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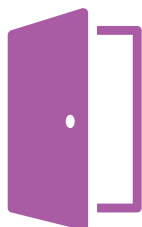
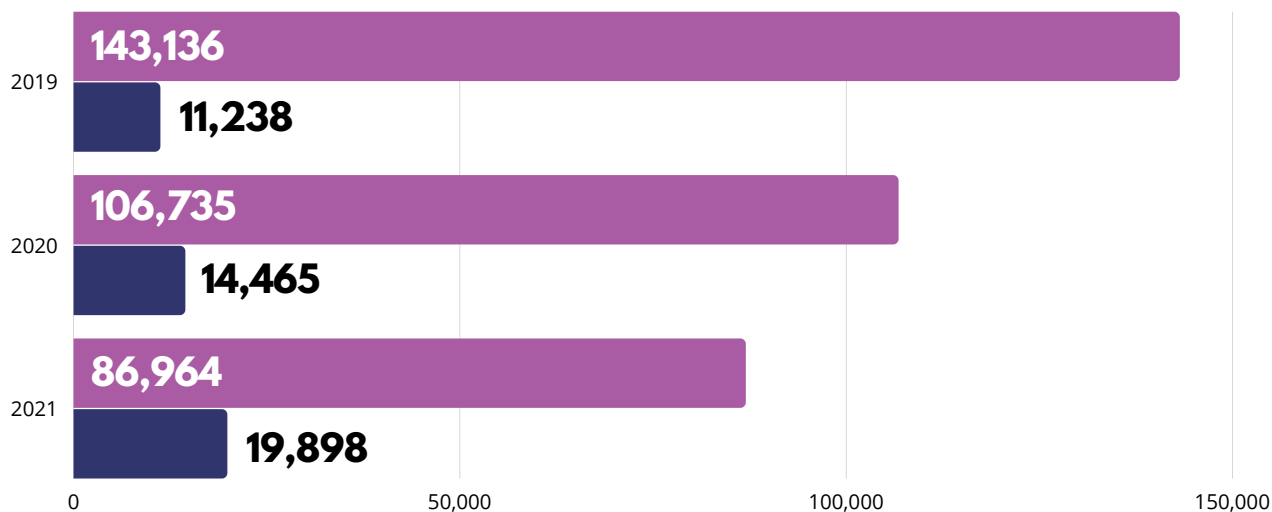
WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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FY21 BY THE NUMBERS

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect statistics this year, including fewer physical item checkouts resulting from 17 weeks of building closure. This closure, as well as reopening steps involving appointment-based access and decreased capacity enforcement, also impacted the total door count. Digital material usage continues to rise, reflecting a longer, ongoing trend but increasing at an accelerated rate as awareness of digital offerings spreads.

Physical (39% decrease over 3 years) vs. Digital (77% increase over 3 years)



Door Count:

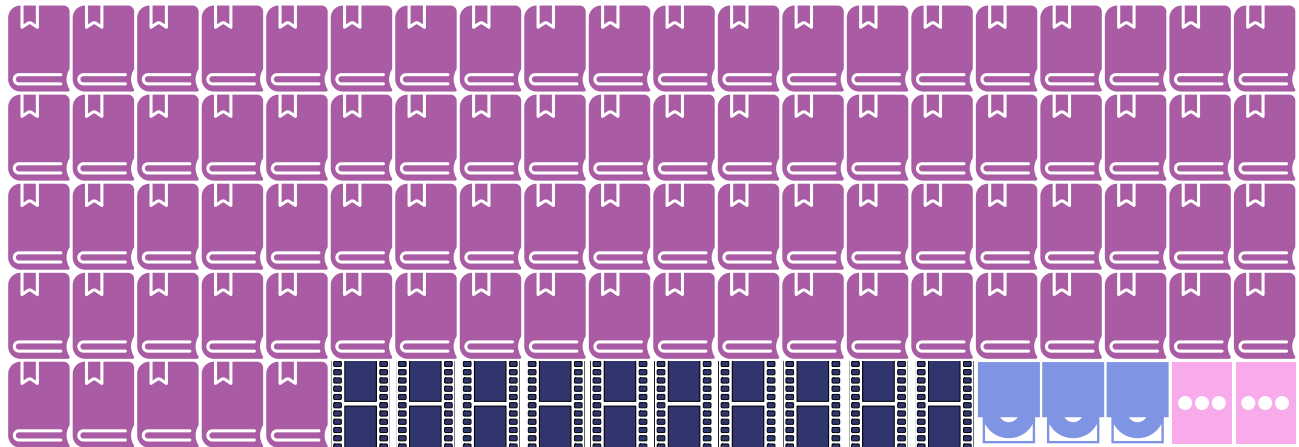
FY19: 135,983
FY20: 93,645
FY21: 17,110

(FY20 door count affected by building closure. FY21 door count affected by building closure, appointment-based access, and limited capacity enforcement.)

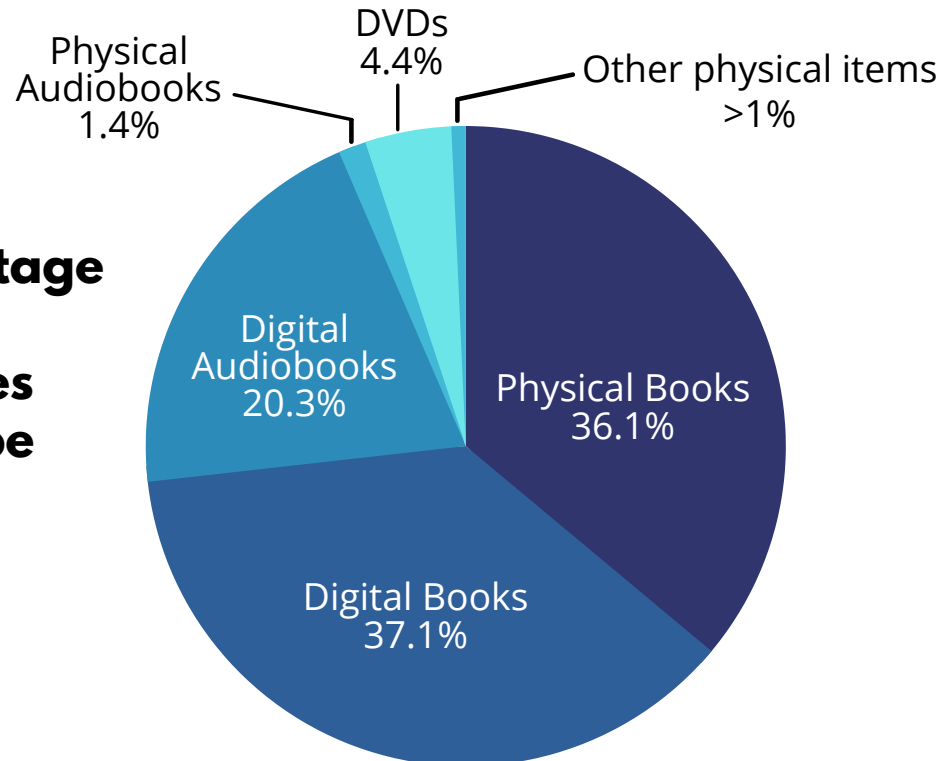
Library Collection: Physical Items

TOTAL: 66,365

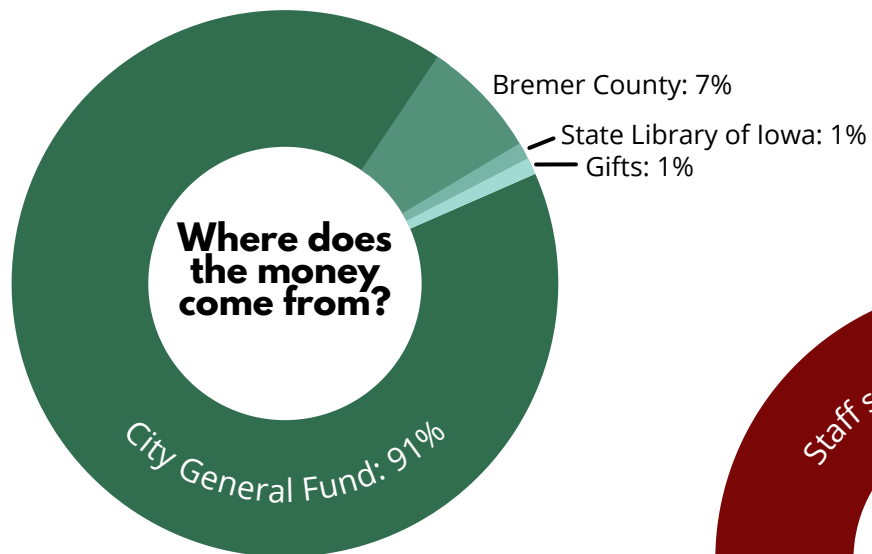
Printed books: 56,255 **DVDs:** 6,800 **CD Books:** 2,183 **Other (games, dolls...):** 1,127



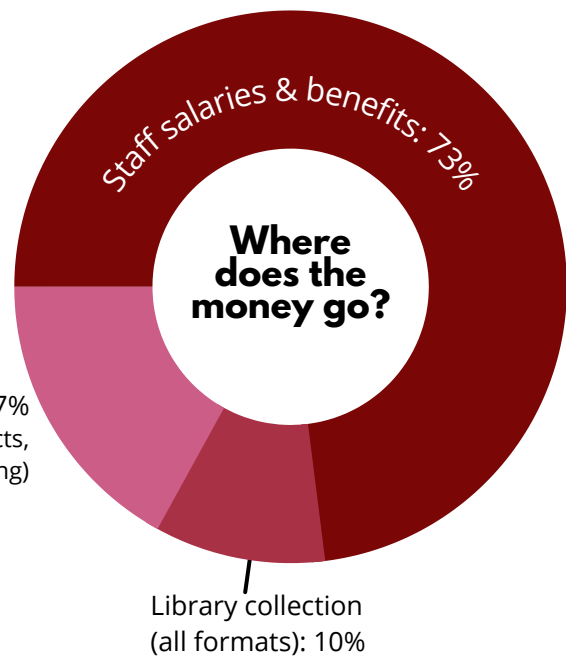
**What percentage
of the total
collection does
each item type
make up?**



Operating Income & Expenditures



All other operating expenditures: 17%
(lights, internet, software contracts,
heating & cooling)



Waverly Public Library Staff

Paid librarians FTE:	7.0
All other paid staff FTE:	4.38
Total paid staff FTE:	11.38



After a virtual summer program in 2020, both librarians and community members were excited to see some return to in-person programs for the summer of 2021. Many programs were able to be held outside in the library gardens. The reading portion of the program was carried out online for the second year, with great success.



112
events



3,374
attendees



737
registered
readers



7,881
hours read





GARDEN ENHANCEMENTS

The library gardens received some updates and enhancements this year. In late May 2021, the gravel paths throughout the prairie section of the gardens were paved to allow for easier access by all patrons. Shortly after, in early June, City workers installed permanent garden story boards throughout the entire garden space. On these boards, a story can be displayed page-by-page along the garden path, allowing visitors to walk along and read through a story. The Friends of the Library funded a replacement directional sign, as the original had become faded and illegible. They also placed a fish food dispenser in the garden as a fundraising venture. For a quarter, visitors receive a handful of fish food that they can use to feed the koi in the nearby pond.



BOOK BOXES

The library building was closed for a total of seventeen weeks this year. In an effort to ensure books were still getting out into the hands of community members, especially those who may not have been able to come to the library's drive-through for scheduling or transportation reasons, librarians implemented a Book Box program that ran from February to April 2021. Participants listed the ages and reading preferences of those in their household, and librarians selected books for readers and delivered them directly to their front door. Feedback from this program was overwhelmingly positive.



50

households
signed up



127

individual readers
served each month



310

miles driven
making deliveries





EXPANDING COLLECTIONS

Librarians continue to add to the ever-popular "library of things" items that can be checked out to the public. IT Librarian Ryan added more selections to the **board games** section, growing it to over 150 items for all ages. Board games continue to be a high-checkout item. A new addition this year was "**Me Readers.**" These reader kits come with eight illustrated books and a small device that will read them aloud, including sound effects and a chime when the page needs to be turned. More selections were also added to the literary **Magna-Tiles** section and the Nintendo **Switch games** section.

