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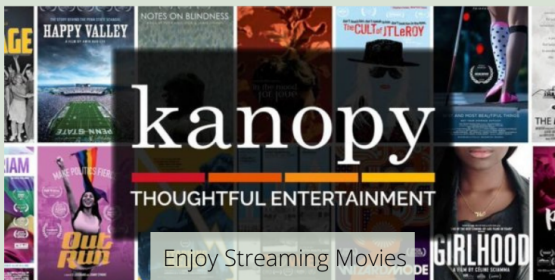
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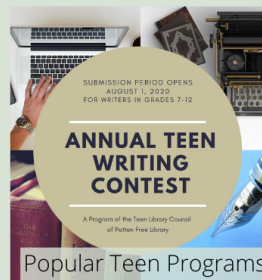
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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Patten Free Library,

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ...” so began Charles Dickens in “A Tale of Two Cities.” The entire sentence deserves to be quoted as it contains much wisdom for our current period.

Your library has also had such experiences this year. As all of us have, we have struggled to stay active and relevant in this period of calamity while maintaining the safety of our staff and users.

I am proud to write that your library has succeeded in expanding its range of services through curbside delivery when we had to, through an expansion of on-line services including audio-books, movies, Zoom talks, and activity packages for children – just to mention a few new activities.

Our staff has been incredibly dedicated to serving you and innovative in developing new services and keeping old ones going. They have not stopped but keep coming up with new ideas to reach you with new programming. I am proud of what they have accomplished and I hope you are too.

Thank you for your continued and generous support for the library. We would not exist without you and your support helps ensure we have a growing, nurturing environment serving our whole community in these difficult times. Our community library has never been needed more. Thank you.

Richard J. Kessler
President.

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A Message From The Director

Dear Patten Free Library Family,

I want to express my deepest thanks to all involved in helping the Patten Free Library achieve its vision of being an essential part of our communities' intellectual and cultural life.

We wouldn't be the vital, community resource that we are without your assistance.

I especially want to thank the **Library Staff**, for the many ways in which they tirelessly work to serve our patrons; the **Trustees and Corporators**, for their leadership and support; the **Towns of Arrowsic, Georgetown, West Bath, and Woolwich**, for their municipal support and understanding that membership with the Patten Free Library is a partnership; the **City of Bath** for municipal support and for the generous grant that allowed us to reinstate Monday hours; the **Donors**, whose financial contributions keep us going strong; the **Volunteers**, who give of their time to assist with many facets of library operations; and the **Friends of Patten Free Library**, who diligently run and staff the library bookstore and coordinate book sales.

My sincerest thanks,

Lesley Dolinger
Director



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Lesley Dolinger

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The Friends of Patten Free Library provide significant financial support to the PFL – a total of over \$450,000 over the past 17 years. For fiscal year 2018-2019, our fundraising activities provided over \$37,000 directly to PFL general operations, primarily from sales at **the library bookstore** and proceeds from the Heritage Days book sale. For this last fiscal year (2019-2020) we managed to contribute over \$32,000, despite closing **the library bookstore** for a three-month period from early March to the end of May.

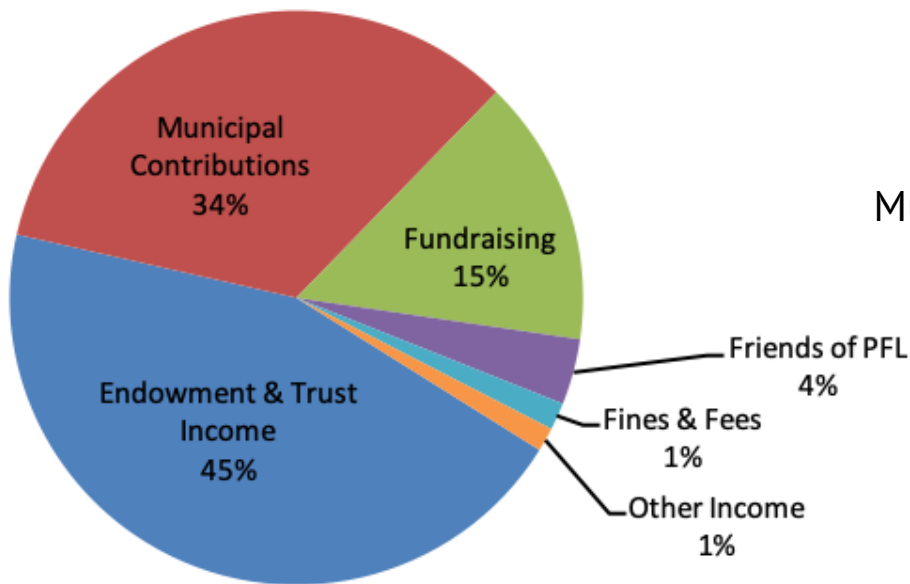
The coronavirus will have a severe impact on our ability to continue that level of support in the coming fiscal year. We were forced to cancel our primary fundraiser, the Heritage Days book sale. However, our dedicated volunteers are finding creative, safe ways to generate income, including October's outdoor book sale in the Gazebo on the library lawn. And we have every intention of getting back up to speed when conditions allow us to do so safely.

We will continue to work hard to support this iconic library that we love, and that means so much to the greater Bath community.

Jim Atherton,
Friends of PFL President

FINANCIALS July 2019 - June 2020

Revenue



Operating Revenue

Endowment & Trust Income
\$391,319

Municipal Contributions **\$295,717**

Fundraising **\$131,569**

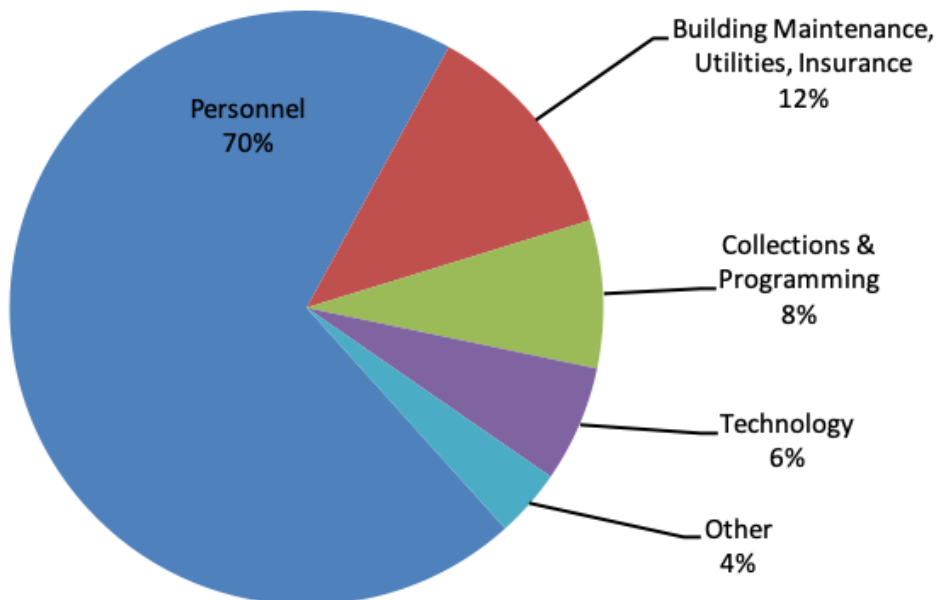
Friends of PFL **\$32,444**

Fines & Fees **\$13,446**

Other Income **\$11,733**

Total Income \$876,228

Expenditures



Operating Expenditures

Personnel **\$584,303**

Building Maintenance,
Utilities, Insurance **\$103,119**

Collections &
Programming **\$67,476**

Technology **\$53,237**

Other **\$31,084**

Total Expenses \$839,219

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