



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Mohawk Valley Library System helped member libraries enrich their communities throughout 2018, providing services that expand library access to books and other resources, enrich library classes and events, and assist with communications, marketing and advocacy.

Early in the year, the emphasis was on communications and advocacy. MVLS introduced the stories.mvls.info blog that highlights library impact stories in our communities. The system also worked with several libraries on budget campaigns. Eight libraries held successful budget votes in the spring, culminating in the successful vote to reorganize the Johnstown Public Library as a school district public library. These votes demonstrate that communities recognize the value of libraries and that effective communications and regular budget votes lead to sustainable libraries.

Summer brought the annual statewide Summer Reading Program which MVLS brings to libraries and their communities, as well as local enhancements like the Read it Forward project and Science @ the Library programs. Classes and events for adults are also provided, including the NYSCA book discussion and Authors Among Us programs. MVLS offerings continued in the fall with the Library Moon Walk project, one of many collaborative projects done with the Southern Adirondack and Upper Hudson Library Systems.

MVLS assistance with construction projects was very evident later in the year. Six libraries applied and were approved for 2018 construction grants. Fort Plain opened their newly completed center section of their master building plan; and Gloversville moved in to their newly expanded and renovated building with a gala grand opening in November. We now await the opening of Schenectady's new Mont Pleasant branch.

Finally, there were some transitions to take note of in 2018. Long-time board member and board President Bonnie Kerr resigned in September. Two new members, Felicia Spivey from Schenectady and Rosemary Barger from Amsterdam, began service on the MVLS board.

MVLS remains committed and well-equipped to help member libraries succeed. If your library would like assistance with any project just contact MVLS to see what they can do to help your library meet community needs.

Keith Seeber

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"Tell me a story!" my kids used to beg when they were young. And I would usually try to oblige. But it wasn't easy. It seems that even preschool kids have standards. At our house, the rules for stories were that they had to have at least one character with a name and something had to happen to that named character. It didn't seem to matter what happened; it could be completely ridiculous. As long as something happened to a character who was important enough to have a name, it was a story, and everyone was satisfied.

Our libraries all witness multiple stories every day. And all of these stories have at least one character and some action. Sure, sometimes it is common, ordinary action. But on many other occasions library stories are profound. They are stories of how the library saved the day and had a lasting impact on a life. Just think of all of the ways your library changes lives. Young children discover the joy of reading and lay the groundwork for lifelong learning and educational success by adding words to their vocabulary. Displaced workers learn the computer skills and access the resources they need to find new jobs. Older children are introduced to science and other STEAM components; and develop lifelong interests that lead to careers. Families access free entertainment, find connections with other families and access online resources that they can't afford at home. Older adults connect with community resources that keep them engaged as valued members of the community. The list of library impacts goes on and on.

While there are some library users who are familiar with at least a few of these library impact stories, many other community members really don't know what happens at the library, and don't understand how the library creates a strong community. And they never will understand unless we tell them.

That's why MVLS is putting a strong emphasis on communications. Our ability to tell the library story can create positive change for the future of our libraries, our communities, and all of our library users and not-yet users. There were many examples in MVLS in 2018 of libraries demonstrating and telling the story of that library impact. This effective communications leads to stronger, more sustainable libraries, more vibrant and attractive communities, and more, and more well served, library users. Are you looking for a stronger, more sustainable library, a more vibrant community, and additional appreciative library customers? Then find a character, show how their life was changed and tell your library's story.

What's your library story? MVLS would be very pleased to help you find and tell that story, to spread the message that your library is an essential element to a strong community.

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 2403 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 \$750 Stewart's Shop Grant
- 174 Legos, Duplos, and other STEM equipment were used by 17 libraries and branches supporting STEM classes for youth, a 33% increase from 2017
- 9 new titles were added to the book discussion collection. More than 218 book discussion titles were loaned to member libraries
- Coordinated system-wide Overdrive purchase of e-books and e-audiobooks and monitored email support requests from the public
- Coordinated Interlibrary Loan service with the Capital District Library Council
- Delivery Service moved more than 1.4 million items to libraries throughout the region
- Professional collection of books and magazines gives libraries access to current information.
- 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 RBdigital magazine service for borrowing of electronic magazines, 59 subscriptions available
- Provided funding to upgrade wireless routers in 1 library
- Simplified the Joint Automation fee structure and improved JA budgeting
- Developed the new e-card registration system and provided training for libraries

Outreach Services

- Held 2 Outreach Advisory Committee meetings to keep the community informed about MVLS services
- NYS Adult Literacy Grant funded 40 programs on job skills and career resources at 5 libraries
- Provided 170 books, a set of encyclopedias and a set of reference books and developed a new agreement for the Hale Creek Correctional Facility

- 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 funding for attendance of Hale Creek librarian at the NYLA Conference
- Provided 806 Interlibrary loans for Hale Creek Correctional Facility
- Provided 283 books (some Spanish) and 18 magazines for Fulton, Montgomery, and Schenectady County Jails
- Purchased 61 large print books for circulation 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
- Participate in the Schoharie County Human Services Coordinating Council and the Grant Committee
- Attend Gateway of Fulton and Montgomery County meetings
- Planned and organized Statewide Outreach Meeting with SALS and UHLS to discuss Public Library System Outreach Services and community engagement for member libraries; gave brief overview of evaluation methods
- 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, 168 people attending, 9 libraries participating. Of 120 responses, 91% stated that they learned something helpful, 91% felt more confident about what they learned, 73% will share or apply what they learned and 75% felt more aware of library resources and services
- Coordinated and promoted 13 programs for NYSCA funded Authors Among Us, 72 people attending, 4 libraries participating. Of 23 responses, 92% stated that they learned something helpful, 91% felt more confident about what they learned, 87% will share or apply what they learned and 95% felt more aware of library resources and services
- Library Moon Walk - worked with SALS and UHLS to develop and receive funding for this National Network of Libraries of Medicine Grant which provided continuing education, networking with community health organizations, promotion, materials and public programming for 23 libraries on the topic of consumer health. We developed a webinar with NNLM which attracted 76 viewers
- Promoted and helped to coordinate Adult Program Swaps among MVLS, UHLS, and SALS libraries on topics of Food & Drink, Summer Reading Program for Adults, Talking Book and Braille Library, Health, and Technology Attendance
- Worked with the CASH Coalition in Schoharie County to help libraries provide computers, software, and copies of returns for income tax filing
- Oriented new director of Sharon Springs Free Library and program coordinators at Johnstown Public Library, Gloversville Public Library, and Schoharie Free Library; updated information for new directors
- Coordinated and promoted with UHLS the RIF (Read It Forward), a summer program where teens read a featured title and pass it on to their peers who continue the cycle of reading and sharing, held at 4 member libraries and branches

- Provided 2 early literacy storytime trainings, 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
- Encouraged communication and discussion on youth services issues through Kidbytes, an electronic discussion group
- Science @ the Library classes were held at 7 member libraries with the teaching assistance of 4 volunteer Elfun scientists and engineers teaching STEM to over 400 children and their families.
- 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
- Supported the Picture Book Reorganization Project at three more member library branches

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
- Provided Workshops: Best of the Best; Summer Learning (with UHLS); Social MediaAhh (with SALS); Everyone Serves Young Children; Bridges Out of Poverty (with SCPL); A+ Customer Service; GOAT Teen Meet Up (with SALS & UHLS); Communication Across Barriers; Thinking Outside (with UHLS); Caring For the Mind; and Early Literacy Storytime Training; Book Pics
- 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 11 workshops & meetings at 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

- 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 and developed a new library mission statement
- Community listening sessions begin at Amsterdam Free Library
- Assisted the Johnstown Public Library with the transition to a school district public library
- Assisted and documented the Gloversville Public Library's reopening
- Developed the *Among The Shelves*, MVLS blog highlighting library stories and developed video stories
- Administer 2018 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 2018 "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:
 - Amsterdam Free Library \$69,427
 - Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery \$62,936
 - The Community Library, Cobleskill/Richmondville \$115,192
 - Fort Plain Free Library \$241,725
 - Gloversville Public Library \$68,136



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: \$422,024

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

2018 Highlights

- 40,020 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 33,600 visits to the library
- 9,634 attended classes, programs and events
- 28,707 computer sessions facilitated
- 46,282 items onsite for community use
- 8,967 active library users
- The Amsterdam Free Library was one of the keystones of Governor Cuomo's Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The library's share of Amsterdam's \$10 million will help with the construction of a new addition to add modern conference rooms, a large community meeting room and classrooms. A modern glass entrance at the parking lot with a new full sized elevator are some of the planned elements. This will help transform our library into a modern innovation hub, business incubator and community resource center. Education, and the institutions that make it their mission to educate, are the key to carrying Amsterdam into the 22nd Century.



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: \$287,959

Charles Tallent, President, Board of Trustees
Hannah Stahl, Library Director

2018 Highlights

- 29,779 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 30,968 visits to the library
- 2,496 attended classes, programs and events
- 4,280 computer sessions facilitated
- 39,973 items onsite for community use
- 2,955 active library users
- Reorganized shelving to make room for spaces for patrons to meet and collaborate.
- Harry Potter Trivia Night was a particular success, with 54 in attendance. Our estimated number was 25. One patron said it was the best program they've been to in years.



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: \$297,250

Kenneth Hotopp, President, Board of Trustees
Devon Hedges, Library Director

2018 Highlights

- 48,117 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 42,233 visits to the library
- 1,990 attended classes, programs and events
- 17,456 computer sessions facilitated
- 34,670 items onsite for community use
- 4,719 active library users
- Visited "Secret Caverns" in Howes Cave, NY for "Libraries ROCK!" Summer Reading Program!
- Began shifting our collections locations to better serve our patrons' needs including more accessibility for Large Type, better housing for media, and more room for children's materials.
- Refined the organization of over 50 adopted policies in to a cohesive handbook for on-line and print publication.
- Brought over 15 teams of elementary and middle school students into the 7th annual Battle of the Books.



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): 6,808
Annual operating budget: \$71,286

Judy Kelly, President, Board of Trustees
Sherri Kirschman, Library Director

2018 Highlights

- 19,876 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 12,380 visits to the library
- 897 attended classes, programs and events
- 2,226 computer sessions facilitated
- 31,198 items onsite for community use
- 1,338 active library users
- The library has a new program once a month called Read With Me for elementary age children where we introduce new books and read.
- There are more student volunteers this year during the summer and now we have a few helping during the school year.
- The library began a small renovation inside the front door to make the library more welcoming. This will also give patrons easier access to community information.



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: \$40,423

Beverly Osborne, President, Board of Trustees
Eric Kass, Library Director

2018 Highlights

- 2,480 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 1,731 visits to the library
- 605 attended classes, programs and events
- 1,016 computer sessions facilitated
- 19,710 items onsite for community use
- 196 active library users
- Used bullet aid funds to buy book shelf.
- Started a book club.
- Offered a book folding workshop.
- Resumed our weekly yoga class.



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: \$133,286

Keith Seeber, President, Board of Trustees
Whitney Hubbard, Library Director

2018 Highlights

- 13,110 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 34,000 visits to the library
- 1,753 attended classes, programs and events
- 9,000 computer sessions facilitated
- 29,301 items onsite for community use
- 2,101 active library users
- Welcomed new circulation area and center of operations with the completion of Phase II of our capital construction project.
- Created a new full-time library staff position.
- Launched new financial accounting system utilizing both Quick-books and the multi-functional Square Point of Sale System.



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: \$587,675

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

2018 Highlights

- 56,043 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 48,929 visits to the library
- 6,735 attended classes, programs and events
- 42,431 computer sessions facilitated
- 47,958 items onsite for community use
- 7,501 active library users
- Continued creative programming, such as Traveling Storytime and hosting an Erie Canal bicentennial exhibit, while in the temporary location.
- Hosted a community art show at the Chamber of Commerce. 80 pieces, 35 artists, 250 visitors, 70 people at the reception.
- Sponsored a bottle drive as part of the Summer Program “Library Rocks!” to benefit the local elementary schools’ music programs.
- Completed the \$9.2 million renovation of the Carnegie Building and moved back in.



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): 11,690
Annual operating budget: \$329,392

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

2018 Highlights

- 78,462 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 89,865 visits to the library
- 13,049 attended classes, programs and events
- 10,072 computer sessions facilitated
- 54,700 items onsite for community use
- 5,831 active library users
- The library debuted its new logo and tagline, “It all begins here.”
- School district voters approved a proposition to recharter and fund the library.
- The library welcomed Robert Weatherby as its first staff librarian.



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: \$164,913

Malachi Martin, President, Board of Trustees
Terry Pavoldi, Library Director

2018 Highlights

- 26,938 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 10,762 visits to the library
- 4,760 attended classes, programs and events
- 8,854 computer sessions facilitated
- 35,742 items onsite for community use
- 2,501 active library users
- National Seed Swap Day is extremely popular!
- We've added another preschool storytime to our schedule.
- The Not so Quiet Concert Series brings hundreds of people to our library every year to hear great music.



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: \$151,436

Stella Williams, President, Board of Trustees
Michael Burnett, Library Director

2018 Highlights

- 20,913 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 16,772 visits to the library
- 1,201 attended classes, programs and events
- 3,364 computer sessions facilitated
- 32,148 items onsite for community use
- 1,682 active library users
- Hosted 5th Grade's release of their own written and illustrated Picture Books.
- Hosted "Adirondack Song" program with Brian Chevalier.
- Added triptych panels of historic Sacandaga Park.



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: \$128,029

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

2018 Highlights

- 6,136 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 7,831 visits to the library
- 1,182 attended classes, programs and events
- 4,131 computer sessions facilitated
- 34,925 items onsite for community use
- 1,086 active library users
- Story Time continues to be popular among our tiny pals. Now that Spring has finally sprung, we pretend to be butterflies. When landing on a flower, butterflies put up their wings and sniff. A sweeter sight you will never see then ten, tiny wrinkled noses sniffing away with great abandon.
- We celebrated the potato chip with a question. Who is credited with developing the chip? If you visited the library and said Saratogian George Crum you won some "crunch".
- Cora Lee Palma launched her book, Web of Italian Intrigue; a Legacy of St. Johnsville Immigrants. Now a resident of South Carolina, Cora Lee greeted dozens of friends and family from the immediate area and throughout the Capital District.



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

2018 Highlights

- 1,033,812 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 682,529 visits to the library
- 42,362 attended classes, programs and events
- 166,096 computer sessions facilitated
- 344,638 items onsite for community use
- 75,066 active library users
- The groundbreaking for the new Mont Pleasant Branch Library.
- The beginning of our Repair Café program was our program highlight for the year.



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: \$96,811

Patricia Clancy, President, Board of Trustees
Catherine Caiazzo, Library Director

2018 Highlights

- 18,643 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 8,222 visits to the library
- 2,253 attended classes, programs and events
- 4,809 computer sessions facilitated
- 31,623 items onsite for community use
- 1,638 active library users
- "Cinderella " cast members from the Schoharie High School musical, came, read the book to the audience, then acted/sang it.
- "Writeathon" members of the writing club (including Alyson from graduate school in Wales!) getting together to raise money towards the purchase of one of their member's therapy dog by getting sponsors to pay them for writing.
- "Swords" from Hobbit Immersion Camp during Summer Reading Program.
- "Quilt and Flower Show," a collaborative display by the Schoharie Piecemakers Quilt Guild and the Schoharie Valley Garden Club.



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: \$56,792

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

2018 Highlights

- 12,593 books, etc. borrowed by community members
- 7,511 visits to the library
- 1,910 attended classes, programs and events
- 4,682 computer sessions facilitated
- 24,834 items onsite for community use
- 857 active library users
- Dance Studio use of the program room generated community interaction and increased use.
- Second Saturday events featured vendors, a food truck, live music and kid's activities.
- October programs include a Poetry Festival and Halloween Trunk or Treat.



LIBRARY SUPPORT

Library	Population	Local Public Funds	Per Capita Public Support	Total Operating Fund Receipts	Total Per Capita Support
Amsterdam	24,186	\$268,138	\$11.09	\$422,024	\$17
Canajoharie	6,320	\$950	\$0.15	\$287,959	\$46
Cobleskill	14,295	\$263,717	\$18.45	\$297,250	\$21
Fonda	6,808	\$28,948	\$4.25	\$71,286	\$10
Fort Hunter	3,699	\$34,100	\$9.22	\$40,423	\$11
Fort Plain	5,592	\$86,000	\$15.38	\$133,286	\$24
Gloversville	19,244	\$423,695	\$22.02	\$587,675	\$31
Johnstown	8,743	\$278,100	\$31.81	\$329,392	\$38
Middleburgh	6,433	\$146,630	\$22.79	\$164,913	\$26
Northville	2,981	\$140,569	\$47.15	\$151,436	\$51
St. Johnsville	1,732	\$70,000	\$40.42	\$128,029	\$74
Schenectady	154,727	\$5,295,509	\$34.22	\$5,625,950	\$36
Schoharie	922	\$65,574	\$71.12	\$96,811	\$105
Sharon Springs	1,846	\$43,860	\$23.76	\$56,792	\$31
TOTAL	257,528	\$7,145,790	\$27.75	\$8,393,226	\$33

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Library	2017 ILL Borrowed	2018 ILL Borrowed	% Change	2017 ILL Lent	2018 ILL Lent	% Change
Amsterdam	7,768	8,169	5.16%	4,298	4,196	-2.37%
Canajoharie	6,661	5,783	-13.18%	4,629	4,151	-10.33%
Cobleskill	8,649	6,975	-19.35%	5,984	4,938	-17.48%
Fonda	2,772	3,856	39.11%	3,236	3,439	6.27%
Fort Hunter	372	542	45.70%	1,264	1,401	10.84%
Fort Plain	3,022	2,611	-13.60%	1,652	1,504	-8.96%
Gloversville	7,500	7,579	1.05%	9,094	8,309	-8.63%
Johnstown	10,219	11,061	8.24%	8,807	8,756	-0.58%
Middleburgh	3,889	2,851	-26.69%	4,616	4,243	-8.08%
Northville	3,209	3,988	24.28%	4,523	4,150	-8.25%
St. Johnsville	717	894	24.69%	2,098	2,242	6.86%
Schenectady	52,376	48,528	-7.35%	57,706	50,183	-13.04%
Schoharie	2,773	2,503	-9.74%	3,626	4,059	11.94%
Sharon Springs	2,140	2,789	30.33%	2,640	2,659	0.72%
TOTAL	112,067	108,129	-3.51%	114,173	104,230	-8.71%

CIRCULATION and HOLDINGS

Library	2017 Circulation	2018 Circulation	% Change	2018 Circulation Per Capita	2018 Holdings	Per Capita Holdings
Amsterdam	38,162	40,020	4.87%	1.65	46,282	1.91
Canajoharie	33,409	29,779	-10.87%	4.71	39,973	6.32
Cobleskill	54,179	48,117	-11.19%	3.37	34,670	2.43
Fonda	18,295	19,876	8.64%	2.92	31,198	4.58
Fort Hunter	1,962	2,445	24.62%	0.66	19,710	5.33
Fort Plain	14,689	13,110	-10.75%	2.34	29,301	5.24
Gloversville	60,369	56,043	-7.17%	2.91	47,958	2.49
Johnstown	79,602	78,462	-1.43%	8.97	54,700	6.26
Middleburgh	29,348	26,938	-8.21%	4.19	35,742	5.56
Northville	20,247	20,913	3.29%	7.02	32,148	10.78
St. Johnsville	5,759	6,136	6.55%	3.54	34,925	20.16
Schenectady	1,083,439	1,033,812	-4.58%	6.68	344,638	2.23
Schoharie	18,936	18,643	-1.55%	20.22	31,623	34.30
Sharon Springs	12,203	12,593	3.20%	6.82	24,834	13.45
TOTAL	1,470,599	1,406,887	-4.33%	5.46	807,702	3.14

LIBRARY USE

Library	Program Attendance	Library Visits	Reference Questions	Public Internet Computers	Wireless and Public Computer Use
Amsterdam	9,634	33,600	3,621	15	28,707
Canajoharie	2,496	30,968	2,764	5	4,280
Cobleskill	1,990	42,233	3,214	7	17,456
Fonda	897	12,380	2,160	7	2,226
Fort Hunter	605	1,731	570	2	1,016
Fort Plain	1,753	34,000	6,000	4	9,000
Gloversville	6,735	48,929	2,158	9	42,431
Johnstown	13,049	89,865	17,250	8	10,702
Middleburgh	4,760	10,762	5,478	10	8,854
Northville	1,201	1,677	1,358	5	3,364
St. Johnsville	1,182	7,831	1,040	3	4,131
Schenectady	42,362	682,529	64,413	106	166,096
Schoharie	2,253	8,222	549	6	4,809
Sharon Springs	1,910	7,511	273	6	4,682
Total	90,827	1,012,238	110,848	193	307,754

Schedule of Support and Revenue and Expenses (Cash Basis)

For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

Support and Revenue:

State Aid	1,330,402.00
Federal Aid	0.00
JA Fees & Equipment	279,866.22
Miscellaneous	96,771.47
Interest	2,820.42
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Total Support and Revenue	1,709,860.11

Expenses:

Program Expenses	1,532,796.71
Management and General	197,696.40
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Total Expenses:	1,730,493.11

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets (20,633.00)

Net Assets - Beginning 1,054,377.81

Net Assets - Ending 1,033,744.81

Decrease of Support and Revenue Over Expenses

 (20,633.00)

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Expenses:

Cash grants to member libraries	265,790.00
Material grants to member libraries	6,900.34
Member Library Purchases	379.70
Books	33,330.36
Electronic access	116,392.94
Periodicals	1,058.22
Recordings	2,523.44
Building Repairs	10,965.99
Repairs and Maintenance	4,044.54
Custodial Supplies	313.46
Utilities	7,631.12
Salaries	480,248.31
Benefits	176,986.09
Contractual Costs - Delivery	130,599.71
Contractual Costs - JA Fees & Equipment	306,161.83
Contractual Costs - Other	118,013.68
Professional Fees	27,015.13
Membership Dues	6,255.00
Equipment	1,888.40
Insurance	8,297.43
Office & library supplies	5,898.24
Postage & freight	550.74
Publicity and printing	797.00
Telephone	2,680.46
Travel	13,488.58
Vehicles	913.96
Miscellaneous - Other	1,368.44
Total Expenses:	1,730,493.11

Excess of Expenses over Support and (20,633.00)

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 2018, borrowing more than 1.4 million library items. Over 300,000 computer sessions were facilitated and over 90,000 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 2018 more than 210,000 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 650 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.