



ROCHESTER REGIONAL LIBRARY COUNCIL

Annual Report 2021-2022



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reflecting on the past year, I am cognizant of the fact that no matter what changes take place in the world around us, our mission and the mission of our members remains the same. We connect people with the information they need when they need it. We collect, preserve, and share resources, both current and historical. We seek out partnerships and collaborations to expand our network and our impact. We challenge each other to do things better, differently, more inclusively. As we enter 2023, we are committed to expanding our network of partners, and are looking forward to the challenges that will no doubt come our way.

Laura Osterhout, Executive Director





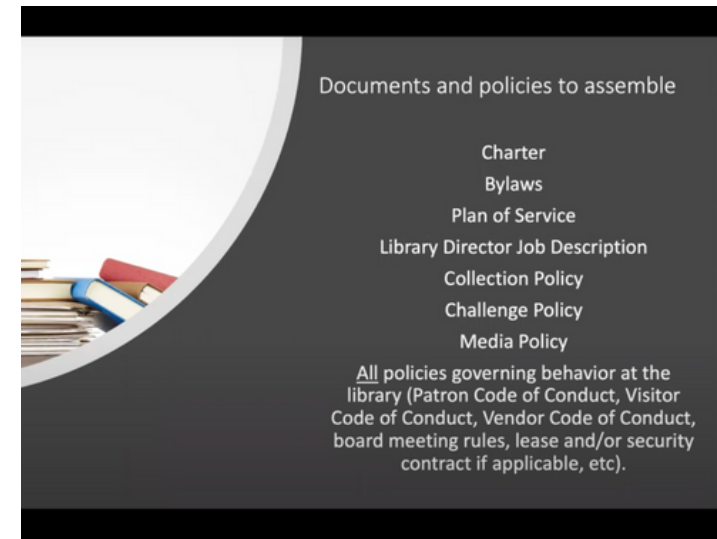
MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT LAURENCE WAHL, ED.D

When Peter Knapp announced his intention to entrust the president's responsibilities to another member of the board of trustees, I stepped forward without hesitation because of the good stewardship that is in place across the organization. Our finances are in good shape, our programming is timely and worthwhile, and our mission is clear - to support the work that happens each day at our member organizations. Whether it is a public library, a school or university library, a specialized library, or a museum or cultural organization, the work you're doing is a fundamental human service that enlightens, challenges, and connects us. Thank you for this work, and we are at your service!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The landscape of education and training has changed over the past few years, with a continued emphasis on making training as accessible and low barrier as possible. We know how challenging it can be to find the time to make continuing education a priority when we are all busy and are juggling so many responsibilities. RRLC is proud to work collaboratively with our colleagues both regionally and across the state to respond to emerging training needs. This past year we were particularly happy to partner with two presenters from our region, Melissa Jadlos (St. John Fisher University) and Ron Kirsop (OWWL Library System), to present the Grant Writing Toolkit webinar in collaboration with the Northern NY Library Network. We are so grateful to all of our members that take the time to share their expertise with others in the field!

More than 1,500 people from our region attended RRLC and ESLN sponsored training this year!



Calm, Legally Cool, and Collected webinar
with Stephanie Cole Adams

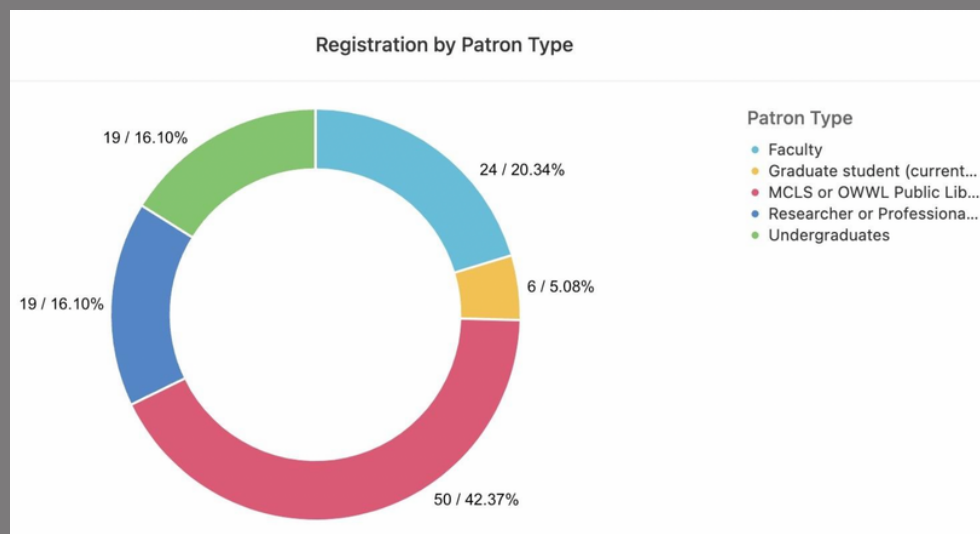


DIGITAL SERVICES

We partnered with our members to bring new collections to NY Heritage, NYS Historic Newspapers, and the Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative. We helped our members add more than 140,000 newspaper pages and 9,000 images. RRLC staff created a Virtual Walking Tour of the Pittsford Cemetery for the Empire State Immersive Experiences project. The tour features grave markers and stories of people with ties to the Erie Canal.



RESOURCE SHARING



Empire State
Library Network

Discover. Connect. Engage.

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ACCESS PASS

We worked to expand the reach of our resource sharing services over the past year, removing barriers and making it easier for our members to share with each other. We are thrilled with the success of our revamped Access Pass program, which is no longer requires a physical card to access library materials. Sixteen libraries issued 118 Access Passes to their patrons, with the majority coming from the Monroe County and OWWL Library Systems.

ESLN AIR

RRLC worked with WNYLRC to develop an Academic Institutional Repository project on behalf of the Empire State Library Network. Academic libraries in NYS may now join this project, which makes the Ubiquity institutional repository and publishing platforms available to members at a discount.

ARPA



RRLC received more than \$400,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). These funds supported a wide variety of projects.

Digital Inclusion & Equity:

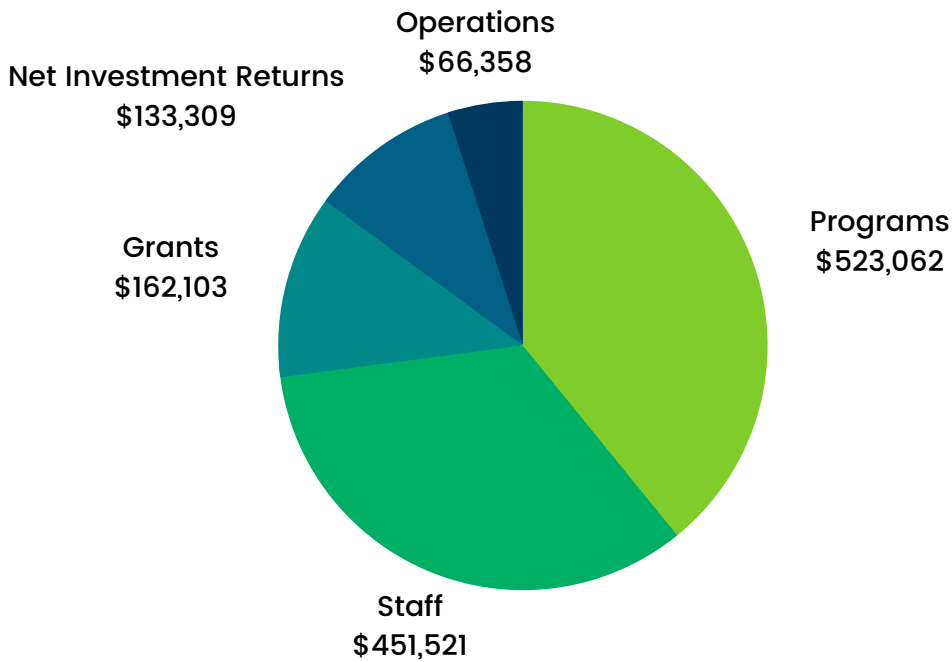
- expanded digital navigator program
- assistive technology in libraries
- digital literacy & media analysis training
- digital equity booths in libraries

Library/Museum Partnerships:

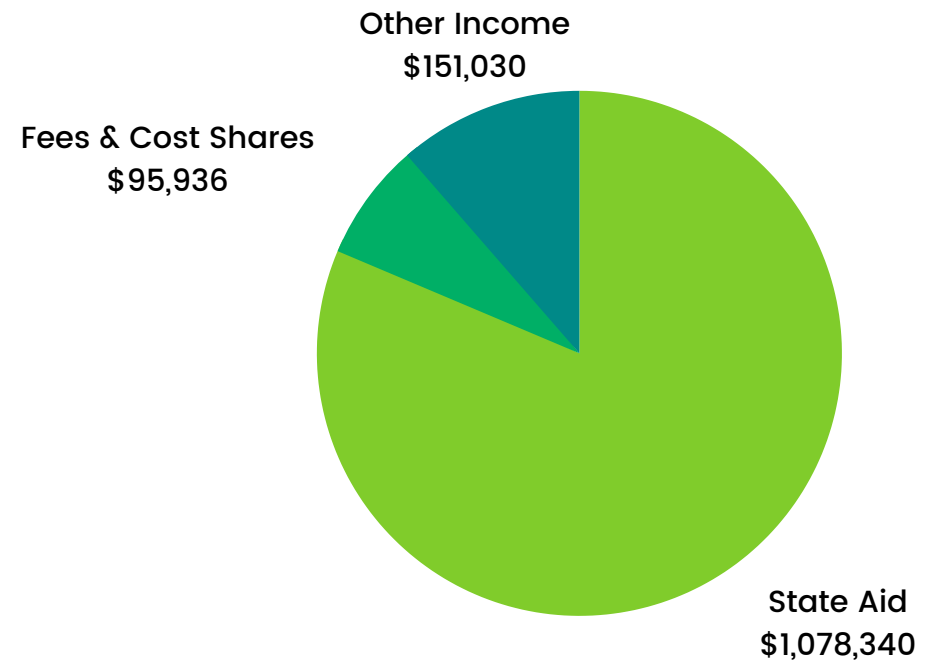
- digital asset management system for easier storage, management, access, and discovery of digital items

Expanded Digital Resources for Students:

- funds for each school library system to purchase new digital content to make available to all students within the school districts served



EXPENSES



INCOME

FINANCIALS

The American Rescue Plan Act grant from the NYS Library impacted RRLC's financials this year. RRLC received almost \$250,000 in ARPA funds which contributed to the increase in the State Funding over last year. We had more than \$300,000 in ARPA expenses during this same time frame which is reflected in the increased Program expenses over last year. We expect to receive the remainder of our ARPA funding in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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F.F. Thompson Hospital
Finger Lakes Community College Library
Genesee Country Village & Museum
Genesee Valley BOCES School Library System
Geneva General Hospital
George Eastman Museum
Greece Historical Society
Henrietta, Office of the Town Historian
Highland Hospital
Historic Geneva
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Humane Society of Greater Rochester
Landmark Society of Western NY
Literacy Rochester Library
Livingston County Historian's Office
Medaille College
Monroe #1 BOCES School Library System
Monroe #2 Orleans BOCES School Library System**

**Monroe Community College Libraries
Monroe County Library System
Nazareth College of Rochester
New York State Appellate Division
Newark Wayne Community Hospital
Nicholas H. Noyes Memorial Hospital
Ontario County Historical Society
Out Alliance
OWWL Library System
Roberts Wesleyan University
Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum
Rochester City School District School Library System
Rochester Genealogical Society, Inc
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester Medical Museum and Archives
Rochester Museum & Science Center
Rochester Regional Health
Sisters of St. Joseph
Sonnenberg Garden & Mansion State Historic Park
Sri Vidya Temple Society**

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St. John Fisher University
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Strong National Museum of Play Library, The
Susan B. Anthony Museum & House
Town of Rush History Office
Town of Sodus Historical Society
Unity Hospital
University of Rochester
University of Rochester Medical Center
University of Rochester Memorial Art Gallery
University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music
Walworth Historical Society
Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES School Library System**