

It's not just about ideas, it's about **making ideas happen.**



Elkhart Public Library 2021 Annual Report



Informing, inspiring and empowering our diverse communities

Making lemonade.

The do-over for 2020 didn't go much better, but we made the most of it.

We found things to celebrate and some great ways to reach our community.

Our Summer Reading Challenge presented by Monteith's Best One Tire and Ranger Distribution saw great upticks in key areas. Our Curbside Concert series had another successful run.

We also managed to give away twice as many books for our Free Books to Feed Minds campaign. What's not to love about getting books into the hands of children?

We'll keep taking whatever lemons we're given and finding ways to serve lemonade back to the community. We've done it for two years and we'll keep going.



+50%

participation in the Summer Reading Challenge



32%

finished six weeks of Summer Reading - the third consecutive year with an increase



61%

completed 21 days of the Summer Reading Challenge, earning each participant a free book



+2,000

free books given away during Free Books to Feed Minds



+122%

increase in Brainfuse live tutoring sessions, the most ever



23,013

student ecards registered use in 2021



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