

*"Throughout 2021, PLYMC focused on strengthening our community connections—with our patrons, with our partners, and with each other. We adapted to serve our community, and in this report, you'll find more detailed information on how we leveraged our mission to Connect, Inspire, and Enrich. As we look forward to our next chapter, we remain committed to ensuring that PLYMC is a place for community, learning, reading, and discovery for every member of our Valley."*

**AIMEE FIFAREK**

*Director and CEO, PLYMC*



**REMEMBERING DR. DAVID RITCHIE**

*Library Board of Trustees 1997; Board President 2002-2021*

*"2021 was a year of incredible growth and loss for PLYMC. In July, our longtime Board Member and President Dr. David Ritchie unexpectedly passed away. Our Library would not be the innovative civic institution it is today without Doc's steady leadership. His legacy of service, commitment, and compassion continue to help us lead our Library forward as we strive every day to connect, inspire, and enrich our community."*

**CAROLE WEIMER**

*President, Library Trustees*



WE CONNECTED **IN-PERSON**

**113,215**  
CARDHOLDERS

8.5% INCREASE FROM 2019!



**431,740**  
VISITS

IN-PERSON AND CURBSIDE



**29,946**  
ATTENDEES

AT 2,174 IN-PERSON PROGRAMS



WE CONNECTED WITH **FAMILIES**

**2,133**

SUMMER DISCOVERY PARTICIPANTS

We opened our new Family Engagement Area at Main Library, a dedicated space for children, teens, and families to connect, learn, and discover.



WE CONNECTED ON **THE ROAD**



**19,276** CHECK-OUTS THROUGH  
OUR POP-UP VAN

WE CONNECTED WITH **OUR PARTNERS**

**17,000+**  
COVID-19 TESTS

DISTRIBUTED AT ALL OUR 15 BRANCHES IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**650+**  
COVID-19 & FLU SHOTS

7 VACCINATION CLINICS HELD TO DISTRIBUTE COVID-19 AND FLU  
VACCINES TO ADULTS AND ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN A PARTNERSHIP  
WITH YOUNGSTOWN CITY HEALTH DISTRICT.

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PARTNERED WITH  
**YSU'S WORKFORCE CENTER FOR A  
VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR**  
TO SHOWCASE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN  
VOLTAGE VALLEY.





# 2021 WAS A **YEAR OF FIRSTS**



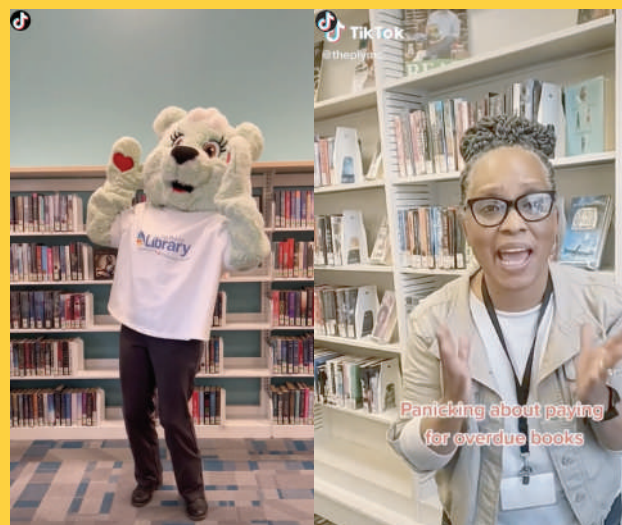
FIRST FULL YEAR GOING  
**FINE-FREE**  
WHICH REMOVES BARRIERS TO  
ACCESS THE LIBRARY



FIRST FULL YEAR WITH OUR  
**SOCIAL WORKER, JIM YOUNG,**  
WHO DELIGHTS LIBRARY FANS WITH  
HIS DOGS, KIRBY AND KATIE



FIRST FULL YEAR OF  
**RENOVATIONS AT MAIN**  
WHICH HAS MADE INCREDIBLE  
PROGRESS AND IS EXPECTED TO  
BE COMPLETED IN EARLY  
SUMMER OF 2022



PLYMC LAUNCHED  
**TIKTOK**  
WHICH RACKED UP 4,094 VIDEO  
VIEWS IN THREE MONTHS

# WE CONNECTED **VIRTUALLY**

**107,925**  
AUDIOBOOKS

**258,560**  
eBOOKS

**13,210** ATTENDEES  
AT 740 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

**1,400,000**  
WEBSITE PAGEVIEWS



WE CONNECTED ON **SOCIAL MEDIA**



**62,403**

FACEBOOK ENGAGEMENTS



**5,000**

INSTAGRAM ENGAGEMENTS



**1,498**

TWITTER ENGAGEMENTS



**14,394**

YOUTUBE VIEWS

Engagement measures the number of times that people viewed or interacted with our social media posts.



WE HELPED YOU **CONNECT**

# 1,615

WIFI MOBILE HOTSPOT CHECK-OUTS

#1 ITEM CHECKED OUT



# 776

LAPTOP CHECK-OUTS

#3 ITEM CHECKED OUT



# \$171,122

GRANT



RECEIVED GRANT FROM THE FCC TO EXPAND OUR  
MOBILE HOTSPOT PROGRAM AND PURCHASE 50  
ADDITIONAL HOTSPOTS AND 150 IPADS.

# 2021 FINANCIALS

## GENERAL FUND 12/31/21

Encumbered Balance	\$1,039,258.24
Balance Forward	7,699,658.65
<b>Receipts</b>	
Public Library Fund	9,882,244.91
Property Tax	9,065,615.89
Intergovernmental	1,029,401.79
Patron Fines & Fees	85,546.33
Interest Income	56,412.63
Rental/Lease Income	940.00
Miscellaneous	91,708.00
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Balances</b>	<b>\$28,950,786.44</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	\$9,771,975.14
Supplies	528,846.54
Purchased & Contracted Services	2,180,507.88
Library Materials	1,546,329.82
Equipment	66,102.94
Other Objects	38,832.05
Transfers To Other Funds	3,000,000.00
Encumbered Balance Forward, 12/31/21	1,339,230.91
Balance Forward, 12/31/21	10,478,961.16
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$28,950,786.44</b>



## TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FUND 12/31/21

Encumbered Balance	\$9,950.15
Balance Forward	2,260,827.05
<b>Receipts</b>	
Federal Grant/E-Rate	\$9,105.40
Interest Income	7,044.09
Transfers From Other Funds	1,000,000.00
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Balances</b>	<b>\$3,286,926.69</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Investment/Banking Fees	\$344.47
Equipment	442,386.72
Encumbered Balance Forward, 12/31/21	114,162.61
Balance Forward, 12/31/21	2,730,032.89
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Balances</b>	<b>\$3,286,926.69</b>

## BUILDING & REPAIR FUND 12/31/21

Encumbered Balance	\$23,751,445.50
Balance Forward	14,329,157.84
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest Income	196,223.32
Contributions	227,672.00
Miscellaneous	-
Transfers From Other Funds	2,000,000.00
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$40,504,498.66</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Investment/Banking Fees	\$11,105.17
New Buildings	-
Building Improvements	14,884,148.45
Equipment	648,990.14
Encumbered Balance Forward, 12/31/21	8,961,306.43
Balance Forward, 12/31/21	15,998,948.47
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Balances</b>	<b>\$40,504,498.66</b>

## LIBRARY FOUNDATION 12/31/21

Balance Forward	\$1,032,241.51
<b>Receipts</b>	
Distributions from Trust Funds	177,112.67
Contributions	107,196.77
Miscellaneous	-
Interest & Investment Income	1,729.23
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$1,318,280.18</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Books & Related Purchases	\$16,752.83
Audit Fees	3,000.00
Legal Fees	2,778.75
Marketing Costs	16,556.09
Miscellaneous	3,767.82
Memorial gifts	-
Balance Forward, 12/31/21	1,275,424.69
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$1,318,280.18</b>



# OUR CONNECTIONS





