

Financial Overview 2021 (Unaudited)

GDPL REVENUE 2021* Unaudited	
Sunshine Coast Regional District	\$668,900
Provincial Grants	\$80,913
Revenue from fees and donations	\$8,824
Other Grants	\$22,756
Total	\$781,393
GDPL EXPENSES 2021	
Wages and Benefits	\$531,085
Collections	\$116,489
Facility Management and Equipment	\$86,499
Programs	\$17,234
Capital Assets/ RFID Gate	\$30,086
Total	\$781,393



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“When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.”
— Viktor E. Frankl, *Man’s Search for Meaning*

This quote has brought me strength in face of the ongoing challenges of the pandemic.

Amidst changing public health orders and community needs, GDPL has adapted and continued to evolve. As the Sunshine Coast experiences growth, housing challenges and increased cost of living, the library is our most accessible public amenity and resource. People count on us to connect with each other, with information and technology, and with the world of culture, knowledge, and ideas. We are also relied on for shelter from inclement weather, particularly during extreme events such as the heat wave last summer and the bitter cold of winter.

The pandemic has caused us to re-invent how we offer programs, and in 2021 we introduced a hybrid model combining limited-capacity in-person experiences with the option for online participation. Our circulation of physical and digital items has consistently increased each year. Annual circulation increases have been consistent over the past 10 years as have our number of active patrons, which reached 8,016 in 2021. Looking forward, we know that the library must expand its

services and space to better meet the needs of our patrons. Working with the Holland Lands Task Force and our stakeholders, we are actively seeking creative ways to increase both our physical space and our services.

I thank the GDPL Board, library staff, patrons, the SCRD, Town of Gibsons, Gibsons & District Library Foundation, the BC Libraries Branch and all of our supporters for helping us to move through the pandemic with resilience and stability. As we embark on the final year of our current Strategic Plan, we aim to fully meet our primary goals of building community, encouraging and enabling lifelong learning, invigorating people and culture, and creating welcoming spaces and resources.

I hope to see you at the Library!

Heather Evans-Cullen
Library Director



Janet Hodgkinson
GDPL Board Chair

On behalf of the GDPL Board, Library Director and staff, I acknowledge with gratitude that we serve our community on the ancestral lands of the Squamish Nation. 2021 was another year of challenges brought about by the pandemic and the effects of climate change. Despite this, the library expanded its efforts

2021 IN NUMBERS

36,631 visits
to GDPL website
up 2.6%
from 35,686
in 2020

**In person visits
to the library**
83,537
up 41%
from 59,391 in 2020

CIRCULATION



Physical collection
111,689
up 3%
from 108,618 in 2020

Digital circulation
32,965
up 18%
from 27,945 in 2020

11,763
wifi logins
up 53%
from 7,719 since 2020



under the unwavering leadership of Library Director Heather Evans-Cullen, allowing the Board to plan for the future. In 2022 you will see progress on our commitment to Truth & Reconciliation, the development of a new Strategic Plan, and an exciting expansion of library services. Personally, it is a privilege to collaborate with Heather and the GDPL Board Trustees—their love of the library translates into action.

Janet Hodgkinson
GDPL Board Chair

