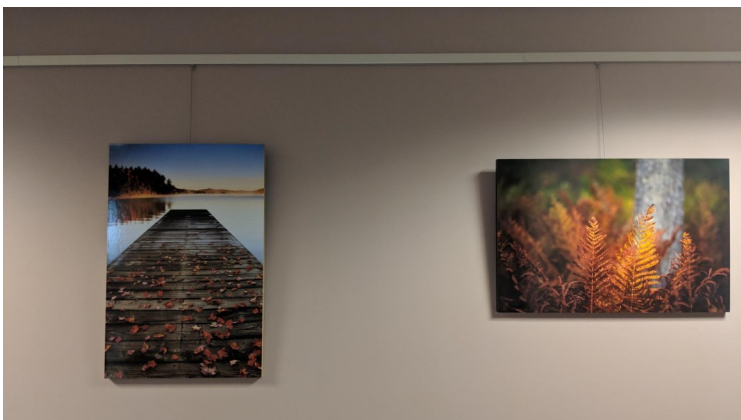


TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

COMMITTED AND CONNECTED

2018 Annual Report to the Public



In 2018, the library added improvements including a new art display system in the Community Room and adjacent hallway and a drive-up outdoor book return. Elementary school students love visiting the library for story time, tours, and using their new library cards!

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

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TOWN OF BALLSTON 2018 COMMUNITY LIBRARY



100,000 VISITORS

That's 240
Jumbo Jets
Landing at
Your Library



FREE WIFI
ACCESSED
12,653 TIMES



COMPUTERS
USED
4,751 TIMES



132,458 CIRCULATIONS

68,567

ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION
5,407 NEW ITEMS ADDED IN 2018

11,271



EBOOK & AUDIO
DOWNLOADS



6,483
LIBRARY
USERS



531

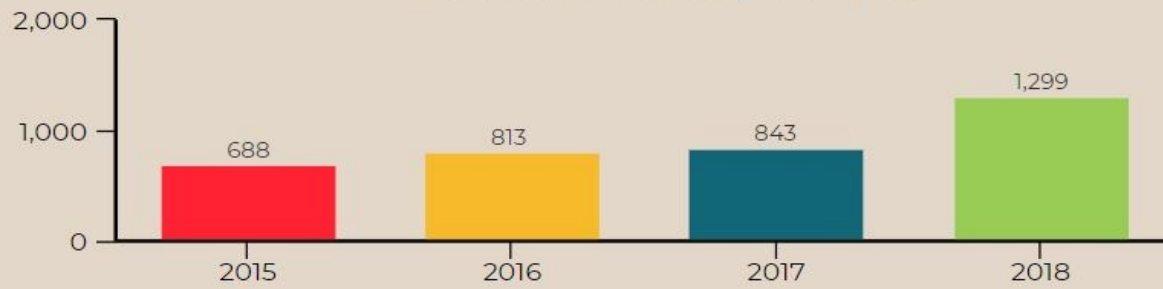
PROGRAMS

9,960
ATTENDEES



BECAUSE
ACCESS
EQUALS
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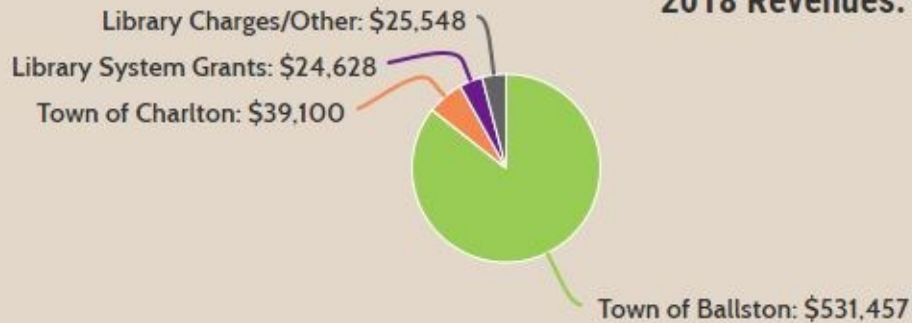
2018 Summer Reading Participants



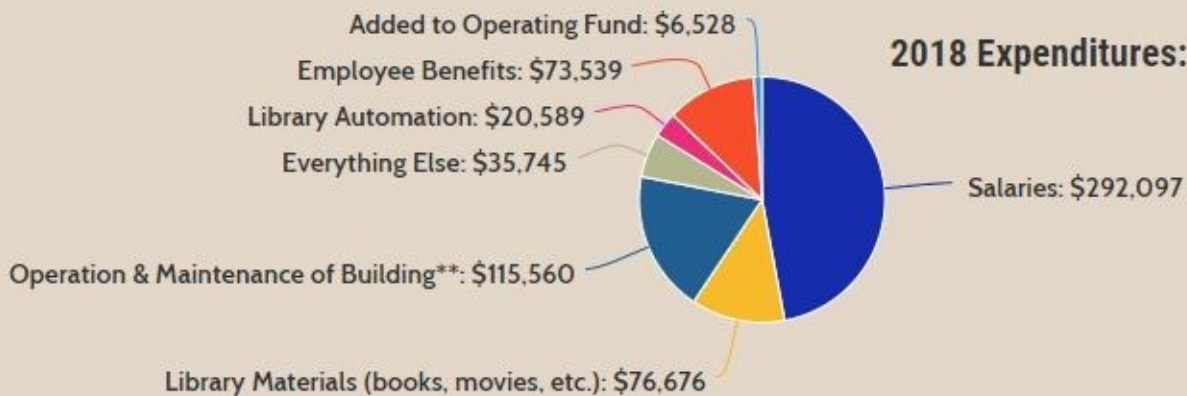
2018 Annual Wireless Sessions



2018 Revenues: \$620,734*



2018 Expenditures: \$620,734*



*Based on preliminary/unaudited figures as of 2/15/19

**\$28,995 funding from DASNY Grant reimbursement and NYS Bullet Aid

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

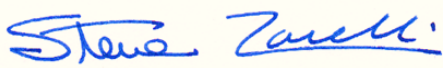
I have been writing these annual updates for several years, and it seems every year it will be tough to top the last. Yet, here we are again with another year of spectacular achievements.

Our priority is to serve the ever-evolving needs of the community while being mindful of costs. Here are some key highlights from the past year:

- Creative and diverse program offerings were a tremendous success: 531 program sessions with 9,960 attendees!
- Increasing usage of the library: 22% increase in circulation of electronic material (i.e., e-book and e-audio checkouts); 5% increase in registered borrowers.
- A record-shattering Summer Reading program: 200% increase in adults registered; 54% overall increase in total people registered.
- We installed a drive-up book return that allows patrons to conveniently return materials 24/7. In large part, this was funded by a Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) Construction Challenge grant.
- We upgraded Internet bandwidth resulting in vastly increased upload (+567%) and download (+400%) speeds for library users.
- With a NY State & Municipal Facilities Capital Program (SAM) grant secured by Senator Hugh T. Farley in 2016, we made critical roof improvements and installed upgraded heating units that will help ensure the top-notch condition of the facility for many years to come.
- Thanks to State Senator Jim Tedisco and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, the library received a total of \$17,000 in “bullet aid” in 2018 to be used for upcoming improvements.

While we are passionate about our library and the array of services we provide, we know we can always do better. We encourage and look forward to your feedback and ideas – this is the best way we can continue to keep the Town of Ballston Community Library a gleaming “gem” of our community.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.



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Thank you to the Friends of the Library for being a dedicated, supportive partner of the library, and to everyone in the community who supports the Friends by participating in their popular fundraisers such as Mini-Golf, Spring Fling Basket Raffle, and fall and spring Book Sales.