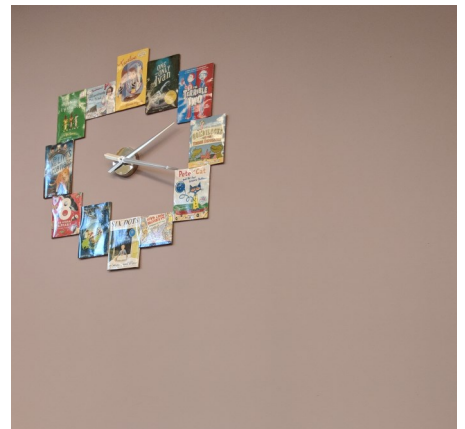




TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

COMMITTED AND CONNECTED

2017 Annual Report to the Public



In 2017, the library saw several changes and improvements, including the introduction of our circulating board game collection, an aquarium, and a freshly painted Children's Room featuring a new wall clock with "numbered" book covers for the hours. Visit us soon to see all our changes!

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

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

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Town of Ballston Community Library

2017 Year in Review



It's all about people



319 Children's Programs



There were 101,000 visits to the library.



20 Teen Programs



6,176 people have Library Cards.



125 Adult Programs



10,828 people attended programs.

2017 Circulation

Adult and Teen Items Checked Out: 66,936



Children's Items Checked Out: 54,968

Total Circulation 131,173

e-Books and e-Audio Checked Out: 9,269



4,845 Library Computer Sessions



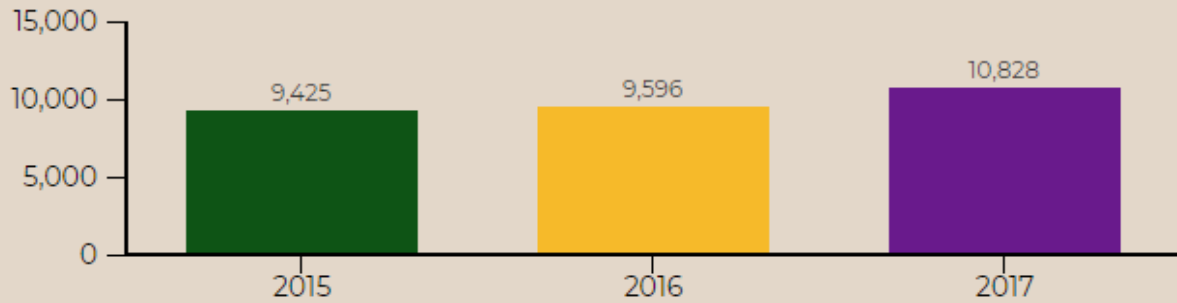
11,984 Library Wireless Sessions



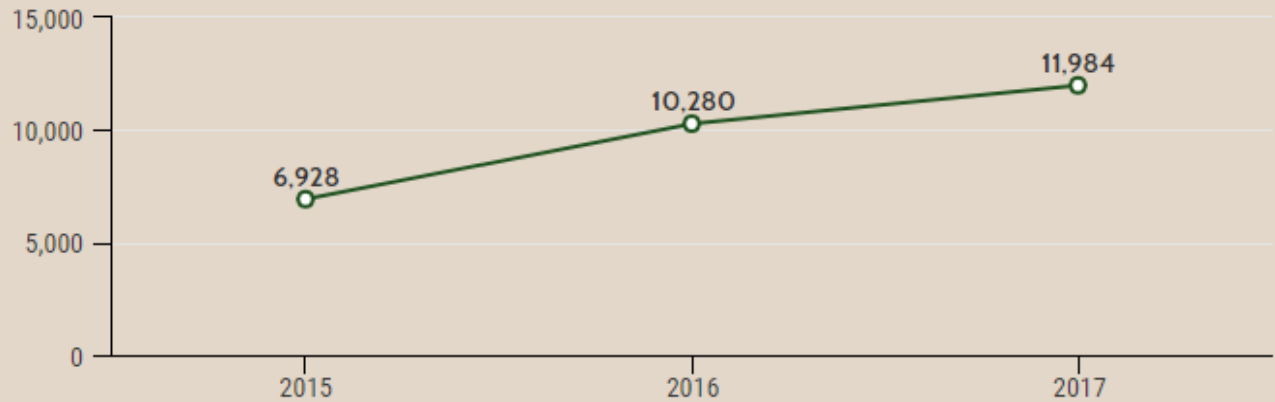
97,451 Visits to the Library Website.

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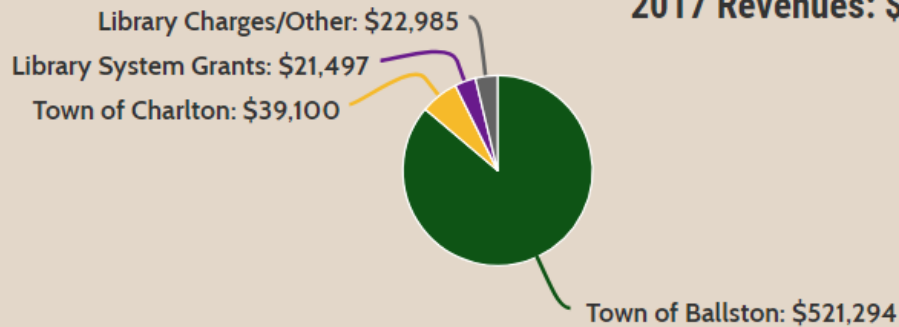
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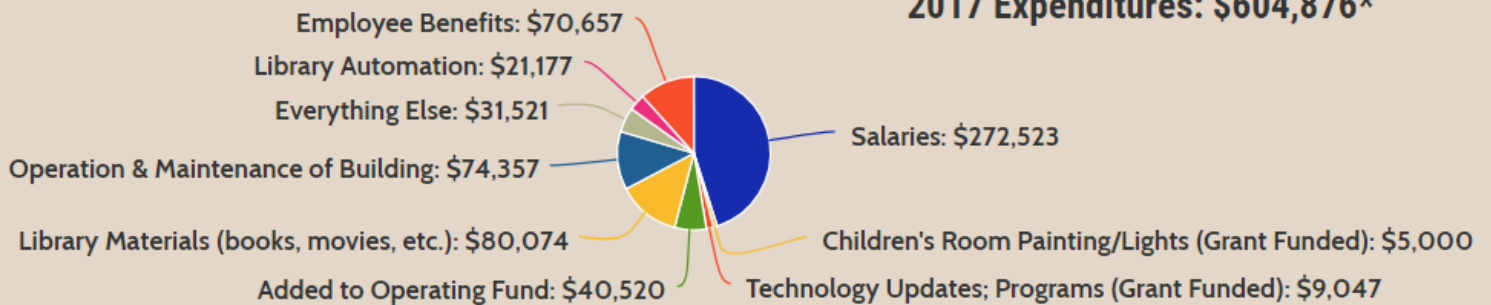
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2017 Revenues: \$604,876*



2017 Expenditures: \$604,876*



Based on preliminary/unaudited figures as of 2/15/18

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

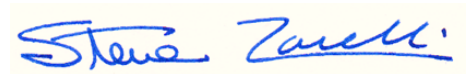
As the old adage goes, “the only constant is change.” In 2017, we welcomed a new Library Director, Colleen Smith, who joins us with over 20 years of professional library experience. Together, the leadership team of Colleen, Rebecca Darling and Jenn Richard look to make 2018 a transformational year at the Town of Ballston Community Library.

We’re always seeking new ways to serve the community with a sharp focus on keeping the collection up-to-date, enhanced programming and staff training. In 2017, we saw increases in many key metrics such as program attendance, e-book and e-audio lending, and computer usage. The library is evolving with the needs of the community. Our cake pan lending program has been a hit, so last year we added a board game lending program, which is also enjoying great success. Don’t forget, we also have an array of free passes to local museums and attractions – stop in and browse the selection!

As always, we understand that budgets matter and we need to deliver efficiently and economically. 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 next few years. We are thoughtfully and strategically planning; and we always aggressively pursue grants to help us with capital upgrades.

We believe that the library is a shining gem in our community of which we can all be proud. There is always something fun and exciting happening. Whether it’s the annual Tree Lighting, children’s programs, art shows, indoor golf, book clubs or if it’s simply a place of peace and escape from the bustle of the world, the library has so much to offer.

As we journey through 2018, we have a few fantastic surprises planned. If you are not already on board, won’t you join us?



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Thank you to everyone who participates in the Friends’ annual library mini-golf fundraiser: the BH-BL Business and Professional Association, local business owners, the Girl Scouts, the Friends of the Library, and everyone who played 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 the library to offer the popular Memoir Writing Workshop and other valuable library programs and purchase Playaway Audiobooks for the collection.