



Annual Report

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We're All About Community...

I like the Patterson Library because:

**"It personifies community,
and the staff is the best."**

Linda L.



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I like the Patterson Library because:

**"They have the best adult
programs, they also have the
most friendly, helpful, and
courteous staff!"**

Richard S.



I like the Patterson Library because:

**"It's a place where my children
can enjoy themselves, picking
books, playing games and doing
classes with other kids."**

Zach O.

Director's Box...



2021 for us was a year of listening...and we heard you! In 2021, the library's staff and trustees initiated a series of conversations to better understand our community's aspirations for the town of Patterson. The library is here to serve everyone in our community, and we anticipated these conversations would help us discover how the library could enhance the quality of life for our residents.

During our conversations, people told us they want opportunities to come together and get to know their neighbors. They would like Patterson to be a place that is welcoming to people of all ages and with different points of view. We heard that some Putnam Lake residents feel disconnected from what is happening in the center of Patterson and would also like to connect with others. In addition, our conversations let us know that people value the unique character of the surrounding environment—the open spaces and the Great Swamp—and would like to see this preserved for future generations of residents.

We wanted to hear from you in order to plan services and programs that are relevant to your interests. This information will also guide our work with other local organizations and trusted community partners in creating new opportunities to bring people together and celebrate all that makes the people and area of Patterson unique. Our work in 2022 has been directly affected by what we learned from you, and I hope you see that in the new programs and services we are offering and the partnerships we are working to establish and strengthen.

We strive to provide materials and services that enhance the lives of every resident of the town of Patterson. Still, we also realize that what is important to one person or group may not be necessary or relevant to someone else. Even though we completed our official conversations in 2021, we continue to listen and would love to know what we can do to make the library more meaningful to our community. I look forward to continuing to hear from you!

Stephanie Harrison

Our audited financial statements and 990s are available on our website at: <https://pattersonlibrary.org/about-us/budget/>

Community Strong !

From food drives to art shows, we continually strive to work with local organizations, businesses and partners to share resources and support our local community.

- Patterson Historical Society
- Putnam County Savings Bank
- Patterson Town, Recreation and Fire Departments
- Petersen's Patterson Greenhouses
- Patterson Food Pantry
- Patterson Rotary
- Local School Supply Drive
- Local Artists
- Putnam CAP
- Acme, Hannafords, Brewster Pastry, Thai Elephant, Putnam Diner, Farmhouse



Library Value Calculator

Library users save thousands every year!

Monthly Use	Library Materials & Services	Value of Your Use
4	Adult Books Borrowed	\$68.00
4	YA Books Borrowed	\$48.00
4	Children's Books Borrowed	\$68.00
2	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$19.90
4	Interlibrary Loan Requests	100.00
4	eBooks Downloaded	\$60.00
4	Magazines Read	\$20.00
4	Newspapers Read	\$38.00
4	Movies Borrowed	\$16.00
1	Meeting Room Use (per hour)	\$25.00
2	Adult Programs Attended	\$30.00
2	Young Adult Programs Attended	\$24.00
4	Children's Programs Attended	\$28.00
1	Museum Passes Borrowed	\$20.00
10	Computer Use (per hour)	\$120.00
10	Database Searches	\$199.50
15	Reference Assistance	\$105.00
	Total Monthly Savings:	\$989.40

2021: Just the Facts!

There were **421** library programs for adults, teens & kids!

290 teens attended our YA programs.

The Community Room was used more than **120** times!

2,423 adults attended adult programs.

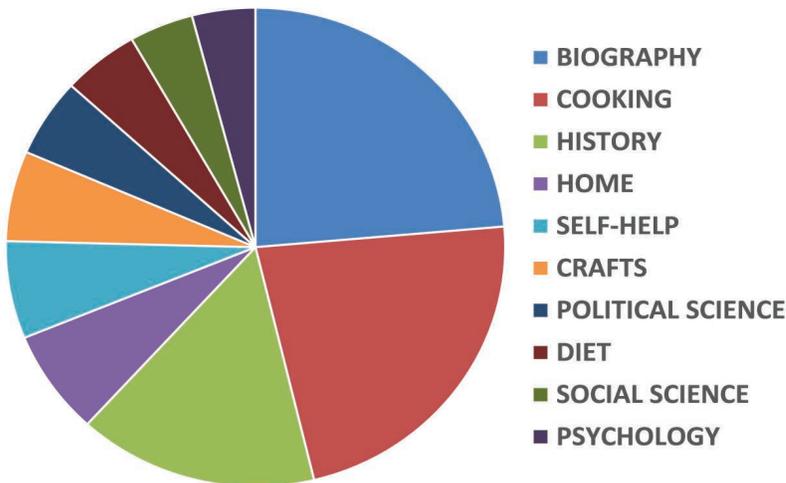
3,353 kids attended children's programs.

3,674 eBooks were downloaded!



Summer Fun At The Library!

Top Ten Non-Fiction Topics Borrowed



Great Give Back Event & More!



65,481 items are in our collection!

45,359 items were borrowed.

13,797 children's books were borrowed.

Our computers were used **1,286** times!

34,523 visits to our website!

Since 2010, **6,900** people used our museum passes. To date the passes have saved people **\$102,263** dollars!



President's Message

Our budget vote passed in November and we are grateful for the support from those of you that use the library as well as from those that do not, but came out to vote for us because you appreciate the value the library brings to the community.

These funds not only cover operational costs, but allow us to provide countless services, resources, programs, and events that help thousands of Patterson residents every year.

The value of a library reaches far beyond the number of books we lend, the number of people that come to programs, or the money we save you. A library provides the resources that can impact your life in the most meaningful ways. We have much to look forward to and are proud to serve the Patterson community.

Thank you,

Donald Ferraro



Members of our Board of Trustees

Did You Know We Offer...

- Free Notary Services
- Free tech help
- Free faxing & scanning
- Low cost copying & printing
- Museum Passes for free & reduced admission
- Beautiful outdoor space, gardens and gazebo
- Assistive hearing & visual devices
- ADA compliant outdoor walkways, patio & table

How We Get The Word Out

- **4,080** people receive our monthly newsletter with program information and news
- **1165** people follow us on Facebook
- **685** Instagram Followers
- **477** TikTok followers
- **Website:** www.pattersonlibrary.org
- **Local Newspapers**
- **WHUD Radio Station** - online calendar
- **Flyers & Brochures** - in local businesses and post offices
- **In-house brochures, posters and flyers**
- **Our road sign**

You can sign up for our monthly newsletter at:

www.pattersonlibrary.org

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