

*The Montessori Mystery Unveiled*  
**Annual Report: Fiscal 2021**

Dear Fellow Montessorians:

Fiscal 2021 has been another challenging year around the world. At The Montessori Mystery Unveiled, we continue to assist children, families, and guides via user-friendly parent education titles. In alignment with Montessori's hands-on philosophy, paperbacks remain the core of our business. Kindle editions have increased in popularity, as have borrows through Amazon's Kindle Unlimited program. We remain committed to maximizing accessibility by offering our titles in multiple formats when possible.

Although we did not publish any new parent publications for our product line in Fiscal 2021, expanded distribution options for the United Kingdom are now available. This program allows third party booksellers and libraries in the UK to purchase The Montessori Mystery Unveiled paperbacks, thereby increasing options for customers. Expanded distribution for the United States has been available since Fiscal 2013.

In Fiscal 2021, we updated product keywords and streamlined links to help families and guides find our work with greater ease. This also marks the first year in which The Montessori Mystery Unveiled's official website has been updated to include "alt text." Alt text enables blind and visually impaired internet users to experience website images, including book covers, via relevant, embedded descriptions.

Plans for Fiscal 2022 include publishing a new parent and guide reference title pertaining to the Language area of the Montessori Primary Casa, submitting a reality-based picture book manuscript to mainstream publishers, and outreach to public libraries.

In times of economic crisis, we need our public libraries more than ever. Children and their families especially need access to modern-day Montessori information and activities. So, if your library has resumed accepting purchase requests, please recommend books from The Montessori Mystery Unveiled to help your local community. A list of current titles with ISBN numbers can be downloaded from The Montessori Mystery Unveiled's official website: <http://themontessorimysteryunveiled.weebly.com>. Sometimes, a single patron request is enough for an acquisitions librarian to purchase a book. From there, it can potentially circulate around a whole state or even an entire country via interlibrary loan.

Let us hope Fiscal 2022 turns out to be a more peaceful, brighter year for all.

Kindest regards,

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