



# Public Libraries in Jefferson County

Public libraries have certainly seen challenges over the past year. We have been called on to limit in-person services and programs for the fear and uncertainty surrounding the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and, like many others, we have had to navigate the constraints upon our finances due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the very core of all of our public libraries are two values: **place** and **community**. The library is a safe place where children marvel at all that is available to them, seniors enjoy companionship over book clubs and coffee times, students find the help they need to excel, and neighbors learn new skills requisite for a promotion. The best part about a public library is that it belongs to all of us. With **One County . One Card**, those values don't change, they are shared. Our library community gets a little bigger, and the opportunities that come through collaboration are much more abundant. We have seen success with new partnerships, and we have responded to tremendous demand for digital services. We also know there is a need for new libraries and access points and have heard concerns when local libraries are facing closure. Everyone is welcome at the library; you might even see little street signs pointing the way.

It has been a difficult year to plan for. Our libraries depend on cooperative services, and finances are always precarious at best. We saw the difficulties for cooperative library services, and we asked for help. The library community responded with a **105% increase in donations** and a **414% increase in grants**. This is not hyperbole, we have **the greatest library community** in Alabama.

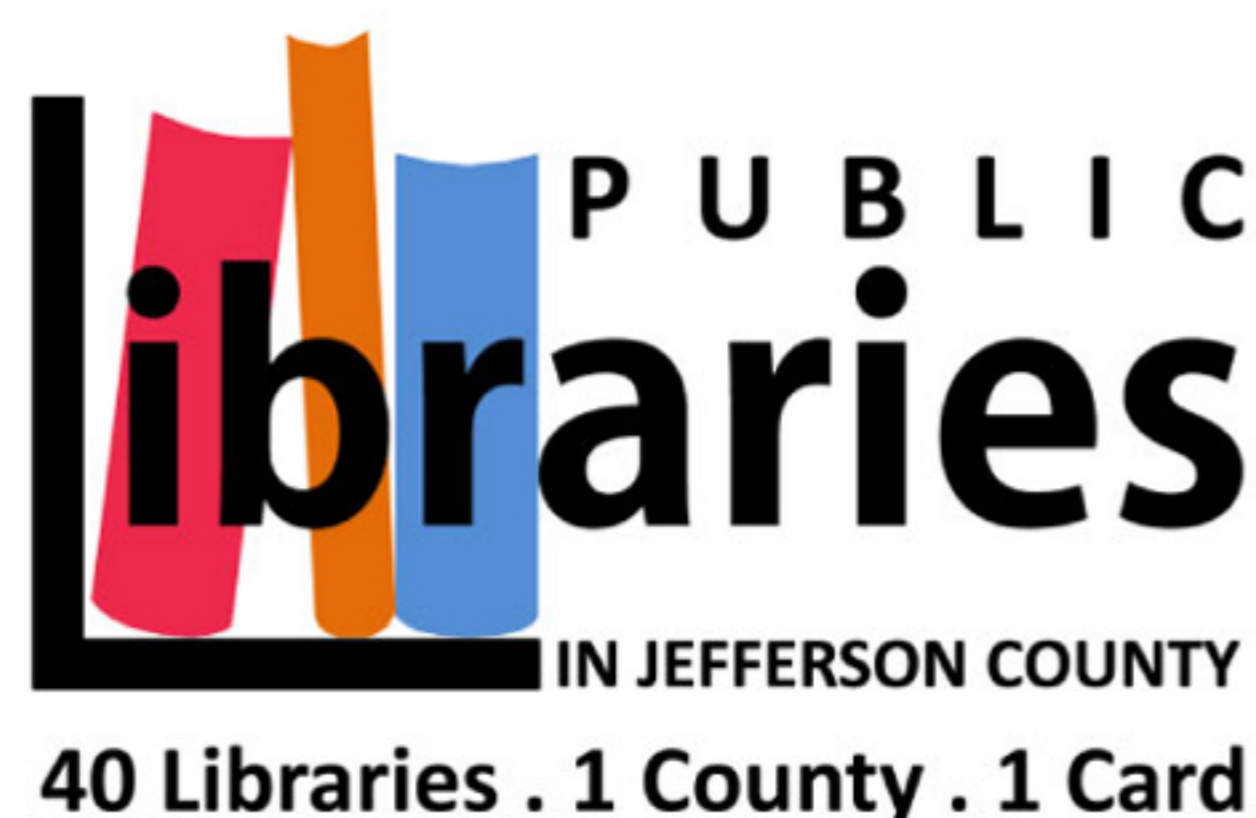
Is it sunrise or sunset? We have overcome challenges, and there will be more. Here's what we do know: we operate by our core values, **One County . One Card** and library partnerships work, and we have you, the greatest library supporters in Alabama. It's going to be a bright day. Our doors are open. See you soon!

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## Jefferson County Library Cooperative

Jefferson County Library Cooperative supports the work of all of the public libraries in Jefferson County by facilitating resource sharing, cooperation, and **One County . One Card**. Cooperation and resource sharing unlock the greatest potential for your library without comprising on the shared values of place and community. With **One County . One Card**, your library card works at every public library in Jefferson County. Learn more about the benefits of cooperation and the many resources available at the public libraries at [www.jclc.org](http://www.jclc.org).



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Please consider supporting the on-going work of the library cooperative by donating online at [www.jclc.org](http://www.jclc.org) or using the included envelope today.

### What's New — Vega Discover

Check out our new library catalog! We are working hard to make finding resources in the library easy. We think you'll enjoy using this new service and the expansive high quality enrichments we've added to it. Features are being added all of time, and there's even more work to be done to make it perfect. If you haven't visited in a while, come on back. Find what you're looking for today at [www.jclc.org/discover](http://www.jclc.org/discover).

### What's Growing — School + Library Partnership on Sora

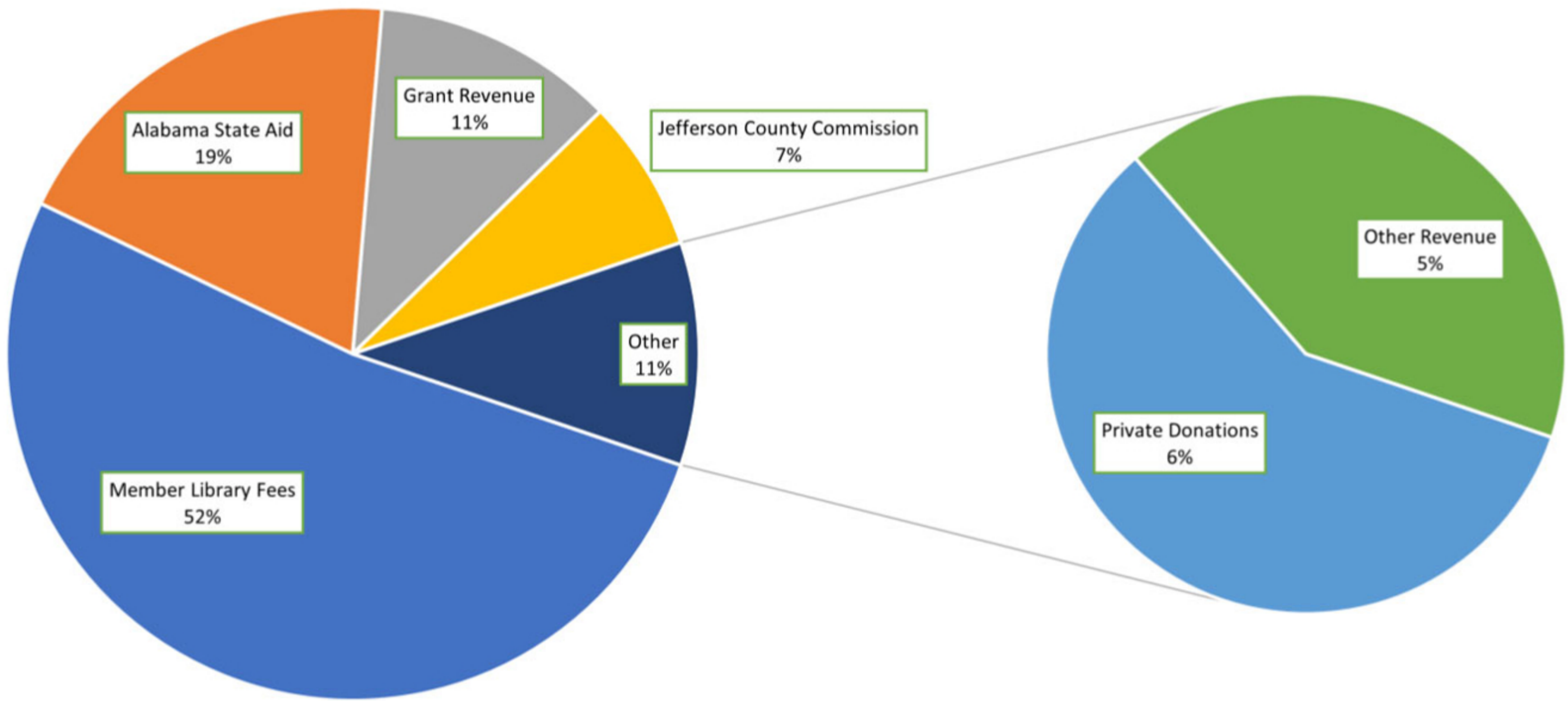
Our partnership with the public schools in Jefferson County using the OverDrive Sora application has really taken off. This last year we helped the public schools provide **20,000 items** to their students. Chances are your public school is already a partner; we've got **9 of 11 public school districts** on-board, and we're working on the others! Visit [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com) for more information.

Our library card holders aren't going without either. Our digital library on OverDrive Libby recorded nearly **760,000 digital items** were borrowed over this past year! If you have not experienced digital books and audiobooks, try it today at [libbyapp.com](http://libbyapp.com) or from your mobile device's application store.

### Bet You Didn't Know — We've Got an App for That!

Your library has a mobile application available for iOS and Android devices. You can manage your library account, search the catalog, see the events calendar, and more using your mobile device. Visit [www.jclc.org/mobile](http://www.jclc.org/mobile) to learn more.

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FY2020-2021 Revenue



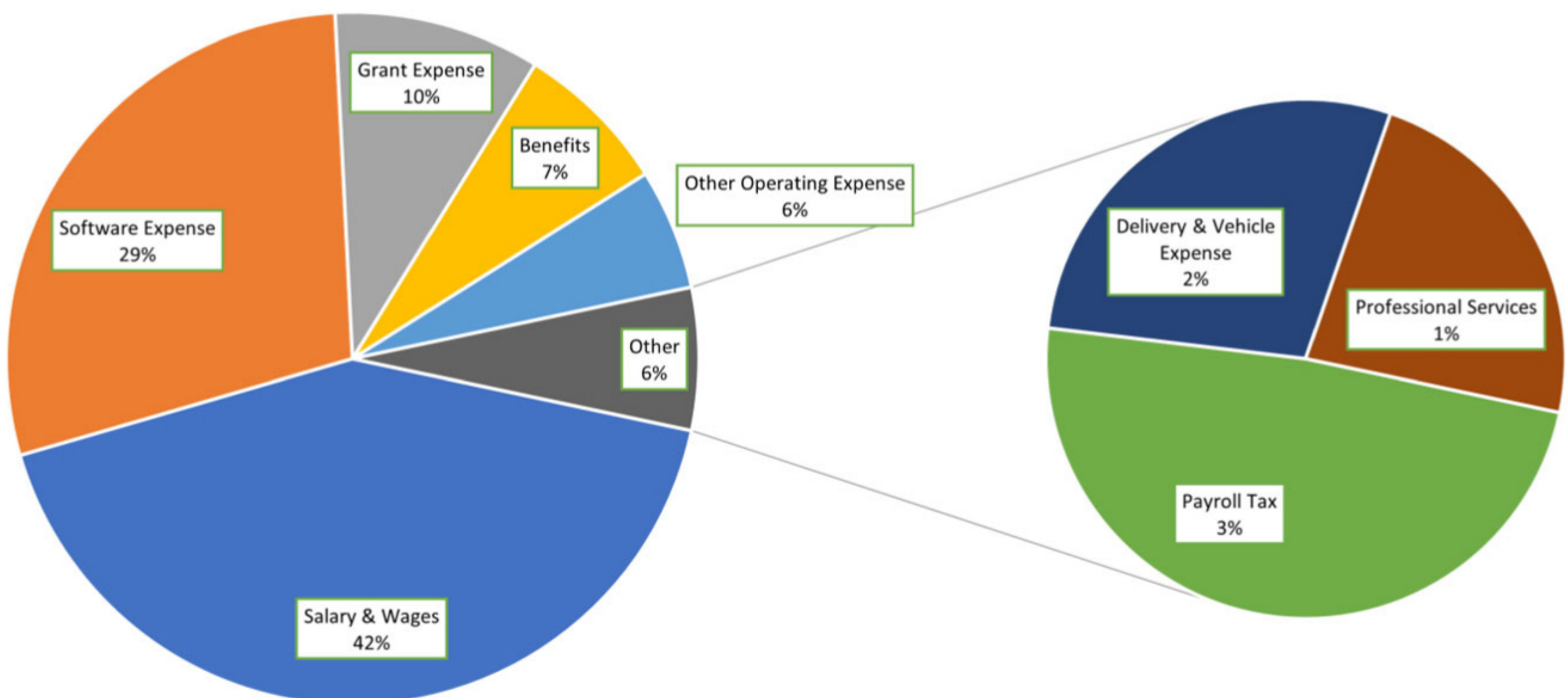
**Revenue FY 2020-2021**

Member Library Fees	\$728,002
Alabama State Aid	\$269,349
Grant Revenue	\$158,492
Jefferson County Commission	\$100,000
Private Donations	\$85,187
Other Revenue	\$60,724
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,401,753</b>

**Expense FY 2020-2021**

Salary & Wages	\$528,929
Software Expense	\$359,610
Grant Expense	\$120,837
Benefits	\$90,269
Other Operating Expense	\$70,799
Payroll Tax	\$40,357
Delivery & Vehicle Expense	\$23,587
Professional Services	\$19,131
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,253,519</b>

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FY2020-2021 Expense



# The Public Libraries in Jefferson County

JCLC Office (205) 226-3615

## **Adamsville**

(205) 674-3399

## **Avondale**

(205) 226-4000

## **Bessemer**

(205) 428-7882

## **Botanical Gardens**

(205) 414-3920

## **Center Point**

(205) 536-7750

## **Central**

(205) 226-3600

## **Clay**

(205) 680-3812

## **East Ensley**

(205) 787-1928

## **East Lake**

(205) 836-3341

## **Ensley**

(205) 785-2625

## **Five Points West**

(205) 226-4013

## **Fultondale**

(205) 849-6335

## **Gardendale**

(205) 631-6639

## **Graysville**

(205) 674-3040

## **Homewood**

(205) 332-6600

## **Hoover**

(205) 444-7800

## **Hueytown**

(205) 491-1443

## **Inglenook**

(205) 849-8739

## **Irondale**

(205) 951-1415

## **Leeds**

(205) 699-5962

## **Midfield**

(205) 923-1027

## **North Avondale**

(205) 592-2082

## **North Birmingham**

(205) 226-4025

## **O'Neal**

(205) 445-1101

## **Pinson**

(205) 680-9298

## **Pleasant Grove**

(205) 744-1731

## **Powderly**

(205) 925-6178

## **Pratt City**

(205) 791-4997

## **Smithfield**

(205) 324-8428

## **Southside**

(205) 933-7776

## **Springville Road**

(205) 226-4081

## **Tarrant**

(205) 841-0575

## **Titusville**

(205) 322-1140

## **Trussville**

(205) 655-2022

## **Vestavia Hills**

(205) 978-0155

## **Walter J. Hanna**

(205) 783-6007

## **Warrior**

(205) 647-3006

## **West End**

(205) 226-4089

## **Woodlawn**

(205) 595-2001

## **Wylam**

(205) 785-0349

