“Pandemic” comes from the Greek pandemos, meaning “pertaining to all the people,” and all the people associated with the Athenæum stepped up to support it in an otherwise dark period. The board always put the health and safety of the Athenæum community first. The staff was tireless, innovating quickly to ensure we could deliver books and programs to the membership. Our members and donors were exceedingly generous, and they led us - remarkably - to our third consecutive modest surplus. It was a terrible year. It was also a wonderful year, filled with shared purpose and shared sacrifice.

The year started with great promise. In September, the Athenæum welcomed two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Colson Whitehead to speak before a crowd of 800, and the institution was on track to reach records in membership and visitorship. Then, in March 2020, the outbreak of COVID-19 forced the library to close for almost five months - the longest closure in the long and storied history of the institution.

While the Athenæum’s physical building remained closed to the public, the staff and board pivoted quickly, creating programs, services, and initiatives to serve the public during this unique period in American life. The Athenæum was among the first libraries in Rhode Island to institute a robust curbside pickup program, and we were able to circulate nearly as many books during this time as we had when we were physically open. We ramped up our digital offerings, launching a series of high-quality virtual programs. We leveraged the close to our advantage and undertook long-delayed maintenance and beautification projects. As a result, the library flourished. By the time the library re-opened partially in August of 2020, the Athenæum looked as fine as it had in decades.

In times of crisis, institutions matter. 2020 was tumultuous, but the Athenæum mattered. Everyone involved with the institution pulled together to serve the institution and its essential mission:

to enrich the mind, inspire the spirit, and elevate the public discourse.

Matt Burriesci         Jonathan Bell
Executive Director         Board President
In March 2020, the Athenæum was forced to close its doors for the longest period in its 200-year history due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the health and safety of staff and visitors as the foremost priority, the library quickly pivoted to offer virtual programs, a curbside pick-up service, and expanded digital offerings. As a result, circulation and membership held steady, and weekly adult program attendance rose.

### Programs
- **123 adult events**
- **8,149 adult event attendees**
- **80 children’s events**
- **1,570 children’s event attendees**
- **54 tours of building & collections**

### Library Services
- **175,876 items in collection**
- **1,374 acquisitions**
- **21,740 total items circulated**
- **3,018 digital items circulated**
- **636 curbside orders fulfilled**

### Statistics
- **45,814** Patrons & visitors served by the library
- **3,882** Visitors to the Children’s Library
- **2,090** Total members*
- **2,883** Exhibition visitors

*Includes two adult members in each Household membership.
Almost 10,000 people attended an Athenæum program this year. We welcomed two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Colson Whitehead, National Book Award-winning historian Nathaniel Philbrick, acclaimed spiritual scholar Karen Armstrong, and internationally best-selling author Gish Jen, among many others.

In the spring of 2020, the library suspended its in-person programming due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and we developed ex libris, the institution’s new slate of digital programs. This was the first time the Athenæum had offered online events, and programs reached both local members and audiences across the world. From witchcraft to spider-silk, these online programs proved to be both well-received and popular. The Athenæum also launched a series of virtual cocktail hours, allowing our members the opportunity to gather (albeit virtually) during the isolating quarantine. The Children’s Library launched a series of online story times and curbside craft kits, making sure we didn’t forget our youngest members.

Partners included the ACLU of Rhode Island, Campus Fine Wines, the English Speaking Union, the First Unitarian Church, Providence Children’s Film Festival, the Public’s Radio, and the Walt Whitman Initiative.
Highlights
- Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Colson Whitehead
- A Mysterious Affair fundraiser
- Acclaimed historian Nathaniel Philbrick
- Annual Little Pumpkins’ Party
- Virtual cocktail parties
Exhibitions

In spite of the five-month closure, Athenæum exhibitions attracted almost 3,000 visitors. Opening in June 2019, Providence Unveiled explored the library’s place on Benefit Street and highlighted materials from the archives.

In the fall, the Athenæum joined the Walt Whitman Initiative, a consortium that included the Library of Congress, Folger Shakespeare Library, the Academy of American Poets, and others, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of one of the most unique American poets. The Athenæum is the first institution known to have purchased Leaves of Grass at the time of its publication, and it showcased three first editions of the book in its exhibit Poet of the Body, which also featured items from the collection of Susan Jaffe Tane.

In February, Bibliomania: Book Arts at the Providence Athenæum celebrated the library’s extensive and beautiful collections, including the complete 25-volume set of the Description de l’Égypte, rarely displayed in its entirety. While the exhibition was cut short due to the pandemic, the library was able to share Bibliomania through one of its most popular virtual programs.

Special Collections

The Athenæum conserved its first-edition Leaves of Grass (1855) and was able to acquire several important items of note through the Hayden Special Collections Development Fund, including a bust of Edgar Allan Poe, the Kelmscott Chaucer Leaf Book (including an original William Morris leaf), Walt Whitman’s Specimen Days (1882), and Candle-Lightin’ Time by Paul Dunbar (1901).
We are also grateful for the contributions of three framed drawings by Edna Lawrence (Jack & Regina Partridge) and A Topographical Chart of Narragansett Bay (1777) (Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sharpe).

Circulating Collection

In the spring, the library services team developed a new curbside pickup service, which allowed members to order and pick up materials despite the building’s closure. The Athenæum also invested heavily in hoopla, a digital circulation service, that proved to be extremely popular. The Children’s Library offered curated grab bags and book selections along with the curbside craft kits. Thanks to these initiatives, circulation remained strong, and members were able to continue to enjoy the Athenæum’s collections during the building’s closure.

Exhibitions

– Providence Unveiled: Stories from the Archives
  June – September 2019
– Walt Whitman: Poet of the Body
  October 2019 – January 2020
– Bibliomania: Book Arts at the Providence Athenæum
  February - March 2020 (closed prematurely due to COVID-19)
In the fall, the Athenæum completed its roof replacement and skylight repair, ensuring the integrity of the roofing system for a generation. This large project was made possible through the support of the Champlin Foundation and the Rhode Island State Preservation Grants. Funds were also used to completely replace all of the laylights in the building, most of which were more than a century old. The filtered glass will protect the library’s collection against damaging ultraviolet light, and it has the advantage of being both beautiful and safer.

Traditionally, the Athenæum is open to the public seven days a week, and in recent years it has become one of the more popular tourist destinations in Providence – but the volume of traffic and extensive public hours have prevented the institution from completing painstaking beautification projects. When the Athenæum closed to the public, the board leveraged the rare opportunity to do a deep clean and rejuvenation program. Most public areas of the library were cleaned, repainted, and reappointed.

Perhaps the most exciting project was spearheaded by former board President Tripp Evans, who singlehandedly renovated the Art Room. The room was repainted, decluttered, re-upholstered, and re-curated, and it is now one of the most beautiful interior spaces in the city.
Treasurer's Report

The fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 found the Athenæum in a strong financial position, despite the disruption caused by the outbreak of COVID-19.

While the Athenæum saw a slight downturn in membership revenues (-2.7%), the organization saw a 2.7% increase in its annual fundraising. Capital projects funding rose substantially due to a one-time project to replace the roof and refurbish the skylights, with an offsetting corresponding expense. Facility rental revenue decreased by 63% as a result of two factors: a one-time film shoot in the previous year and rental cancellations resulting from the closure of the building in March of 2020.

Investment income designated for operations decreased by .8%, but for the first time in more than a decade, the Athenæum reduced its draw on its endowment.

Personnel expenses rose by 1.7% as a result of cost-of-living adjustments for staff, while fundraising expenses rose by 32%, resulting from a one-time feasibility study conducted in the fall of 2019.

Total Equity increased by .5%, to $13,114,552. Total liabilities increased to $173,090, reflecting successful procurement of a Payroll Projection Program loan, which will be realized as revenue in Fiscal Year 2021.

Overall, the library’s financial position remains strong, and, for the fourth consecutive year, the Athenæum ended its fiscal year with a surplus.

Bradford M. Gibbs, Treasurer
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Note: the above financial information presents only unrestricted operating activity before fixed asset capitalization or depreciation. Revenue and expense for special projects are included only as net assets are released from restrictions. Further details are published in the audited financial statements available through the accounting department.

## BALANCE SHEET

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| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY    | $13,287,642 | $13,120,889 |

*Fixed assets are listed here net of accumulated depreciation.
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The generosity shown to the Athenæum during one of its most challenging years was nothing short of remarkable. The following pages are a tribute to these people, businesses, and foundations who gave cash and in-kind contributions to the library between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.

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of the quiet companionship of
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Without conscious or defiant show, without trumpets in attendance, without seeming to
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