

2022 Annual Report



Discover life's possibilities.

Letter from the Director

*The Library
is an
arena of
possibility,
opening
both a
window
into the
soul and
a door
onto the
world.*

-Rita Dove

With the lessons of 2020 behind us, we launched into 2021 with newfound awareness, curiosity, and flexibility. As a Library and staff we leaned into change and found new opportunities for innovation and fresh perspectives.

The San Juan Island Library remained a community hub throughout COVID, circulating materials and resources through curbside delivery and our curbside pick-up window; registering 430 new patrons for library cards; providing patrons with access to databases, ebooks, audiobooks, and more; expanding our collections to provide games and puzzles, WiFi hotspots, and laptops kits; and providing our community with rich and robust virtual programming and take-and-make kits for all ages.

As we look to the year ahead, we are grateful for the ongoing support of our community, the Board of Trustees, and the Friends of the Library. Thank you for supporting us in our mission to bring people together and empower islanders to discover life's possibilities!

Laurie Orton, Director



Mission and Values

The San Juan Island Library provides community access to diverse and relevant collections, information resources, and services in support of individual education, occupations, and recreational interests. The Library offers a welcoming place for community connection and promotes exploration of the joys of reading and of learning, while encouraging the discovery of life's possibilities.

- ▶ **Welcome and Respect:** The Library strives to be the heart of the community, reflecting the vibrant personality of our island. It is a safe and welcoming place that encourages the free exchange and exploration of ideas, and respects the diverse viewpoints of all.
- ▶ **Accessibility:** The Library recognizes that a user-friendly environment helps our patrons to access information. The Library explores ways to make it easier for all patrons to navigate our physical and virtual resources.
- ▶ **Intellectual Freedom:** The Library strives to ensure protection of the individual's freedom to read, the maintenance of privacy, and unfettered intellectual inquiry and expression.
- ▶ **Innovation:** The Library pursues innovation in services and resources to meet the evolving needs of the Library and our patrons.
- ▶ **Collaboration:** The Library uses its unique position as a neutral public forum to foster partnerships and build connections across a broad spectrum of individuals and organizations in order to strengthen and enrich our community.
- ▶ **Professionalism:** The Library recognizes the importance of having well-trained, knowledgeable staff for delivery of quality services. The Library supports ongoing training to ensure professional standards and knowledge.



2021 by the Numbers

141,369

Items Checked Out



- ▶ 430 new cardholders
- ▶ 5,616 library card users
- ▶ 26,069 library visits
- ▶ 1,084 interlibrary loans
- ▶ 52,386 website views

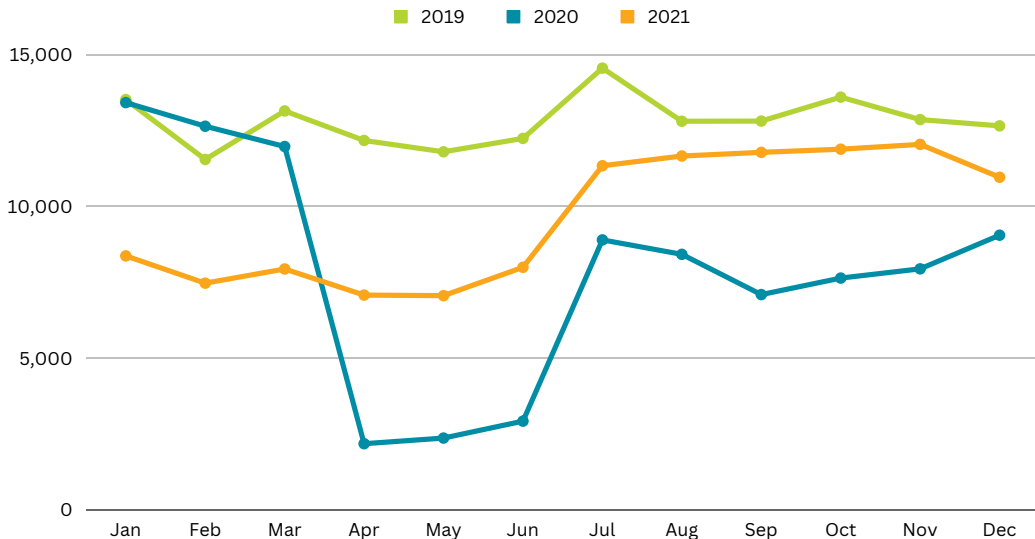


- ▶ 241 library programs
- ▶ 2,645 program attendees
- ▶ 34 programs added to Virtual Program Archive



2021 by the Numbers

Circulation Statistics



Throughout 2021, as we relaunched services in our physical library, we continued to provide a robust digital presence, connecting new patrons with eCards and online resources from databases to ebooks, and innovating new ways to provide services through our curbside pickup window. Our 2021 circulation statistics reflected national trends as we collectively navigated the pandemic. We were grateful to remind our community members daily that whether online or in-person, the San Juan Island Library is always here for you.

2021 Highlights



Fine Relief

Motivated by our desire to support our entire community and ensure that all islanders have access to the Library and its dynamic offerings, SJIL was thrilled to enact COVID-Relief Amnesty for library patrons. Billed charges on patron accounts accumulated between January 2016 and December 2020 were fully removed.



Summer Reading Program

With over 399 Summer Reading Program (SRP) kits delivered to participants, readers from young to old celebrated the joy of reading and community! The 2021 SRP was one of our biggest to date, packed to the brim with more than 16 programs, 9 outreach events, and over 390 attendees. Over 125 Take & Make craft kits were distributed and 90 early literacy kits were delivered to local WIC families.



Trick or Book

Welcoming in Halloween with bookish flare, SJIL partnered with the Joyce L. Sobel Family Resource Center and other community organizations to create a safe, enriching, space for families and little ones to hear stories, wear costumes, enjoy Halloween festivities, and receive a book to keep!



StoryWalk®

2021 marked our inaugural StoryWalk® installation, featuring Thor Hanson's *Bartholomew Quill: A Crow's Quest to Know Who's Who*. A StoryWalk® is a creative way for children and adults to combine reading with spending time outdoors. An illustrated picture book is placed along a popular walking path for people to enjoy, step-by-step and page-by-page!

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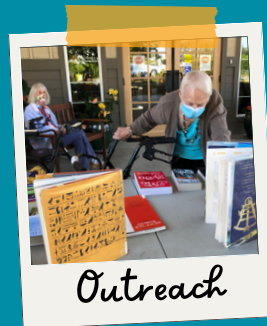
Programs

From plant swaps to historic walking tours and whale poop sniffing pups to firefighter storytime, SJIL brought a diverse array of programs to the community in 2021! Combining in-person and virtual programming allowed us to connect with far-reaching speakers and specialists, teaching us about our island's ecosystem, hobbies, interests, literacy, and more!



Laptop Kits & WiFi Hotspots

SJIL was committed to cultivating WiFi accessibility for the community throughout COVID. In addition to the library parking lot having 24/7 wireless access, the Library circulated over 24 wireless hotspots, and introduced laptop kits for checkout.



Outreach

Library services extend beyond the mere brick and mortar of our physical building! 2021 outreach services ranged from school visits to virtual English Language Learning, Aging Mastery book and discussion groups, the Mullis Center Book Club, and bi-weekly visits to the Village at the Harbor!



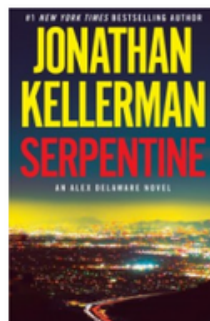
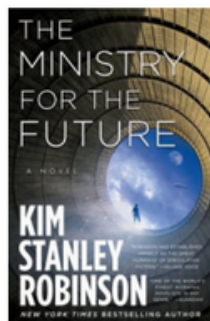
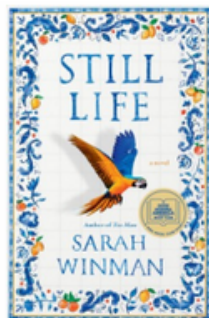
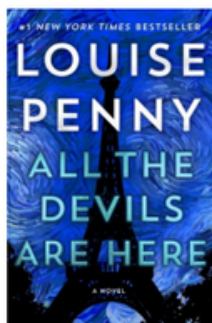
Take & Makes

Innovating ways for readers and makers of all ages to explore and craft during the limitations of the pandemic, SJIL offered a vast array of Take & Make kits to community members! Tucked in each bag were craft-based activities for patrons to creatively assemble in the safety of their own homes. These all-age activities ranged from papel picado to steampunk inventions, and brewing mulling spices!

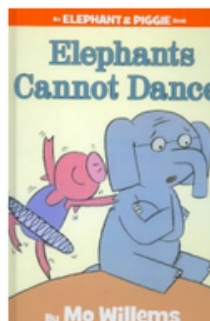
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Adult Fiction



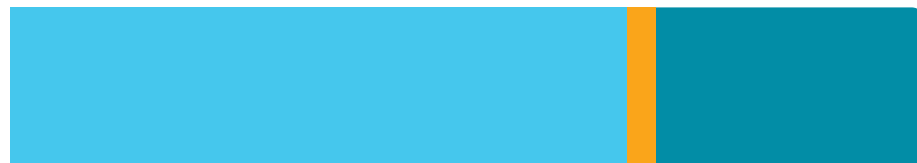
Youth Fiction



2021 Expenses

Revenue

Total revenue: \$2,167,823



Local tax revenue.....	\$1,461,727	- 67.43%
Donations.....	\$68,523	- 3.16%
Other.....	\$637,573	- 29.41%

Expenditures

Total expenditures: \$1,752,098



Personnel.....	\$1,110,996	- 63.4%
Technology.x.....	\$117,746	- 6.72%
Facilities.....	\$186,179	- 10.62%
Collections.....	\$116,346	- 6.64%
Other.....	\$220,831	- 12.6%

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