

2017-18 Annual Report

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- A four-part series on the [Federalist Papers](#) co-sponsored by Humanities New York engaged the community and earned the library an award for Adult Program of the Year.
- [The Rubber Ducky Club](#), an early literacy initiative for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, also won an award for Kids and Families Program of the Year.
- A partnership with Bethlehem Senior Services allowed the library to co-host a [prom for senior citizens](#) at Town Hall.
- Wi-Fi signal expanded to the [Five Rivers Environmental Education Center](#). Use of Wi-Fi at the Town Park continues to climb.
- [Customized library card programs](#) allowed patrons to be the stars of their own cards (along with Bad Kitty).
- We added [Chromebooks](#), solar chargers, [American Girl dolls](#), ukuleles, analog video converters and wireless projectors to our Library of Things, which is underwritten by the Friends of the Library.
- Adult programming [Coffee and Conversation](#), co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., touched on music, history, travel and more.
- Extensive [outreach](#) brought us into the community and our schools.
- Our annual [indoor miniature golf](#) event was free and open to the entire community.
- [Summer Reading](#) was a huge hit. Teen volunteers kept everything running smoothly, and adults were encouraged to take part with their very own Bingo reading challenge.
- Both of our long-standing concert series, [Evenings on the Green](#) (summer) and [A Little Sunday Music](#) (winter), continue to draw large audiences each year. An [ice cream social](#) during one of the summer performances is very popular with the community.
- Our meeting rooms are opened for [group study](#) before the January and June Regents exams.
- Monthly [Listening Parties](#) allow music lovers to explore their favorite artists in depth.

PLUS

wireless access and printing • study rooms • **volunteer opportunities** • [Footnotes](#) newsletter • **BCSD yearbooks online** • laptop loans • **tech help** • local history collection • **Spotlight online** • sewing • **storytimes** • genealogy help • **research databases** • exam proctoring

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GOODS AND SERVICES

PEOPLE

Bethlehem population	28,243
Library cardholders	20,443
Library visitors	325,408
Website visitors	939,696
Facebook followers	2,124
Library staff, full-time	31
Library staff, part-time	40

BUDGET*

Personnel	\$2,979,452
Materials	\$509,500
Operations	\$611,700

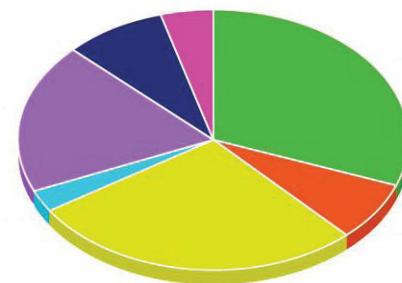
*view full 2018-19 budget at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org

COLLECTIONS

Adult books	54,929
Teen books	5,991
Children's books	41,925
Audiobooks, music	9,089
Downloadables, ebooks	59,361 (incl. UHLS-shared)
Movies	9,592
Magazines, newspapers	221 (print only)
eMagazines	113
Museum passes	54 (to 33 museums)

CIRCULATION

- Adult books (print)
- Audiobooks
- Children's books (print)
- Teen books (print)
- DVDs/CDs
- Downloadables (eBooks, etc.)
- Other



SERVICES

Questions answered	94,866
Interlibrary loans in	86,973
Interlibrary loans out	67,687
Public meetings	484
Public computer use	37,496
Holds picked up	96,550
Museum pass loans	1,666
Library of Things loans	4,444
eBook loans	55,407
Wireless use	109,852
Tech room use	364

we answered
1,824
reference questions
every week