



TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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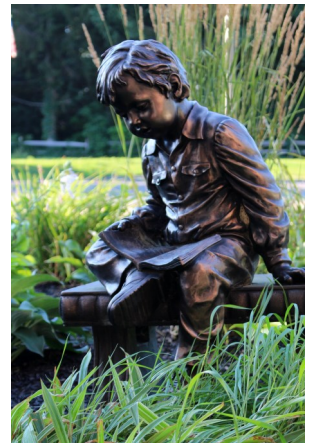
2016 Annual Report to the Public



Gifted to the Town of Ballston
Community Library by the
Bechtel Family

In memory of
Karen Bechtel
7/20/1944 - 8/5/2015

This beautiful statue of a girl reading was donated by the Bechtel Family in memory of Karen Bechtel, who always thought that the library needed a girl statue to go with the boy statue donated by the BH-BL Women's Club in 2008.



2 Lawmar Lane, Burnt Hills, New York 12027 (518) 399-8174

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM
Friday 10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

The Town of Ballston Community Library
Committed to the Community
Connected to the World

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Town of Ballston Community Library

2016 Year in Review

What
we have

45,718



Books

4,977



Audio-Books

11,176

Downloadable
e-Books & e-Audio



3,664



DVDs



13,850 questions answered

It's all about people



325 Children's Programs



There were 112,500 visits to the library.



20 Teen Programs



6,390 people have Library Cards.



85 Adult Programs



9,596 people attended programs.

2016 Circulation

Adult and Teen Items Checked Out: 69,134



Children's Items Checked Out: 50,926

e-Books and e-Audio Checked Out: 7,174

Total Circulation 127,234

Children's Items Checked Out

e-Books and e-Audio Checked Out

Adult and Teen Items Checked Out



4,744 Library Computer Sessions



10,280 Library Wireless Sessions

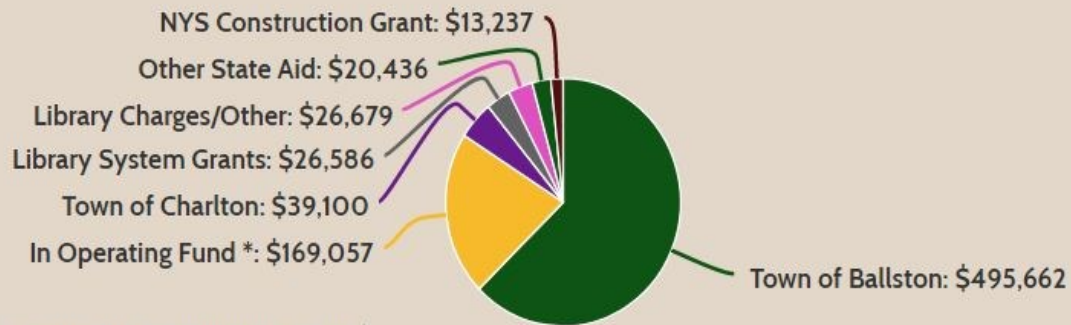


89,956 Visits to the Library Website.

<http://tobllibrary.sals.edu>

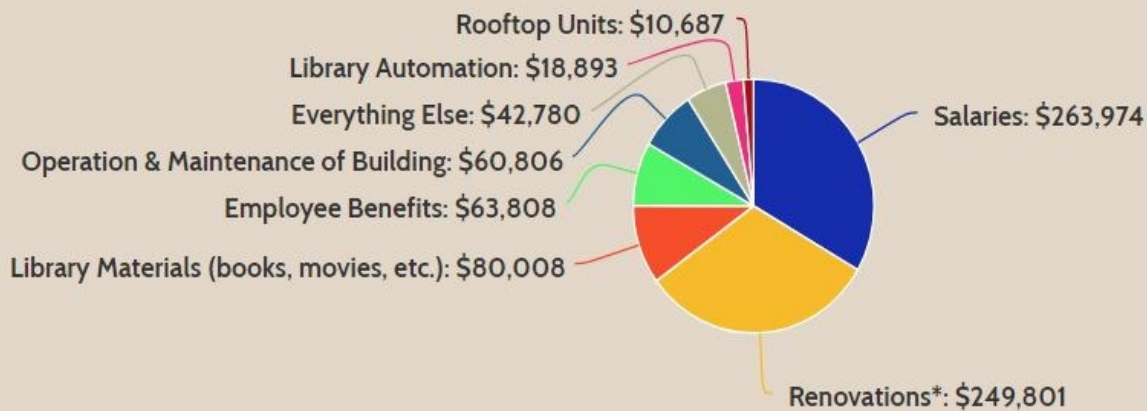
2016 Finances

2016 Revenues: \$790,757



*Includes 2015 NYS Construction Grant \$

2016 Expenditures: \$790,757



*See Below

Capital and Construction Finances

Renovations 2015/2016

Revenues

2015

NYS Library Construction Grant	\$119,127
Bullet Aid (Senator Farley)	\$ 10,000

2016

2016	
Friends of the Library	\$ 5,000
NYS Library Construction Grant	\$ 13,237
TOTAL	\$147,364

Expenditures

2015

\$ 51,850

\$249,801

\$301,651

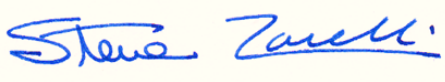
A Note from Steve Zarelli, President of the Library Board of Trustees:

Over the past few years we've been busy upgrading the library based on your feedback. A new sign to better promote all the programs we offer and significant re-modeling, which reduced noise and made us more efficient in serving you. So, what's next?

Last year, Jennifer Richard, our Adult Services Librarian, proposed that we try a cake pan lending program. Admittedly, some of the staff and trustees had doubts! But, Jennifer made a passionate case and told us other libraries had success with similar programs. So why not give it a try? The program is off to a good start, but the real takeaway is that we are always looking for new and innovative ways to serve the community. We understand the needs of the community evolve. While we will continue to focus on the core expectations -- books, digital media and programming -- we are not afraid to experiment.

We also understand that budgets are on everyone's mind. The state-mandated increase to the minimum wage has had an impact on us and will continue to do so as it raises in steps over the new few years. With careful strategic planning and aggressive pursuit of grants, we plan to absorb the increased payroll costs with no negative effect on materials or programming. And we'll be able to do this while maintaining our historically conservative budget.

We are proud of our library and all the benefits it offers. There is always so much going on— the annual Tree Lighting, Scout meetings in the community room, school art shows, book clubs, book sales, and so much more. We really like to think of it as the "Town Center." What else would you like you see in your "Town Center?"



Library Board of Trustees

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Cathy Hayden, Trustee*
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Library Staff

Mary Jane Baumbach	Ken Madej
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*We would like to thank Beth Bechtel and Cathy Hayden for serving as library trustees. Beth and Cathy will be leaving the Board of Trustees in June.

We are thankful for everyone who participates in the Friends’ annual library mini-golf fundraiser—the BHBL Business and Professional Association, local business owners, the Girl Scouts, the Friends of the Library, and everyone who played a round of golf.

We would like to thank Mr. Fred Baum for the generous donation of \$3,000 in memory of his wife, Helen Baum. His gift allowed us to offer the popular Memoir Writing Workshop, purchase Playaway Audiobooks, and provided us with seed money for our cake pan lending program.