“The library is an arena of possibility, opening both a window into the soul and a door onto the world.”

~ Rita Dove, United States Poet Laureate (1993-1995)
Dear Friends,

It has been a year to open windows and doors, to widen our minds and expand our reach. At The Community Library, we did just that:

• **We rolled books outside each day** for curbside pickup on the Library’s porch.

• **Tots circled on the lawn** for Story Time, and we mailed literacy kits to preschoolers at home.

• **Students did online classes** under the trees with the Library’s outdoor Wi-Fi.

• **Teen interns gave books to children across the county** through the Bloom bookmobile.

• **Thousands of people connected online (for free!)** with the Library to write poetry, talk about *Ulysses*, learn about China, and pose questions to Ken Burns.

• **We welcomed guests from around the world**, virtually, through the doors of Hemingway’s Idaho home in a film with Idaho Public Television.

All year, day after day, we opened the Library’s doors – physical and virtual – and people walked in and tuned in to greet old friends and new ideas, and to fearlessly make meaning in the world.

Your support grows this arena of possibilities, and it is big and bold. **Thank you!**

Jenny Emery Davidson, Ph.D.
Executive Director

“The library... is a place to sound out desires, wild notions... It gives her a place to be
The Community Library brings information, ideas and individuals together to enhance the cultural life of our community.

Read the Full Annual Report Online!
For a complete list of our 833 donors, more detail on programs and the masthead, please scan the QRC or go to www.comlib.org/annualreport2021.

Winter Read Participants: 389  Most Circulated Book, *Kindred* by Octavia Butler: 434  Children’s Programs Attendees: 931

Museum Visitors: 1,950  Items Circulated: 131,379  Visitors On-Site: 59,050  Books Given Away to Children: 2,475

audacious in her questioning. It provides her a place to dream."
The Community Library is a privately-funded, privately-governed, publicly-minded cultural institution. Unlike most public libraries, it receives no dedicated tax dollars. It depends on individual donations and revenue from the Gold Mine Stores.

Thank You!
Your support helped keep our community reading, learning, connecting, and dreaming this past year.

By the Numbers Fiscal Year 2020-2021

INCOME
Donations .............................................. $1,906,488
Contribution from the Gold Mine ........ $760,954
Contribution from the Endowment ..... $202,000
Library Services ...................................... $11,685
TOTAL INCOME ................................ $2,881,127

EXPENSES
Library Operations and Programs... $1,405,026
Outreach and Development .......... $252,891
Final Renovation Expense .......... $490,851
General and Administrative ........ $457,359
Stewardship Fund ......................... $275,000
TOTAL EXPENSE ......................... $2,881,127

~ Lynell George on the writer Octavia Butler

Livestream Views: 13,269  Gold Mine Visitors: 131,783  Gold Mine Items Sold: 222,012
“The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

~Dr. Seuss
Fiscal Year 2020-2021
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