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Annual Report

Seneca Falls Library | 2021



Dear Fellow Patrons:

During 2021 activity at the library slowly returned to normal as the pandemic began to recede. Virtual programming remained, but we are able to accommodate groups in the library again to everyone's relief. After a lengthy absence, our twice-yearly used book sales returned in the fall of 2021.

While our statistics have yet to return to 2019 levels, they are improving and we expect they will get there in time.

We were able to host the Ying Quartet in the library in September of 2021, and it was a special occasion. The string quartet's performances at the library had always been supported by Seneca Falls native and Mynderse Academy graduate Philip Withers, a resident of Houston. He

died in February of 2021, and made a provision in his will for the library. At the 2021 concert, his executor and long term friend, Richard Trellue, read a tribute to Mr. Withers.

The concert has long been a favorite of library patrons, and the library board has made a commitment to continue the Withers Family Concert in the future. Please join us on Oct. 8 for the 2022 event.

During 2021 the library board also made a commitment to expanding programs during 2022. While our children's program has been a source of pride for many years, we have struggled to provide more teen and adult programs. During 2022 we will be hiring an additional staff member to concentrate on that and you will see additional offerings.

The Seneca Falls Library continues to be your library. Don't hesitate to let us know if you have an idea about how we can serve the community better.

Many Thanks,



Martin Toombs
President, Board of Trustees

Services Added in 2021

Return of
In-Person
programming

Alzheimer's
Caregiver box
program

Wonderbook
Collections

SAT & ACT prep
online course
offerings

Notary public
service

HIGHLIGHTS: 2021

In early 2021 we were happy to invite all of our patrons through our doors and restore our previous open browsing hours. Due to COVID19 we continued a hybrid model of service offering curbside services well into the 2021 year. In addition to this we continue to offer programming both in-person and via Zoom. In 2021 we offered a total of over 370 free programs with over 10,000 participants.

In 2021 we lost a dear friend that has forever impacted so many of our readers. Miss Martha our resident reading dog passed away in May of 2021. Following Martha's passing the community came together in her memory to donate thousands of dollars towards our new Wonderbooks collection. Wonderbooks are a book and audio device in one, designed with reluctant readers in mind. The Miss Martha Wonderbook Collection has been a huge success. We look forward to the continued curation of this collection.



In 2021 Miss Martha was honored in our children's area walls and within our collection. A new generation joined us for more reading and excitement.

Karen Kelley and her reading dog Trevor pictured above.

Throughout of 2021 we asked patrons to give us their feedback via a community wide survey. Thanks to your help we have created a long range plan that is informed by the community. In November of 2021 the Board of Trustees passed the final version of the long range plan, providing a road map for the future of the library.

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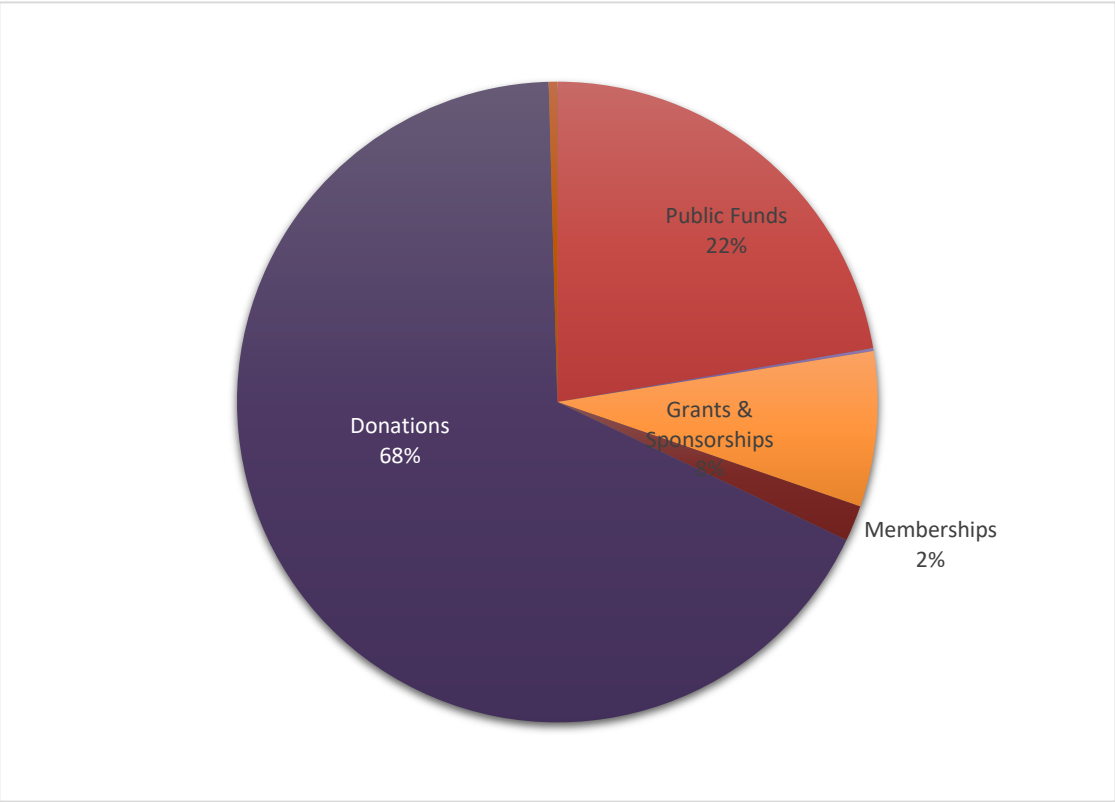
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Financial Summary



INCOME:

Public Funds	334,500
SFCSD library tax levy, Seneca County	
Grants & Sponsorships	117,451
One-time grants for specific programs from public and private funders, United Way, Friends of the Library, Rosen Foundation, Finger Lakes Arts Council, Delavan	
Memberships	27,106
Contributions from Library Association Members	
Donations	1,011,660
Contributions for memorial/honor books, other uncategorized support	
Income	2,178
Interest, fines, replacements, copy/print fees	
Other	6,521
Refunds, rebates, special events, fundraising	

Building Improvements 2021

Digital timers for exterior lights installed

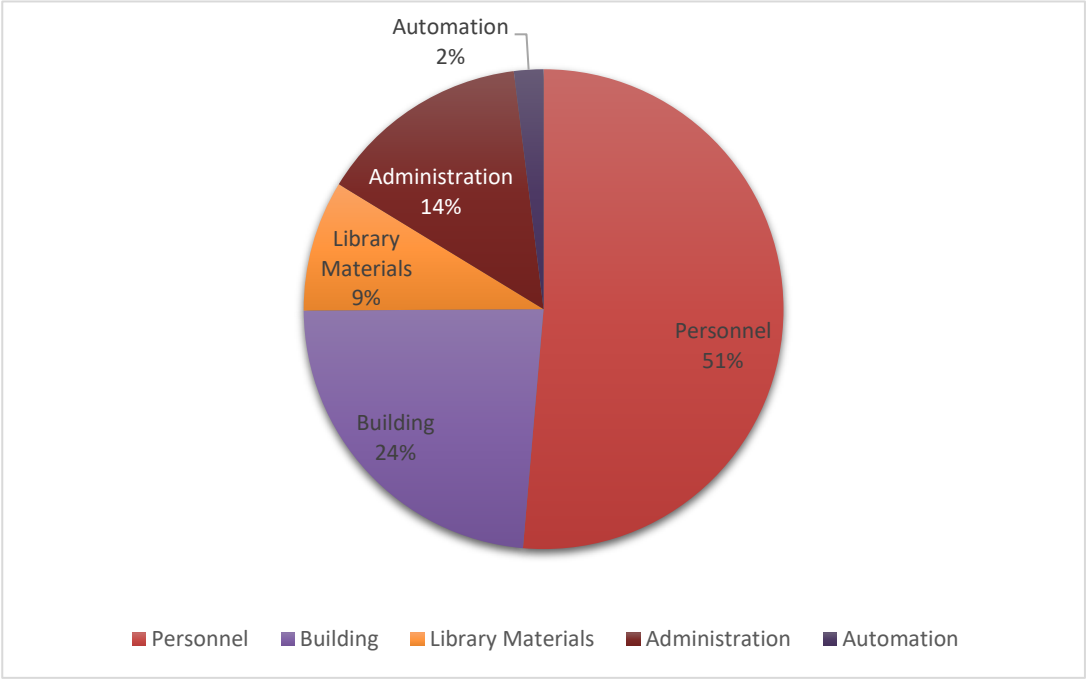
VHUD HVAC system Updated

Monitor and Computer added to the Community Room

Outdoor benches donated by the Friends of the Library

New phone lines added

Updated security system equipment installed



EXPENSES:

Personnel	236,227
Salaries, benefits, payroll taxes	
Building	108,214
Utilities, insurance, furniture and equipment, maintenance, repairs	
Administration and Programing	65,731
Postage, office supplies and services, board liability, professional fees, advertising, etc.	
Library Materials	40,522
Books, audio/visual materials, serials, etc.	
Automation	9,132
Fees for automated circulation system and online catalog	

Money to fund the Library’s operating expenses comes from a number of sources. We receive **public support** from a voter-approved tax levy on residents of Seneca Falls Central School District and voluntary contributions from Seneca County. Our generous **association members** are individuals and businesses who donate to our annual membership drive; donations also come in the form of honor and memorial books purchased by loved ones and friends. We also apply for and win funding from **grant-making organizations** for specific programs. We are so grateful to everyone who funds the Library and we work hard to limit our costs and use what we have to provide the best possible materials, programs, and services to our community.

The Seneca Falls Library thanks the following donors for their generous support. We couldn't do it without you!

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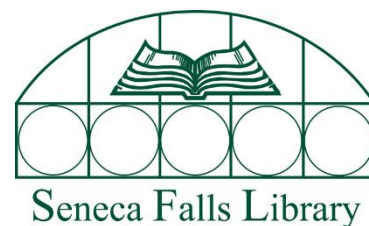
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We would like to thank everyone who shared their time and talents by supporting our programming and fundraising efforts this year, especially the Friends of the Seneca Falls Library.

Thank you!

The mission of the Seneca Falls Library is to serve the community's educational, informational and leisure needs through the provision of literary materials, programs, meeting venues and multimedia services.



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