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2022 LIBRARY BUDGET PRESENTATION



Library Board Chair Opening Remarks

Ken Whiteford

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2021 Year in Review

WPL successfully continued to provide library services to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with provincial health restrictions and guidelines.

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2021 Year in Review

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2021 Year in Review

- . 1,538,700 million library uses
- . 245,939 items borrowed
- . 86,704 visits

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2021 Year in Review

- 749,000 electronic visits
- 366,940 social media engagements
- . 13,548 program attendance

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2021 Year in Review

- 25% increase in the use of digital items in 2020.
- 34% decline in the use of digital items in 2021.
- "Screen Fatigue"

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2021 Year in Review – Activity Highlights

- Diversity and Inclusion Policy & Action Plan.
- . Service Delivery Plan
- . Catalogue migration to OLC union database.

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2021 Year in Review – Activity Highlights



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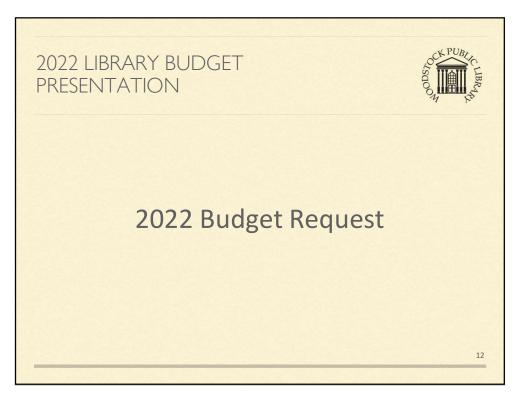
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2021 Year in Review – Activity Highlights

- . Overdue Fine Free
- Installation of new VOIP telephones and migration to Microsoft Office 365 with City IT.





2022 LIBRARY BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS



Assumptions

Based on past experience, the Library can expect the following:

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2022 LIBRARY BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS



- A continued gradual reduction of pandemic restrictions.
- More possible closures of the building and a return to curb-side service.
- A reduction in revenues (photocopying, room rentals, donations).

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2022 LIBRARY BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS



- A slow recovery of the publishing and printing industry.
- A return to a "new normal" in library services by mid-year.
- A pent-up demand for in-person library service and programs.

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The Library Board approved a status quo budget with a staffing request for 2022 given the ongoing uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

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2022 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



Three main drivers in the 2022 Library Budget are:

- COVID-19 Related Costs
- Collective Bargaining
- Upgraded Staffing Request PT to FT librarian.

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2022 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



COVID-19 Related Costs & Savings

- Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for Staff, cleaning supplies, HVAC filters, etc.
- Savings on travel and attendance at conferences, and programming supplies costs, etc.

2022 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



Collective Bargaining

The Library began collective bargaining in late 2021 and has yet to reach an agreement. City HR is negotiating on behalf of the Library Board.

Once a settlement has been reached, the Library Board will request permission from City Council to access library reserves.

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2022 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



Upgraded Librarian Position

 Conversion of a part-time librarian position into a full-time position (\$30,000).

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2022 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



Retention of Librarians

- Loss of 6 part-time librarians to full-time positions at other public libraries occurred in 2021.
- 58 hours to recruit and train a new librarian at an estimated cost of \$3,000 each (\$18,000).
- Vacancies caused reduced service levels in 2021.

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2022 LIBRARY STATUS QUO BUDGET SUMMARY



Total 2022 Expenditures: \$2,881,900

Total 2022 Revenues: \$242,950

Total 2022 Net Expenditures: \$2,638,950

1.95% increase (\$50,540) over 2021

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2022 LIBRARY FOCUS



- Return to normalized library services in a post-COVID-19 world.
- Complete outstanding approved capital projects.
- Complete computer upgrades.

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2022 LIBRARY FOCUS



- Carry out the diversity and inclusion action plan.
- Achieve a collective agreement with the Library Union.
- Continue with the Pay Equity Review.

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2022 LIBRARY FOCUS



 Prepare a legacy document for the next Library Board.

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Questions?

Thank You

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