

# Johnson County Library

June 23, 2021, Presentation to Charter Commission



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Our Vision:

Johnson County Library creates an environment for people to learn, to explore, to enjoy, to create, to connect.

Our Mission:

Johnson County Library provides access to ideas, information, experiences and materials that support and enrich people's lives.



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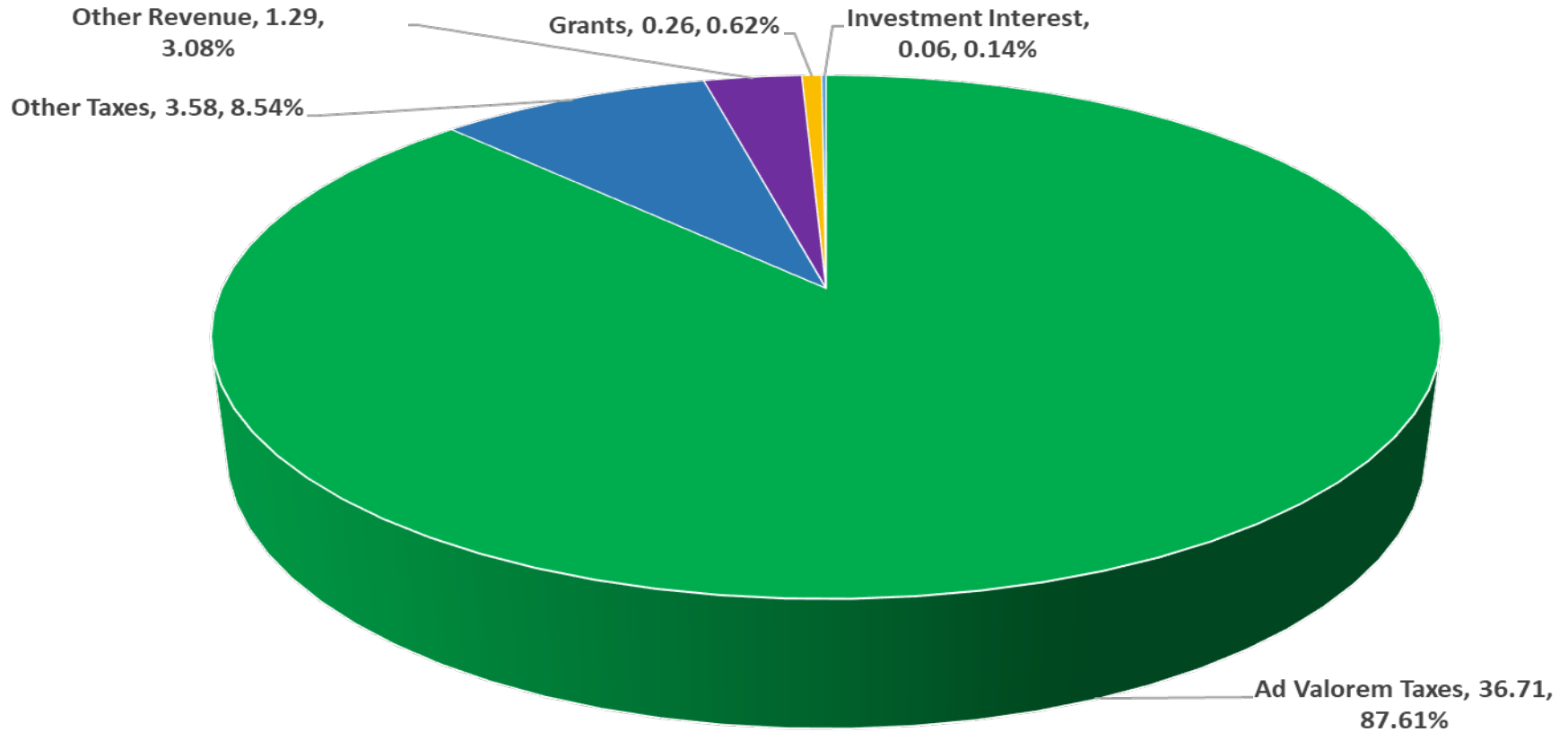
Johnson County Library (JCL) is an agency of Johnson County Government.

JCL has an independent Board of Directors, appointed by the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

JCL budget is primarily funded by ad valorem tax support (mill levy) in a separate taxing district and annual budget is approved by the Library Board of Directors and BOCC.



# Johnson County Library Revenue FY 2021 Budget In Millions and in terms of % of the Whole



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Library Board of Directors and Independent Taxing District

- Assures independent selection of materials and confidentiality of information
- Separate Information Technology Department
- Fiduciary responsibility of Library Board to accept gifts



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## Alignment of Personnel and Finance Policy

KSA 12-1225(b): the library will adhere to policies and procedures regarding:

- Personnel
- Pay plan and benefits
- Purchasing and Finance (except library materials and gifts)
- Audit
- Insurance and Loss Control



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## Alignment of Other Non-Library Professional Support

- Facilities
- Sheriff



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## **Redundancy as a Limit:**

Johnson County Library reports and adheres to procedural calendars of both the Library Board and the Board of County Commissioners.





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## **Other Partnerships and Participation:**

- Participates in County governance, planning, strategy, and services
- Partners with Elections Office, Corrections, and DTI
- Collaborations and programming with many other Johnson County departments



**3.) What challenges do you foresee your department/agency/Office facing in the next 10 years that the 2021 Charter Commission should consider (and the County should anticipate may be part of the consideration of the 2031 Charter Commission)?**

- Continue to provide a healthy balance of physical and digital collections for the public
- Continue to provide a mix of in person and on-line programming for the public
- Continue to find ways to improve patron convenience and access to Library materials and programs
- Continue the implementation of the Comprehensive Library Master Plan



# Thank You

## See you at the Library!

