

**Lexington Public Library
Report to Lexington City Council
February 22, 2022**

Library Finance

Fiscal year 2021 reflected a decrease of \$25,548 in City funding to the library, down from \$545,298 to \$519,750. State Aid increased slightly to \$1,536, up from \$1,523. Total operating expenditures amounted to \$483,159 for fiscal year 2021.

Library Collection

<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>	<u>DOWNLOADABLE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>37,390</u>	<u>3,484</u>	<u>2,019</u>	<u>52,789</u>	<u>95,682</u>

Library Services

FY 2021 saw 15,406 visits, and 2,588 computer uses Technology is an important part of what the library offers its community. A total of 20 public access computers were available during FY2021. Wireless internet and printing are also available.

Circulation of physical materials in FY21 was up slightly from the previous year by 306 items to 35,816 items. Electronic materials circulation increased by 1132 usages to 6,355. Electronic materials account for downloadable audio and eBooks from the Nebraska OverDrive consortium.

Programming in 2021 looked quite different during 2021 because of the pandemic. Programs were offered virtually, and summer reading programs and Prime Time programs were all outdoors and /or offsite. A total of 107 programs were offered through the library. Total program attendance was 7,098.

Looking Ahead

In-person programming has returned to the library with weekly story times, monthly Family Nights, book clubs, and cultural programming. We continue to see more people in the library socializing, studying, and re-connecting. The pandemic has transformed “normal”, and the Library has been here through it all creatively meeting the needs of the community. Visit the library yourselves, discover some of the changes being made, and see your community in action.

"Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries
build communities."

--R. David Lankes

(Professor and Director of the School of Library & Information Science at the University of South Carolina)

Your Lexington Public Library is a great library.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Norton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Jennifer Norton
Library Director