

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



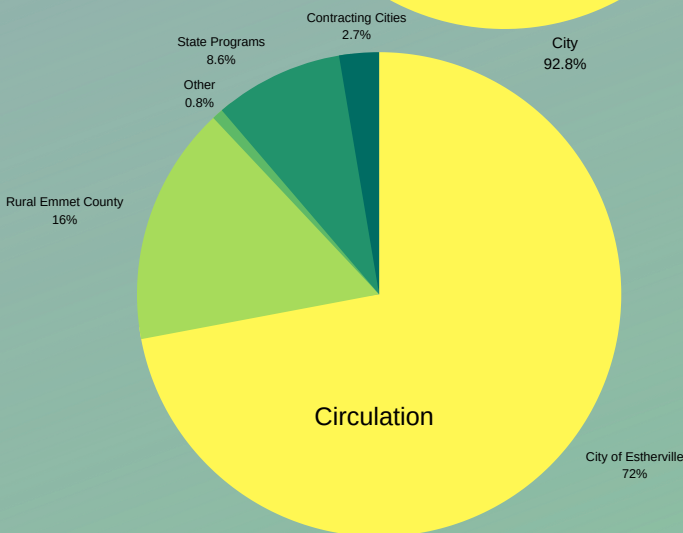
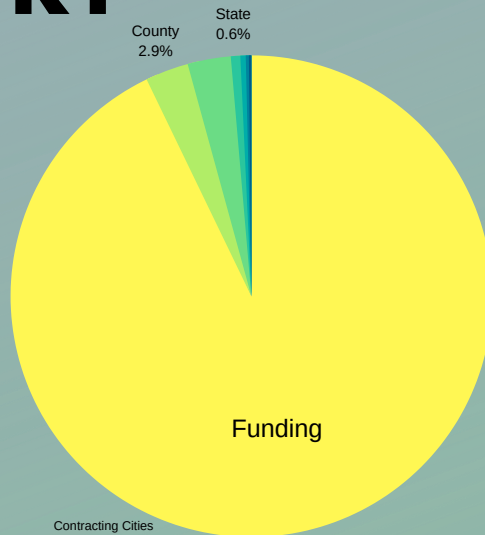
## FUNDING

The Estherville Public Library is fortunate to have strong community support, both through tax-supported operating funds and direct community contributions through the Friends organization.

Emmet County accounts for 2.9% of our income while rural residents account for 16% of our physical circulation.

In recent years, Emmet County has moved from the 99th position out of 99 counties in cents-per-thousand library funding to 94th this year. We have also moved from 80 up to 69 out of 99 for per capita funding for libraries.

Average per capita is \$20.82, while Emmet County is currently at \$12.26.



## PEOPLE

12,217 people came through the doors of the EPL in the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, which is reasonable considering periodic closings for COVID-19, and the fact that many now prefer to receive materials via curbside service.

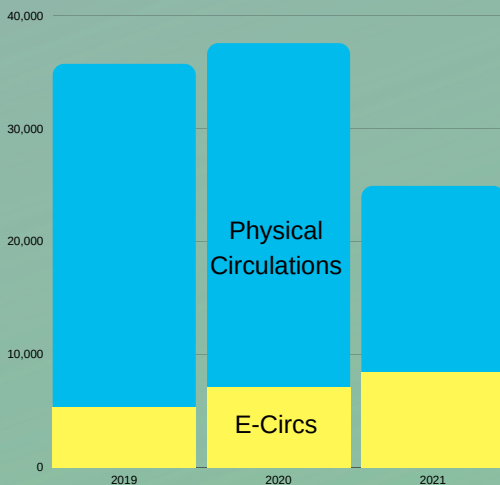
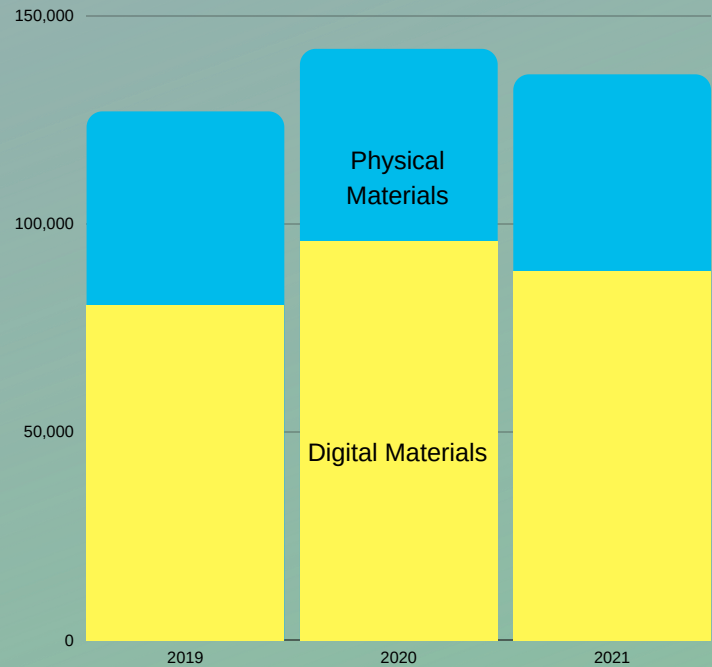
Those who checked out physical items saved \$181,733 this past year. This does not account for savings related to digital items, computer and office equipment access, or any of our other services.





# PROGRAMS

The number of programs offered for the public was 131 in FY21. We've had to completely re-imagine our delivery models since 2020, and continue to develop options to suit patrons' comfort levels by providing for this need remotely through kits and online or hybrid in-person events.



# USAGE

While physical circulation was impacted negatively at libraries everywhere due to COVID-19, we continue to see a surge in the use of our electronic collections. As seen in the above graphic, our digital offerings are now nearly double our physical selections.

Our wireless internet continues to be available 24/7 and is accessible from our north parking area or on library square.

We've now added 3 hotspots for checkout, and will be installing a permanent curbside service sign in the spring. The EPL will continue to evolve to meet users' needs.

