

The Briarcliff Manor Public Library

Annual Report

Fiscal Year June 1, 2017- May 31, 2018

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"Serves the needs of the Community. Many Thanks"-A grateful patron

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From the Library Board President

It's been another very busy year at the library! The year unfortunately started out with a pipe bursting in the library vestibule, however it was amazing to see the quick action and resiliency of the library and village staffs and it ultimately allowed us to make some needed upgrades to the children's room. Then in May we welcomed our new library director, Donna Pesce, who hit the ground running by implementing the Quiet Room, Express Books and a needed overhaul of our adult collection. In September we completed a far-reaching community survey and found that unsurprisingly you all think highly of our library staff and love books, but that there are some additional programs we could explore to continue to enhance our robust program offerings. The year concluded with the formation of our Strategic Planning Committee, where members of the community, library staff and library board will come together to plan out where we should focus our efforts over the next few years (all thoughts and ideas are welcome!).

One of our main priorities is to create fun and engaging learning experiences and throughout the year we saw more and more community members attending events at the library. Our children's programming was highlighted by our summer reading program in which 250 children and teens participated, and our adult programming was highlighted by the very popular History of the Hudson Valley course. This past year we also made a concerted effort to have events for the whole family and we saw great success with Family Science Night and the very spirited Family Trivia competition! Hopefully you've been able to experience some events at the library and community center, but if not, be sure to check out our programs brochure to find something of interest for you and your family.

I want to give a big thanks to the dedicated staff of the Briarcliff Manor Public Library for always going above and beyond to make the library an outstanding place for our community, as well to the Village Manager, Mayor, Village Board of Trustees, Friends of the Briarcliff Manor Library, the Village Staff and all of our patrons for their continued support.

Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year.
Steven Mastrocola, President, BMPL Board of Trustees

Thank you . . .

to our **partners**

Briarcliff Manor Recreation Department
Briarcliff Manor/Scarborough Historical Society
Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District
Westchester Community College

to our **presenters** who shared their time and expertise, offering **40 programs**,

to our **volunteers** who contributed their time and skills for **496 hours**,

and to the **Friends of the Briarcliff Manor Public Library** for sponsoring enjoyable and enriching offerings for the community, such as the concert and museum passes.

Looking forward to . . .

Offering a new, more user-friendly catalog,
Having a community driven, three-year plan in place.

Getting involved . . .

- 📖 Sign up for a library card. It's quick & easy!
- 📖 Visit the library regularly for books, movies, wi-fi or a place to hang out.
- 📖 Visit our website for information or to download ebooks or music, stream a movie, even receive live tutoring.
- 📖 Attend a program or join a book group. Great for the kids, too!
- 📖 Consider supporting the Friends or joining the Library Board.

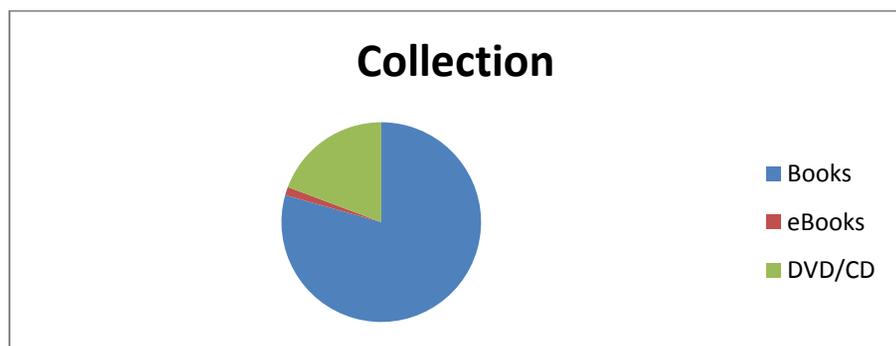
Collection

Items are carefully selected, by certified librarians, based on the needs and preferences of the community.

Added **3,139** items, in both print and electronic formats

Owned over **40,000** items, including print books, electronic copies of books, print magazine titles, DVDs, recorded books and music CDs

90,735 Books and other items were checked out and **19,601** electronic materials were used



Building/IT

Thanks to the Village, the Library offers a comfortable, up-to-date facility, attached to the Community Center, the restored, historical train station.

2,704: hours the library was opened last year

6,323: attended programs at the library

7,133 logons to the free library Wi-fi

7,010 sessions took place on our public computers

13,059: visits to library web site

"A place that makes both reading & learning seem cool."

Highlights

- Moved back to freshly appointed children's and teen areas (after a burst pipe)
- Filled open Library Board & Staff positions.
- Held our first annual event for all ages in May, featuring Penny Lane, a Beatles cover band, thanks to the Friends. It drew a crowd of 200!
- Added museum passes, including to MoMA and the Intrepid, that provide free admission to users, thanks to the Friends.
- Added hundreds of eBook titles to increasingly popular Overdrive, thanks to the Readers' Digest Fund.
- Did a major overhaul of the adult print and media collections to make things easier to find.
- Now offer the newest popular titles in a convenient "14-day" display at the desk.

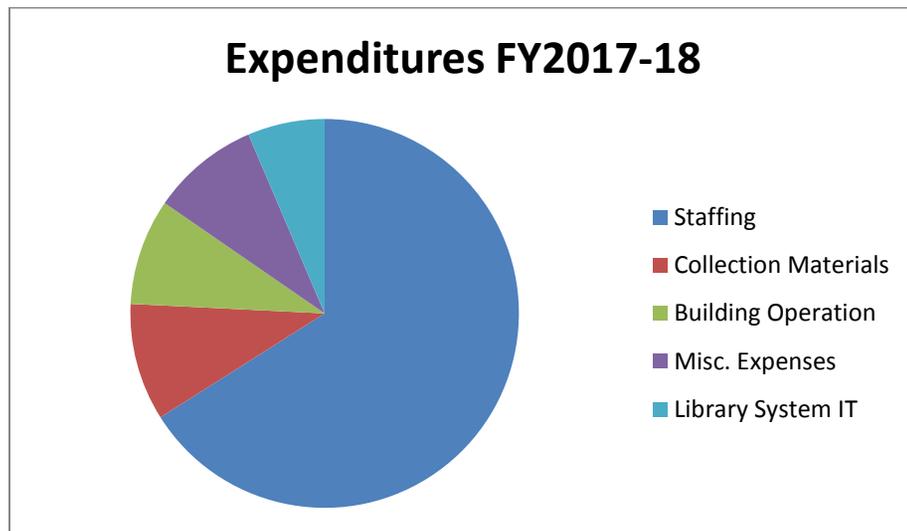


*"It's a warm, welcoming place.
The staff is excellent, both competent & pleasant."*

Library Funding

Village Funding	\$641,433
Local Library Services Aid	\$2,283
Gifts & Endowments	\$2,477
Library charges	\$9,373
Other	\$8,507
Total	\$721,718

What our funding was used for:

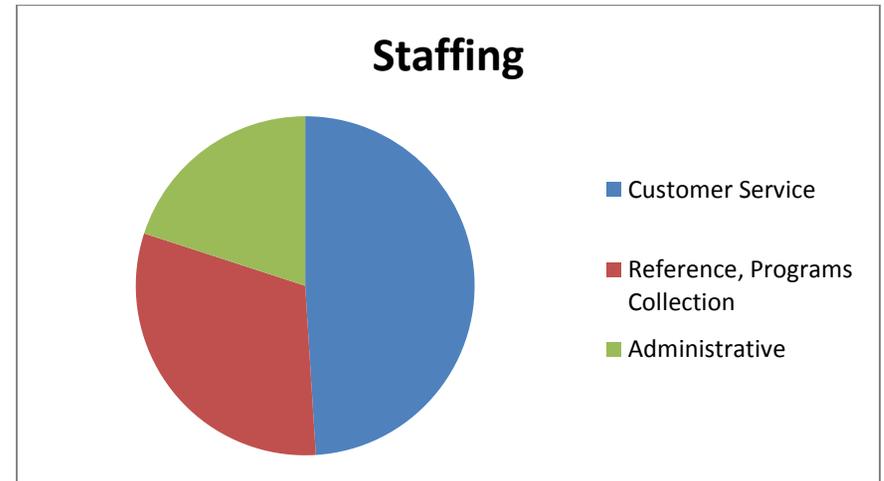


\$92 per resident or \$229 per cardholder

“There is a breadth of programs for all ages & interests.”

Staffing

The Library employed the equivalent of 5.21 full-time employees, though most are part-time. This is how they spent their time:



3,151 residents are registered cardholders

10,738 reference questions were answered

20,049 items were put on “hold” from other libraries

230 people received one-on-one technology help

2,033 adults attended **128** enriching & informative programs

567 teens participated in **60** programs planned and attended by teens

294 children’s programs, were attended by **3,723**, including **1,467** at early literacy/kindergarten readiness programs

294 children and teens participated in long established “summer reading,” with total program attendance of **1,309**

“The staff is extraordinary—helpful in every way.”