



Richmond Public Library Foundation
Impact Report 2020-2021

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Your support strengthens the nine branches of the Richmond Public Library system, serving all 230,000+ individuals in the Richmond, Virginia region.

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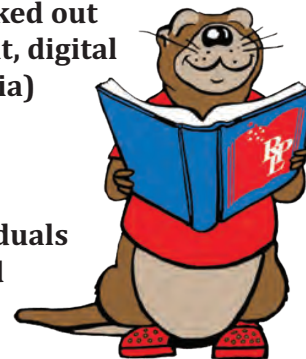


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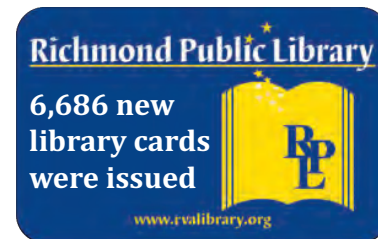
This past year our community continued to face the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. With your support through the Richmond Public Library Foundation, the Richmond Public Library continued to provide services such as curbside pick-up, notary services, faxes, printing, and more.



**480,776 items were
checked out
(print, digital
media)**



**1,512 individuals
attended
programs**



Thank you to the following individuals who generously share their time and talent in support of the Richmond Public Library through the Foundation.

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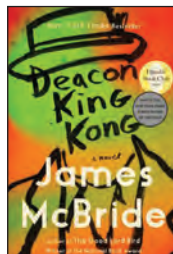
About the cover: This summer, Richmond Public Library, in partnership with Hamilton Glass and the Richmond community, created a collaborative mural, All In Together. The project was designed to bring us together creatively while we are experiencing the consequences of a global pandemic. Patrons of all ages colored, sketched, painted, collaged, journaled, and wrote poetry on various pieces of the mural. In the end, we created not one, but two beautiful murals. One will be displayed at the Main Library and the other will travel to our neighborhood branches. Stop by to view what we created
All In Together!

With your help the Foundation supports the following programs:

YAVA Our biggest teen program The Young Adult Virginia Author (YAVA) event provides readers an opportunity to interact with local authors, learn about current young adult literature, and engage with others in the community. We congratulate our 2021 YAVA Award Winner, Brynne Rebele-Henry, recognized for her novel Orpheus Girl.



RVA Reads Over 9,600 books were distributed to children ages 2-5 through a partnership with our Virginia Preschool Initiative and Head Start teams across the city, with a focus on inner-city schools.



Read UP, Richmond! Considers the work of award-winning authors of literary fiction and creative nonfiction and selects an author to speak about their body of work and explore themes that both resonate with our City, and expand our cultural and literary horizons. James McBride and Kiki Positano were our guests in 2020.

Common Book The Foundation supports the partnership between the Richmond Public Library and Virginia Commonwealth University on the Common Book. One Person, No Vote resonated with readers in 2020. The choice for 2021, Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore by Elizabeth Rush explores the topic of global warming.





Why Give?

Dear Library Friends and Supporters,

When you give to the Richmond Public Library Foundation, you create opportunities and possibilities for ourselves, our neighbors and our community.

Giving helps families discover the magic of stories. It provides teens a safe place to explore interests and imagine a future. Giving opens doors to education, careers and more. It helps us connect through technology and conversations - with authors, artists, and advocates. Giving enables seniors and young parents to gather and find common ground.

Your gift ensures the Library will continue to be a place that inspires, connects, and unites the City of Richmond.

Thank you for your support.

Trevor S. Cox
President, Richmond Public Library Foundation

Mission: The Foundation develops, administers, and allocates private funds to provide the extra margin of excellence for the City's library system by enhancing existing public support for the library and its programs.



Contributions



The COVID shut-down enabled the Foundation to review our financial systems and policies. This review increased our accounting fees, we do not anticipate these costs in the future. As a result of our review, the Foundation received a [Guidestar Gold Seal of Transparency](#).



Expenses

