



Kent Public Library

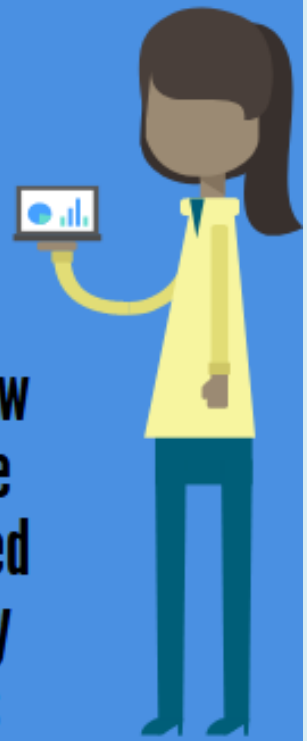
In 2020



In Spite of COVID-19, The Kent Public Library welcomed 19,890 visitors.

The library was forced to close its doors in March, 2020 due to the pandemic. We provided many online services, from college level courses via Universal Class to language lessons via Mango to craft classes via Creativebug to ebooks, audiobooks etc. Our librarians offered story hours, crafts, and many more programs via Facebook and Zoom. We called senior patrons to tell them about our services. Beginning in June, we set up curbside pickup, with patrons picking up 30 to 40 bags of books, DVD's etc. daily, then reopened for browsing and computer use in September.

208 new people received library cards



OUR WEBSITE, KENTLIBRARY.ORG WAS VISITED 61,570 TIMES



Our wireless networks were accessed 13,896 times, often providing internet service to patrons in the parking lot.



37,653 ITEMS WERE LOANED BY THE KENT LIBRARY INCLUDING 27,929 BOOKS AND 9,724 AUDIO VISUAL ITEMS.



15,910 INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED 657 PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES, BOTH IN PERSON AND ONLINE



LIBRARY USERS DOWNLOADED 16,079 EBOOKS, MOVIES, MAGAZINES, SONGS AND AUDIOBOOKS FROM OVERDRIVE, HOOPLA, AND KANOPY.



We added 2,693 new things to the library collection in 2020. Over 43,000 books, 6,400 DVDs, 2,100 books on CD, 15,000 eBooks, 2,400 magazine titles, 6,800 downloadable audiobooks, 11 museum passes, 500 music CDs, 8 Hot Spots, and 1 Roku are available for you to borrow.

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