



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Several new people joined the Mohawk Valley Library System team during 2017. Wade Abbott was hired for a new position of Community Engagement and Communications. And two new trustees from Schoharie County were added to the board of trustees. Welcome to Katherine Hawkins and Christina Knee.

The Communications Committee was established during the year. Member libraries will work with Wade to promote the work of MVLS as well as creating universal messages that can be used by member libraries to promote system wide services such as Interlibrary Loans, e-resources and access to technology.

Constraints to local funding and the near elimination of state grants to library systems often makes it difficult for member libraries to take a chance on a new program or service, or spearhead a public vote.

Thanks to the support of The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries, several libraries received support of advocacy efforts and new pilot projects during 2017. The efforts of the Foundation's Directors and volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the advocacy efforts of all of the voices in the MVLS service area, along with library supporters across the state, the State Legislature and Governor Cuomo agreed to flat funding for state aid and a \$5 million increase in public library construction aid for 2017. Flat funding does not sound like a win, but it was an increase over the Governor's initial proposal.

The impact of state aid is felt the most at the system level. System wide services like interlibrary loan delivery is free to member libraries because of MVLS' state aid. MVLS also allots funding to our e-resources and Joint Automation so the costs are not solely supported by the member libraries. State aid is also the funding that provides for the professional staff at MVLS.

So many of our member libraries are too small to afford all of the personnel needed and MVLS staff can help. They cannot work our circulation desks, but they do provide projects, grants, and access to training and cooperative purchasing.

Lastly, I would just like to thank the MVLS Board for the opportunity of serving as President over the last two years. And to the MVLS staff for making the role so easy.

Barbara Madonna

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Annual reports and meetings are great opportunities for looking back and marking how far we have come as individual libraries, as a cooperative library system and as community assets. These are the mountaintop experiences; wonderful celebrations of accomplishment and progress. For this Annual Report I am particularly impressed to see so many of our libraries embracing their role as educational organizations and community meeting places. Many MVLS libraries reported strong increases in class and event attendance in 2017, as well as in computer use and e-resources borrowing, reflecting the national trends of public libraries embracing their roles as vital boosters of community engagement and empowerment.

It is good to celebrate successes; but it is also appropriate to observe that we seldom wander onto a mountaintop. Getting to the top takes effort; and even before the effort it takes planning, requisitioning and reconnoitering. That's why MVLS is encouraging all of our libraries to participate in the 21st Century Library Initiative. All libraries that want a bright future must deliberately plan for and work toward that desired future. The 21st Century Library Initiative is designed to help libraries with that deliberate planning. Initiative activities begin with extensive community listening; with getting out of our institutional shells and finding new, innovative ways of serving the community. This is followed by a hard look at local library trends and practices and at model libraries that provide examples of what our libraries could become with planning, effort and community engagement.

Building our communications ability is another vital part of this initiative. We all need to learn how to use stories, data and impact information to make sure everyone knows how important the library is to the community that is served. This is the flip-side of the initial community engagement activities. Just as we must be deliberate about listening to the community, we need to consciously, persistently and effectively tell the story of how the public library makes the community a better place; adding economic, social and educational value.

Finally, we need to build honesty with our communities concerning the resources needed to nourish impactful libraries. Too often we sell our libraries - and our communities short. We don't have the budget... or the staff... or the space... or the ... to serve the community as robustly as the community needs and deserves. Well, who's in charge here? As with the communications related 21st Century Library Initiative activities, deliberate, purposeful planning will point the way forward. Library staff and trustees need to be honest, active and transparent in developing the resources needed to make our libraries vital community resources for the future.

In every MVLS library, there are stories of communities coming together around the idea of the benefits that the community will realize through the development of an active, well-used public library. The 21st Century Library Initiative is designed to help all of us be that story now. We hope you will all join us in deliberately and actively planning for a bright future for our communities and libraries.

Eric Trahan

THIS YEAR AT MVLS.....

Technology & Resource Sharing

- Partnered with the Southern Adirondack Library System to provide automation services and training to member libraries
- Provided support and training for all libraries in Polaris modules including circulation, acquisitions, serials, reports and inventory manager, meeting local needs in member libraries
- Maintained the bibliographic database and provided cataloging for all member libraries
- Supported electronic ordering, invoicing, and processing for 7 member libraries, creating efficiencies for members
- Acted as portal for NOVEL Databases
- Worked with Joint Automation Staff to address Public Access Catalog issues and enhancements
- Maintained collection of over 1900 children's holiday books, available to supplement member library collections and meet local seasonal demands
- Worked with publishers to provide 2191 teen and children's materials for preview, delivered to member libraries. Offered publisher's materials to member libraries and branches through preview, workshop and MVLS Bookapalooza events
- Updated graphic novel rotating collections through \$1000 Stewart's Shop Grant
- Continued Lego Donation and Loan program with 36 children's classes held at 13 member libraries and branches with 130 lego and duplo bins loaned
- 71 other STEM equipment loaned to 11 member libraries and branches supporting 27 STEM classes for youth
- 8 new titles were added to the book discussion collection. More than 102 book discussion titles were loaned to member libraries
- Coordinated system-wide Overdrive purchase of ebooks and eaudiobooks and monitored email support requests from the public
- Coordinated Interlibrary Loan service with the Capital District Library Council
- Delivery Service moved more than 1.5 million items to libraries throughout the region
- Professional collection of books and magazines gives libraries access to current information.
- Lent and supported wireless laptop computer lab for 4 staff and public technology training sessions in libraries
- Implemented and promoted Beanstack, an online book discovery service for children and families linked to our catalog, including weekly email reading tips and supporting online summer learning and 1000 Books before Kindergarten event curriculums.
- Provided Zinio service for borrowing of electronic magazines, 59 subscriptions available
- Provided funding to upgrade wireless routers in 2 libraries and branches
- Simplified the Joint Automation fee structure and improved JA budgeting
- Explored automation system enhancements to improve patron demographic information

Outreach Services

- Held 2 Outreach Advisory Committee meetings to keep the community informed about MVLS services
- Submitted NYS Adult Literacy Grant which funded ESL classes in cooperation with the Washington Irving Adult & Continuing Education Center at the Schenectady County Public Library - Bornt Branch
- Provided 74 books (some Spanish), 30 magazines, and developed a new agreement for the Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Oriented a new Deputy of Programs and librarian at Hale Creek Correctional Facility and introduced the librarian to the staff and library services at the Johnstown Public Library
- Provided 2 sessions of the Write For Your Life program at Hale Creek Correctional Facility, a series of 6 writing programs using memoir writing as a way to look at inmates' lives and find ways of developing self-esteem through written expression
- Provided 2 sessions of My Life In Poetry and Story for female and male residents of Montgomery County Jail as a way to develop self-expression and self-esteem. One hundred percent of five residents attending reported that they learned something helpful, felt more confident and will share or apply what they learned
- Provided 638 Interlibrary loans for Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Provided 254 books (some Spanish) and 7 magazines for Fulton, Montgomery, and Schenectady County Jails
- Provided 1098 large print books to senior centers and nursing homes and approximately 1152 large print books to member libraries
- Participated in Re-Entry Day at Hale Creek Correctional Facility to provide information and materials on library services and job seeking services in libraries across New York State
- Served on the 2-1-1 Executive Committee for the Northeastern NY Regional Collaborative
- Participate in the Schoharie County Human Services Committee
- Participated in Statewide Outreach Meeting to discuss Public Library System Outreach Services and community engagement for member libraries
- Select large print collections for Fulton Center for Rehabilitation, a new association for outreach sites
- Compiled and distributed information on various outreach topics for member libraries

Adult & Youth Services

- Coordinated and promoted 18 programs for NYSCA funded Books à la Carte, 144 people attending, 11 libraries participating. Of 92 responses, 92% stated that they learned something helpful, 88% felt more confident about what they learned, 80% will share or apply what they learned and 83% felt more aware of library resources and services
- Coordinated and promoted 16 programs for NYSCA funded Authors Among Us, 191 people attending, 5 libraries participating. Of 57 responses, 100% stated that they learned something helpful, 100% felt more confident about what they learned, 97% will share or apply what they learned and 90% felt more aware of library resources and services

- Worked with the CASH Coalition in Schoharie County to help libraries provide computers, software, and copies of returns for income tax filing
- Provided early literacy storytime training, follow up training and materials to member libraries and branches through the NYS Family Literacy Grant
- Provided children's and teen books for Summer Learning Event Raffles at member libraries and branches
- Held Performers' Showcase to assist libraries with Summer Learning Curriculum Programming
- Partnered with miSci Museum/Schenectady for final year of three year IMLS grant to bring children's science classes to member libraries and branches
- Encouraged communication and discussion on youth services issues through Kidbytes, an electronic discussion group
- Science @ the Library classes were held at 5 member libraries with the teaching assistance of 4 volunteer Elfun scientists and engineers
- Continued the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program with libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, and Schoharie counties, supporting with replacement titles as books are damaged or disappear through use

Member Services, Consulting & Continuing Education

- Maintained online calendar of system events and training opportunities
- Maintained toll free phone number for libraries to contact system without cost
- Advised and worked with member libraries to develop construction grant applications for the NY Public Library Construction grant program
- Continued group supply ordering to obtain greater cost savings for member libraries on commonly used items
- Offered DVD and CD resurfacing for member libraries, saving libraries the cost of replacement discs
- Consulted with libraries on a wide variety of issues including re-chartering, funding, civil service, insurance, IRS reporting, NYS Tax Cap, personnel, budgeting, technology, youth and adult services, and other local concerns
- Assisted libraries with community engagement, technology and other issues
- Supported 3 member library staff members in attending NYLA annual conference
- Provided Workshops: Best of the Best; Summer Learning (with UHLS); Early Literacy Storytime (2) (through NYS Family Literacy Grant); Libraries = Education (with SCPL); Fake News; Sustainable Funding; Communications; Engage for Health; Hi-Lo Book Discussions; and Middle Childhood Matters
- Coordinated and promoted Summer Learning curriculum activities, working with Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) on full day Planning Workshop
- Provided Handbook for Library Trustees In New York State to new trustees from member libraries and to new MVLS board members
- Provided trustee training and advice at 6 member libraries
- Updated member libraries with current weeding and collection development practices, assisted five member libraries onsite
- Assisted member libraries with state annual reports
- Maintained and developed MVLS professional and AccuCut/Ellison die cut shape collections
- Provided Foundation grants to all member libraries

- Provided information and encouraged libraries to join NY Heritage Program, resulting in two libraries digitizing some of their holdings
- Managed participation in Project Outcome for member libraries. This is a PLA initiative designed to evaluate program satisfaction to enhance and analyze trends, staffing, and costs. It also provides a means for showing tangible program outcomes to the public for advocacy purposes

Awareness, Advocacy, Governance & Management

- Provided information for state advocacy efforts via email, hardcopy and discussion with directors and coordinated MVLS participation in annual Advocacy Day
- Assisted several libraries with crisis communications
- Provided many community listening sessions to Gloversville through the 21st Century Library Initiative
- Developed the *Among The Shelves* MVLS blog highlighting library stories
- Administer 2017 Bullet Aid payments to member libraries
- Member library directors are represented on system board and board committees
- System board meetings include opportunities for sharing information from local libraries
- Coordinated system participation in the February, 2017 “Take Your Child to the Library Day”
- Maintained the MVLS website for current information to library community
- Maintained the MVLS Facebook page fostering communication
- System staff serves on boards & committees regionally at CDLC and school library systems
- Coordinate and participate in Director’s Council activities & meetings
- Coordinate and participate in the Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries events and meetings
- Approval of MVLS Construction Grant applications:
 - Gloversville: \$310,950 for ongoing construction & renovations
 - Fort Plain: \$167,089 for ongoing construction & renovations
 - Schenectady \$111,583 for the new Mont Pleasant Branch Library
 - Cobleskill: \$34,400 for improved accessibility at the main entrance
 - Johnstown: \$7,500 for lighting upgrades
 - Sharon Springs: \$3,768 for a new fire alarm system



AMSTERDAM FREE LIBRARY

Serving the community in the City and Town of Amsterdam
Funded by the City and the Amsterdam School District
Total population served (chartered): 24,186
Annual operating budget: \$382,165

John Naple, President, Board of Trustees
Nicole Hemsley, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 38,162 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 32,844 visits to the library
 - 6,979 attended classes, programs and events
 - 45,569 computer sessions facilitated
 - 44,606 items onsite for community use
 - 8,651 active library users
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- 2017 was a year that heralded rebirth for the Amsterdam Free Library after suffering a fire in the front of the building in June.
 - The Children's Department original 1903 oak hardwood floors were refinished, original plaster ceiling was repaired, and replica original doors for the front of the building were replicated.
 - A Building Conditions Study was completed, which helped map the additional work the building is in need of.



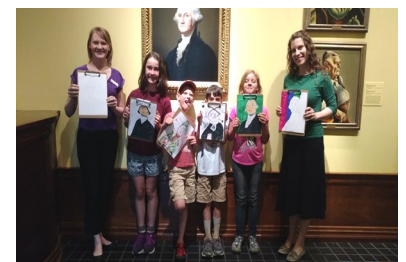
CANAJOHARIE LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Canajoharie School District
Funded by the Village of Canajoharie, Village of Palatine Bridge and Town of Root
Total population served (chartered): 6,320
Annual operating budget: \$262,925

Charles Tallent, President, Board of Trustees
Vacant, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 33,409 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 32,490 visits to the library
 - 4,045 attended classes, programs and events
 - 4,337 computer sessions facilitated
 - 42,350 items onsite for community use
 - 2,908 active library users
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- Increase of joint programming with the Arkeel Art Gallery was a great success.
 - Picturing America program, spring and winter break programs, and the MakerSpace between the Library & Museum was a great asset.



THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District

Funded by the voters of Cobleskill-Richmondville

Total population served (chartered): 14,295

Annual operating budget: \$287,428

Kenneth Hotopp, President, Board of Trustees

Devon Hedges, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 54,179 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 47,618 visits to the library
- 3,519 attended classes, programs and events
- 17,203 computer sessions facilitated
- 34,502 items onsite for community use
- 4,628 active library users
- Convened 5 events with Butler Rowland Mays Architects for public participation and feedback in development of our Facility Master Plan. Feedback continues to shape program, collection, and staffing planning in addition to facilities work.
- Transitioned to employing an independent Treasurer, refining internal controls, cash handling, reporting and Chart of Accounts.
- Provided for a 16% increase in programing attendance overall including a 22% increase in Summer Reading attendance.



FROTHINGHAM FREE LIBRARY

Serving the community in the towns of Mohawk, Glen and Charleston

Funded by the voters of the Fonda-Fultonville School District, the Villages of Fonda & Fultonville and Towns of Mohawk & Glen

Total population served (chartered + funded): 7,079

Annual operating budget: \$100,268

Linda Bell, President, Board of Trustees

Sherri Kirschman, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 18,295 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 11,180 visits to the library
- 990 attended classes, programs and events
- 1,985 computer sessions facilitated
- 29,529 items onsite for community use
- 1,327 active library users
- The library experienced fire and flood damage in July. The Summer Reading Program and a Book Discussion was held at the Fonda Reformed Church.
- A Dream & Do grant provided a beautiful rug in our children's area that complements the wall mural and makes an inviting reading area.
- Vinyl floor tiles have replaced the carpet in the library.



FORT HUNTER FREE LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Town of Florida and Tribes Hill
Funded by the voters of the Fonda-Fultonville School District,
the Town of Florida and the Amsterdam School District

Total population served (chartered): 3,699

Annual operating budget: \$42,836

Beverly Osborne, President, Board of Trustees

Eric Kass, Library Director



2017 Highlights

- 1,962 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 1,493 visits to the library
 - 209 attended classes, programs and events
 - 1,207 computer sessions facilitated
 - 17,564 items onsite for community use
 - 189 active library users
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- Hired a program director.
 - Increased hours to 29 per week.
 - Started a book club.



FORT PLAIN FREE LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Fort Plain School District
Funded by the voters of the Fort Plain School District, the
Town of Minden & the Village of Fort Plain

Total population served (chartered + funded): 5,792

Annual operating budget: \$137,749

Keith Seeber, President, Board of Trustees

Whitney Hubbard, Library Director



2017 Highlights

- 14,689 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 38,000 visits to the library
 - 2,252 attended classes, programs and events
 - 2,000 computer sessions facilitated
 - 28,009 items onsite for community use
 - 2,075 active library users
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- The capital construction project is half way to the finish line. Phase II will be completed in summer 2018.
 - Phase III will create our new highly anticipated children's wing.
 - "Paving the Way to the Future" campaign raised \$20,000. These engraved pavers will be used for the walkway to our new entrance.



GLOVERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Gloversville School District
Funded by the voters of the Gloversville School District
Total population served (chartered): 19,244
Annual operating budget: \$502,805

Christine Pesses, President, Board of Trustees
Barbara Madonna, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 60,369 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 72,746 visits to the library
 - 5,294 attended classes, programs and events
 - 13,524 computer sessions facilitated
 - 45,708 items onsite for community use
 - 7,383 active library users
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- Relocated to a temporary location for the renovation of our historic Carnegie facility.
 - Offered a traveling storytime in the summer that introduced families to the Post Office, local museum, Chamber of Commerce and other downtown businesses.
 - Advocacy: Met with over 100 community members in focus groups to develop a new long range plan using the 21st Century Libraries Initiative, AND participated as a vendor at 8 community events where we talked with nearly 600 people.



JOHNSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Serving the community in the City of Johnstown
Funded by the city of Johnstown & the town of Caroga
Total population served (chartered + funded): 17,046
Annual operating budget: \$382,445

Shelly Yerdon, President, Board of Trustees
Erica Wing, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 79,602 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 73,141 visits to the library
 - 8,312 attended classes, programs and events
 - 9,318 computer sessions facilitated
 - 52,847 items onsite for community use
 - 5,698 active library users
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- Board of Trustees decided to pursue becoming a school district public library.
 - Upgraded to energy-efficient LED lighting throughout the building.
 - Summer Reading Programming shifted to “make and take” format to serve more patrons.



MIDDLEBURGH LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Middleburgh School District
Funded by the voters of the Middleburgh School District
Total population served (chartered): 6,433
Annual operating budget: \$157,828

Deb Bechtold, President, Board of Trustees
Terry Pavoldi, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 29,348 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 10,964 visits to the library
 - 4,648 attended classes, programs and events
 - 9,229 computer sessions facilitated
 - 32,897 items onsite for community use
 - 2,446 active library users
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- Our Hogwarts Halloween was our biggest event of the year with 120 children attending!
 - The energy saving LED lighting project was completed.



NORTHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Northville School District
Funded by the voters of the Northville School District
Total population served: 2,981
Annual operating budget: \$156,124

Darrin Dietz, President, Board of Trustees
Michael Burnett, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 20,247 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 16,826 visits to the library
 - 1,588 attended classes, programs and events
 - 3,516 computer sessions facilitated
 - 30,481 items onsite for community use
 - 1,664 active library users
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- "Tech Support Saturday" for E-books and E-Audiobooks
 - Art Classes for Kids: Rock Painting
 - Author Visits: "Guide to Adirondack Architecture" & "Flight Paths"



MARGARET REANEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Village of St. Johnsville
Funded by the voters of the OESJ School District
Total population served (chartered + funded): 5,736
Annual operating budget: \$261,085

Sharon Fuller, President, Board of Trustees
Dawn Lamphere, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 5,759 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 8,209 visits to the library
 - 925 attended classes, programs and events
 - 3,860 computer sessions facilitated
 - 32,467 items onsite for community use
 - 1,021 active library users
- Our tiny pals returned for Storytime in March for the spring session. Boy, what a difference a two month break can make!
 - While emergency services are in the business of saving lives, libraries are in the position to change lives. Due to a library connection, a patron has secured a full time job.
 - For many years, a group of writers have met at the library on a monthly basis to hone their craft and find support. One such member, Emery, hosted the group in his home over the holidays.



SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Serving the community in Schenectady County
Funded by Schenectady County
Central library with 8 branch libraries
Total population served (chartered): 154,727
Annual operating budget: \$5,462,095

Carmel Patrick, President, Board of Trustees
Karen Bradley, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 1,083,439 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 676,441 visits to the library
 - 39,469 attended classes, programs and events
 - 172,611 computer sessions facilitated
 - 323,760 items onsite for community use
 - 72,753 active library users
- Celebrated 1st year anniversary of the Phyllis Bornt Branch Library and Literacy Center opening.
 - Announced plans to build a new Mont Pleasant Branch Library.
 - Program highlight was the Electric City Comic Con which had 2,000 in attendance.



SCHOHARIE FREE LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Village of Schoharie
Funded by the voters of the Schoharie School District
Total population served (chartered + funded): 6,446
Annual operating budget: \$96,604

Deborah Paden, President, Board of Trustees
Catherine Caiazzo, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 18,936 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 8,544 visits to the library
 - 1,963 attended classes, programs and events
 - 5,969 computer sessions facilitated
 - 29,343 items onsite for community use
 - 1,597 active library users
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- NYSED Grants helped to fund replacing the parking lot and main/secondary roofs.
 - Increased use as meeting site by community organizations, tutors, ETPSO, lawyer/client, etc.



SHARON SPRINGS FREE LIBRARY

Serving the community in the Town of Sharon
Funded by the voters of the Town of Sharon
Total population served (chartered): 1,846
Annual operating budget: \$61,156

Lora Newell, President, Board of Trustees
Helen Thomas, Library Director

2017 Highlights

- 12,203 books, etc. borrowed by community members
 - 7,032 visits to the library
 - 1,000 attended classes, programs and events
 - 4,064 computer sessions facilitated
 - 22,208 items onsite for community use
 - 811 active library users
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- Went from one story hour per week to two.
 - Initiated one-on-one computer training.
 - Collected (and weeded) a mountain of books for our Third Annual Great Book Giveaway



LIBRARY SUPPORT

Library	Population	Local Public Funds	Per Capita Public Support	Total Operating Fund Receipts	Total Per Capita Support
Amsterdam	24,186	\$245,730	\$10.16	\$382,165	\$16
Canajoharie	6,320	\$3,950	\$0.63	\$262,925	\$42
Cobleskill	14,295	\$263,497	\$18.43	\$287,428	\$20
Fonda	6,808	\$28,589	\$4.20	\$100,268	\$15
Fort Hunter	3,699	\$32,243	\$8.72	\$42,836	\$12
Fort Plain	5,592	\$81,750	\$14.62	\$132,721	\$24
Gloversville	19,244	\$393,695	\$20.46	\$502,805	\$26
Johnstown	8,743	\$280,600	\$32.09	\$382,445	\$44
Middleburgh	6,433	\$138,300	\$21.50	\$157,828	\$25
Northville	2,981	\$140,569	\$47.15	\$156,124	\$52
St. Johnsville	1,732	\$70,000	\$40.42	\$261,085	\$151
Schenectady	154,727	\$5,082,974	\$32.85	\$5,462,095	\$35
Schoharie	922	\$66,869	\$72.53	\$150,767	\$164
Sharon Springs	1,846	\$43,893	\$23.78	\$61,156	\$33
TOTAL	257,528	\$6,872,659	\$26.69	\$8,342,648	\$32

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Library	2016 ILL Borrowed	2017 ILL Borrowed	% Change	2016 ILL Lent	2017 ILL Lent	% Change
Amsterdam	8,708	7,768	-10.79%	5,036	4,298	-14.65%
Canajoharie	6,976	6,661	-4.52%	4,829	4,629	-4.14%
Cobleskill	9,829	8,649	-12.01%	6,366	5,984	-6.00%
Fonda	3,929	2,772	-29.45%	3,656	3,236	-11.49%
Fort Hunter	516	372	-27.91%	1,379	1,264	-8.34%
Fort Plain	3,024	3,022	-0.07%	1,611	1,652	2.55%
Gloversville	8,289	7,500	-9.52%	8,315	9,094	9.37%
Johnstown	11,191	10,219	-8.69%	9,246	8,807	-4.75%
Middleburgh	3,443	3,889	12.95%	3,827	4,616	20.62%
Northville	3,688	3,209	-12.99%	5,027	4,523	-10.03%
St. Johnsville	768	717	-6.64%	2,344	2,098	-10.49%
Schenectady	61,487	52,376	-14.82%	49,362	57,706	16.90%
Schoharie	3,099	2,773	-10.52%	3,645	3,626	-0.52%
Sharon Springs	1,828	2,140	17.07%	2,715	2,640	-2.76%
TOTAL	126,775	112,067	-11.60%	107,358	114,173	6.35%

CIRCULATION and HOLDINGS

Library	2016 Circulation	2017 Circulation	% Change	2017 Circulation Per Capita	2017 Holdings	Per Capita Holdings
Amsterdam	42,737	38,162	-10.71%	1.58	44,606	1.84
Canajoharie	35,168	33,409	-5.00%	5.29	42,350	6.70
Cobleskill	61,586	54,179	-12.03%	3.79	34,502	2.41
Fonda	24,643	18,295	-25.76%	2.69	29,529	4.34
Fort Hunter	2,622	1,962	-25.17%	0.53	17,564	4.75
Fort Plain	18,349	14,689	-19.95%	2.63	28,009	5.01
Gloversville	66,024	60,369	-8.57%	3.14	45,708	2.38
Johnstown	81,493	79,602	-2.32%	9.10	52,847	6.04
Middleburgh	29,026	29,348	1.11%	4.56	32,897	5.11
Northville	22,135	20,247	-8.53%	6.79	30,481	10.23
St. Johnsville	5,625	5,759	2.38%	3.33	32,467	18.75
Schenectady	1,123,358	1,083,439	-3.55%	7.00	323,760	2.09
Schoharie	21,542	18,936	-12.10%	20.54	29,343	31.83
Sharon Springs	11,352	12,203	7.50%	6.61	22,208	12.03
TOTAL	1,545,660	1,470,599	-4.86%	6.00	766,271	2.98

LIBRARY USE

Library	Program Attendance	Library Visits	Reference Questions	Public Internet Computers	Wireless and Public Computer Use
Amsterdam	6,979	32,844	4,085	17	45,569
Canajoharie	4,045	32,490	4,264	5	4,337
Cobleskill	3,519	47,618	3,621	9	17,203
Fonda	990	11,180	1,996	7	1,985
Fort Hunter	209	1,493	525	2	1,207
Fort Plain	2,252	38,000	6,880	2	2,000
Gloversville	5,294	72,746	1,610	10	13,524
Johnstown	8,312	73,141	18,765	8	9,318
Middleburgh	4,648	10,964	5,602	11	9,229
Northville	1,588	16,826	1,421	5	3,516
St. Johnsville	925	8,209	342	3	3,860
Schenectady	39,469	676,441	88,926	109	172,611
Schoharie	1,963	8,544	500	6	5,969
Sharon Springs	1,000	7,032	645	5	4,064
Total	81,193	1,037,528	139,182	199	294,392

Schedule of Support and Revenue and Expenses (Cash Basis)

For The Year Ended December 31, 2017

Support and Revenue:

State Aid	1,317,118.00
Federal Aid	0.00
JA Fees & Equipment	339,293.38
Miscellaneous	90,515.34
Interest	2,760.32

Total Support and Revenue	1,749,687.04
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Expenses:

Program Expenses	1,481,066.60
Management and General	182,841.24

Total Expenses:	1,663,907.84
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Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	85,779.20
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Net Assets - Beginning	968,598.61
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Net Assets - Ending	1,054,377.81
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Increase of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	85,779.20
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For The Year Ended December 31, 2017

Support and Revenue:

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Total Support and Revenue	1,749,687.04

Expenses:

Cash grants to member libraries	263,740.00
Material grants to member libraries	4,504.91
Member Library Purchases	1,129.72
Books	38,250.81
Electronic access	103,940.81
Periodicals	1,780.73
Recordings	3,347.28
Building Repairs	10,630.61
Repairs and Maintenance	3,472.48
Custodial Supplies	233.39
Utilities	7,863.92
Salaries	447,284.89
Benefits	177,066.64
Contractual Costs - Delivery	124,352.15
Contractual Costs - JA Fees & Equipment	341,664.52
Contractual Costs - Other	84,132.66
Professional Fees	21,823.03
Membership Dues	5,907.00
Equipment	1,460.20
Insurance	7,727.21
Office & library supplies	1,466.60
Postage & freight	567.26
Publicity and printing	0.00
Telephone	2,649.27
Travel	6,560.05
Vehicles	816.19
Miscellaneous - Other	1,535.51
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Total Expenses:	1,663,907.84

Excess of Support and Revenue Over

85,779.20

MVLS Mission Statement

The Mohawk Valley Library System educates, empowers and supports public libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties, helping libraries enrich their communities.

MVLS Services

- Resource sharing including cooperative purchasing, interlibrary loan and delivery
- An integrated library computer system with full network and workstation support
- Specialized services to specific groups including adult literacy and TASC students, people with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged and those institutionalized
- Early literacy, family literacy, children's and teen services
- Programs for adult learners including reading, job seeking and digital literacy skills
- Expertise, vision and innovation offered through Continuation Education and Consultation
- Networking, information exchange and collaboration among libraries and with other agencies
- Promotion of library services in the wider community

MVLS Impact Statement

The Mohawk Valley Library System saves taxpayer's money by delivering services, vision and expertise to public libraries and communities in the Mohawk Valley. MVLS services allow member public libraries to meet the needs of over 145,000 active library users, providing free education, low-cost recreation and economic development in our four county service area. Community members visited their public libraries 1 million times in 2017, borrowing more than 1.4 million library items. Over 350,000 computer sessions were facilitated and over 80,000 attended classes and events. These library activities promote community engagement, foster civic responsibility and enhance overall quality of life in our communities.

MVLS engenders efficiency and collaboration in public libraries by providing opportunities for libraries to share resources, provide services and innovate with technology. Virtually all books and other library materials are shared among libraries in the four counties through the system's integrated computer system and delivery service. In 2017 more than 230,000 items were accessed through this collaborative service. All 14 libraries participate in the shared computer services which provide network security and administration, full computer support and cooperative purchasing. More than 450 library leaders attended MVLS continuing education sessions, and more than 25,000 consultation contacts provided libraries with expertise in meeting service, administrative and technology challenges. This menu of services saves member libraries more than \$500,000 each year, and provides the public with a degree and quality of library service that would not be possible without this collaboration.