



GAL'S GUIDE  
TO THE GALAXY

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ANNUAL  
REPORT

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2021



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## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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Never did I think I would see the library grow so quickly and with so much love and support. In 2021, we moved into a bigger space within the Nickel Plate Arts campus. As word got out, we saw the library collection grow. For much of the year, getting books was not a supply chain issue - but getting our IKEA bookcases were!

As the world opened up, we were ready with programs that could be done online or in person. No one felt left out, and comfort levels were adaptable. For our Galentine's Day celebration, we celebrated the queens we are. For Fairyville, we made a Day of the Dead ofrenda to the great women who have come before us. For Juneteenth, we encouraged the community to read and learn about the Black experience by great writers of color. Uhura Training Academy came back with 11 hours of amazing STEM programming, and, thanks to a grant, we launched a writer's workshop that focused on blending mythology and memoirs.

I am so thankful for the Gal's Guide staff, volunteers, and the community who find refuge in our small but mighty mission.

Books & Love, *Leah Leach*



**7,400+**  
PODCAST  
DOWNLOADS

**4,674**  
BOOKS IN THE  
COLLECTION

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Gal's Guide is to provide the first independent women's history library in the United States to preserve, collect, share and champion women's achievements and lessons learned. We will act as a catalyst to creators who utilize our resources to guide others to these amazing role models who have been waiting in the shadows of history for too long.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

2,934  
PROGRAM  
ATTENDEES

166  
PROGRAMS  
IN 2022

### Featuring:

4 Author Signings  
Juneteenth Read-IN  
Galentine's Brunch Online  
Day of the Dead Celebration



## WEEKLY EVENTS



### Gal's Guide Podcast Every Monday

Four gal-pals each bring to the table  
1 cool thing about a woman of  
history.



43%  
INCREASE IN  
DOWNLOADS  
FROM 2020

### Li'l Friday Every Friday

We started our 3rd audiobook in  
May. *Little Women* by Louisa May  
Alcott read by Amber Jacoba.



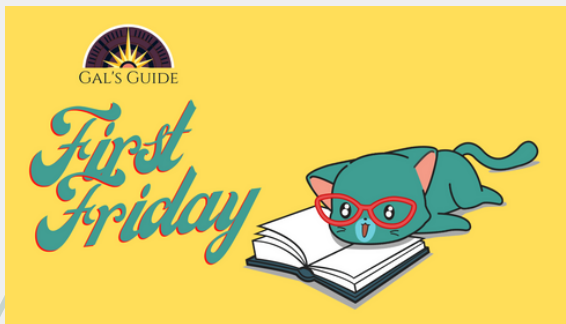
### Frigg Friday Every Friday

We concluded our 2nd audiobook in  
April. *Kristin Lavransdatter* by  
Sigrid Undset read by Michelle  
Hammond

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## MONTHLY EVENTS

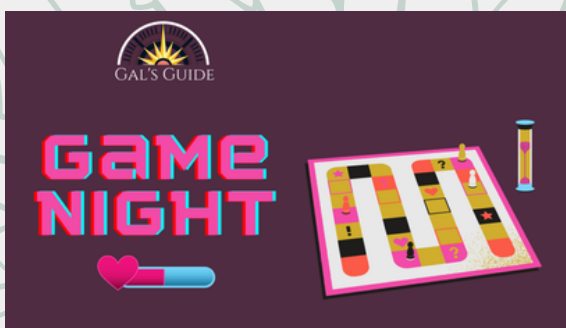


First Friday  
6pm-9pm

Come see what is new in the library!  
The campus is buzzing with music,  
refreshments and creativity!

Second Saturday  
12pm-2pm

BYOC (Bring Your Own Craft) to the  
Gal's Guide Library. You don't have  
to stitch, but there will be bitchin'.



Third Friday  
7pm-9pm

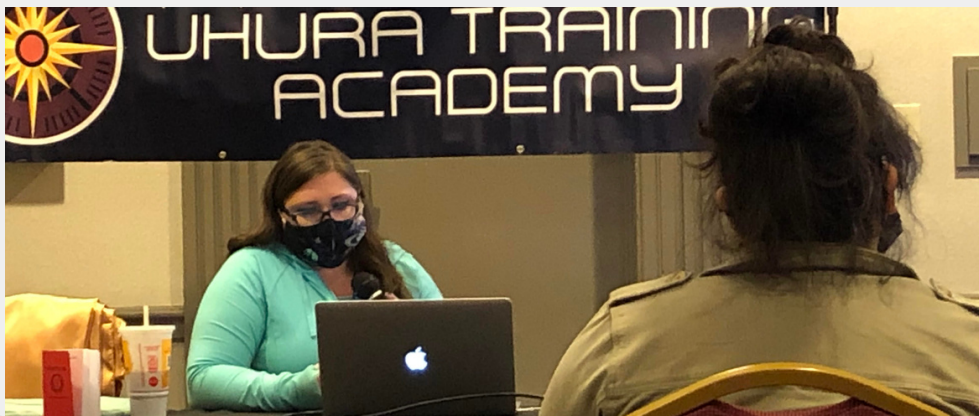
We have a new game to play each  
month. Our trivia nights even have  
prizes!

Last Thursday  
8pm-9pm

Online book discussion with a new  
book every month! Led by Katie  
Harris.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



### Uhura Training Academy

Gal's Guide celebrated women in STEM and organized 11 hours of programming for Starbase Indy 2021. Creating the fun and adventurous theme of Uhura Training Academy, Gal's Guide was able to shine a spotlight on a science fiction heroine that changed the face of television and space travel as we know it! Programs like "Nichelle & NASA" and "Dark Matter & Galaxy Rotations" merged STEM subjects with a Star Trek theme providing high-quality learning programs.

### Fairyville

Gal's Guide participated in Welcome to Fairyville presented by Nickel Plate Arts. We invited the community to make Soul Sister Shrines to decorate our ofrenda.

We also passed out hundreds of Pixi Stick wands and hosted a fairy jar scavenger hunt.





## GRANT PROJECTS



### Writing Workshop

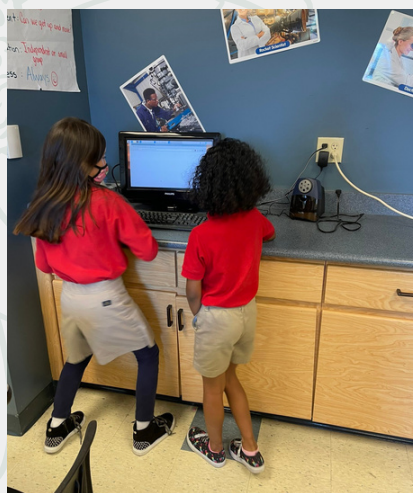
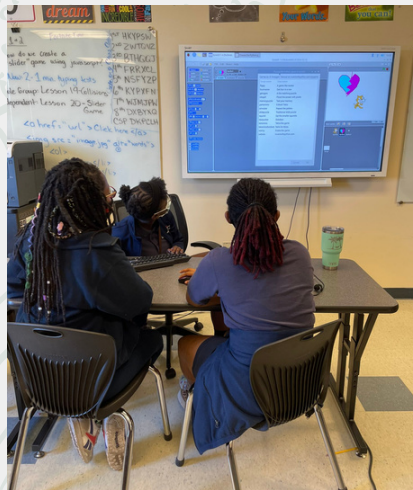
Thanks to a grant from the Pacers Foundation, we were able to host a 12-week writing workshop. The class had in-person and online options. Classes were free to students under 18. Students were encouraged to work on a piece to submit to the Gal's Guide Anthology, giving them a published piece at the end of the workshop.

### Gal's Guide Coding Camp (G2C2)

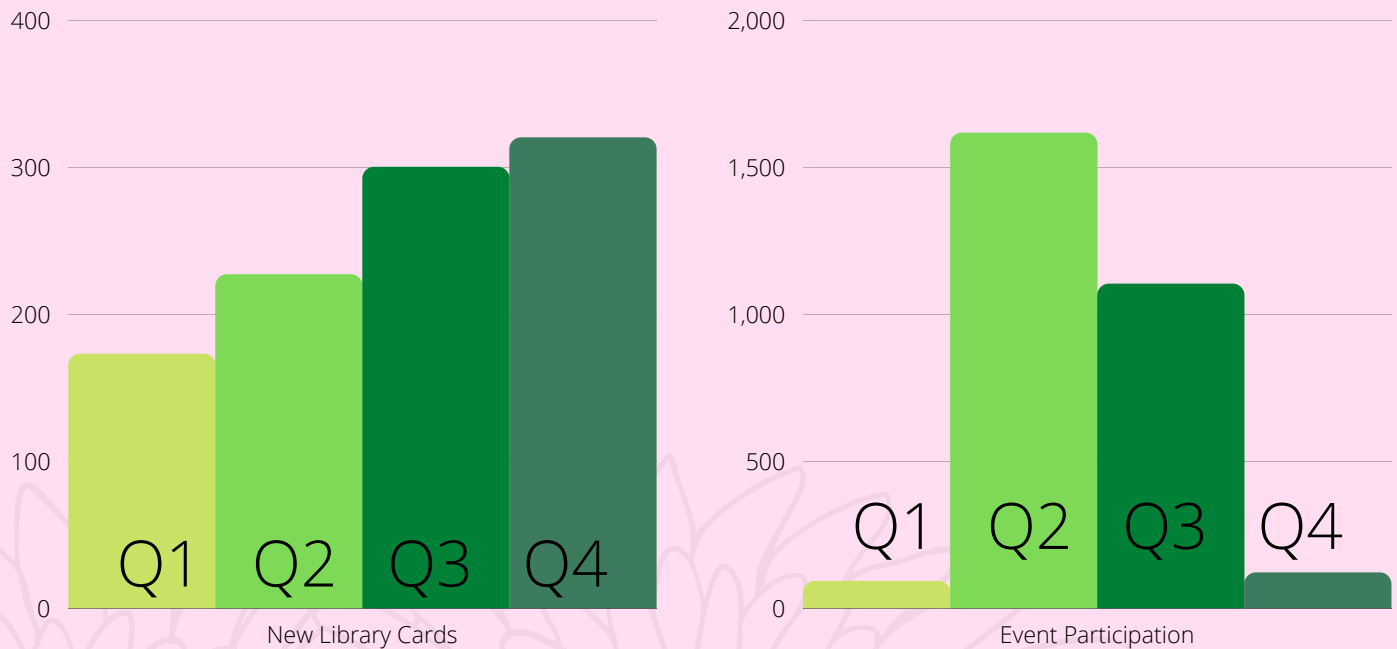
Thanks to a Bell Girl Day Grant from Discover E, we were able to host a coding workshop for girls!

Five classes took place at Duval Charter School Southside as well as online. Our fantastic teacher was Christina Weyer who went above and beyond for her girls.

Gal's Guide was able to let the school keep Raspberry Pi Coding kits for future use.

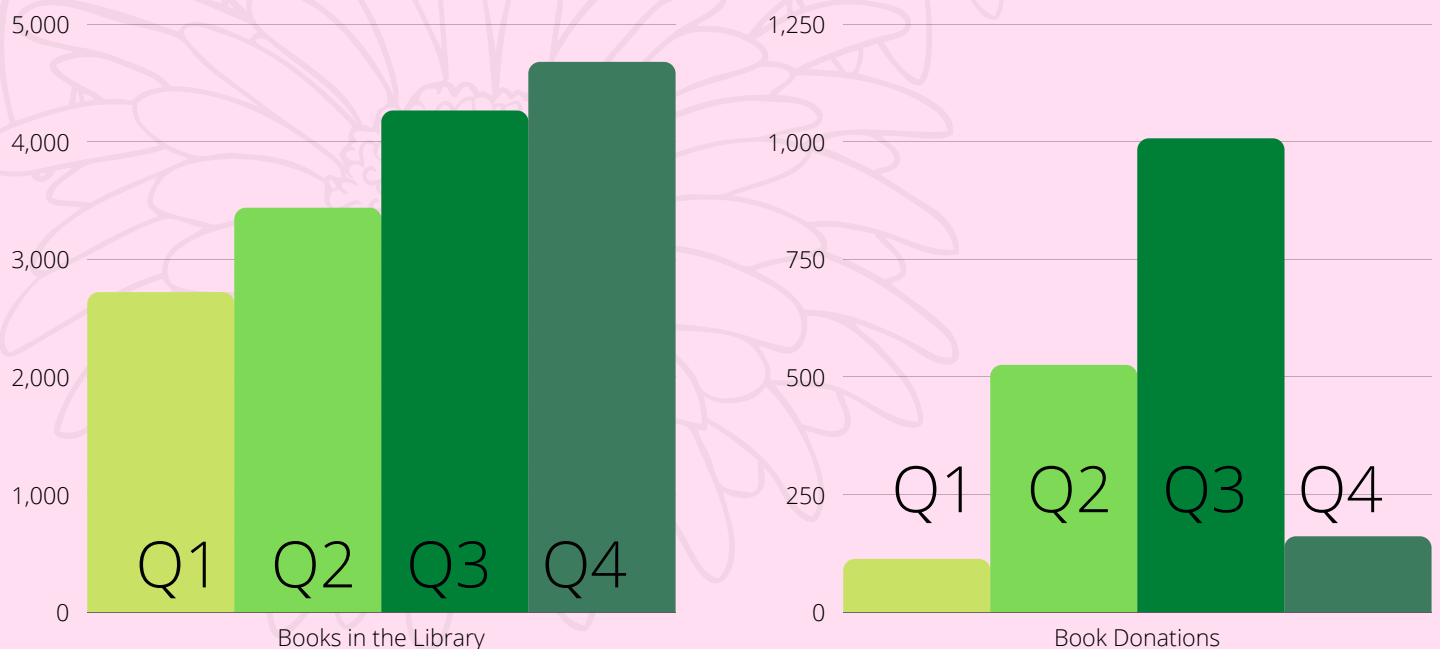




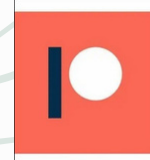


## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Patrons with library cards jumped from 152 to 320 in 2021
- The Gal's Guide Library saw huge spikes in attendance from April to June thanks to Fairyville and our Juneteenth Read-IN
- The Gal's Guide Collection grew from 2,504 books to 4,674 in 2021
- 1,805 books were donated to the library in 2021



## OUR SUPPORTERS



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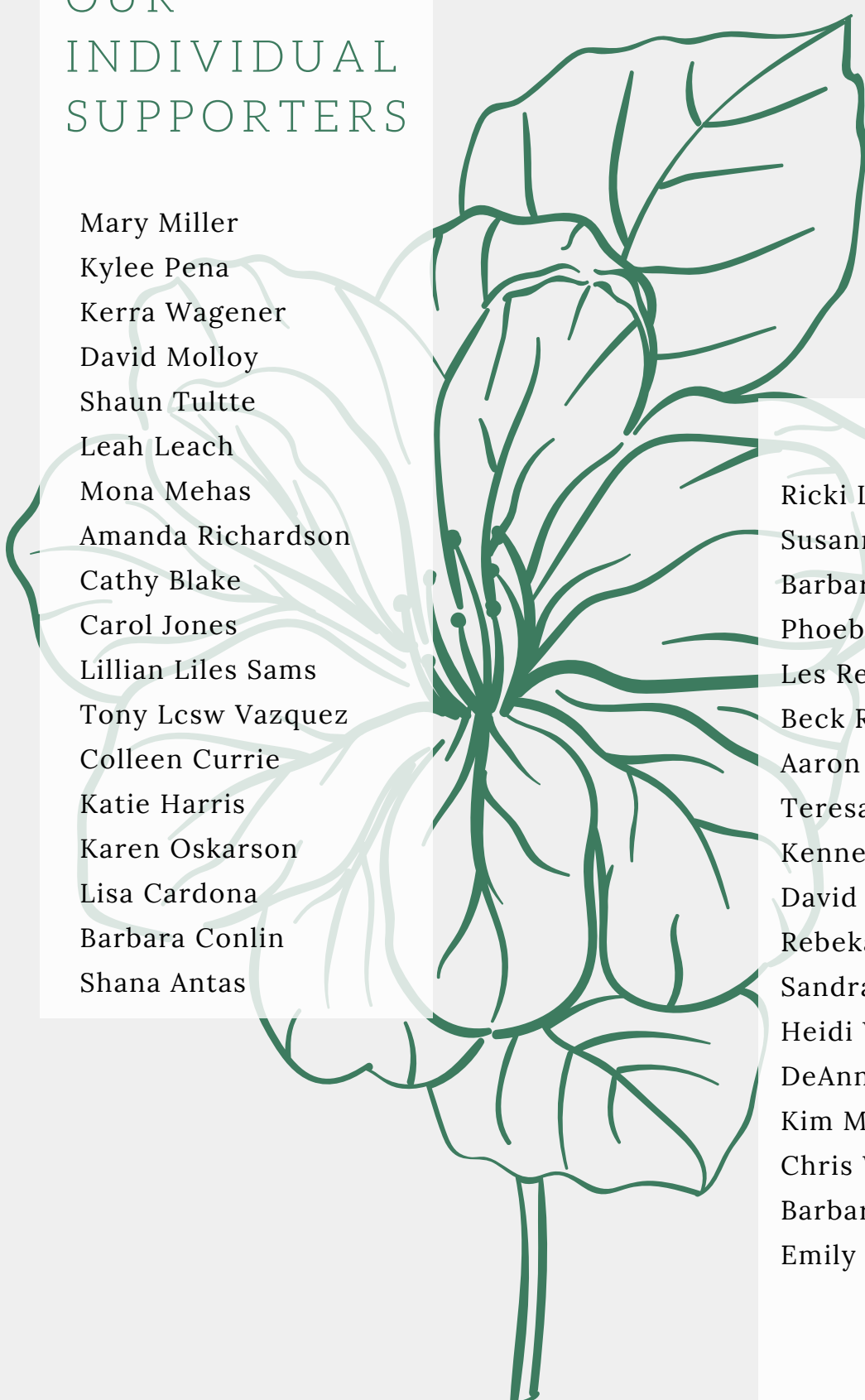
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## ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESS

Second Act Foundation

Pacers Foundation

Netflix

Discover E

Microcosm Publishing

Speed City Sisters in Crime

Clerical Error

Newcomers of Noblesville

Amazon

Kroger

Starbase Indy

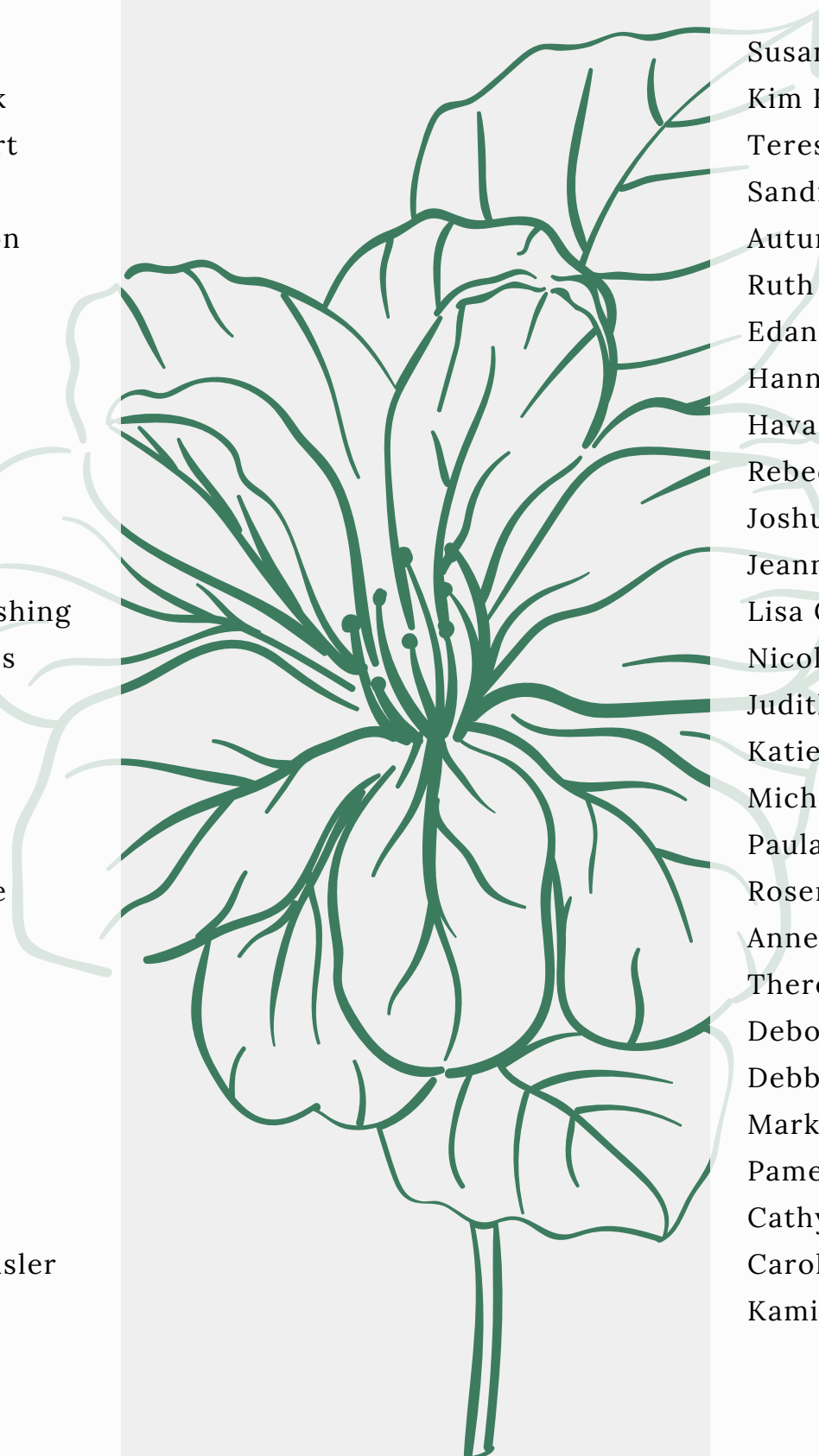
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DONORS

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## REVENUE

Sales \$1,963

Programming \$1,232

Donations \$7,427

Grants \$4,044

**Total Revenue \$14,666**

## EXPENSES

Programming \$2,638

Book Purchases \$634

Galactic Remodel & Move \$869

General Operating \$8,706

Fundraising \$121

**Total Expenses \$12,968**

## BOTTOM LINE

Net for 2021 \$1,698

**Total Net Assets \$10,703**





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LIBRARY COLLECTION

4,674

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OR ABOUT WOMEN



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