

James Prendergast Library Annual Report to the Community

FOR THE YEAR 2016

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Message from the Director

2016 was a year of change at the library, a year of challenges, and also a year of opportunities. The library saw all of those things and more, which gave us insight into what we do best and what we need to work on.

The library learned that some members of our community do not realize that we no longer charge hold fees, others don't know that the parking meters were removed from our parking lot 4 years ago. To us that means they have not visited in too long and we want to invite them back to see what is happening now.

Library visits last year averaged over 525 per day! Our patrons came to enjoy story times, the daily book sale, computer classes, free WiFi, a group meeting or just to find a place to relax and read the newspaper. Whatever the reason, the library is here to help you find the information you are looking for.

New events in the 2016 year included the "Jim Roselle Read-a-Thon" named in honor of Jim Roselle who the community lost last year. Jim was a regular library user and more importantly a library board member for 9 years. We know he would be happy that the library remembered him by holding an event that included reading as he often said your library card is the **"most important card in your wallet"**.

A NYS Construction grant along with a grant from the Hultquist Foundation gave us updated restrooms on the 2nd floor that are now handicap accessible. Those funds also paid to convert an unused freight elevator into a handicap accessible "people" elevator that allows visitors to get to the Johnson Community Room much easier. Stop by and have a look—it is a beautiful meeting space and gets used frequently. Bring your child to story time as we hold them in that bright, colorful room.

Library programs were expanded last year to include a Minecraft Club for kids and an Adult Coloring Club for seniors. A grant from the Lenna Foundation allowed the library to hire Tech staff for 2017 to help community members with technology. Having trouble with that new smart phone or tablet? Stop by the library—we can help. Need help with something else—visit the library—its what we do!



Tina Scott, Director

Fast Facts



Library Visitors 160,035

Cardholders 36,664 (1,286 new cards)



**Collection 204,323 items
(including 8,185 additions)**



**Items Borrowed 243,035
(21,541 self-checkouts and
20,176 electronic materials)**



Reference Questions 32,964



Website visits 108,388



Computer Users 32,624



Wireless sessions 19,148



Meeting Rooms 1,773 - bookings

Community Financial Support

Financial assistance through grants in 2016 provided for the purchase of books and other library materials, programming, supplies and equipment, technology upgrades, our strategic plan process, and operational support. We acknowledge with deep appreciation the support of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System, Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Lenna Foundation, Northwest Savings, Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, Rotary Club of Jamestown, Holmberg Foundation, Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, Key Bank, United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County Projects Pool Grant Program, and Zonta Club of Jamestown.



**Annual Fund,
Honorariums
and
Memorials**

Donations to the Annual Fund from individuals, businesses, groups and organizations are used to buy new books and other library materials. Likewise, gifts to the library in someone's honor or memory benefit the community for many years to come.

***Thank you
for your
generosity!***

**SUNY Fredonia Social Work Intern
Donated 250 hours
and
Prendergast Library Volunteers
Donated 1,584.5 hours**

Summer Reading

Participation	Amount of Reading
780 Children	158,343 Minutes
19 Teens	255 Books
24 Adults	504 Books
Attendance at summer reading programs 2,350!	



St Bonaventure

Our Summer Reading Partners included:
 JPS Summer Literacy Camp
 YWCA
 YMCA
 Boys and Girls Club
 Jamestown Parks Department
 St Luke's
 St Bonaventure
 Girl Scout World Travelers
 Foster grandparents
 NYS LEAH
 A Children's Place
 Food Bank of WNY
 Jock Shop



**Life-Sized Games
(Hungry, Hungry Hippos)**



Family Crafts



**Teen
Minute-to-Win-It**



**Nan Hoffman
Summer Reading Finale**



Reading Together & Family Literacy

**The Foster Grandparent Program
donated 719.25 hours to our
Summer Reading Program**

Programs and Events



STEM for Teens



Adult Coloring Club



Storytimes



**Eat Smart New York
Nutrition Program**



Knitting4Peace Club

- Computer Classes
- HSE and ESL Instruction
- Puzzle Pals
- Master Gardener Trowel Talks
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Author Visits
- Saturday Drop in Family Activities
- Family Games
- Puzzle Pals
- 3-D Printing Demonstrations
- Science Saturday
- Creation Station
- Lego Club
- Minecraft Club
- Hispanic Heritage Crafts
- Doors Open Jamestown
- Teen STEM Events
- Bilingual Storytimes
- Scrabble Club
- Free Tax Preparation (VITA)
- Gaming Club
- Red Cross Preparedness Training
- 12th Annual Murray L. Bob Lecture
- Big Read Poetry Slam
- Opioids Presentation
- Overdose Prevention Program
- Read-A-Thon Fundraiser
- Art Gallery Receptions
- Kids Read Down Fines Week
- Outdoor Petting Zoo
- Adult Coloring Book Program
- Teen and Family Movies
- Quarterly Bargain Book Sales



Run for Literacy



Happy Stampers Club

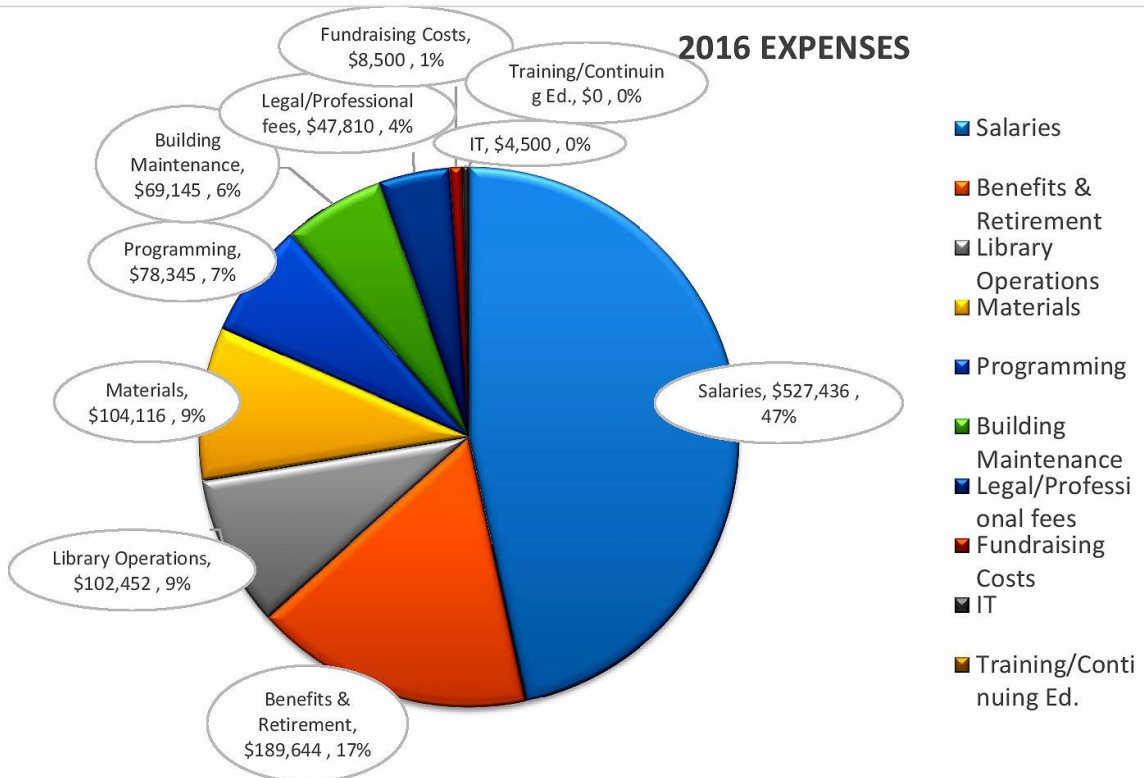
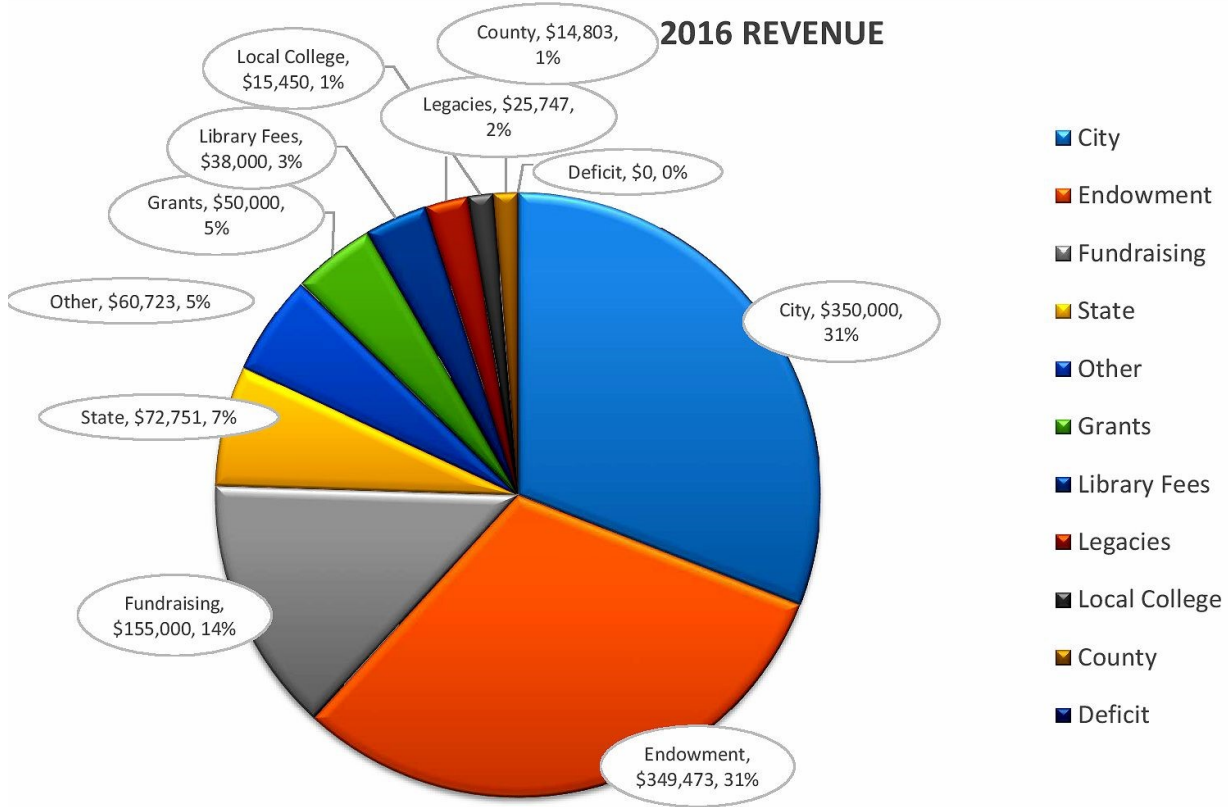


Gaming Club



Lego Club

2016 Budget



2016 Reflections

Prendergast Library's 125th Year of Public Service

Mission

The mission of the James Prendergast Library is to provide access to information resources, staff, facilities and services that respond to the pursuit of knowledge, education, lifelong learning opportunities and cultural enrichment by the people of the City of Jamestown and Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties.

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