

Bentonville Public Library

2018 Annual Report



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FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 2018, Bentonville Public Library realized several milestones through accomplishments above and beyond previous years' successes. I am proud of how our library team serves our community!

Highest Library Visits, Ever!

- o BPL recorded 302,398 visits to our library

Record Number of Downloads

- o Use of eBooks, downloadable audiobooks and digital magazines totaled 66,365
- o This is more than 10,000 downloads compared to the year prior

Summer Reading Highlights

- o 112,419 items checked out
- o Participation of 2,799 patrons logged 51,629 reading hours

Record Program Attendance

- o More than 79,000 community members attended BPL programs, workshops, clubs, storytimes, special exhibits and community events

5 Years of BPL Tech Cards

- o BPL issued 25,000 library cards to local students in our library's service area
- o Annual database usage totaled more than 230,000 and rivals downloadable services

In Gratitude

Last year, 561 volunteers gave 12,178 hours in support of our library, which is valued at \$315,612. We appreciate and celebrate those who selflessly give their time and talent. Thank you to library volunteers of all ages, work study students, corporate groups, board members, friends and program presenters. The personal names, businesses and organizations included in the library's annual report are a testament to our generous community.

At year-end, our City was preparing for a change in leadership. On December 13, the Library team honored Mayor Bob McCaslin, wishing him a happy retirement. On a personal note, I remain grateful to Bob, as he promoted me from a librarian to the director position in 2007. I feel fortunate to have worked closely with him and believe Mayor Bob McCaslin's leadership, professionalism and service with integrity will endure as his legacy for many, many years to come.

Hadi S. Dudley, M.S., M.A.

Director, Bentonville Public Library

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2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Thinking Money: A Financial Expedition

February 10, 2018 - March 15, 2018

Bentonville Public Library hosted *Thinking Money: A Financial Expedition*. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities, Thinking Money explores themes like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day and imagining your future self.

Geared toward tweens, teens and their families, BPL supported the traveling exhibit with a variety of programs, clubs, events, workshops and presentations. More than 3,000 patrons viewed the exhibit or attended *Thinking Money* library events. BPL was one of fifty libraries nationwide selected to host the display.

Credit: The American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible, developed Thinking Money.



An Afternoon with Lisa Wingate

June 2, 2018

BPL co-hosted "An Afternoon with Lisa Wingate," author of *Before We Were Yours*, with Bella Vista Public Library. In partnership with the Arkansas Center for the Book at the Arkansas State Library, the presentation kicked-off the 2018 *If All Arkansas Read the Same Book* statewide tour.

Ms. Wingate discussed her best-selling novel that is based on the true story of a Memphis orphanage responsible for the kidnapping and selling of thousands of children in illegal adoptions. After her presentation to 135 people, Ms. Wingate answered questions and autographed books giving readers a chance to visit with the author.



Credits: Friends of the Bentonville Library, Friends of the Bella Vista Library and Barnes & Noble. If All Arkansas Read the Same Book is sponsored by the Arkansas Center for the Book at the Arkansas State Library; this project is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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2018 HIGHLIGHTS

BENTONVILLE'S YOUTH LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Library Service Awards

September 18, 2018

Howard Kerr, Outstanding Advocate Award

Presented by the Bentonville Library Foundation, sponsored by Oelke Construction Company

Howard is an experienced leader who served many years as a BLF board member and continues today in an advisory capacity. In 2016, he helped promote the Rotary Club of Bentonville's "challenge grant." He always responds enthusiastically when called upon, and Howard's joyful spirit raises that of others!

Elaine Kerr, Distinguished Service Award

Presented by the Bentonville Public Library, sponsored by Celebrate Arkansas

Elaine is a former Library Advisory Board member who served many years with dedication and passion. She values our library in word and deed and always has a kind way of applauding BPL successes. The Kerr's loyalty and tireless commitment to the library is a benefit to all who enjoy it.



Jean Batta, Best Friend Award

Presented by Friends of the Bentonville Library, sponsored by Two Friends Books & Records

A long-time Friends member and recently serving as the group's vice president, Jean has provided significant financial support to various library programs through Walmart's Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) program. Volunteering more than 1,300 hours, her service garnered over \$13,000 in VAP support for BPL.



Alyssa Hobbs, Inaugural Emerging Leader Award

Presented by the Library Advisory Board, sponsored by Adair Creative

Alyssa was a dedicated teen library volunteer for four years and served both as a Bentonville Public Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB) member and a Bentonville Library Foundation board member as the TAB liaison. Her positivity, engagement and leadership were an asset to BPL.



April 27 & 28, 2018



School Visit Day: Thanks to partnerships with Bentonville Schools, Bentonville Schools ESL Center, Haas Hall Academy, St. Vincent de Paul and Thaden School, thousands of students across all grade levels were inspired by authentic connections to books, reading, writing and art.

A Community Event: A *Festival of Family Stories: Celebrating Día*, *Writing with Pictures: the Amulet Series* and *An American Girl® Getting to Know You Celebration* were featured events that provided unique opportunities to connect with authors and illustrators. Individual presentations and workshops gave readers a chance to hear personally from creators of literature and art. The event concluded with a book sale and signing.

Record Numbers: More than 10,000 participants were encouraged to read, create and grow their own artistic talents!



As Bentonville's Lit Fest continues, the library's goal is connecting our community with authors and illustrators in order to foster and nurture a lifelong love of literature, writing and creativity. Special events are planned for 2019; learn more at bentonvillelitfest.org.

A Children's Book Week Official Event - Presented by BPL and the Bentonville Library Foundation.



2018 BUDGET & STATS

May 5, 2018



Inaugural Event: Previously known as Free Comic Book Day, Bentonville GeekCon debuted as a library-based convention to promote literacy and creativity through graphic novels and pop culture.

Superheroes = Super Fun: Special appearances by Batman, WonderWoman, Star Wars' Rey, Super Why, a Stormtrooper and Mandalorian Mercenary, the Bentonville Police and Fire Departments, plus other heroes inspired even the littlest superheroes to strike their best super poses.

A Cosmic Success: Over 2,500 attendees enjoyed the day with free comics, illustrator presentations, martial arts demonstrations, tabletop gaming, fun activities, free food and more!



The mission of Bentonville GeekCon is to bring the community together through a common interest in all things geeky. May 4, 2019 is planned for Bentonville's Second Annual GeekCon; learn more at bentonvillegeekcon.org.

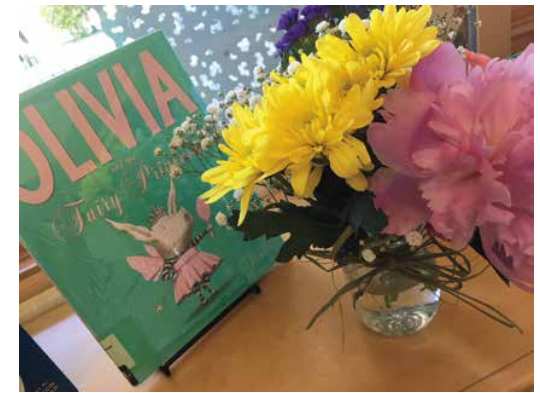
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667,538	Circulation
302,398	Library Visits
79,313	Program Attendance
18,341	Computer Usage
27,640	Material Requests Filled
5,573	New Library Cards
9,986	Outreach
1,460	Library Tours
51,629	Summer Reading Hours
21.15	Staff Full-Time Equivalent
819	Meeting Room Groups
11,053	Meeting Room Attendees
143,760	Collection Size
\$3,126,886	Collection Value

Library Expenditures	
Personnel Salaries	\$ 835,327
Personnel Benefits	\$ 251,265
Library Materials & Digital Resources	\$ 260,044
General Operating & Maintenance	\$ 275,309
Capital Expenditures	\$ -
	<hr/> \$ 1,621,944

Library Revenue	
Cost-Recovery Fees & Overdue Fines	\$ 53,213
Grant Funds & Donations	\$ 10,491
	<hr/> \$ 63,704

Contributions	
Materials & In-Kind	\$ 80,174
Sponsorships & Donations	\$ 119,267
Volunteerism	\$ 315,612
	<hr/> \$ 515,053



Budget & expenditures are unaudited; some contributions are estimated
 New Library Cards do not include BPL Tech Cards issued to local students
 Outreach and Library Tour attendees included in Program Attendance; Program Attendance includes BYLF4 school visits
 Collection Size and Value does not include digital materials such as eBooks, databases or eLearning resources



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Bentonville Public Library



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