

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019





PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Dear Friends and Supporters of Patten Free Library,

The library has become so much a part of our community that we might risk understating the effort it takes to keep our doors open and patrons served. We have an excellent program at PFL and start a new year with expanded hours of operation thanks to the work and commitment of our dedicated staff and of you, our loyal volunteers and supporters. This library is a testament to the efforts of many to keep services flowing to the adults, teens, and young children who turn to PFL as a source of learning and cultural engagement.

This is not the library of the 1950's; technology has redefined PFL and its role in the community. There are challenges going forward but with your continued support we can face them successfully. Thank you for all you do for Pattern Free Library.

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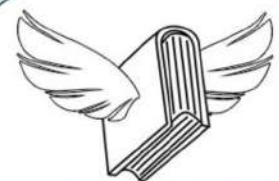
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Patron Visits



8,479

Questions Asked



27,635

InterLibrary
Loans



8,933

Audio & eBook
Downloads



11,906

Computer
Log-ins



103,231

Items Checked
Out

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

FRIENDS OF PATTEN FREE LIBRARY



The Friends of the Patten Free Library provide significant financial support to the PFL – a total of approximately \$450,000 over the past 16 years. This fiscal year, we continued the trend. Our fundraising activities provided over \$37,000 directly to PFL general operations. Activities included:

The library bookstore sales provided over \$20,000 to the Friends' library support. Approximately 50 volunteers work both behind the scenes sorting the hundreds of donations coming from the community and in front of the store helping customers. Numerous books have been redirected to new owners with this recycling option. Special thanks to Sandy Weiss and Pat Moore for managing the store and coordinating activities.

The Heritage Days Book Sale, held at Winter Street Church, is our biggest single fundraising event of the year. We cleared over \$12,000, slightly more than last year. We had a large number of volunteers who performed the myriad tasks associated with the sale. Thanks especially to Marcia August and Liz McCurdy for coordinating the overall effort.

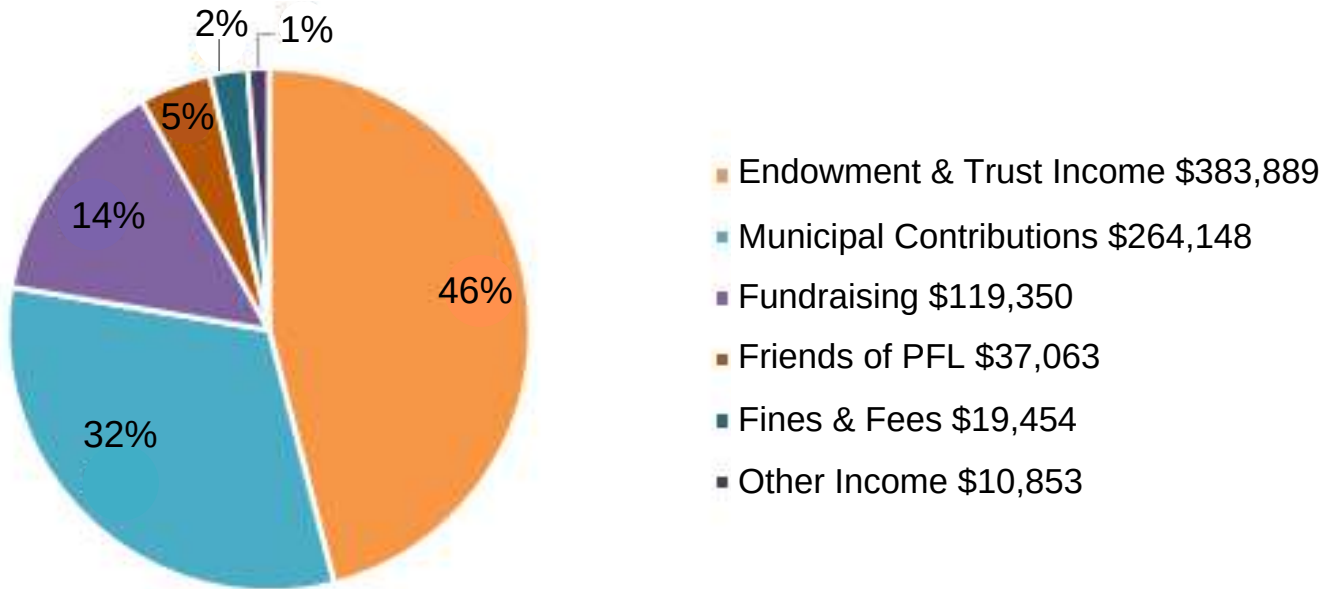
Other fundraising activities, including the children's' book sale, donations, and membership dues contributed additional funds.

We love the library, and we're not slowing down – we will continue work hard to provide this level of support.

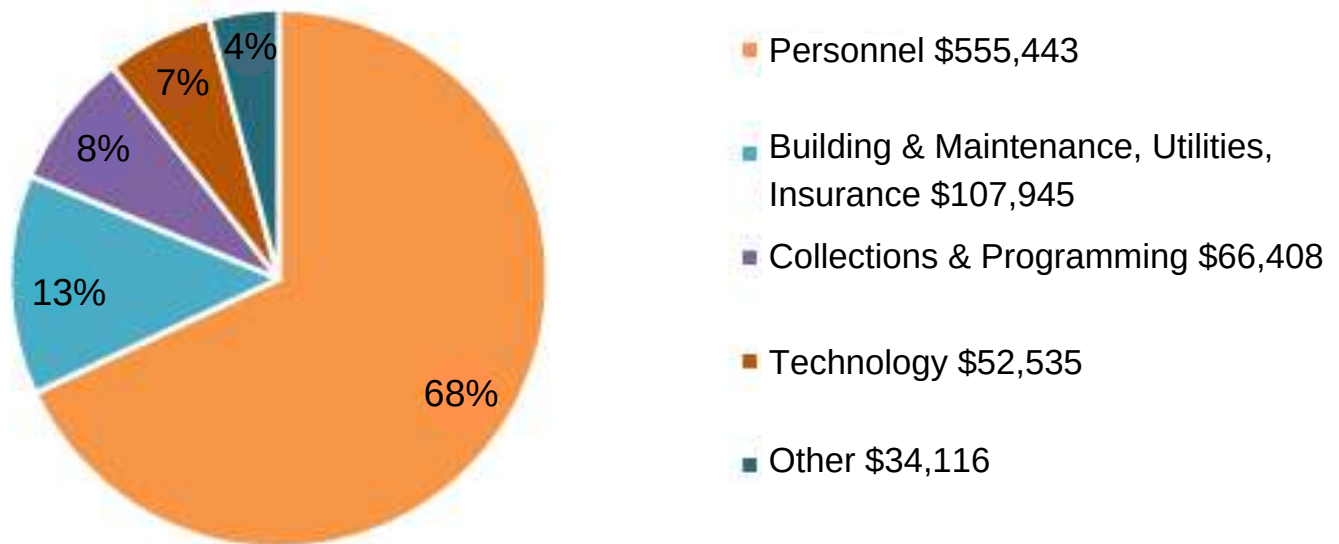
Jim Atherton,
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Net Operations \$18,310. \$10,000 of this amount goes to Endowment and \$8,310 goes into a Capital Reserve Account.

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