

About Aurora Public Library

Aurora Public Library supports innovative technology, vibrant literary and cultural experiences, multi-discipline online learning, newcomer initiatives, access to digital collections and collaborations with community organizations to assist them in realizing their objectives.







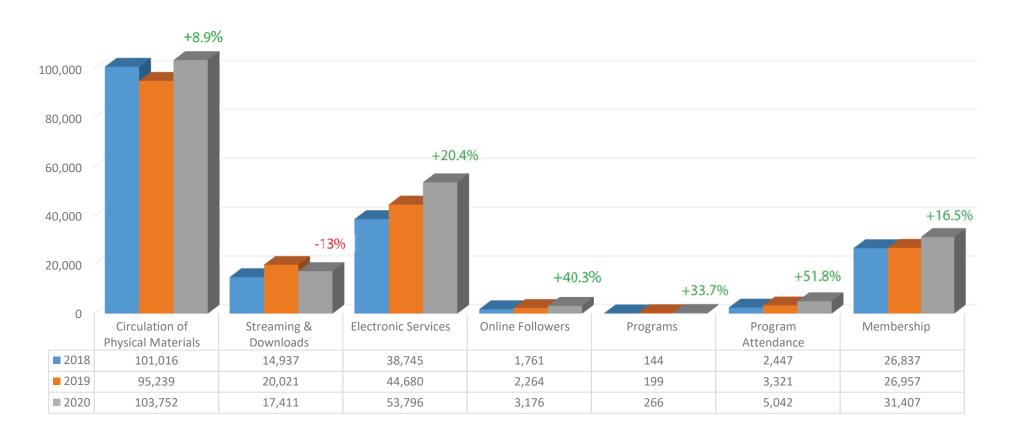


Place of Possibilities

Aurora Public Library builds community by sparking connections, enriching lives and contributing vibrant spaces for discovery.

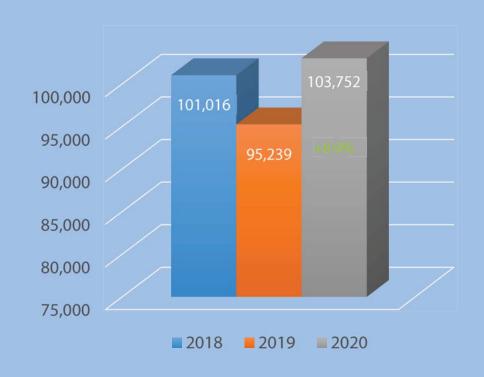


January and February 2020 enjoyed exponential growth across most metrics.





Circulation of Physical Materials (Jan – Feb)



8.9% increase in physical circulation (2019 - 2020)





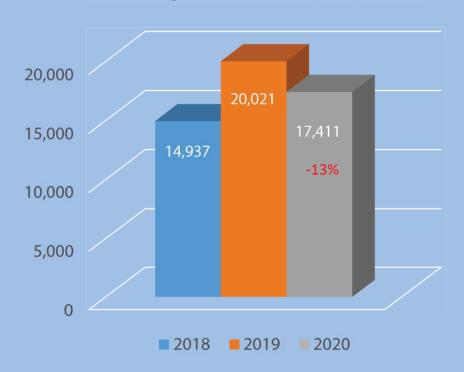








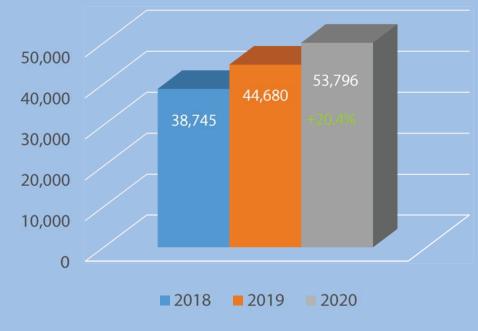
Streaming & Downloads (Jan – Feb)



13% decrease in streaming & downloads (2019 - 2020)



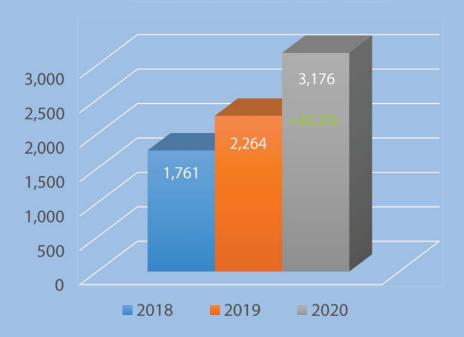
Electronic Services (Jan - Feb)



20.4% increase in electronic services (2019 - 2020)



Online Followers (Jan - Feb)



40.3% increase in online followers (2019 - 2020)





Programs (Jan - Feb)



33.7% increase in programs (2019 - 2020)



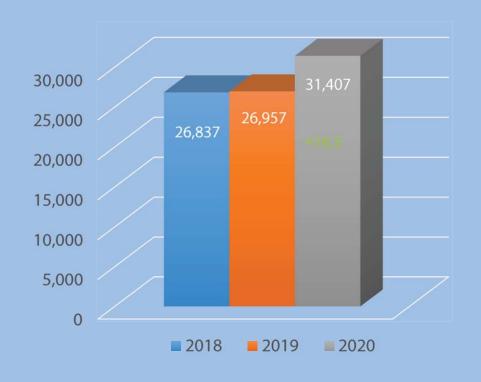
Program Attendance (Jan - Feb)



51.8% increase in program attendance (2019 - 2020)

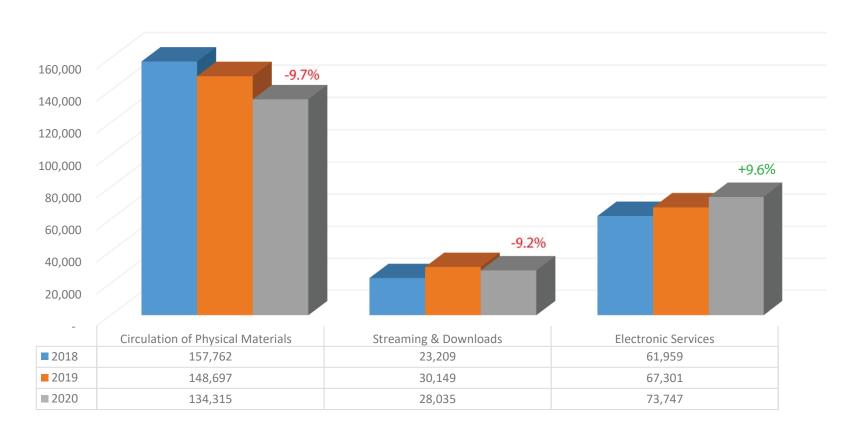


Library Membership (Feb)

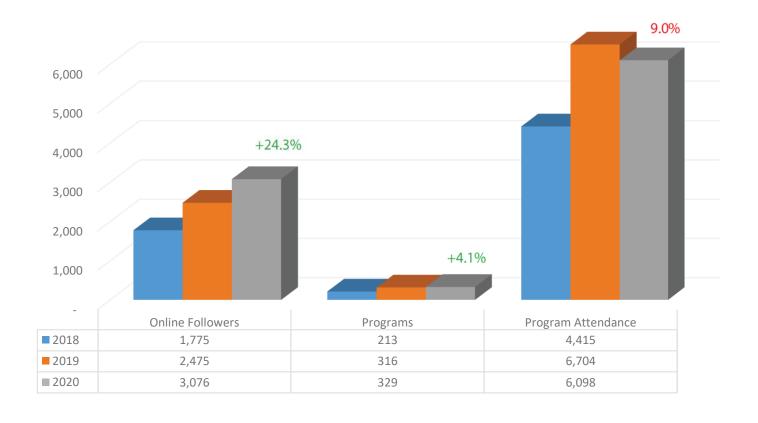


16.5 % increase in Library membership (2019 - 2020)

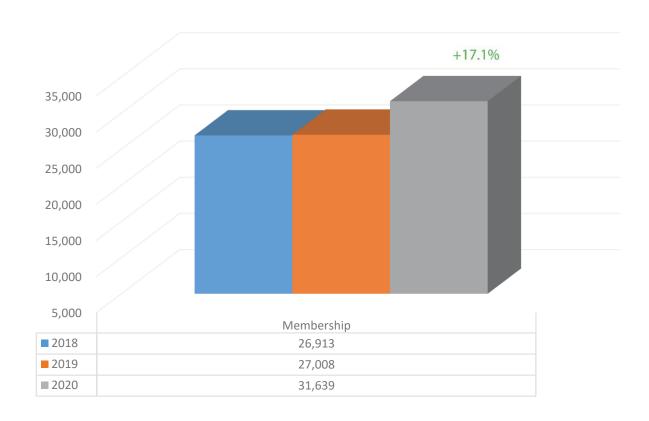
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Impacts of COVID-19

When COVID-19 forced the closure of our Facility, we were faced with some difficult challenges, but also opportunities to serve our community in innovative ways.













Virtual Resources

As our community responded to the global pandemic, Aurora Public Library was here for them.

While we were not open, we provided a wealth of online resources they could enjoy at home.











Adapting Library Services

When the economy has a downturn, libraries are one of the first places communities turn to.

To remove possible barriers to access, APL:

- Went "fine-free" for 2020
- Extended current memberships so they would not expire
- Provided temporary digital memberships with the opportunity to extend them to full borrowing through video conferencing
- Provided free high-speed Wi-Fi 24/7 in our parking lot and on the benches and stepped seating
- Expanded and supported access to eResources through the creation of online videos and "Ask a Librarian Live Chat"





Virtual Programs

APL adapted in-person programs for online delivery though Facebook Live Stream, YouTube, Google Classroom, podcasts, videos and Zoom.



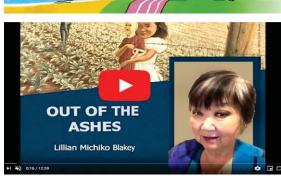


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Take and Make

Although the Creative Studio was closed, the community was kept busy with fun Take and Make Kits for all ages.







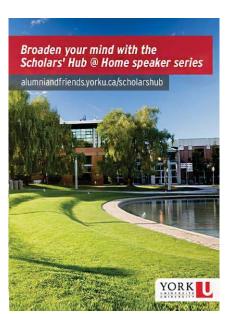


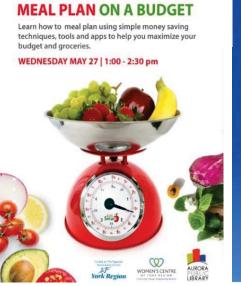


Community Partnerships

APL collaborated with community partners to provide support during the pandemic.

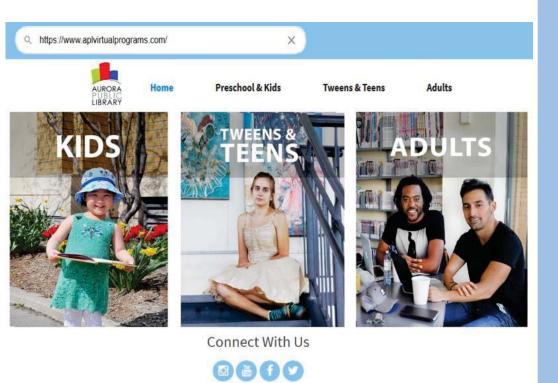












Virtual Programs (April - Sept 2020)



450 total virtual programs



Virtual Attendees (April – Sept 2020)



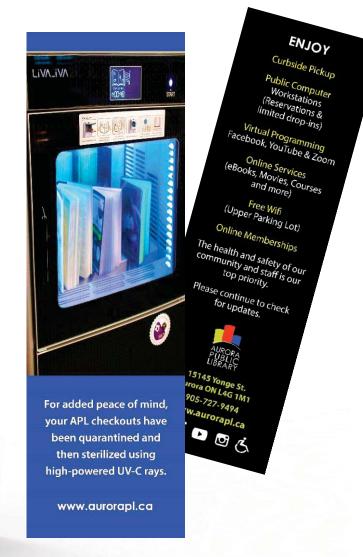
7499 total virtual attendees

Health & Safety Procedures

In anticipation of being able to resume borrowing of physical materials, APL invested in the health and safety of staff and customers. Procedures were developed to quarantine all physical returns for 72-hours.

We purchased a book sanitizer that uses high-powered UV-C rays, providing APL members with additional safety and peace of mind.





Curbside Pick-up

On May 19, the Province announced that libraries were permitted to offer pick-up of physical materials. We launched our Curbside Pick-up service on May 25.

This new service allowed members to place holds on materials from our physical collections. When the customer's items were ready to be picked up, they received a phone or email notification. Convenient and touchless.

Week	Total customers	Customer / hour	Total items CKO	Items / hour
Aug 31 – Sept 5	767	18.3	2210	52.6
Sept 8 - 12	704	20.1	2001	57.1
Sept 14 - 19	838	23.9	2643	75.5



In-Library Computer Access

Libraries continue to play an essential role in our communities, especially as an equalizer to economic barriers.

On August 17, residents were able to book a 60-minute computer session on 10 public workstations through a reservation system. Computers were also available for drop-ins.

With the introduction of some in-library services, the following safety precautions were put in place.



Health screening for visitors and staff	Plexiglas barriers at all service desks	
Compulsory wearing of masks at all times	Enhanced cleaning protocols	
Physical distancing signage	Sanitization stations	
Stanchions to assist with traffic flow	Contact tracing	

In-Library Pick-up

To adapt to the Town's Library Square construction and the pending winter weather, all holds pickup moved inside the Library to the Magna Room.

The transition followed all cleaning and safety procedures to continue our efforts to keep our community safe from transmission.

Week	Total customers	Customer / hour	Total items CKO	Items / hour
Oct 13 - 17	721	20.6	2062	58.9
Oct 19 - 24	798	19.0	2535	60.4
Oct 26 - 31	769	18.3	2063	49.1



Reduced service levels

Reduced operating hours

Reduced staff

COVID related staff absences

Additional COVID related staff tasks

Enhanced safety protocols & procedures for staff

Offering of virtual programs

Reduction of community partnerships

No public collection browsing

Contactless holds pickup

Virtual card renewals



Aurora Public Library Financial Summary

	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Personnel Costs	\$3,140,742	\$3,007,505	\$3,040,005
Other Expenditures	872,200	943,000	955,000
Total Expenditures	\$4,012,942	\$3,950,505	\$3,995,005
General & Grand Revenue	144,842	54,405	60,905
Municipal Requisition	3,868,100	3,896,100	3,934,100
Total Revenue	\$4,012,942	\$3,950,505	\$3,995,005

