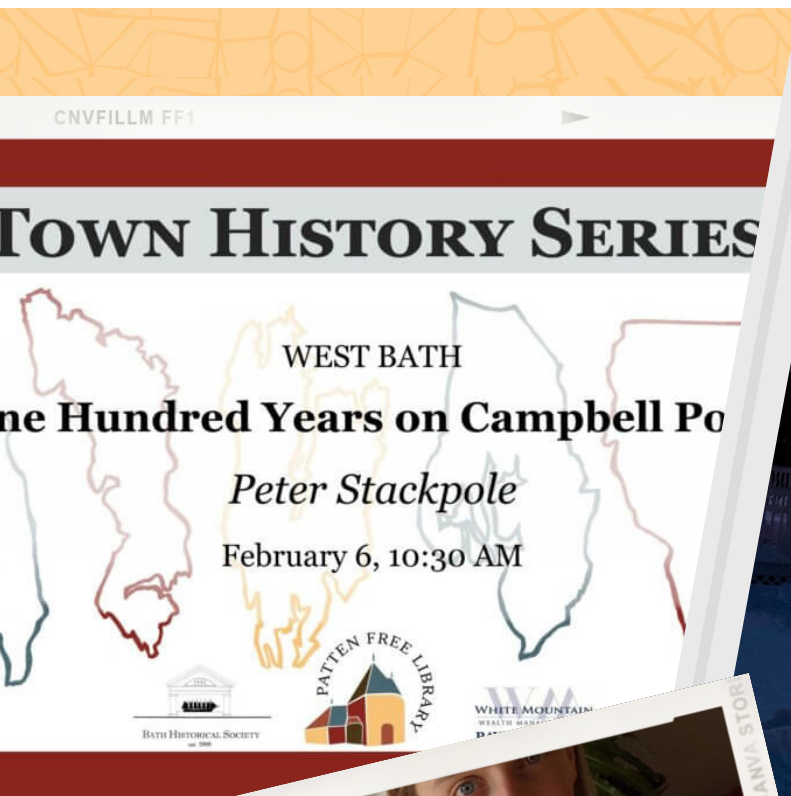


# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



Starry Night Luminary Walk



Edible Book Contest

# PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Patten Free Library,

The Library has had an eventful and challenging year. We should all be grateful to the dedication and creativity of the Library's staff who have continued to bring us not only our reading materials but also new services, including an expansion of outside activities such as the Starry Night Luminary Walk, a celebration of National Poetry Month with a Poetry Walk, and outdoor seating with boosted WiFi.

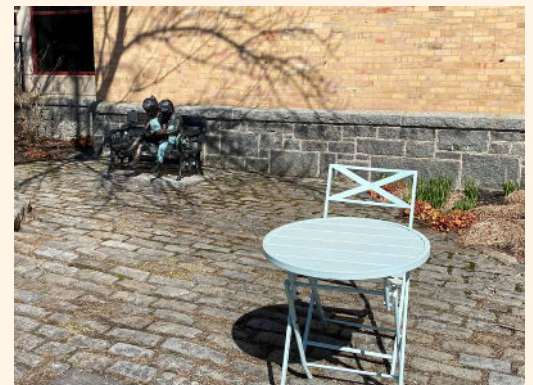
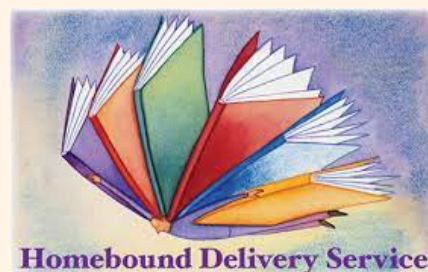
We have also experimented – thanks to the energy and creativity of our staff – with new programs outside the Library such as the Homebound Delivery Service. This is an exciting initiative of the Library as we seek to find new ways to help all our communities.

I want to also report on a new Board initiative: the development of a long range (3-5 years) strategic plan. This was a project first begun just before Covid hit and which we had to put on the back-burner as a result of the disease shutting down many operations. We are now revisiting the study to identify both the Library's and our communities' needs and how to achieve those. I know this process will make us better able to serve you. Thank you for your strong and continued support!

Richard J. Kessler  
President



Poetry Walk



Patio Seating

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Puppies for our Summer Reading Program "Adopt-a-Reading Buddy" challenge

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## A Message From The Director

Dear Patten Free Library Family,

Wow - this past fiscal year has been unlike any other in my library career. I am so incredibly grateful for the energy and dedication that our staff have demonstrated as we've navigated the challenges of this extended pandemic. As I reflect on all of the new programs we created to work within safety guidelines, I am struck by one unifying theme: connection. We connected with a record number of history enthusiasts with our virtual Town History Series. In fact, our virtual programming model helped us re-connect with friends living all over the country. We connected experts with interested patrons via programs like our Movie Discussion Group, our Armchair Traveler Series, and my personal favorite, the Edible Book Contest. As spring rolled around, we enjoyed witnessing people connect with one another in person - at our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, at Children's Story Times in the Library Park gazebo, or simply seeing one another again while browsing or checking out books. Most of all, we feel deeply connected to our work providing library services to you, the residents of Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, West Bath, and Woolwich. Thank you for including us in your lives. We appreciate the opportunity to serve, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support!

My sincerest thanks,

Lesley Dolinger  
Director



**Lesley speaking at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**

## CURRENT STAFF

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Hannah Lackoff

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Shannon Bowring

# FRIENDS OF PATTEN FREE LIBRARY



Volunteers preparing the gazebo for  
a book sale



*the library bookstore*



A happy browser at the  
Winter Street sale

The Friends of the Patten Free Library provide significant financial support to the PFL – a total of **nearly \$500,000 over the past 18 years**. This support comes primarily from ***the library bookstore*** and from the sale of donated books. All our proceeds support library operations and activities.

2020 was a tumultuous year. At the outbreak of the pandemic, we were very concerned that the coronavirus would have a severe impact on our ability to raise funds. And it did have an impact: ***the library bookstore*** was closed for three months, and Heritage Days was cancelled. But bookstore sales rebounded, and our dedicated and resourceful volunteers sponsored two book sales at the Gazebo on the library lawn in October and in April that netted almost \$8,000. A third sale in the Winter Street Center this July brought in nearly \$11,000.

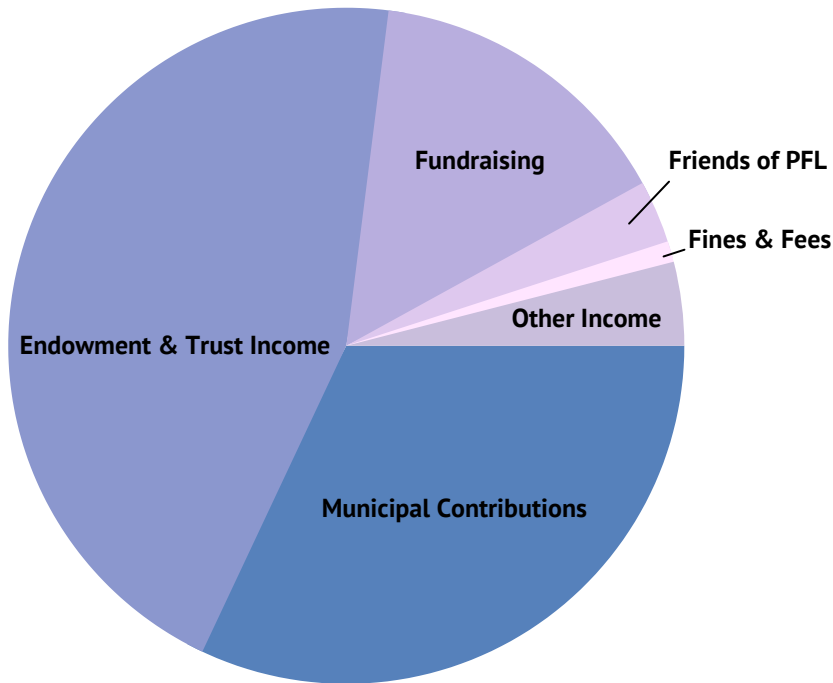
Because of the resurgence of the coronavirus Delta variant, we will not hold an annual meeting in October this year. So we'd like to take a moment to express our sincere thanks to all of you in Bath and the surrounding towns for your amazing support of our activities. We at the Friends will continue to work hard to support this iconic library that we love, and that means so much to the greater Bath community.

Jim Atherton,  
Friends of PFL President

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# FINANCIALS July 2020 - June 2021

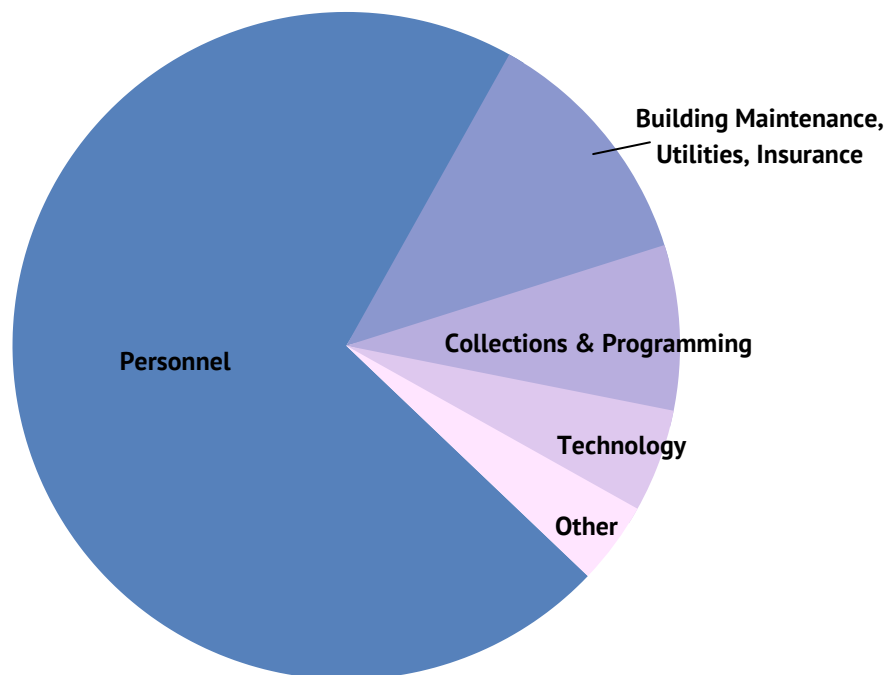
## Revenue



## Operating Revenue

Endowment & Trust Income	<b>\$397,424</b>
Municipal Contributions	<b>\$276,243</b>
Fundraising	<b>\$135,872</b>
Friends of PFL	<b>\$30,464</b>
Fines & Fees	<b>\$5,076</b>
Other Income	<b>\$31,842</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$876,921</b>

## Expenditures



## Operating Expenditures

Personnel	<b>\$589,055</b>
Building Maintenance, Utilities, Insurance	<b>\$101,900</b>
Collections & Programming	<b>\$66,853</b>
Technology	<b>\$43,923</b>
Other	<b>\$28,772</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$830,503</b>

You can view a list of our donors [here](#)