

Buena Park Library District

Annual Report 2020/2021

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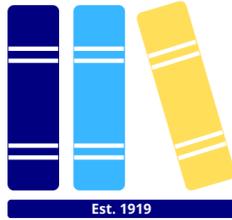
www.buenaparklibrary.org

Library Hours:

Mon - Thurs 10am - 6pm

Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

The Library is closed Sundays and holidays



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Our Mission

The Buena Park Library is committed to providing free and equal access of information, programs and services to educate, entertain and enrich the lives of our diverse community.



24/7 Library Access

COMPUTER/TABLET/SMART PHONE

Discover us at

buenaparklibrary.com

37,623 eBooks
checked out

75,673 visits
to our
Website

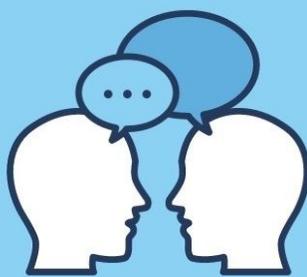


46,438
eResource uses

68,485 visits
to our catalog



The Library
welcomed
40,650 visitors
this year



16,141
Reference
questions were
answered



165,426 items
were borrowed

1,817

New Library
Cards were
issued

67 live
programs via
Zoom with
673
attending

280 programs
posted online
with 37,418
participants

7 reading
programs
conducted with
733 participants

70 different take-
away craft kits
distributed to
5,138 patrons of
all ages

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A message from our Director~

Welcome to the Buena Park Library District's 2020/2021 Annual Report. While the Covid-19 pandemic brought many challenges to the Library this past year, it also provided an opportunity to discover new ways to serve our community. It has been inspiring to see the creativity and dedication our Library staff have demonstrated as they continue to provide programs and services to meet the needs of our diverse community.

After being closed for two months, we began a phased re-opening. We started offering "curbside pickup", then moved forward with "Grab & Go" brief visits inside the Library, and are now fully open. Things are not exactly the same as before the pandemic but we are once again seeing many happy library patrons return to the Library to check-out books, use computers, take advantage of our Wi-Fi connection, and enjoy a place to study or relax. Our knowledgeable staff are here to answer your questions and provide assistance.

We continue to offer virtual storytime programs, and recently added an in person storytime outside on the lawn. We are also conducting adult book clubs that are a hybrid of in person or virtual. One of the most popular programs we are offering is our DIY craft kits for children, teens, and adults. Over 5000 craft kits were distributed last year. Usage of our digital collection of eBooks, streaming services, and educational databases increased significantly when we first closed and continues to be well used. Our Wi-Fi Hot Spot loan program that began when the pandemic first hit remains very popular as well.

We will continue to follow state and local health orders and recommendations to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our community while remaining focused on our mission: *"to provide free and equal access to information, programs and services to educate, entertain and enrich the lives of our diverse community."* I am grateful for our talented and dedicated staff, the generosity of our volunteers and for those of you who give so generously to the Library.

Mary McCasland

Library Director

Highlights of the Past Year

- Upgraded the Library's network infrastructure to increase internet connection speed
- Increased the collection of Wi-Fi hotspots to loan to patrons who do not have Internet access.
- Increased the collection of digital eResources as demand for eBooks and streaming services increased.
- Added a new Korean Language digital magazine resource
- Conducted weekly virtual programs for all ages including children's storytimes, science programs, and craft programs
- Purchased new self-checkout kiosks
- Developed and implemented a Curbside Service plan in order to provide materials to Library patrons during our closure
- Continued outreach efforts by taking the Library van into the community and attending various events

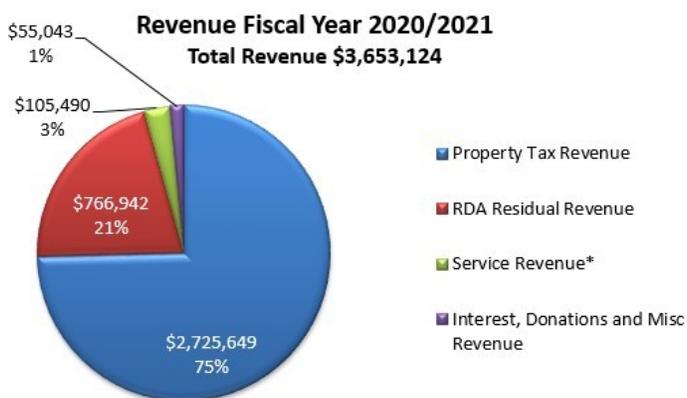
Priorities for 2021/2022

- Upgrade the Library's Heating/Air conditioning system
- Provide quality programming for all ages
- Remain focused on community outreach efforts
- Transition to By-District voting for Library Board of Trustees elections
- Remain committed to providing excellent customer service to our community

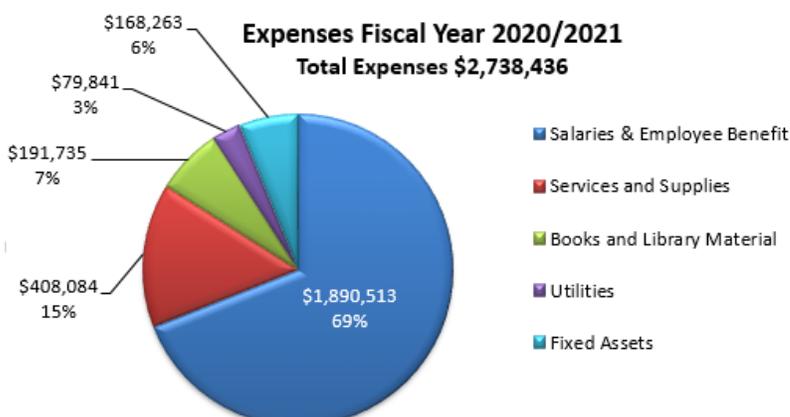


The OC One-stop mobile unit is at the Library each Monday to provide employment and workforce development services

To make an appointment visit the Library's website or www.oconestop.com/mobile-unit

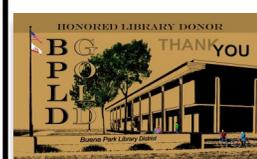


*Due to the pandemic, passport application services were suspended temporarily resulting in reduced service revenue.



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