

# CEDARBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**

## ESSENTIAL SERVICE

### **139,966 PHYSICAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT**

We heard many great comments about the library being a lifeline during the pandemic. We are happy to be open for you to visit in person, or pickup your materials by curbside.

### **53,137 USES OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

We saw a huge uptick in the use of our e-books, e-audiobooks, research databases, Ancestry, Kanopy streaming service for documentaries and educational resources. Thank you for letting us know how essential these resources are to you.

### **WIFI FOR ALL 18,008 USES**

We expanded the reach of our wifi outside the library's walls and into the parking lot.

Wifi is essential for work, school, job hunting, and communication. Parking lot users told us how valuable this is to them.

### **74,061 VISITS**

Many people still prefer to come into the library and retrieve their materials. For some, we are their only human contact for the day. While we cannot do our normal in-person programming, regular library visits have helped improve many community members lives, thanks for letting us know! We averaged over 6,000 visits a month.

### **3,663 RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

Help with filling out job applications, resume writing, financial aid, tax assistance, local history or any research; our professional librarians take pride in helping people when they have nowhere else to turn.

### **4,894 VIRTUAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**

Our staff was creative during the pandemic and made online programs for ALL ages. Storytimes for little ones and Memory Cafes for our special seniors. Thank you for letting us know how vital these are for you and your loved ones. We had 24,608 views of our pre-recorded programs.

## **FUNDING**

The library is funded primarily through property taxes. Per capita is \$62.80. For the cost of 3 books, Cedarburg residents have access to well over 1 million books in the Monarch Library System and the shared resources of 32 libraries in Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Dodge and Washington counties along with Lakeland College.

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### **E-BOOKS AND E-AUDIOBOOKS**

Wisconsin's Digital Library (<https://wplc.overdrive.com/>) provides free ebooks and digital audiobooks to holders of Wisconsin public library cards. Ask us how!

### **ONE APP ONE TAP**

Use the Libby app to quickly get to ebooks, digital audiobooks and digital magazines. Find the free app in the app store on your device.

### **MONARCH 2 GO APP**

Can't find your library card? Use the Monarch 2 Go app to check out books, check your account, place holds, renew materials and more!  
Works for all 32 libraries.

### **CREATIVEBUG ONLINE ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES**

Creativebug is the number one inspirational resource for DIY, crafters and makers. Access it with your library card and see what you can create!

### **MEDICI TV**

View classical performances from symphonies, orchestras, operas and more from around the world in the comfort of your own home. Your library card will take you anywhere!

### **GALE COURSES**

Learn something new with 360+ instructor led online classes. From digital photography to computer classes to medicine to job search skills and financial investment.

## **LOVE THE LIBRARY**

We are so glad to be open and ready to serve, 7 days a week. We could not do all that we do without the Cedarburg Friends of the Library and your donations and memorials. Donations can be made either to the Cedarburg Friends of the Library or to Cedarburg Public Library. If you need more information contact the Library Director, Linda Pierschalla.