2019 at a glance

- Items checked out (physical and digital): 2,656,522
- Visits to libraries: 1,199,360
- In-library program attendance: 92,550
- Meeting room reservations: 6,627
- Card holders: 110,912
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- Communities served: 422
- Tests proctored: 3,711

Did you know?
Leap into something new!

- 1,000+ digital resources
- eBooks for Kindle & all mobile devices
- Genealogy research
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free printing & copies
- Online tutoring & homework help
- Live online tutoring & homework help
- Call-in help
- Personalized help with nearly any topic

BOOKS-TO-GO
Get popular, in-demand titles in the library. No waiting!

LIBRARY OF THINGS
Including:
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LIBRARY SYSTEMS IN SPOKANE COUNTY

- Cheney, Deer Park, Moran Prairie, North Spokane, Spokane Valley

NEW LIBRARY APP
Use your library card’s barcode within app for checkouts

LIBRARIES OPEN DAYS/WEEK
11 at Spokane Valley Mall: The Bookend

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2019

Annual Report

Author Grace Lin greets readers at the Family Summer Read Celebration in Spokane Valley.
2019 Financial Information

Revenues

- Total Revenues: 13,187,125
- Collections: 2,678,162
- Donations, Grants & Reimbursements: 428,342
- Other: 89,574
- Fines & Fees: 169,065
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- 53% Services, Education & Programs
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- 11% Library District Support
- 8% Technology
- 7% Spaces
- 3% Services, Education & Programs
- 2% Other
- 95% Taxes
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- 1% Other

A property tax levy of $.4762 per $1,000 of assessed valuation in the District service area accounts for more than 95% of the District’s annual funding. Remaining revenue is derived from interest earnings, other fees and charges, and miscellaneous revenues, such as gifts and donations.

Expenditures

- Total Expenditures: 12,684,437
- Spaces: 875,884
- Collections: 1,489,305
- Technology: 364,057
- Library District Support: 11,462,543
- Total Expenditure: 12,684,437

Community engagement is our guide to make sure our work is both true to our mission and closely follows the needs and desires of our communities.

We use themes from our public discussions as a guide for the Library District’s strategic direction. The direction includes the programs we plan, the services we provide, and the resources we offer to best support our service area.

2019 highlights

LEVY – The maintenance and operations levy lid lift received 55% voter approval providing the funding necessary to support the present level of services and available materials provided by the Library District and meet the demand for services and materials in the future.

CULTURAL PASSES PROGRAM – Through partnerships with the Spokane Symphony, Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, Mobius Science Center and Mobius Children’s Museum, and the Washington State Parks Foundation, the Library District offers a Cultural Pass Program, providing the opportunity for families to check out passes to performances, exhibits, and state lands.

GRACE LIN – One area of focus in 2019 was the Summer Family Read and reading every day! American children’s writer and illustrator Grace Lin. All ages enjoyed storyline events dressed as their favorite characters, played games, made crafts, and explored family activities. The big finale of the summer was a presentation with the author herself!

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY – The Library District was an American Express Neighborhood Champion again this year, actively supporting local, small businesses in the communities of Millwood, Cheney, Deer Park, and Medical Lake for Small Business Saturday. Over 40 businesses participated, offering shoppers unique and locally crafted gifts.

NEW LIBRARY APP – The Library District announced the new Spokane County Libraries app. Cardholders can now conveniently access all library services and resources, including library accounts on their mobile devices.

Community Engagement Plan 2019–2021

VISION

An engaged community that learns, works, creates, and thrives together.

MISSION

Providing resources, experiences, and places that empower people to learn, explore, and succeed.

Strategic Directions

Engagement – Help community members with their desire to be knowledgeable and active citizens

Stability – Invest in our community’s long-term success

Connectedness – Cultivate opportunities for community members to meet and learn

Guiding Principles

• Welcome the diverse members of our community and provide excellent customer service to all

• Provide open and equitable access to ideas and information to facilitate learning and the pursuit of knowledge

• Respect the integrity and confidentiality of all library customers

• Establish strong local partnerships in pursuit of shared community aspirations

• Respond to community needs and interest with our programs, services, and resources

• Promote civil discourse and interaction

• Champion intellectual freedom, literacy, and the importance of reading

• Approach opportunities and challenges with collaboration, creativity, and adaptability

• Be good stewards of public resources and the public trust

Core Services

• Books, movies, and music in a variety of physical and digital formats that meet community interests and informational needs

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