



2021 Annual Report

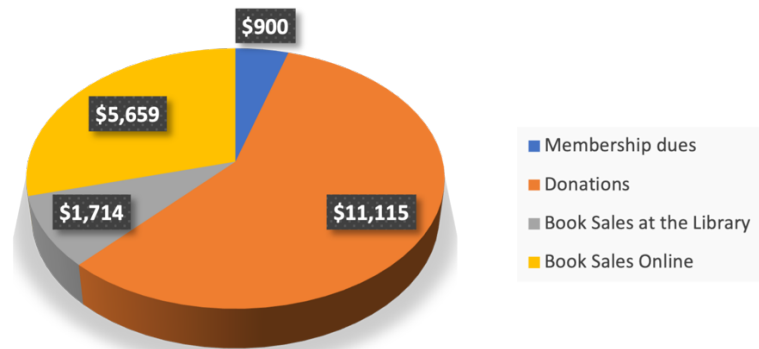
During the second year of the pandemic, Friends strived to make up for lost time. In July, we resumed taking donations and quickly turned them into revenue via the Internet and smaller in-person sales. As part of our equity efforts, we gave most of the donated children's books to Richmond schools. Our community gave generously in dollars and half of them were in memory of our beloved former Chair Grace MacNeill, who passed away early in 2021. We will continue to support the Library's outreach initiatives, even though much remains uncertain for 2022. Following are key highlights and financials in 2021, and a hint of the coming year. Your support is greatly appreciated!

–Amy Rogers
Chair of Friends of the El Cerrito Library

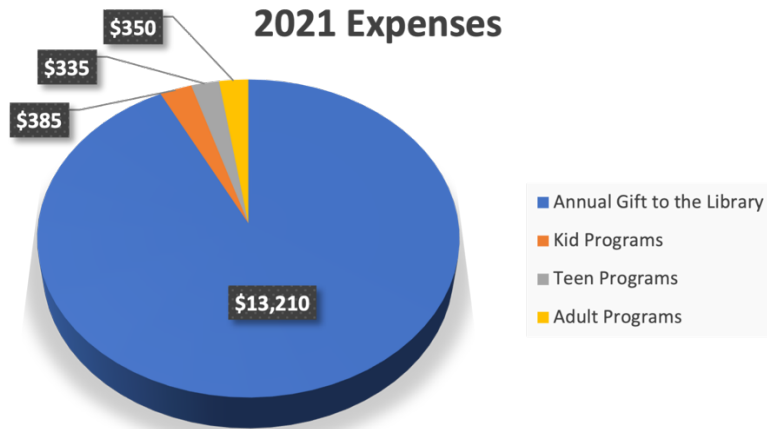
Highlights of 2021

- Friends' basement closed Jan–June due to Covid
- Gave 80% of donated children's books to Richmond schools
- Passing of Grace MacNeill, Friends' Chair 2015–21
- Amy Rogers elected in August as the new Chair
- Record end-of-year donations. 50% in memory of Grace MacNeill
- New Instagram account @elcerritolibraryfriends
- Free book program for Little Libraries
- August Book Sale and November CDs & DVDs Sale
- Formed new Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee group

2021 Income



2021 Expenses



Source: 2021 annual report friendscerritolibrary.org/about/financial-statements/

Library programs made possible with Friends' Support

Take and Make Craft for Kids
Tween Book Club for Teenagers
Meditation with Mindful Moments
Earth Day StoryWalk
Summer Reading Festival

Lunch in the Library for Kids
Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin
Zoom Webinar with Historian Dana Shew
about Japanese nurseries
Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Follow Library's program events on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).



Volunteer Hours

665 hours = \$10,886 worth of time donated
Based on El Cerrito 2021 minimum wage \$16.37

What's ahead in 2022

- Online giving tool to make it easier to donate to FECL: friendscerritolibrary.org/donate/
- Spring Annual Book Sale on May 21, 2022
- Recruit more Friends to become volunteers & board members
- TBD

How to reach us

Please contact us at elcerritolibraryfriends@gmail.com with your questions and comments. Our location is in the basement at El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave, El Cerrito, CA. Hours are Saturdays, from 10am–12pm. Get the latest news on the [Friends' website](#) and Instagram at [@elcerritolibraryfriends](#)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library is to support the Library's programs and collection materials. The Friends raise funds from donations and book sales. Friends also support community events to raise funds for the Library, such as new books, services, donations, endowments, and bequests. As a volunteer-run organization founded in 1975, the Friends of the El Cerrito Library brings together over 100 long-term supporters and dedicated volunteers who care about books, literacy, and libraries, and promote these concerns in El Cerrito and nearby towns.

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