

# DEVELOPMENT REPORT

FY21





# IMPACT

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR

DEAR FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA SUPPORTERS,

Philadelphia has encountered unprecedented challenges in the past year, but as a city, we have harnessed our collective power, compassion, and resilience to support the Free Library in connecting children to learning programs, families to support services, and small businesses and institutions to self-sustaining resources.

The Free Library of Philadelphia, with the support of the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation, was firm in its role as one of the most important educational and cultural institutions in Philadelphia. Despite the challenges, the Free Library system worked diligently to support Philadelphians in accessing tools and resources to help communities thrive. We also took the opportunity to be innovative. The Free Library developed new ways of supporting Library patrons, including virtual literacy enrichment programs, contact-free material distribution, online referrals, online homework help services, and virtual workshops for job seekers. Overall, we were able to welcome more than 46,000 in-person and over 4,065,239 online visits during this fiscal year.

The City of Philadelphia provides public funds for the operations of the Free Library, but it is through the generosity of private funding from individuals, foundations, and corporations that the Free Library Foundation is able to offer the resources required for many of the Library's transformative programs and activities. Your contributions support the Library's ability to think bigger and better, and respond to the communities it serves — even as situations change. With your support, we have been able to meet the moment we, as a city, are in. Our libraries matter, and we know that you agree.

I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve the organization in this capacity since 2018. I will continue to serve as a Board member. D. Jeffrey Benoliel, a longtime Free Library supporter and Foundation Board member will lead the Foundation into the future as the newly elected chair.

On behalf of the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation Board, Jeffrey and I thank you for your generous support. Together we will continue striving towards a brighter and more equitable future for all Philadelphians.

With deepest thanks,

Barbara Sutherland  
**OUTGOING CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION**



## MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR

GREETINGS FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS,

In 2020 and into 2021, the Free Library of Philadelphia adapted to the changing environment in new and innovative ways, helping Philadelphians gain important access to information and key services. We owe a lot of that to supporters like you.

This January, many of our neighborhood libraries resumed in-building services, including reference desk services, borrowing and returning materials, and providing access to computers and Wi-Fi, while continuing to provide contact-free materials pick up. As I write this, all of our locations have resumed in-person services, with many now offering five days of service year-round.

As the number of Philadelphians without a job increased, we began Philly Career Launch, a suite of new resources for Philadelphians in search of a new job or career, supported through generous funding secured through the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation. Philly Career Launch connects people who are recently unemployed and new job seekers to occupations in job sectors with family-sustaining wages and available positions.

And at a time of great political division, with the support of the Foundation, we launched Hear Me Out, an interactive, virtual program that invites Pennsylvanians from urban, suburban, and rural communities across the state to connect with each other to discuss issues that impact all of us. We also started a hybrid virtual and outdoor version of our annual Summer of Wonder, a flagship program that supports literacy in Philadelphia by encouraging more than 35,000 children, teens, and adults to read and participate in library programming during the summer.

Our impact would not have been the same without you. Your support has helped us power a library system that has continued to deliver key resources, programs, and services for Philadelphia throughout this tumultuous time.

We've been here for our city.

There is more to do. And the Library's new leadership team is excited to continue our partnership with you as we meet the opportunities and challenges that are ahead.

Warmly,

Leslie M. Walker  
**INTERIM DIRECTOR**  
**FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA**

CHAIR

DIRECTOR



# CURIOSITY



WITH YOUR SUPPORT, IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA ...

Welcomed more than **46,000 IN-PERSON VISITS** with limited operations at some of our 54 locations, and over **4,065,239 ONLINE VISITS**.

Counted **707,894 CARDHOLDERS**.

**DISTRIBUTED MATERIALS** (books, art supplies, and event programs) to the caregivers of **650+ CHILDREN** in child care centers through the Literacy in Early Learning Spaces program, sponsored by Vanguard Strong Start for Kids™.

Launched the **FREELIBRARY.ORG/JOBSEEKERS** page on our website that connects job seekers to information on career pathways, training providers, and career opportunities in Philadelphia industries with family-sustaining wages. The webpage received over **14,000 VIEWS** in its first three months.

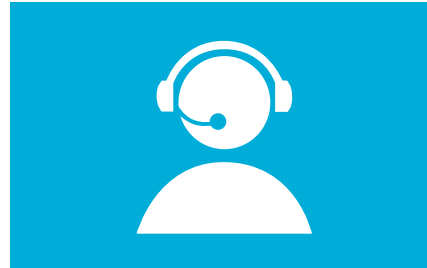
Engaged over **2,500 TEENS** in **320 VIRTUAL EVENTS** hosted by the Marie and Joseph Field Teen Center, including the new Teen Reading Lounge, a non-traditional book group for teens, which met online weekly from June 2020–21.



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA ...

Launched a **NEW CALL CENTER** to assist patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic while library buildings were closed to the public. Staff received more than **21,000 CALLS** and supported patrons with material renewals, virtual library cards, digital resources and programs, Interlibrary Loans, Homebound Services, and more.



Distributed over **600 GROCERY KITS** at Lillian Marrero Library and Parkway Central Library to participants in **63 ONLINE EDIBLE ALPHABET CLASSES**, which teach language and improve literacy through cooking.



Hosted **106 VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT PROGRAMS** with renowned authors, including National Book Award winner in fiction, Charles Yu, and Pulitzer Prize winners Natalie Diaz (Poetry) and Tamara Payne (Biography). **20,000 ATTENDED** online; over **1 MILLION DOWNLOADS** of episodes from the Author Event Series podcast.



Held **70 VIRTUAL ONE BOOK, ONE PHILADELPHIA EVENTS** attended by **1,800 PEOPLE** across the city who explored One Book's first-ever poetry selection, *The Tradition* by Jericho Brown.



Cover artwork by Ralph Lauren Burgess

Installed two banners created by celebrated U.S. artist **ALEXANDER CALDER** (1898–1976) now on display in the grand staircase. These works join two banners previously installed and now on display in The Robert and Eileen Kennedy Heim Center for Cultural and Civic Engagement.



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Hosted over **400 VIRTUAL CONVERSATION GROUPS** in eight languages for approximately **3,000 ATTENDEES** through the Languages and Learning Center (LLC). The LLC also provided writing assistance, tutoring, and work readiness programs.



In partnership with Operation Warm and child care centers, the **LITERACY IN EARLY LEARNING SPACES** program provided more than **400 WINTER COATS** to children.



Offered summer programming for all ages at libraries throughout the city, including **1,257 PROGRAMS** for children, **200 TEEN PROGRAMS**, AND **1,060 ADULT PROGRAMS**.

Served a total of **22,551 PARTICIPANTS** across **310 CULINARY LITERACY CENTER (CLC) PROGRAMS** held over Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and outdoors. Of these programs, 149 were offered in partnership with the CLC and libraries across Philadelphia.





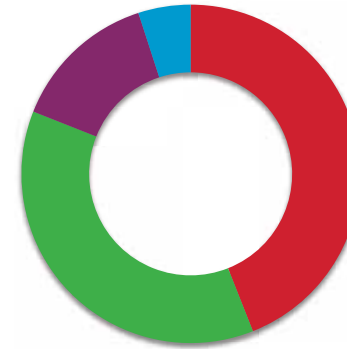
# FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENTS



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The following figures reflect all non-campaign gifts and pledges made to the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation during fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021).

## WHERE SUPPORT COMES FROM



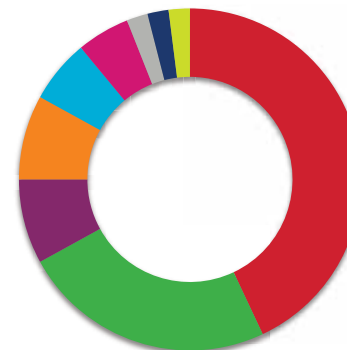
- 44% INDIVIDUALS \$4,272,663
- 37% FOUNDATIONS \$3,592,346
- 14% CORPORATIONS/ OTHER ORGANIZATIONS \$1,383,117
- 5% GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ENTITIES \$492,825

FY21  
TOTAL DONORS  
6,466

FY21  
TOTAL GIFTS  
10,159

FY21  
TOTAL DOLLARS  
\$9,740,951

## HOW SUPPORT IS APPLIED



- 43% CHILDREN AND FAMILY LITERACY \$4,187,083
- 24% UNRESTRICTED \$2,382,134
- 8% NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES \$810,214†
- 8% ADULT LITERACY AND OPPORTUNITY \$737,121
- 6% CIVIC AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT \$604,167
- 5% ENDOWMENT \$439,252
- 2% COLLECTIONS AND RESOURCES \$226,035
- 2% CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION \$185,000
- 2% ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE OF INCLUSION \$169,945

†\$165,000 of the total for neighborhood libraries is for capital support

## ACROSS THE BOARD: MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS



### ENTRANCES ...

The Board of Directors welcomed four outstanding new members this year. Each brings special talents to the Foundation, and we welcome their active participation in the important work ahead.

#### **The Honorable Renée C. Hughes**

The Honorable Renée C. Hughes was recently named the President and CEO of Philadelphia Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. She had been the CEO of the American Red Cross of Eastern Pennsylvania and the previous CEO of the Hughes Group. Prior to that role, Judge Hughes served as a trial judge in the Court of Common Pleas, the first judicial district of Pennsylvania that encompasses the City of Philadelphia. Judge Hughes earned her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia.

#### **Charles P. Keates**

Charles P. Keates is the General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer at Veritable. Originally from Atlantic City, New Jersey, Charles graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from La Salle University, earned his Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University, and a Master of Governmental Administration from the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He has volunteered for a number of years as a member of the Library's Special Collections Committee and currently serves as its chair.

#### **Karla Trotman**

Karla Trotman is the President and CEO of Electro Soft, Inc., the largest African American-owned electronics contract manufacturing and engineering firm in the U.S. She started at the company in 2009 and has held various positions throughout her tenure, including Special Projects and Marketing Manager, Executive Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Logistics from Penn State University and her Master in Business Administration from Drexel University.

## ACROSS THE BOARD: MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

#### **Joe H. Tucker, Jr.**

Joe H. Tucker, Jr., a graduate of Howard University and Temple University Law School, is nationally recognized as a trial lawyer and currently leads Tucker Law Group, LLC, a Philadelphia litigation firm. He has an established commitment to the community and public service, having served as a Big Brother and Host Parent for A Better Chance. He has received numerous awards and accolades, including the Temple University Alumni Association's Impact Award and selection as the presenter at the Ross Lecture in Litigation.

### EXITS ...

We extend our gratitude to those directors whose service on the Board ended in Fiscal Year 2021.

#### **William R. Sasso**

William R. Sasso was unanimously elected by the Board to Emeritus status in June. His extraordinary service included leading multiple terms as chair of the Board of Directors. He steered the Foundation with dedication during the Building Inspiration: 21st Century Libraries Campaign and generously gave of his time and resources over many years of devoted service.

BOARD





# LEADERSHIP

## FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021

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# LEADERSHIP

## FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

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LEADERSHIP





# OUR COMMITMENT TO LITERACY ENRICHMENT AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

## DONORS AND TEENS LEAP TO THE CHALLENGE

In every neighborhood library across Philadelphia, the Free Library's Literacy Enrichment Afterschool Program (LEAP) offers mentoring, homework assistance, access to computers, and programming designed to support learning and wellness for schoolchildren, as well as leadership training, job skills, and community engagement opportunities for teens. LEAP is the largest free afterschool program in Philadelphia, with roughly 150,000 student visits each year.

The 2020–21 academic year presented many new challenges for students as they transitioned to distance learning and using technology in new ways. City budget cuts during the COVID-19 pandemic impacted LEAP, which has historically been funded through a combination of public and private support. Generously responding to the ongoing demand for the educational enrichment LEAP provides, Jane McNeil of The Lily Foundation offered an inspiring challenge to generate the support required to continue LEAP during this unprecedented period.

# COMMUNITY

*"It would be a huge loss to the community if LEAP was discontinued in the pandemic. I was confident that a challenge grant would motivate others to join me in giving generously to LEAP. It is vital that students continue to have access to the services and support provided by their local library, and I am grateful to all who contributed to this cause."*

— JANE MCNEIL, THE LILY FOUNDATION



**A**dhering to social distancing requirements, LEAP staff and Teen Leadership Assistants (TLAs) developed innovative programming for a digital space. TLAs wrote blog posts and book reviews for the Free Library website, and created original content for LEAP's social media channels on Facebook and Instagram (@FLPLep), including video tutorials featuring literacy activities, recipes, and arts and crafts demonstrations for younger students. At a time when enrichment was important for so many children, LEAP continued to provide resources and support using alternative platforms.

LEAP staff presented TLAs with virtual training opportunities to support their future educational and career goals, including workshops on business writing, college preparation, and youth mental health resources in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Additionally, the TLAs formed Teen Advisory Groups and met in teams on a weekly basis to develop solutions to problems that they identified in their communities; their work culminated in group presentations to peers and LEAP staff in May 2021.

TLA contributions to LEAP this year have had a lasting impact. **"I couldn't be prouder of our TLAs and how they persevered in this difficult year,"** says Heather Sparks, LEAP's Program Manager. **"In consideration of their thoughtful and creative contributions, we intend to sustain virtual programming on social media, even after we can safely gather again for in-person programming. This hybrid approach will be especially important as we combat COVID learning loss."**





# OUR COMMITMENT TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## SUPPORTING LOCAL JOB SEEKERS THROUGH PHILLY CAREER LAUNCH

As one of the few public institutions with a physical presence throughout the city, the Free Library serves as a welcoming space — especially during times of great uncertainty. With 54 locations across the city, the Library offers important services to community members. Uniquely positioned as a local community institution, the Library collaborates with other community organizations and helps patrons increase their access to helpful resources. A recent example is the Library's expansion of workforce development programs in response to increased joblessness that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**P**hilly Career Launch creates connections to career opportunities with family-sustaining wages in the Philadelphia region. In doing so, it adds to existing local resources for job seekers in these industries and provides referral information to resources that other organizations offer. With foundational support to develop, pilot, and implement the program from **PECO**, the Free Library identified four “opportunity industries” that offer jobs with family-sustaining wages in Philadelphia: the Construction and Skilled Trades, Manufacturing, Information Technology, and Healthcare industries. Then, the Library connected Philadelphians with information and access to these jobs. Moreover, the Free Library's experience working with returning residents, immigrant communities, and English language learners informs its capacity to help job seekers navigate the job market.

With generous support from the **Comcast Foundation**, the Free Library's Languages and Learning Center is helping job seekers improve and expand their digital literacy skills. The Free Library's Digital Resource Specialists, staff members who receive specialized training to assist patrons with a range of digital literacy abilities, are leading these programs. In September 2020, the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** awarded the Free Library a CARES Act grant. With support from this grant,

the Library created the Career Training Database, which integrated digital literacy and workforce development offerings.

New and expanded support for job seekers includes:

- An enhanced Free Library job seeker web page featuring the Career Training Database ([careertraining.freelibrary.org](http://careertraining.freelibrary.org)), a unique, one-stop tool to explore workforce training opportunities in Philadelphia, with a special focus on programs in Philly Career Launch's four opportunity industries. Users can explore different career fields and search the database by industry, educational requirements, costs, and more.
- Philly Career Launch, a job seeker workshop series with a focus on opportunity industries, which was launched virtually over five days this spring. In addition to live presentations, the Library developed asynchronous content from the workshop series and will be uploading it to



*Citizens is committed to workforce development programs throughout the bank's multiple geographies. We especially value programs in Philadelphia like the Free Library's job fairs and Philly Career Launch that bring more awareness and opportunities about various professions to people where they are. It's our hope that together with the Free Library, we can help open doors to successful career pathways to more residents of Philadelphia.*

**- DAN FITZPATRICK, PRESIDENT - MID-ATLANTIC REGION, CITIZENS**

*“PECO is proud to be the founding partner and supporter of the Free Library's Philly Career Launch initiative, which provides local jobseekers with the information and resources they need to prepare for in-demand positions with employers who offer family-sustaining wages and opportunities for career growth.*

**- MICHAEL INNOCENZO, PRESIDENT AND CEO, PECO**

the job seeker web page for ongoing access. The Library is currently planning the winter 2022 Philly Career Launch series for on-site and virtual participation.

- Career fairs, held at the conclusion of each Philly Career Launch series, offer participants the opportunity to connect with training providers, employers, and employees in these four industries. With support from **Citizens**,

the Library has expanded the 2021 career fairs beyond traditional job fair offerings. Our four-day virtual career fair in June featured information sessions scheduled on an hourly basis, with participants able to choose sessions throughout the week. Training providers, employers, and employees, which included recent graduates of training programs, gave live presentations about career opportunities in their industry.



# OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

## WELCOMING DR. GUY SIMS, CHIEF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER

On December 14, 2020, the Free Library and the Foundation welcomed Dr. Guy Sims to the new role of Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

**D**uring his first year in the role, Dr. Sims has spent time meeting with staff, the Boards, leadership, and other key stakeholders to develop **Pathways to Progress**, a detailed plan that will guide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts at the Free Library. Pathways to Progress includes a one-year immediate action plan to further guide the director and executive leadership team on DEI initiatives and foster a culture of inclusivity and fair and equitable treatment of all staff.

Dr. Sims holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Services from Lincoln University, a Master in Education in Educational Leadership from Arcadia University, a Master of Arts in Human Behavior from National University, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Iowa. He hails from the Mount Airy neighborhood of Philadelphia where he lived — and spent many hours at the Lovett Library — before working with educational institutions across the country.



*“The issues and concerns ahead may be challenging but are worthy of our fullest attention and strongest efforts. To achieve success will require the work of all the members of our institutional community. We all share the duty to cooperate with one another, to be civil toward one another, to be good stewards of the confidence the public places on us, and to uphold the very mission that guides us,” said Dr. Sims. “That is what the work of equity, diversity, and inclusion is — the common ownership of our institution, our community, our world.”*

— DR. GUY SIMS, CHIEF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER

## EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY FOR LIBRARY AND FOUNDATION STAFF

A key tenet of Pathways to Progress is equitable access to opportunities, which includes resources for career advancement and support for staff members of color at all levels of the institution. The Free Library Foundation’s Board of Directors established an

**Education Assistance Fund (EAF)**, with generous contributions from members of the Board, to provide tuition assistance to employees who are completing their first bachelor’s degree, or an associate degree with the intention to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

The Education Assistance Fund working group, which is composed of a dozen Library and Foundation staff members with diverse skills, positions, and experiences, managed and juried the pilot cycle of EAF applications. The initial awards were made to support employees whose studies began this fall and the next cohort of awards will be made for employees who are planning to start their studies in the spring.

The Foundation is further supporting staff who wish to earn a master’s degree to advance their careers through a scholarship program that was generously funded by a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Five full scholarships to Drexel University are available for individuals who pursue a Master of Science in Information with a major in Library and Information Science. Three employees have

already received the scholarship and will begin their studies in Fall 2022. The remaining two scholarships will be awarded in fiscal year 2022. These scholarships will fully fund enrollment costs through degree completion.

Those supported by these initiatives will continue to be a part of the Free Library staff during their studies.

Fundraising for these financial assistance initiatives is ongoing with the goal of further advancing opportunities for staff members of color and fostering a more inclusive workplace. The Foundation and its Board of Directors are committed to being full and active partners in the Pathways to Progress plan, sharing in the duty and common ownership of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts at the Free Library.



# SUPPORTING THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA



LIBRARY SERVICES



## CHAIRMEN'S CIRCLE

The Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following individuals and organizations whose lifetime gifts and pledges to the Free Library and The Rosenbach total \$1 million or more.

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# SUPPORTING THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

## THE GEORGE S. PEPPER SOCIETY

The Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation recognizes the following members of the George S. Pepper Society in fiscal year 2021.

### Elkins Circle

#### \$25,000 AND ABOVE

Cindy and John Affleck  
Peter A. Benoliel and Willo Carey  
Amy Branch and Jeff Benoliel  
Tobey and Mark Dichter  
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Nancy Petersmeyer  
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Anonymous (1)

### Dickens Circle

#### \$10,000–\$24,999

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Suzan Willcox  
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Beth Phillips Dooneief  
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Susanna Foo  
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Irma and Christopher Fralic  
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Linda and David Glickstein  
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Jacqueline and David Griffith  
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We greatly appreciate the commitment of our EITC contributors investing in their local communities.

One of the EITC-funded programs is Summer of Wonder, the Free Library’s summer reading program that began more than a century ago. Summer of Wonder supports and enhances literacy skills for all ages; fosters a love of reading and learning for Philadelphians; and helps minimize the “summer slide,” a serious issue for children and teens. Summer of Wonder works with public schools across Philadelphia to encourage summer learning and provides literacy as well as science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) activities for all ages. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summer of Wonder successfully pivoted to a virtual environment in 2020.

The Free Library held a total of 1,257 virtual programs for children in the summer of 2020, as well as 200 teen programs and 1,060 adult programs. A total of 205,065 people attended. Summer of Wonder funding supported programming in neighborhood libraries as they continued to serve their communities during an especially challenging time.

The Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation is grateful to the local businesses that support the Library through EITC, providing meaningful educational enrichment services for Philadelphia youth.

*As a local enterprise, we are committed supporters of the Free Library’s important work in providing neighborhood-based literacy programming for Philadelphia students. The Free Library’s extensive system of libraries uniquely positions it to make a difference across the Philadelphia educational landscape.*

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**Continued Virtual Programming:** During the early days of the pandemic, Library staff created innovative programming to serve patrons from Philadelphia and beyond in a virtual format. From online storytimes and lectures to adult learning classes and more, the Foundation is committed to supporting additional virtual and hybrid programs that interact with our community members in meaningful ways in libraries and wherever they may live.

**Reconnecting families through Stories Alive:** The Foundation is excited for the return of Stories Alive, a program that allows children to share special video storytimes with their family members who are currently incarcerated.

**Opening of Manuscripts of the Muslim World (working title):** This exhibition at the Free Library opening in Spring 2022 will feature a nationally significant collection of Islamic manuscripts and paintings from around the world dated from the 10th century to today. This exhibition and related programming celebrating Philadelphia's indigenous Muslim communities are made possible in part by generous support from the **Council on Library and Information Resources**, **Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art**, and **Institute of Museum and Library Services**.

**Expanding the Hot Spot Lending Program:** Since the pandemic began, Philadelphia's digital divide has become even more pronounced, especially impacting school-age children and people without employment. The Library has worked to increase access to Wi-Fi with its new wireless internet Hot Spot Lending Program, launching at McPherson Square Library and Lillian Marrero Library. The Foundation is committed to increasing support to expand the program to additional neighborhood libraries this year.

**Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of One Book, One Philadelphia:** In Spring 2022, we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of One Book, One Philadelphia. One Book is a signature project of the Free Library of Philadelphia that promotes literacy, library usage, and civic dialogue. One Book encourages adults, teens, and children in the greater Philadelphia area to come together through reading, discussion, and cultural programs that center on shared themes. A book for each of the age groups is selected by volunteer jurors. Our 2022 One Book titles will be announced in January 2022. The Foundation invites Philadelphians to join in the anniversary celebration.



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