

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR OF CHANGE, INNOVATION, AND RENOVATION









LIBRARY MISSION:

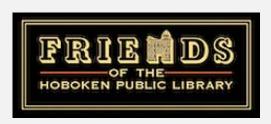
THE HOBOKEN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONNECTS PEOPLE WITH EACH OTHER, IDEAS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT LIFELONG LEARNING, PERSONAL GROWTH, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

LIBRARY BOARD:

PRESIDENT: JEROME ABERNATHY
TREASURER: JOANN SERANO
SECRETARY: SUSAN MURCKO
AMANDA BLANEY
RAAKHEE MIRCHANDANI
JACK SILBERT
KURT THOENS

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: JASON FREEMAN
BOARD SUPERINTENDENT ALTERNATE: JENNIFER EVANS
EX-OFFICIO: MAYOR RAVI BHALLA
SUPERINTENDENT: DR. CHRISTINE JOHNSON
LIBRARY DIRECTOR: JENNIE PU
RECORDING SECRETARY: CLARK MATTHEWS

SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS:



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MISSION: TO RAISE MONEY AND PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OF THE LIBRARY.

HOBOKEN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

MISSION: TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM, STABLE SUPPORT FOR THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES THE LIBRARY REQUIRES TO MEET THE EVOLVING EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.



*THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE MERGING IN 2022.

2021 BY THE NUMBERS



256,111

BOOKS, MEDIA, & DOWNLOADABLE STREAMING MATERIALS CIRCULATED

VISITORS THROUGH OUR DOORS 98,916





1,002

IN PERSON PROGRAMS: 343 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS: 659

IN PERSON
PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE:
14,869
VITRUAL PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE:
64,883

79,752





2,638

NEW PATRONS REGISTERED

LAUNCHED NEW CAPIRA SYSTEM, ENABLING **FEBRUARY:**

CUSTOMERS TO PLACE CURBSIDE PICKUP REQUESTS

ONLINE

INSTALLED 24/7 SELF-SERVICE PICKUP MARCH:

LOCKERS AT THE GRAND STREET BRANCH

PARTNERED WITH LITTLE CITY BOOKS TO LAUNCH RAAKHEE MERCHANDANI'S "HAIR TWINS" BOOK; **APRIL:**

MAYOR BHALLA AND 250 OTHER GUESTS IN

ATTENDANCE

LINA PODLES, LONGTIME DIRECTOR OF THE JUNE:

LIBRARY, RETIRED; SUMMER READING LAUNCHED;

RENOVATION OF THIRD FLOOR BEGAN

LIBRARY SHUT DOWN TO PUBLIC FOR FOUR WEEKS

FOR RENOVATION PREP WORK: OUTDOOR AND

JULY: ONLINE PROGRAMS CONTINUED:

CYBERCAFE OPENED ACROSS 5TH STREET FROM THE

LIBRARY

JENNIE PU STARTED AS DIRECTOR: LIBRARY **AUGUST:**

REOPENED AFTER FOUR-WEEK SHUTDOWN FOR

DEMOLITION

ANNUAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH **SEPTEMBER:**

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED







2021 HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER

LIBRARY FESTIVAL HELD IN
CHURCH SQUARE PARK;
ADMIRAL WILLIAM MCRAVEN
READ HIS NEW CHILDREN'S
BOOK - MAKE YOUR BED WITH
SKIPPER THE SEAL - AT STORY
TIME. VIDEO FEATURED ON CBS
MORNING NATIONAL NEWS
PROGRAM

NOVEMBER

FINE-FREE MADE PERMANENT;
BEGAN TASK-ORGANIZING THE
STAFF FOR IMPROVED
EFFICIENCY AND COMMUNITY
OUTREACH;
HUDSON MEDIA/TAP'ED: STEVE
LENOX WELCOMED JENNIE
PU AND JP PORCARO
(DIRECTOR OF THE BAYONNE
PUBLIC LIBRARY) TO SPEAK
ABOUT THE FUTURE OF
LIBRARIES

DECEMBER

YOUTH SERVICES HELD A
FEATURED STORY TIME AT THE
HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
FAMILY ELA & ART NIGHT

