



Annual Report 2020-2021

A message from our Board of Directors

St. Helena Public Library enjoyed opening its doors to see so many of your bright and happy faces again in mid-June of 2021 after a long closure due to COVID-19. Our special library, maintained services to our community despite the closed doors through the offerings of curb side pick-up of books and projects for taking home for quality family time. We recognize that our library is our community's living room while providing friendly staff support, literary materials and programs. We believe in life-long learning so we hope you will visit the library soon to continue perusing your favorite book collection or to discover a new subject that you have been wanting to learn more about. The St. Helena Public Library added more eBooks and increased the monthly offerings of Hoopla! Friends & Foundation raises funds to enrich the St. Helena Public Library. While the City of St. Helena covers the basic costs of running our Library, Friends & Foundation funds programs, materials and part-time salaries. **This year, we raised \$93,158.89!**

We raise money through annual appeal letters, books sales, community events. In January of 2021, we had to cancel our signature event, Bookmark Napa Valley due to the concerns around the COVID pandemic. We are delighted to announce that we will be able to host our 6th Annual Bookmark Napa Valley on May 1st, 2022. We are very grateful to all of our generous donors who supported us this year to help us exceed this year's fundraising goal.

Please visit our website www.shplfoundation.org to make a donation.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library again soon.

Our mission is to support the St. Helena Public Library by funding programs that engage the community in cultural and intellectual adventure, enhancing collections, and inspiring our community's philanthropic support, advocacy, and pride in our library.

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What your support created.

Programs:

The Library remained closed through mid-June, the weeks since have been filled with entertaining, educational and cultural programs that we made available remotely and for pick up outside of our library which were all free to our community through the support by the Friends & Foundation of the St. Helena Public Library. The library staff created fun and interactive Salsa make at home kits for our library patrons to pick up and take him for family enjoyment. Our Screen Free Time Kits were created to offer our patrons some fun alternatives to TV and computer time. National Library Week was celebrated with a fun Smore Kit for community families. The young library patrons enjoyed our festive outdoor Halloween activities which excited them in preparation for Trick or Treating. The Library also hosted virtual zoom author talks and virtual Story times which became an online sensation!

Materials:

This year, the Library purchased more eBooks and new books which keeps our Library's collection up to date including CDs, DVDs, audio books, and other digital resources in both English and Spanish.

Part-time staffing:

Programs, materials and the extensive services provided at our Library would not be possible without the talented and dedicated staff. Their work and dedication make our Library a vital, relevant resource to our community. Even during the COVID-19 closure, Library staff was on hand to offer support through the new online chat feature or with a simple phone call. And when curbside pick-up became available in June, staff was there to make sure we all got our books and videos!



Make-at-home Salsa Kits.



Screen-free activities for home.



National Library Week S'mores Kit.



Halloween Outdoor Activities.



Gingerbread kits.

PHYSICAL CHECK-OUTS

2021 - 100,000
2020 - 104,000

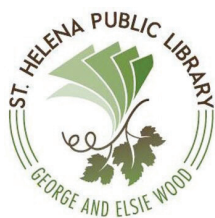
DIGITAL CHECK-OUTS

2021 - 19,000
2020 - 20,000

OUR PROGRAMS

2021 - 050
2020 - 450

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