



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

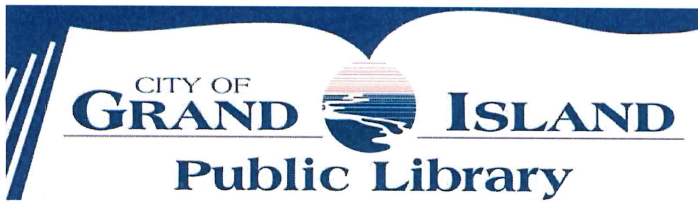
Council Session

## Item C-1

### **Presentation of the 2020-2021 Annual Library Report**

*Library Director Celine Swan will present the Annual Library Report for 2020-2021.*

**Staff Contact: Celine Swan**



February 1, 2022

### Affidavit for Filing Library Annual Report

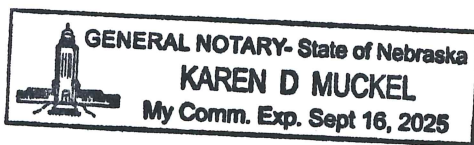
The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that he is authorized to file the attached Annual Report on behalf of the Grand Island Public Library Board; that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained therein are true; and that said Annual Report is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the Grand Island Public Library in respect to each and every matter set forth during the reporting period identified therein.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tanya Hansen".

Tanya Hansen, Library Board President

STATE OF NEBRASKA    )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF HALL        )

Before me, a notary public, on this 1st day of February 2022, personally appeared Tanya Hansen, President, Grand Island Public Library Board, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen D. Muckel".

Notary Public

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# GIPL Annual Report



## 2020 - 2021 Annual Report

JANUARY 31, 2022



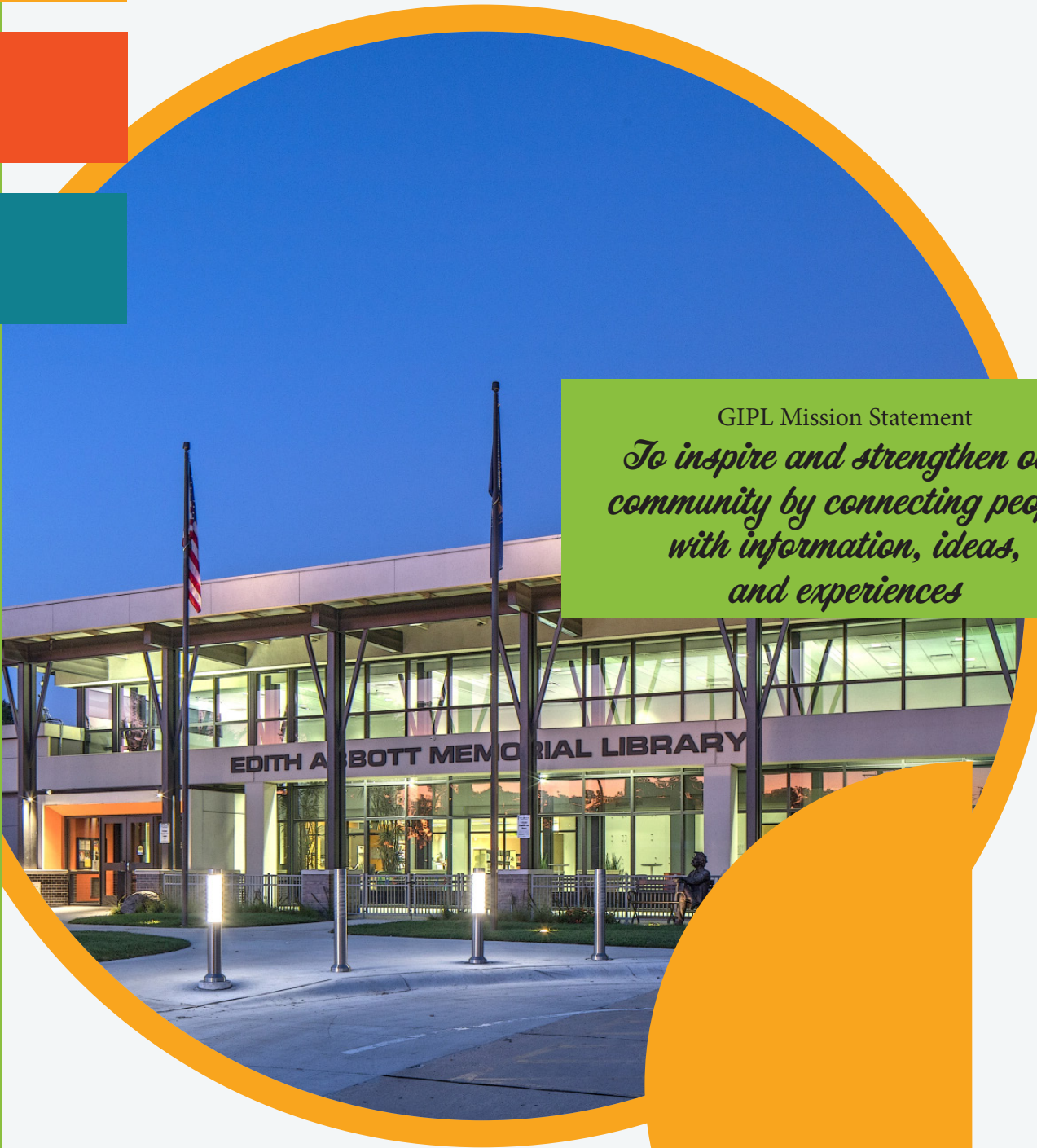
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FOR OCTOBER 1, 2020  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021



GIPL Mission Statement  
*To inspire and strengthen our community by connecting people with information, ideas, and experiences*



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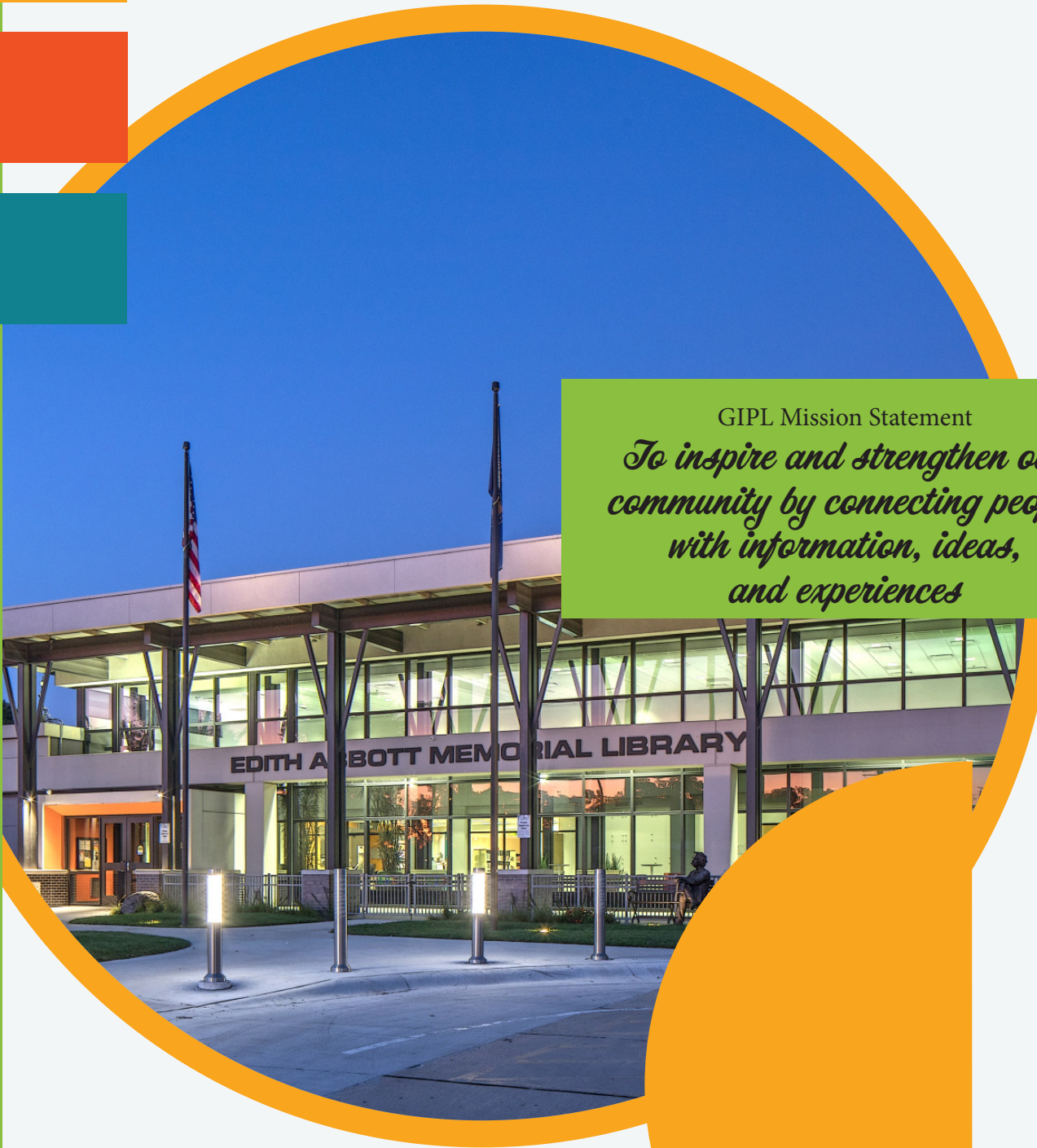
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