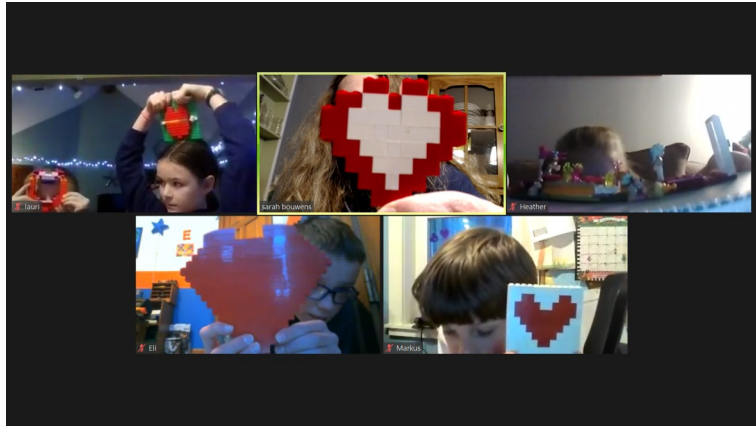
## Annual Report to Community 2020

“Libraries are about Freedom. Freedom to read, freedom of ideas, freedom of communication. They are about education (which is not a process that finishes the day we leave school or university), about entertainment, about making safe spaces, and about access to information.”

- Neil Gaiman



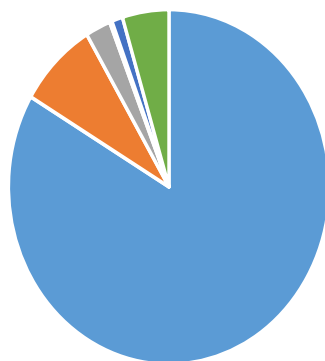
Even in a midst of the pandemic, we can have fun remotely with Family Book Club.



Fun at Zoom Lego Club

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2020 Library Funding



■ School Ballot   
 ■ Grants and Donations   
 ■ Fundraising  
■ Library Charges   
 ■ LLSA   
 ■ Interest on Endowment

Libraries are continually growing and evolving to meet the needs of our communities, but for Phillips Free Library, like the rest of the world, 2020 was a year that required enormous adaptability, reinvention, and flying by the seat of our pants. Writing this, almost a year after the shut down last March, it's hard to know where to start the story of last year. At Phillips Free Library we provide extensive educational programming, information, technological and just pure fun materials, but all that changed on March 16th, 2020. We had to take our extensive programming online, up our budget for downloadable books and audio for people to access while our doors were closed, institute online library card registration, so people could still connect while not being able to come into the building, and use Facebook, our Blog, our podcast, and virtual programming to stay connected to our community. Once we were allowed to reopen, we developed extensive protocols for quarantining returned materials, cleaning the library, providing curbside service, and preparing to reopen our doors, while Covid-19 continued to spread across the globe.

We held summer reading online, offered limited social distancing programs out of doors during the fall and winter, continued online book clubs and lego club and worked with the Homer

Rec Department to offer some special programming both virtually and in-person. Curbside services continues, but now patrons can once again access the building for browsing and picking up materials. We hope in the coming year to continue to extend in-person programming, as we all look forward to things returning somewhat to normal in 2021.

Still, despite the changes, closures, and upsets, students in our book clubs continued to receive books thanks to our book club grant. We continued to meet for discussion and other virtual activities. We even hosted a Zoom Cooking Party for all our book club members in Kindergarten through 12th grade in December. From our different kitchens we got together on zoom to cook and just enjoy each other's company. Like the rest of the world, here at Phillips Free Library, we continue to work to provide services to our community in these most "interesting" times, all the while focusing on keeping people safe, offering materials, educational programs, computer access, and wifi, and staying connected. In the upcoming year, visit us. We are here to serve our community and offer a respite from the world.

