

Message from the Director



Dear Community Members,

One of the Library's greatest strengths is its ability to adapt to the constantly evolving needs of its patrons and community. In a world where new technologies and literature are ever present, your Library and its staff are constantly innovating new ways to engage, explore, and bring information, connection, and community to your fingertips. This has especially been highlighted in the last two years as we've navigated the pandemic.

During the first phases of the pandemic in 2020-2021, we had to adjust our hours, our lending methods, and the format of our library programs.

“It is in change that we find purpose.”
-Heraclitus

These changes created opportunities for the Library to welcome speakers from near and far virtually, offer eCards for residents without library cards to access all our digital resources, continue circulation of materials via curbside delivery service and our curbside pick-up window, feature new library items on social media, start our new Games & Puzzles Collection, expand our number of WiFi hotspots, add Laptop Kits for check out, and make library services more accessible by waiving all existing billed charges on patron accounts incurred between January 2016 and December 2020 through our COVID-Relief Amnesty.

We are excited to have returned to being open six days a week, while offering a hybrid of virtual and in-person programming and outreach services.

We look forward to 660 Spring Street being the future home of your new Library! In the months to come, we will share more information about our plans for the next several years to build the new Library. We will seek the community's involvement so that everyone can participate to better understand what is needed, contribute ideas, and see what the future home of the Library will look like.

Thank you for the collective patience, resilience, and kindness you have afforded our community over the last year. We are so grateful for your patronage and to welcome you back into the Library!



Director
Laurie Orton



Newly installed Curbside Pick-Up Window



Greetings from the window



Curbside vehicle delivery



Virtual staff recommendations



Virtual Storytimes



New featured items for outdoor browsing

“Your willingness to be of whatever assistance I ever needed, public engagement with the myriad of activities you bring forward, the variety of services you provide (including our kids, Latinx community, and seniors) have not gone unnoticed and are very much appreciated!”

-Community Member

“Your service to the community is outstanding and appreciated. It's why we are Friends of the Library.”

-Community Member

“I really appreciate the flexibility in approach you all have shown in these complicated times. It was brilliant when you let people come in before the shut down and check out armloads of books--it made all the difference in those early months.”

-Community Member

“The Library is our favorite place on the island now.”

-Community Member

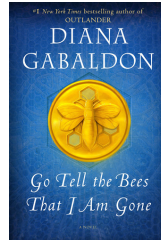
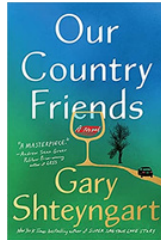
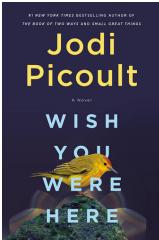
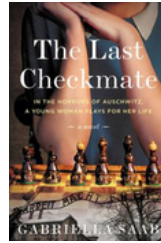
“My family and I are so grateful for your services, especially during the Covid closures. We can't tell you how wonderful it was to be able to access library books even when we couldn't go into the library. Thank you for working so hard to keep my little eager beaver reader kid and the rest of us happy.”

-Community Member

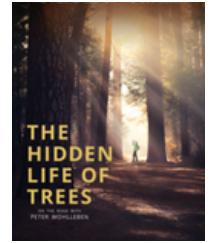
“It's the happiest place in town!”

-Community Member

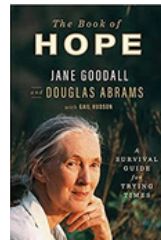
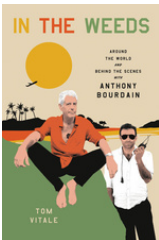
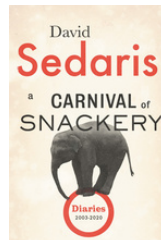
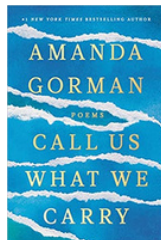
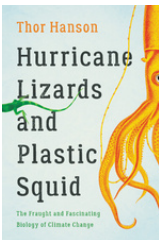
New Fiction



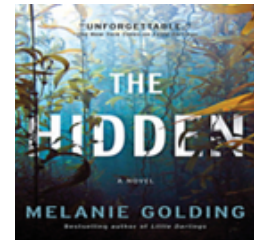
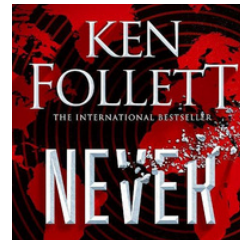
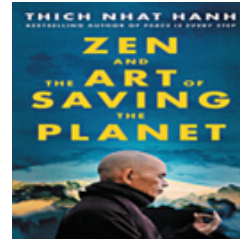
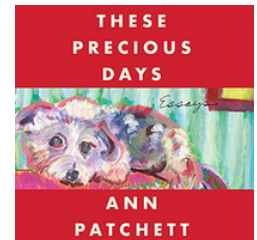
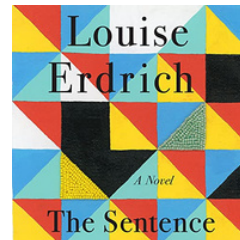
New DVDs



New Nonfiction



New Audiobooks



COVID-Relief Amnesty

In conjunction with the Library's reopening in June, we were thrilled to announce that all library patrons would receive COVID-Relief Amnesty for existing billed charges on patron accounts incurred between January 2016 and December 2020. We were motivated by our desire to help our entire community, and ensure that all islanders have access to the Library and all it has to offer.

In light of the financial and social impacts of the last year, we were--and continue to be--excited to welcome everyone back to the Library fine free with full access to materials and services. Our message to patrons in June was:

“As we turn the corner on an exceptionally difficult time, we want nothing to hinder any islander's access to library materials. Library services are more important than ever. The Library's mission is to provide access to materials, information, learning, and community in all of its forms--and that is our immediate aim in removing these financial barriers.

We hope to encourage the return of any overdue library materials by removing the hardship of fines, and will restore library borrowing privileges to all patrons whose past and current fines have prevented them from accessing library materials.”

Building Project

In December 2020, the San Juan Island Library District purchased 660 Spring Street for the site of the future Library's home.

Now that it has secured the property, the District will work on private fundraising while planning for a voter-approved bond to fund construction in 2022, after which the community will be asked to participate in planning for the new building. Leading our fundraising efforts will be our new Development Director, Amy Saxe-Eyler, formerly of the San Juan Island Community Foundation.



As planning for the Library's new home gets fully underway, we sincerely thank those community members who donated towards the project during the 2020 and 2021 Virtual County Fairs, and we look forward to further community engagement in the process as we envision our new Library together!

2021 | SO FAR...

Top Ten Checked Out Titles



ONGOING OUTREACH SERVICES

- Aging Mastery Program
- English Language Learning
- Mullis Center Book Club
- Tech Tuesdays
- Outreach @ the Village



ONGOING PROGRAM SERIES

- Featured Speakers
- Know Your Islanders
- Nature Matters
- Open Mic Night
- Wild Side



165

Outreach Programs Offered

43

Virtual Programs Offered

806

Virtual Program Attendance

Adult Services 2021 Stats

Adult Programs from the Year



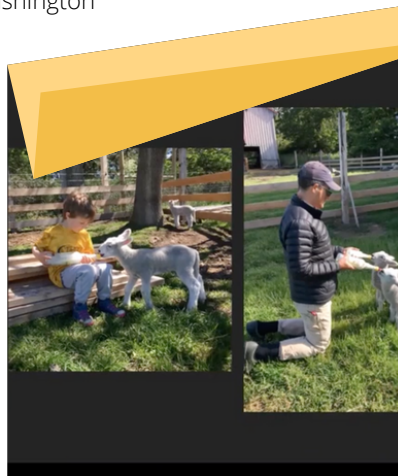
Eba the Whale Poop Sniffing Dog
with Dr. Deborah Giles
in affiliation with the University of Washington



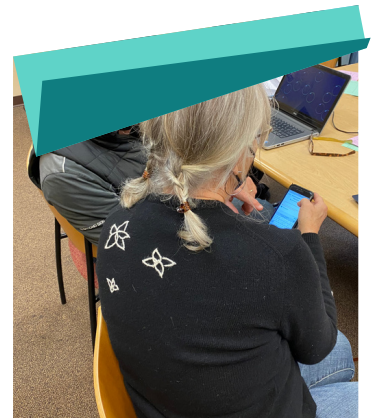
Strait of Juan de Fuca Open-Water Swim Talk
with Kim Rutherford



Pearl Schuman
of Native Zest



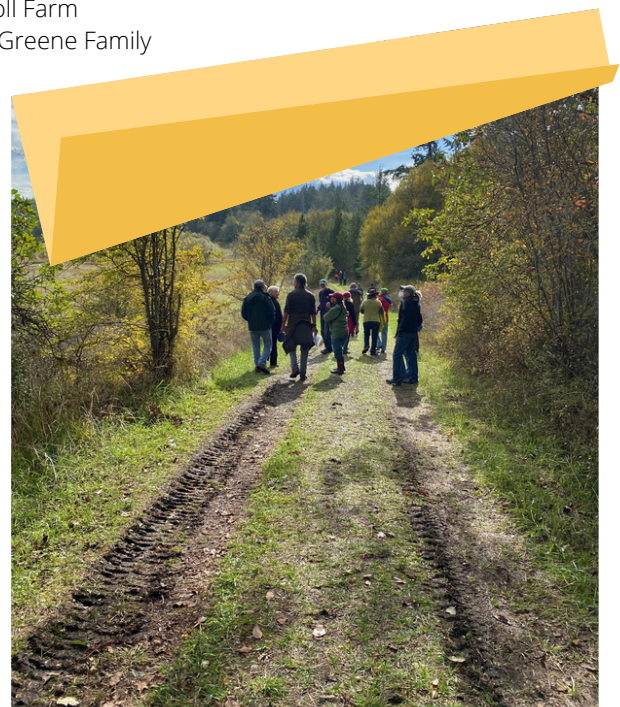
Know Your Islanders:
Oak Knoll Farm
with the Pope-Greene Family



Tech Tuesday



Plant It Forward
Plant Swap



Farming Along the Old Military Trail:
A View from San Juan Valley with Boyd Pratt Guided Walk

What a year it's been!

Youth Services *in action during the pandemic!*



Virtual Storytime with Miss Melina



T(w)een Tie Dye T-Shirts,
Summer Reading Program



Trick or Book
for Halloween



Take & Make kits



Fire Fighter Story Time
Celebrating Fire Prevention Week



Tails & Tales Outdoor Story Play
with Wolf Hollow



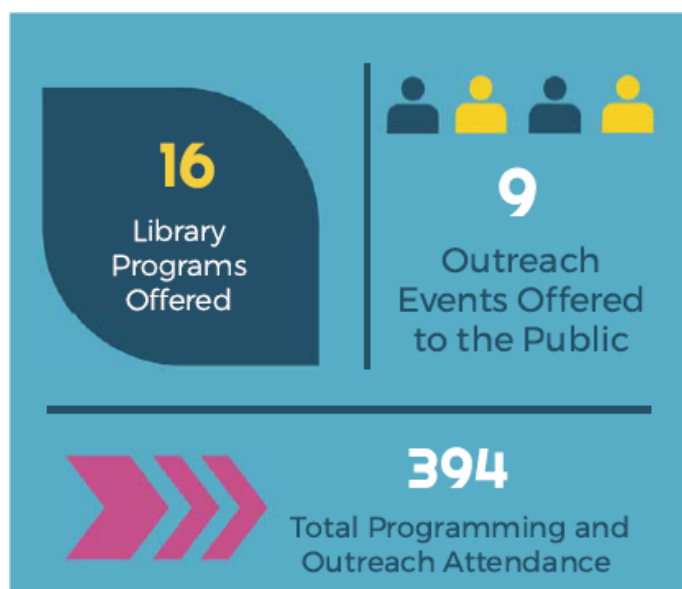
SJIL welcomes Elizabeth to the team



StoryWalk™ with author Thor Hanson

Summer Reading Program

in review!



Summer Reading 2021 Stats

Annual Report 2020

Highlights and Events

Curbside Service | Virtual & In-Person Programming | COVID-Relief Amnesty
Building Project | Purchase of 660 Spring Street | Take & Make Kits for Families
English Language Learning | Summer Reading Program | Wild Side Series
WiFi Hotspot Expansion | Virtual San Juan County Fair | Know Your Islanders Series
Mullis Center Book Club | Virtual Storytimes | Open Mic Night Series
Nature Matters Series | Aging Mastery Series | Tech Tuesdays
Outreach @ the Village



Library Collections

Books: 48,136

eBooks: 60,126

eAudio: 45,135

DVDs: 8,005

Audiobooks: 1,637

Magazines & Newspapers: 226

Online Magazines: 37

Facilities & Usage

Average checkouts per patron: 17

Material checkouts: 67,771

eBook & eAudio checkouts: 26,789



Total number of items

checked out: 94,560

Social Media

Twitter: 277

Instagram: 745

Facebook: 1,089

Website visits: 44,996

Inter-Library Loans

Items borrowed: 691

Extending our collection by
approximately \$17,275

Annual Report 2020

Programs & Events

Youth Programs Offered: 79

Youth Take & Make Kits Distributed: 934

Youth Programs Attendance: 2,512

Adult Programs Offered: 127

Adult Program Attendance: 2,259



Total Program Attendance: 4,771

Tech Stats

Database Use: 29,160

Public Computer Sessions: 3,498

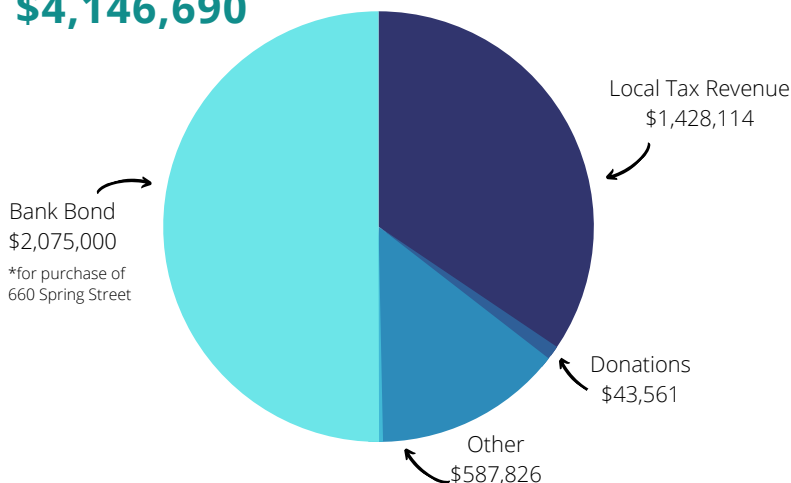
Wireless Sessions: 17,689

Catalog Access: 39,060

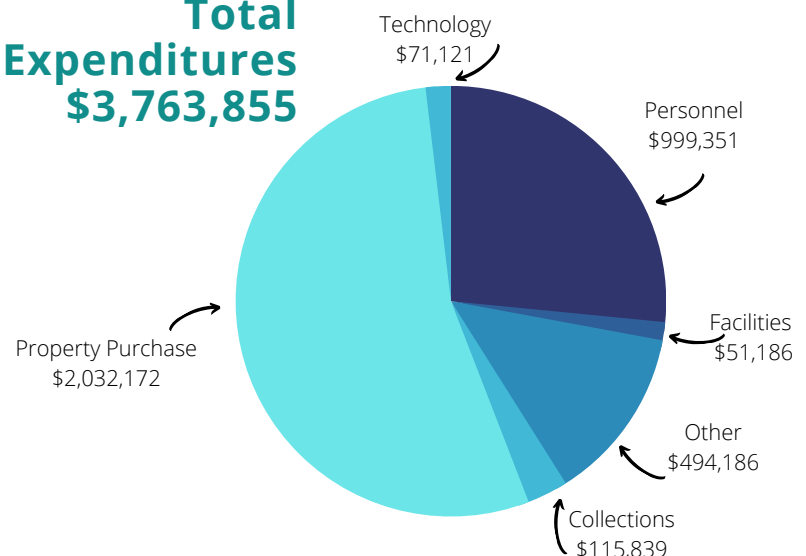


2020 Revenue & Expenditures

Total Revenue
\$4,146,690



Total Expenditures
\$3,763,855





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Library Director



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Assistant Director &
Adult Services Manager



Floyd Bourne
IT Administrator



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Bookkeeper



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Youth Services
Manager



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Collections Specialist



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Collections Specialist



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Public Service Associate



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TRANSITIONS

A heartfelt thank you to our departing trustees and staff, We wish them all the best in their new endeavors!

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We Love Our Library Friends: Let Us Count the Ways!

The Friends of the San Juan Island Library know the value of the Library on our island and understand that the Library needs community support to survive and grow. They are proud that they can help their Library expand its resources to serve our island public, and they work hard throughout the year to provide this help. Your annual memberships provide the bulk of the funds used to support the Library. The FOL Board's calendar is full of projects and events with opportunities for volunteers and library advocates!

FOL Fundraising Supports:

- Adult programs
- Children's programs
- Summer Reading Program
- Digital resources: eBooks, eAudiobooks, and streaming music, TV, & movies
- Annual Bookmark Contest
- Baby Bags
- Special purchases of books and audiobooks
- Programs, projects, & workshops offered by the Library
- Equipment
- Our library staff & volunteers

Questions? Contact any of the FOL Board Members or email them at fol@sjlib.org.

The Friends of the San Juan Island Library is a non-profit organization registered with the State of Washington and has 501(c)(3) IRS status. They are a group of incredible volunteers supporting, advocating, and raising funds to help make our island Library the best it can be. We love our Library Friends and hope you will remain or become a new one!



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THANK YOU!

Stop by and visit the Treasure Cove!

Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Where you can find gently loved books, gifts, and jewelry at affordable prices. Please consider donating to the Treasure Cove, which accepts all jewelry--broken or not.

Books in good, clean condition can be dropped off at the FOL storage facility--lovingly called the "Book Palace"--at 660 Spring Street, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the back of the property.



Friends of the
san juan island
LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

We / I would like to join / renew Friends of the San Juan Island Library,
a volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt organization.

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

FOL Levels of Membership:

____ Individual \$20

____ Family \$35

____ Business \$50

____ Sustainer \$75

____ Benefactor \$100

____ Sponsor \$250

____ Advocate \$500

____ Patron \$1,000

____ Additional Donation

\$ _____ Donation to Library Building Fund

I am interested in helping with Friends activities _____

Membership Renewal notice mailed annually.

Thank you!

FOL membership dues are a tax-deductible donation and the main
fundraiser to support the SJI Library.

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