



KALKASKA COUNTY  
**LIBRARY**

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The library's core mission has always been to help build community and to help our neighbors enjoy the highest possible quality of life in our corner of beautiful northern Michigan. But readers will notice something entirely new for 2021: the library now also operates the Kalkaska Public Schools' libraries, allowing us to make a major positive impact on youth literacy in ways that weren't possible in the past.

Fulfilling the library's mission, with the resources that allow us to be bold and innovative, would simply not be possible without the very generous support of our many partners and donors. As always, we're especially grateful to the **Friends of the Kalkaska County Library**, who log countless hours throughout the year raising funds for the library. **Thank you.** And thank you to our many community friends and supporters recognized at the end of this report, who make it possible for us to keep making a difference in Kalkaska.

**Warmest Regards,**  
**- The Board of Trustees and Staff of the Kalkaska County Library**

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### HOW THE LIBRARY HAS SERVED KALKASKA IN 2021:

**10,675**

adult books  
checked out

**15,540**

kids & teen books  
checked out

**2,525**

DVDS & audiobooks  
checked out

**11,364**

e-books checked  
out digitally

We're so pleased to note that almost one-third of Kalkaskians were active library users in 2021, **5,687** active patrons. **1,050** attended library programs, and there were **20,729** total visits to our library this year.

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**4,842**

public wi-fi  
accessed

**2,180**

in-person  
computer sessions

**10,190**

library website  
visit

2021 was a great year for improving Broadband access in Kalkaska. In partnership with **the Village of Kalkaska** and **the Traverse Area District Library**, and with funding from **the Library of Michigan** and **the Institute of Museum and Library Services**, the library will be providing free wi-fi service to downtown Kalkaska's Railroad square.

## KALKASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIBRARIES:

Kalkaska's school libraries have had no trained library staff for years due to budget cuts (which is true in over 90% of Michigan's public schools). A pilot program to operate Kalkaska's elementary school libraries that began in 2020 has been so successful we expanded into the middle and high school in 2021.

KPS Students visited their school libraries **27,626** times in 2021, and checked out a total of **12,550** books. We also expanded our school's library collections by **600+** books!

"Our Birch Street Library has come to life! Weekly, students listen to stories, check out new books from an updated collection, and teachers have additional resources to support the curriculum. We are continually grateful for our partnership with the Kalkaska County Library and look forward to its future support."

– Arica Zenner, Principal, Birch Street Elementary

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## 2022 OPERATING BUDGET:

### ESTIMATED REVENUES:

0.25 mill, tax revenue	\$221,700
Grants, donations, and state aid	\$94,300
Local penal fines	\$70,000
Other sources *	\$106,407

\* Includes fees for services to school libraries, miscellaneous taxes, interest, and some money drawn from savings.

### ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Payroll	\$233,657
Savings toward new library	\$70,000
Books and other materials **	\$69,150
Vendor services and supplies	\$47,400
Technology and furnishings	\$46,000
Utilities and building maintenance	\$18,200
PR and professional development	\$8,000

\*\* In coming years, the high cost of increasingly popular digital materials and streaming services must be addressed.

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## OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS

Thank you for supporting the Kalkaska County Library.

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**In memory of Don Cotton**