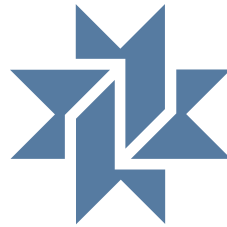


2018

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**DENVER
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

The Denver Public Library connects people with information, ideas and experiences to provide enjoyment, enrich lives and strengthen our community.

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A Message from Library Leaders

In 2018, some four million customers walked through our doors coming from all walks of life and all corners of the globe. Some came to research their perfect job, check out a book or learn a new skill.

Behind each statistic is a person with their own dreams and goals. In this year's *Annual Report*, several customers share their stories about how the library helped them on their journey.

Bridget Molloy, founder of Bridget's Botanicals, used our BizBoost service to help her find her ideal customer. Adriana Villalpando, age 30, earned a high school diploma through our free Career Online High School program. At the graduation ceremony, the mother of five said, "Nothing can hold me back now." And lastly, the first day after four-year-old Andrew found his forever home with adoptive parents Matt and Amy Daley, his mom took him to the Woodbury Branch Library where he found his forever love: books.

It's a privilege to be part of our customers' lives. Everything we do at Denver Public Library begins and ends with our mission to connect people with information, ideas and experiences to provide enjoyment, enrich lives and strengthen our community. It all begins by serving one customer at a time.

In 2019, we'll focus on serving Denver's youth by providing early learning and out-of-school opportunities; we'll expand access to technology and training; and we'll connect immigrants and refugees with information and resources.

We are extraordinarily grateful for your support of the library and the Friends Foundation. Without you and our volunteers, we could not serve the community as well.

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Bridget takes her business to the next level

Small business owner Bridget Molloy is a self-described library nerd, but she had no idea the extent of services she would find at the Central Library.

“I’ve always been a library fan,” she says, “but I was blown away by how much value it has for an entrepreneur.”

Molloy was already on track for success and had the passion, drive and knowledge, but needed a final piece of the puzzle: how to reach her ideal customer.

She founded Bridget’s Botanicals five years ago but still needed that extra bit of data to take her business to the next level.

The certified herbologist came to the Central Library to meet with library business specialist Amanda Armstrong for what Molloy describes as an “insanely productive” hour. They talked data research, how to find your target audience and more.

“Amanda was able to extract exactly the market information I needed,” adds Molloy.

The former science teacher wants to do big things with her company, including making an impact on health care, connecting people to ecosystems through health and shifting people’s outlook on how we treat the planet.



4,139,810
annual visits



6,761,834
annual website visits



2,549,411
children's materials
circulated

9,177,896
circulation
(physical/digital)





Adriana achieves her dream of earning a high school diploma

When Adriana Villalpando walks into the meeting room at the Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales Branch Library to the sounds of “Pomp and Circumstance,” she radiates happiness. It is a special day for the 30-year-old mom of five. Today, she will receive her high school diploma.

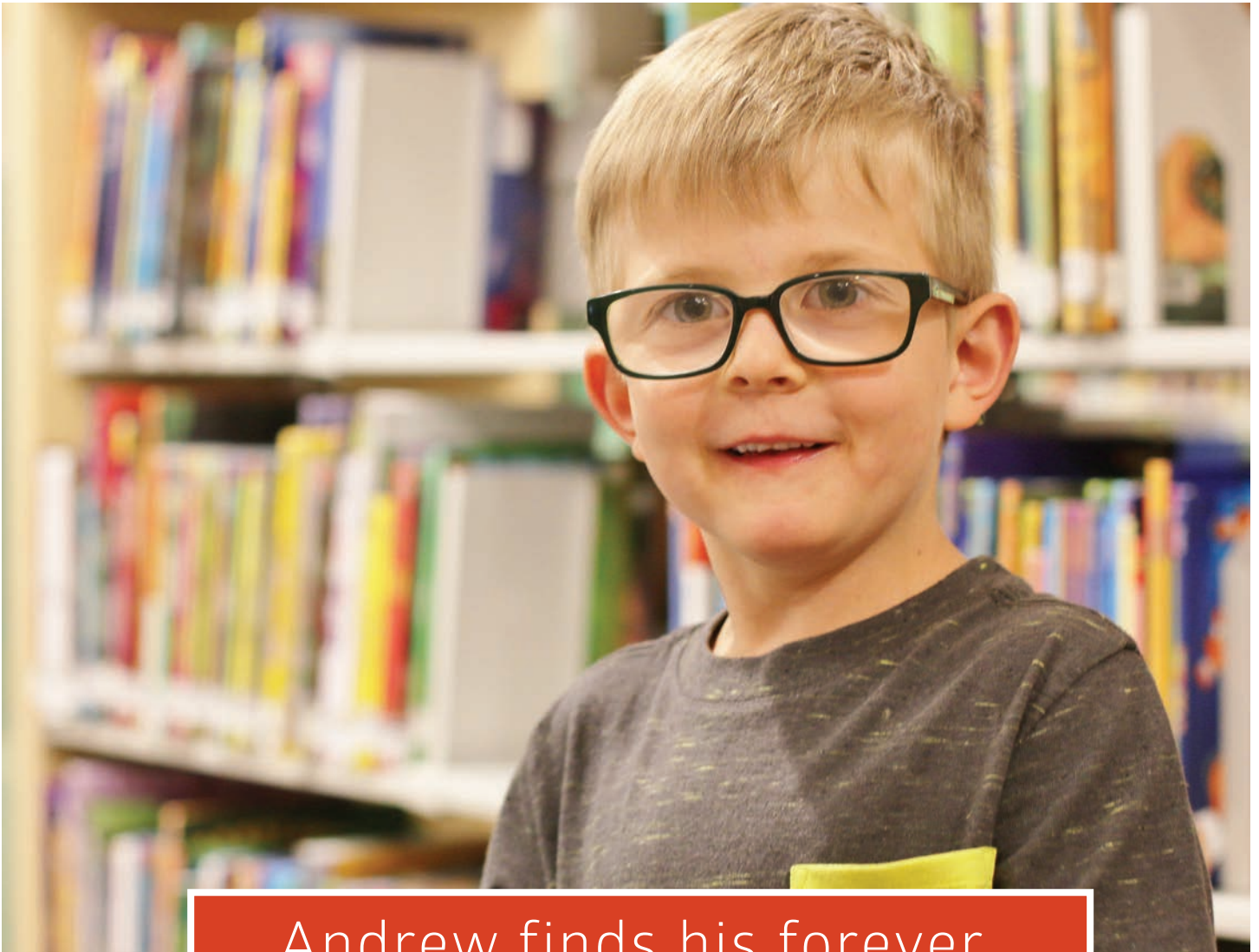
Wearing a cap and gown and a wraparound smile, she joins other graduates at the front of the room to hear praise and congratulations from library leaders and city officials.

The library offers Career Online High School, a free online diploma and career certification

program; in addition to earning a high school diploma, students also get career-specific training in a number of high-demand career fields.

“Because I was working full time, cleaning, cooking and taking my kids to their activities, it was hard to find time to study, but I wanted to do this for myself and for my children,” Villalpando shares with the audience of family and friends as she chokes back tears.

“This is my dream,” she says. “Now that I have graduated, nothing can hold me back.”



Andrew finds his forever love at the library — books

At the tender age of four, Andrew found his forever home with adoptive parents Amy and Matt Daley.

The day after he moved in with his new family, he found his forever love: books.

Amy took her son to the Woodbury Branch Library for a puppet show. It was the first time he had been in a library and Amy explains that, at the time, his language comprehension was so delayed, he couldn't answer the question, "What's your name?" He also didn't know how to hold a book.

It didn't take long before the youngster, who has a heart as big as the branch itself, was smitten.

Today, Andrew is reading above his grade level and his mom laughs when she recounts the story that he got in trouble for sneaking to the school library during class.

"All he wants to do is read his favorite non-fiction books about animals," she says, "and come to the library."

And that makes our hearts sing.

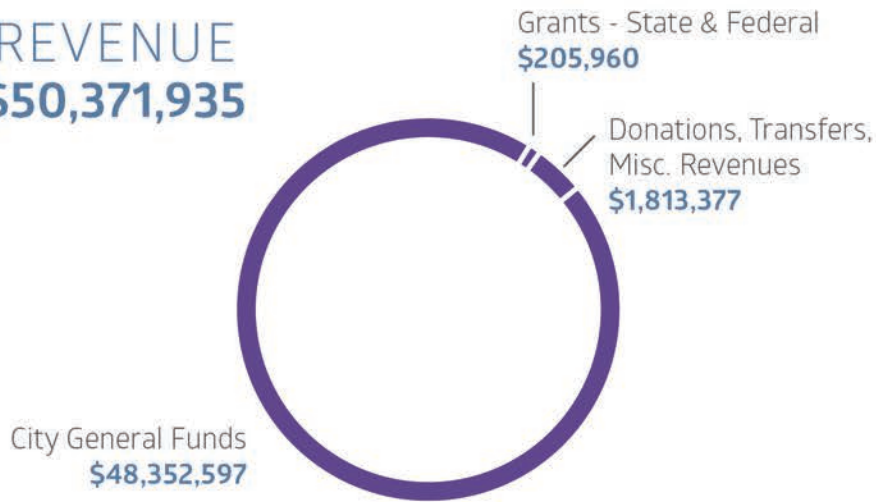
28,564
library programs



504,287
library program
attendance



REVENUE
\$50,371,935



EXPENDITURES
\$50,294,530



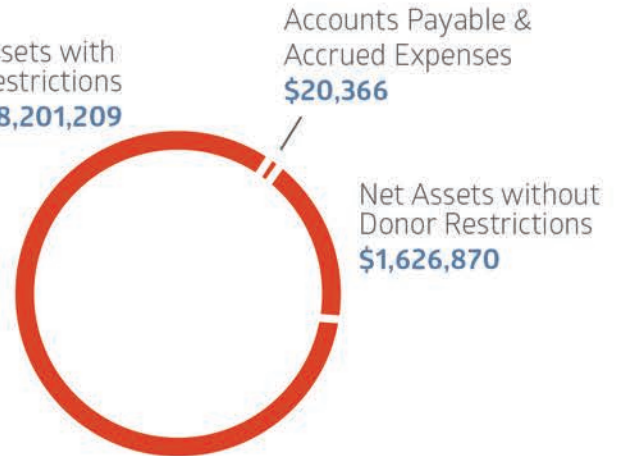


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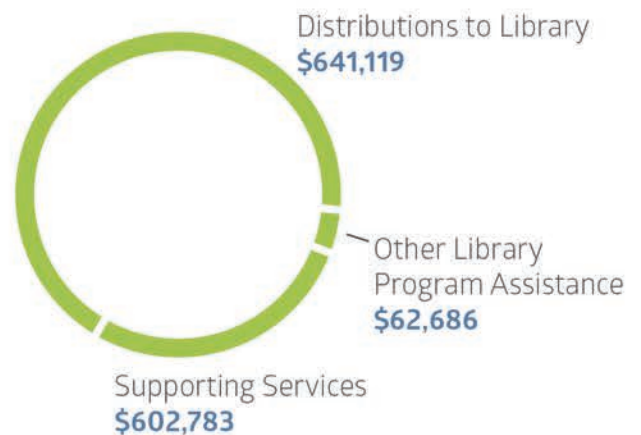
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions \$8,201,209



LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$9,848,445

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE \$1,467,596*



EXPENSES & PROGRAM SERVICES \$1,306,588

*Derived from audited financial statements.
Go to www.dplfriends.org to view complete reports.

A Message from the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation

Dear Friends,

As you leaf through the pages of this annual report, you will read compelling stories about the people served by Denver Public Library. It is easy to see why we at the Friends Foundation take so seriously our mission to build support and raise money to enhance the library's programs and services. If you contributed time, money or both in 2018, thank you very much!

The Foundation provides needed support that supplements and amplifies the generous funding received from the City and its citizens via taxes and bonds. In 2018, through small to large contributions of time and money, and through the work of Friends Foundation staff and board, we were able to support the library by:

- Providing unrestricted, restricted and endowment funding that was used by the library for Western History and Genealogy, Children, Teen, Adult, Older Adult and Immigrant and Refugee programming and collections. Funds provided were also used for supplemental library staffing and capital improvements.
- Celebrating the library and its work through the Booklovers Ball, our signature fundraising event. In 2018, we celebrated prohibited books and ideas through time, with the theme Banned.
- Holding our twice yearly public book sales, selling books online and by auction, and attracting customers to our thriving Red Chair Bookstore, located at the Central Library.
- Honoring more than 150 donors who have supported the Foundation for ten or more years at the Loyalty Luncheon.
- Recognizing the Junior League of Denver for their long-term volunteer and financial support of the Foundation and library at the annual Holiday Lighting Party.

In this annual report we are reporting revenue that does not include investment income or losses. We believe this provides a more accurate view of the Foundation's performance. For all the financial details, please go to www.dplfriends.org.

In 2019 we look forward to hosting all of our traditional events, as well as new author events for our members. We are also exploring how to best supplement the 2017 Elevate Denver bond funding.

With more than four million annual in-person visits across its 26 locations, the library is Denver's most-visited cultural attraction. It connects our community and provides a welcoming space for education and enrichment where all people can explore, learn, create, connect, grow and discover. We are excited to carry on the tremendous legacy of the Friends Foundation and invite you to join, rejoin or continue with us in our work to expand the reach of our tremendous library.

Yours very truly,

PAM JEWETT
Chair, Board of Trustees

JEFF RILEY
Executive Director

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Jeff Riley, Friends Executive Director, and Pam Jewett, Friends Board Chair, at Booklovers Ball



April and Anthony Lambatos and Steve and Loree Potash at Booklovers Ball



Eric Duran and Susana Cordova, with Caitlin Vaughan and Harsha Sekar



Shoppers at the Summer Book Sale



Booklovers Ball guests share a toast

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