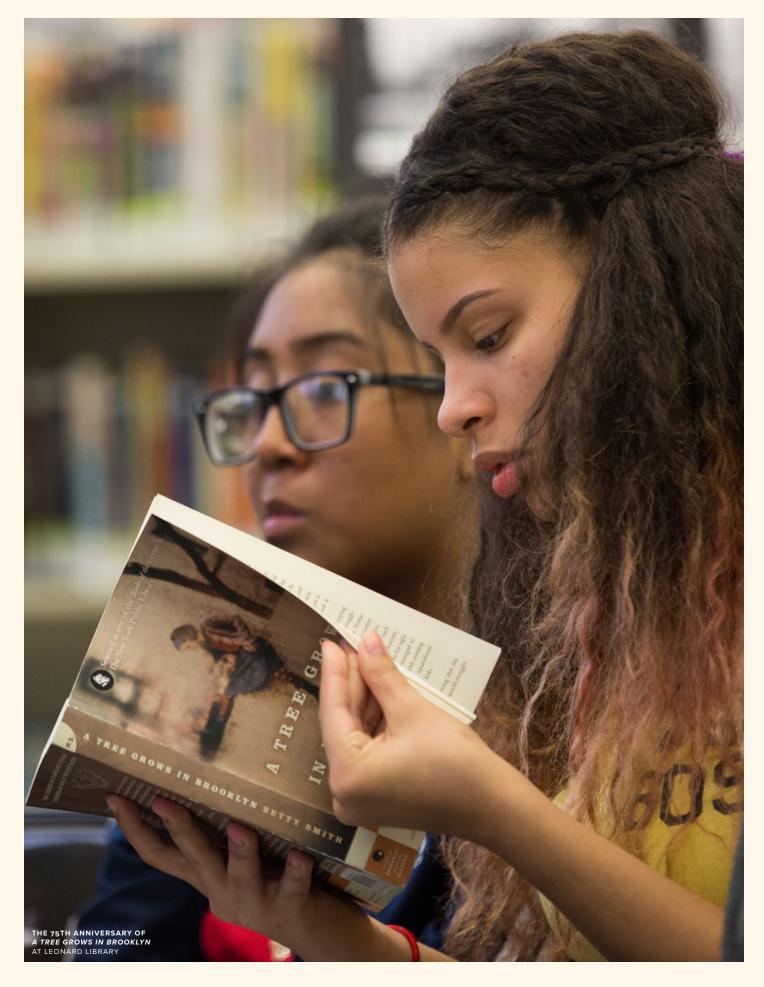


Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2019





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Mission & Vision Statement

It is the mission of Brooklyn Public Library to ensure the preservation and transmission of society's knowledge, history and culture, and to provide the people of Brooklyn with free and open access to information for education, recreation and reference. It is our vision that Brooklyn Public Library will be a vital center of knowledge for all, accessible 24 hours a day, and will be a leader in traditional and innovative library services which reflect the diverse and dynamic spirit of the people of Brooklyn.

Letter from the President & CEO and Chair

We close out a decade of transformation at Brooklyn Public Library.
Our borough's rapid growth over the last ten years spurred us to keep pace with our patrons and the many and diverse communities we serve.
We strengthened our commitment to serve all Brooklynites, from new immigrants to families who have been in the city for generations. In every neighborhood our libraries nurture a deep sense of place and belonging.

This year we kicked off a partnership with Emma's Torch, a social enterprise that trains asylum-seekers to gain skills and long-term employment in the culinary industry. This new endeavor provides food service to our café and empowers refugees through education and work experience.

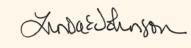
We reinvigorated programs dedicated to serving our most vulnerable neighbors and patrons. We expanded delivery of our popular storytimes to more hospitals and laundromats. And we also launched new initiatives to provide a greater variety of services to people and families experiencing incarceration. As you will learn in the following pages, this inventive programming includes courthouse activity backpacks filled with materials designed to keep children engaged while in court, zine workshops and award-winning TeleStory.

Beyond these services, Brooklyn Public Library is dedicated to democratizing access to arts and culture. 2019 saw the introduction of Culture Pass, a program enabling library cardholders to explore New York's finest museums, historic sites, theaters and more, free of charge. And we piloted University Open Air in partnership with the Prospect Park Alliance, an unprecedented approach to education and social responsibility in which foreign-born scholars teach a subject of their choosing in their primary language.

At BPL, we continually push the boundaries of what libraries can achieve. From installing a permanent bicycle repair station at our Mill Basin branch to launching a flagship podcast, Borrowed, featuring librarians and Brooklyn residents, we strengthened our standing as a hub for innovation, self-reliance and creativity.

With the support of our donors, trustees, elected officials and volunteers, our libraries are thriving social spaces where curiosity is encouraged and human diversity is celebrated. We are proud to offer safe havens for everyone to access the world's wisdom and build brighter futures.

Thank you,



Linda E. Johnson President & CEO

Susan Marinel

Susan Marcinek Chair, Board of Trustees



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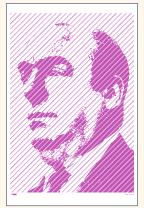


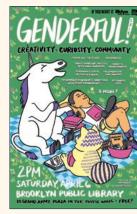
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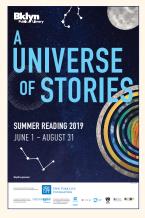
Events in Review



















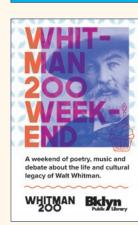


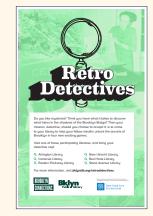






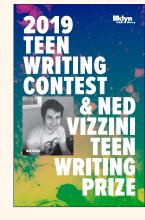
















Brooklyn Public Library is so much more than a collection of buildings. We strive to support our patrons at every age and stage of their lives.

Public libraries make communities stronger. This year, the Library aimed to broaden the reach of its programming in order to meet Brooklynites exactly where they are: in schools and local businesses, in laundromats and subway stations, and even within their own homes.

In September, BPL was named one of the 10 Top Innovators during the Urban Libraries Council's annual forum. The award recognized **Teacher Lab**, a program that has served over 1,000 educators since it launched in 2014 and is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Designed to help teachers navigate an expanding world of information, the self-paced course helps provide teachers with essential literacy skills they take back into the classroom.

"Today's public libraries are bold and pioneering community leaders that play many roles, from educational institutions to technology centers and entrepreneurial hubs," said Urban Libraries Council President and CEO Susan Benton. "I congratulate Brooklyn Public Library for illustrating a persistent commitment to realizing a groundbreaking initiative that has transformed their community."

This year, the PowerUP! Business Plan Competition celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. At the milestone awards ceremony, PowerUP! alumni returned to Central Library's S. Stevan Dweck Cultural Center to honor the program and cheer on the finalists. Since its start in 2003, the contest has provided a total of more than \$400,000 to over 125 entrepreneurs, including beloved Brooklyn businesses such as Bogota Latin Bistro and Greenlight Bookstore. Dime Community Bank is the lead sponsor for PowerUP!, with additional support provided by Ridgewood Savings Bank, women.nyc, Con Edison, ReferenceUSA, Elizabeth Crowell & Robert Wilson and Signature Bank.

While PowerUP! helps budding entrepreneurs open businesses borough-wide, this year BPL was thrilled to help a Brooklyn business expand by opening a café right inside Central Library's grand lobby. **Emma's Torch** is a nonprofit that provides culinary training to refugees, asylees and survivors of human trafficking, and positions them to begin meaningful careers in the food industry. The collaboration with BPL allows Emma's Torch's students to attend the Library's free English, adult education and career classes, further supporting their educational development.

Throughout the year, the Library used targeted outreach to make



the biggest impact on patrons. A prime example of this focused programming is **East New York Reads**, an initiative to increase children's literacy and create a culture of reading at Cypress Hills, Arlington and New Lots libraries.

Made possible through a grant from the Pinkerton Foundation, East New York Reads provides literacy enrichment to young patrons and their families via parent workshops, educational enrichment and homework support, as well as engaging learning activities and author visits.

This spring, job seekers in Brooklyn's Red Hook neighborhood turned to BPL to boost their skills. Participants in **Hire Red Hook**, an eight-weeklong workshop series, received interview-appropriate clothing, a stipend and a MetroCard, practiced



increase childhood literacy and provide a welcome distraction for Brooklyn's youngsters while their caregivers were busy washing and folding clothes. The collaboration between BPL, Too Small to Fail and Libraries Without Borders

contacted advocacy organizations to brainstorm ways BPL could assist the affected children. In an effort spearheaded by BPL's coordinator of early literacy programs, staff members and volunteers stuffed hundreds of backpacks with Spanish children's books and art supplies to be distributed to minors while they're waiting, oftentimes for hours, in court.

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SUSAN BENTON, URBAN LIBRARIES COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND CEO

interviewing and built their resumes. The program, which was made possible by a generous gift from Andrea Bozzo and John Martinez, culminated in a graduation ceremony and a career fair where job seekers were directly connected to employers and career development programs in the community.

Other targeted programs placed BPL staff within local businesses and organizations to offer on-the-spot library services. In East Flatbush, BPL opened a miniature, pop-up library at Brookdale Hospital. Three days a week, the public can visit this **Library in Transit** to borrow books, print documents and work on computers while East Flatbush Library is undergoing renovations. In Brownsville, **laundromat storytimes**

encouraged laundromats to make room for colorful reading corners where librarians read aloud from picture books.

Brooklyn Public Library aims to be a source of respite for everyone, even those who are unable to reach out for help. After news spread of immigrant families being separated at the border, Library employees An evergreen BPL goal is to make sure all Brooklynites are aware of the vast array of programs, services and opportunities available through their library system. In March, the Library launched For Brooklyn, its first-ever borough-wide marketing campaign. Featuring portraits of patrons, the marketing ads were displayed on billboards, LinkNYC towers, social media and in subway stations throughout 2019. Each campaign poster promoted three separate BPL services, tying them together by asking the question "What is the Library for in 2019?" There were more than 30 creative responses, including For Your Diploma, For Your Next Chapter, For Singing With Your Kids, For Connecting and, of course, For Brooklyn.

Recognizing Staff Achievements

Inaugurated in 2019, the Feder Leonard Family Award for Excellence in Service to the Library's Public recognizes non-librarian staff who have done outstanding work in advancing and strengthening BPL's services to the people of Brooklyn. Established by the Feder Leonard family, it complements the Dr. Lucille C. Thomas Award for Excellence in Librarianship in highlighting BPL employees' individual achievements.



From stuffed animal sleepovers to bike repair stations, Brooklyn Public Library is finding creative ways to make our patrons smile.

When you picture the library, what comes to mind? Most likely you envision adults browsing bookshelves and the internet, or children gathered in a circle for storytime. While books and computers feature prominently at BPL, this year demonstrated that you never know what you might find when you step inside one of our libraries.

In Williamsburg, Leonard Library celebrated its own literary history with the 75th anniversary of A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. Author Betty Smith grew up visiting the branch and included it in her classic novel—protagonist Francie Nolan walks through Leonard Library's doors and discovers "the world was hers for the reading." The family of Betty Smith, the Friends of Leonard Library and HarperCollins Publishers honored the book's legacy through the branch's official designation as a **Literary Landmark** by United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. The Friends of Leonard Library opened the book's anniversary a year earlier



by commissioning Williamsburg artist Amy Lyons to paint historically accurate murals depicting scenes from the novel. Lyons also illustrated the cover for the 75th edition of the book, published by HarperCollins.

"I wish my mother were here; she would be so pleased and honored," said Betty Smith's daughter, Nancy Smith Pfeiffer, at the 75th anniversary celebration. "It is fitting that a plaque taking note of her achievements be installed in the library where it all

began. I am glad that libraries like Leonard Library continue to nourish the love of books and reading."

The next time you visit Sunset Park Interim Library, be sure to look up: in December 2018, the branch unveiled a new sculptural window shading system. Created by local teens from the Center for Family Life's Summer Youth Employment Program and Life Line Visual Arts Troupe, the designs capture their vision for the community, the environment and

the importance of lifelong learning.

"Public spaces should reflect the spirit of their communities, so who better to design them than the next generation," said City Council Member Carlos Menchaca at the unveiling. "These teens are the future of our communities, and I thank the Center for Family Life, Brooklyn Public Library and Leroy Street Studios for giving them this opportunity."

BPL's focus on teenage patrons continued at Kings Highway Library, where a **Best Buy Teen Tech Center** opened in March 2019. The center, which was created with support from the Best Buy Foundation, ERI, the Clubhouse Network, Earle Muroff and New York State Senator Simcha Felder, inspires the next generation

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NANCY SMITH PFEIFFER, DAUGHTER OF BETTY SMITH,

of engineers, entrepreneurs, designers and dreamers by providing teens with the latest technology to develop their own projects. It is the first of nearly a dozen teen-specific spaces planned for BPL branches across the borough.

In the spring, BPL announced a fruitful addition to Central Library's collection: its very own **Seed Library**. Green-thumbed patrons could choose up to three packets from a variety of flower, herb, fruit and vegetable seeds, which were generously provided by Seed Savers Exchange, Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company, Burpee Garden Products Company and High Mowing Organic Seeds.

BPL is for cyclists, too. In May, Mill Basin Library became the first



library in New York City to host a **Fixing to Ride** station. The free, permanent bike repair station is located outside the branch and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Support for Fixing to Ride was provided by the Citizens Committee for New York City, the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Group and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer.

Of course, the Library didn't neglect its youngest patrons. Throughout winter and spring, branches across the borough hosted Corduroy storytimes and stuffed animal sleepover parties. Librarians read aloud from Don Freeman's classic book Corduroy and children were invited to leave a stuffed animal friend behind to enjoy a sleepover at their local library. Materials were provided by the Museum of the City of New York as part of their "A City for Corduroy" exhibition.

The fun continued with this year's Summer Reading program, A Universe of Stories, which commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing. The Library's celebratory Summer Launch weekend included live music, storytimes and special

performances at all BPL locations.
Major support was provided by
New York Life Foundation, the
2019 city-wide Summer Reading
sponsor. Lead support was provided
by the National Grid Foundation,
with additional support provided
by Con Edison, Barclays Center
and the Brooklyn Nets. CBS2/
WLNY was the official media
partner for Summer Reading 2019.

BPL ended June with a treat that will delight patrons for years to come. A familiar Brooklynite found a permanent home—in statue form—in Park Slope Library's storytime garden: **Knuffle Bunn**, the star of Mo Willems' Park Slopebased picture book series. The statue, which was suggested by the Friends of Park Slope Library, was funded by the family of Jane Bethge Lynch and created by neighborhood sculptor Chad Rimer.

"It was an honor to contribute artwork to my community," said Chad Rimer. "It was also immensely fun bringing the Knuffle Bunny off the page and into bronze, where little and big book lovers alike can sit with it, read to it, touch it, and let their imaginations take flight."

Borrowed, BPL's New Podcast

A podcast for people who love Brooklyn's neighborhoods and the libraries that connect them. Each episode highlights the stories of our librarians, and you—our patrons, who make the library come alive. Listen at bklynlib.org/podcasts or iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher and more.



Whether our patrons are out exploring New York City or spending time in their local library, BPL's programs and exhibitions are designed to reach everyone.

A truly exciting year for the arts at Brooklyn Public Library kicked off with a major announcement: the launch of **Culture Pass**, a citywide initiative providing library cardholders free access to myriad cultural institutions across the five boroughs. Through the program, patrons of BPL, New York Public Library and Queens Public Library can visit a range of cultural institutions at no cost, from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden to the Whitney Museum in Manhattan, the Noguchi Museum in Queens,

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Wave Hill in the Bronx, and Historic Richmond Town on Staten Island.

Culture Pass organizations donate passes on a monthly basis and can reserve a portion of passes for patrons living in underserved neighborhoods. Partners also offered special programs at branches citywide to highlight their collections and exhibitions. Support for Culture Pass and related programs is provided by the Charles H. Revson Foundation, Stavros Niarchos Foundation, The

New York Community Trust and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

"Everyone should have access to the arts and culture," said Jimmy Van Bramer, Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on Libraries and Cultural Affairs. "New York City's cultural offerings are what make our city the greatest in the

world. Culture Pass is a game changer for bringing equal access to every New Yorker who has a library card!"

A new season of cultural programming further demonstrated the Library's commitment to providing high-quality enrichment opportunities to the 2.6 million individuals who make Brooklyn home. In September, BPL was honored to welcome Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to read from her new children's books at Central Library. The Library's flagship branch also hosted readings and conversations with award-winning authors including Jennifer Egan, Anne Carson, Quincy Troupe, Olga Tokarczuk, Nadya Tolokonnikova, Kiese Laymon and Jonathan Franzen.

Thanks to generous support from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, BPL expanded two of its most popular cultural series: *Antigone in Ferguson* and Message from the Library. In the spring, the Library was thrilled to announce a 10-week free run of Theater of War's groundbreaking

project, Antigone in Ferguson.
Hosted in collaboration with Theater of War Productions, the performances at Brooklyn's St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church featured live gospel choirs and leading actors including Paul Giamatti, Chris Noth, Amy Ryan, Obi Abili and Linda Powell.

Message from the Library invites leading cultural figures to reflect on the most critical issues facing local and global communities, and to discuss the crucial role libraries play in the 21st century. This year, BPL commissioned the pioneering multi-disciplinary artist William Kentridge and celebrated Haitian-American author Edwidge Danticat to deliver the biannual lecture.

Through bold, thought-provoking art exhibitions, the Library embraced one such role: to be a vibrant space for discussions of significant civic issues. In partnership with Solitary Watch, BPL presented *Photo**Requests from Solitary*, a participatory art project offering audiences a

direct connection to people living in

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solitary confinement in U.S. jails and prisons. In the *Scoring the Stacks* exhibit, Brooklyn-based artist and Katowitz Radin Artist-in-Residence Kameelah Janan Rasheed "scored" Central Library, providing prompts and questions that led visitors to discover multiple pathways through the building, its stacks and the books accessible there. *Scoring the Stacks* was made possible by the Katowitz Radin Endowment, the Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation, women.nyc and the New York State Council on the Arts with the support



of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

In June, BPL partnered with Prospect Park Alliance to present University Open Air, a three-week series of classes held in Prospect Park's Rose Garden. The pop-up university brought in nineteen instuctors, who lectured on topics ranging from Urban Anthropology to Data Science to Contemporary Taiwanese Poetry. The majority of these professors, who were teachers and academics in their home countries, have had to give up their respective fields upon immigrating to the United States.

The end of spring 2019 was an especially busy—and celebratory!—time for the Library as it marked the 200th birthday of Walt Whitman, America's great poet of democracy. For the occasion, BPL hosted Whitman at 200, a weekend of poetry, music and debate made possible with support from the Poetry Foundation. In addition to a variety of commemorative events, BPL published *The Barbaric Yawp*,

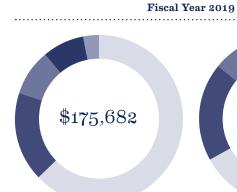
a collection of Whitman's poems curated by BPL librarians. Finally, the Library honored the Bard of Brooklyn with a filmed recitation of his poem "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry" featuring Brooklynites reading Whitman's iconic words aloud in locations across the borough he loved, including BPL's neighborhood libraries. A beautiful celebration of poetry, Brooklyn and, of course, public libraries, the video can be viewed online at bklynlib.org/whitman200.

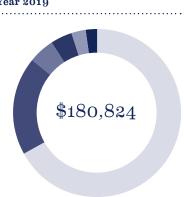


Whitman Circle's Fifth Anniversary

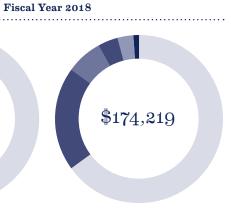
We celebrated more than one Whitman this year—2019 also marked the fifth anniversary of the Whitman Circle, a community of supporters who champion the library, and enjoy unique evenings of conversation and cocktails throughout the year. To find out more or join, please visit <code>bklynlib.org/whitman-circle</code>.

Financial Overview









Total Expenses

- 17% Central Library
- 63% Neighborhood Libraries
- 9% Special Programs
- 8% Management & General
- 3% Fundraising

Total Revenue & Support

- 67% City of New York
- 5% State & Federal Govt.
- 4% Contributions
- 19% Contributed Facilities & Utilities
- 2% Net Investment Income
- 3% Other

Total Expenses

- 17% Central Library
- 63% Neighborhood Libraries
- 9% Special Programs
- 8% Management & General
- 3% Fundraising

Total Revenue & Support

- 65% City of New York
- 7% State & Federal Govt.
- 3% Contributions
- 20% Contributed
- Facilities & Utilities
- 1% Net Investment Income

• 4% Other

Financial Ratios (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year 2019		Fiscal Year 2	2018	Fiscal Year 2017	
Total Operating Expenses	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Central Library	29,269	17%	27,940	17%	34,440	22%
Neighborhood Libraries	112,422	63%	106,314	63%	103,045	65%
Special Programs	15,658	9%	14,840	9%	8,776	5%
Management and General	13,230	8%	13,233	8%	9,966	6%
Fundraising	5,103	3%	4,683	3%	3,127	2%
	\$175,682	100%	\$167,010	100%	\$159,354	100%
Total Revenue & Support	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
City of New York	120,477	67%	113,824	65%	132,980	70%
State and Federal Govt	9,475	5%	11,468	7%	9,955	5%
Contributions	7,094	4%	5,637	3%	4,537	2%
Contributed Facilities & Utilities	34,820	19%	34,504	20%	32,523	17%
Net Investment Income	2,998	2%	2,508	1%	4,807	3%
Other	5,960	3%	6,278	4%	5,722	3%
	\$180,824	100%	\$174,219	100%	\$190,524	100%

The accompanying statements of financial position was taken from the audited financial statements as of and for the year ending June 30, 2019, for Brooklyn Public Library. For a complete copy of the audited financial statements, please write to: Finance Department, Brooklyn Public Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11238

Statements of Financial Position (in thousands)

	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of \$107 in both years)	20,086	16,608
Restricted cash segregated account	146	662
Receivables, net	21,016	11,875
Investments	63,511	65,334
Prepaid and other assets	1,054	363
Property and equipment, net	45,338	42,559
	\$151,151	\$137,401
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and advances	14,210	8,408
Accrued wages and related liabilities	17,388	14,610
Deferred revenue	2,693	2,295
Total liabilities	\$34,291	\$25,313
Commitments and Contingencies		
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated, available for operations	73,857	71,777
Board-designated for building renovation	5,830	5,830
Board-designated for use in future fiscal years	6,639	5,439
Total net assets without donor restrictions	86,326	83,046
With donor restrictions		
Restricted for time and purpose	27,828	26,421
Perpetual in nature	2,706	2,621
Total net assets with donor restrictions	30,534	29,042
Total net assets	116,860	112,098
	\$151,151	\$137,401

Statements of Activities (in thousands)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total June 30, 2019	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Tota June 30, 2018
Operating support & revenues						
City of New York	120,477		120,477	113,824		113,824
State of New York	7,840		7,840	7,620		7,620
Federal government	1,635		1,635	1,258		1,258
Contribution income	2,013	4,996	7,009	2,400	3,231	5,631
Purchase discount reimbursement contribution	700		700	856		856
Contributed facilities and utilities	34,433		34,433	34,146		34,146
Net investment income designated for current operations	1,765	195	1,960	1,658	191	1,849
Contributed goods and services	387		387	358		358
Special events (net of direct benefit to donors of \$104 and \$111 in 2019 and 2018, respectively)	977		977	1,025		1,025
Fines and other revenue	4,283		4,283	4,397		4,397
	174,510	5,191	179,701	167,542	3,422	170,964
Net assets released from restrictions for operations	5,653	(5,653)	0	2,951	(2,951)	0
Total operating support and revenues	\$180,163	(\$462)	\$179,701	\$170,493	\$471	\$170,964
Operating expenses						
Program services						
Central Library	29,269		29,269	27,940		27,940
Neighborhood libraries	112,422		112,422	106,314		106,314
Special programs	15,658		15,658	14,840		14,840
Total program services	157,349		157,349	149,094		149,094
Supporting services						
Management and general	13,230		13,230	13,233		13,233
Fund-raising	5,103		5,103	4,683		4,683
Total support services	18,333		18,333	17,916		17,916
Total operating expenses	\$175,682		\$175,682	\$167,010		\$167,010
Change in net assets from operating activities	4,481	(462)	4,019	3,483	471	3,954
Non-operating activities						
Grants and capital contributions for improvements	2,033	13,315	15,348	2,590	3,445	6,035
With donor restrictions contributions – perpetual contributions		86	86		6	6
Capital grants expenditures		(11,464)	(11,464)		(3,445)	(3,445)
Losses on disposals of property and equipment	(242)		(242)	(354)		(354)
Depreciation and amortization	(4,013)		(4,013)	(4,010)		(4,010)
Investment gains not designated for current operations	1,021	17	1,038	617	42	659
Net assets released from restrictions for capital expenditures				1,671	(1,671)	0
Change in net assets from non-operating activities	(1,201)	1,954	753	514	(1,623)	(1,109)
Change in net assets	3,280	1,492	4,772	3,997	(1,152)	2,845
Net assets – beginning of year	\$83,046	\$29,042	\$112,088	\$79,049	\$30,194	\$109,243
Net assets – end of year	\$86,326	\$30,534	\$116,860	\$83,046	\$29,042	\$112,088

Donors

Fiscal Year 2019
June 30, 2018–July 1, 2019

\$500,000+

Stavros Niarchos Foundation

\$100,000+

Altman Foundation
David Berg Foundation, Inc.
Best Buy/ERI
The Carson Family Charitable Trust
The Hearst Foundation, Inc.
The Heckscher Foundation for Children
Stephanie & Timothy Ingrassia
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
The New York Community Trust
New York Life Foundation
Charles H. Revson Foundation
The Robin Hood Foundation
The Schultz Family
Paula Silver
Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund

\$50,000+

Bloomberg Philanthropies
Dime Community Bank
Betty Kahn
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Henry and Lucy Moses Fund, Inc.
National Grid Foundation
Peck Stacpoole Foundation
The Pinkerton Foundation
The Weissman Family Foundation, Inc.



\$25,000+

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\$15,000+

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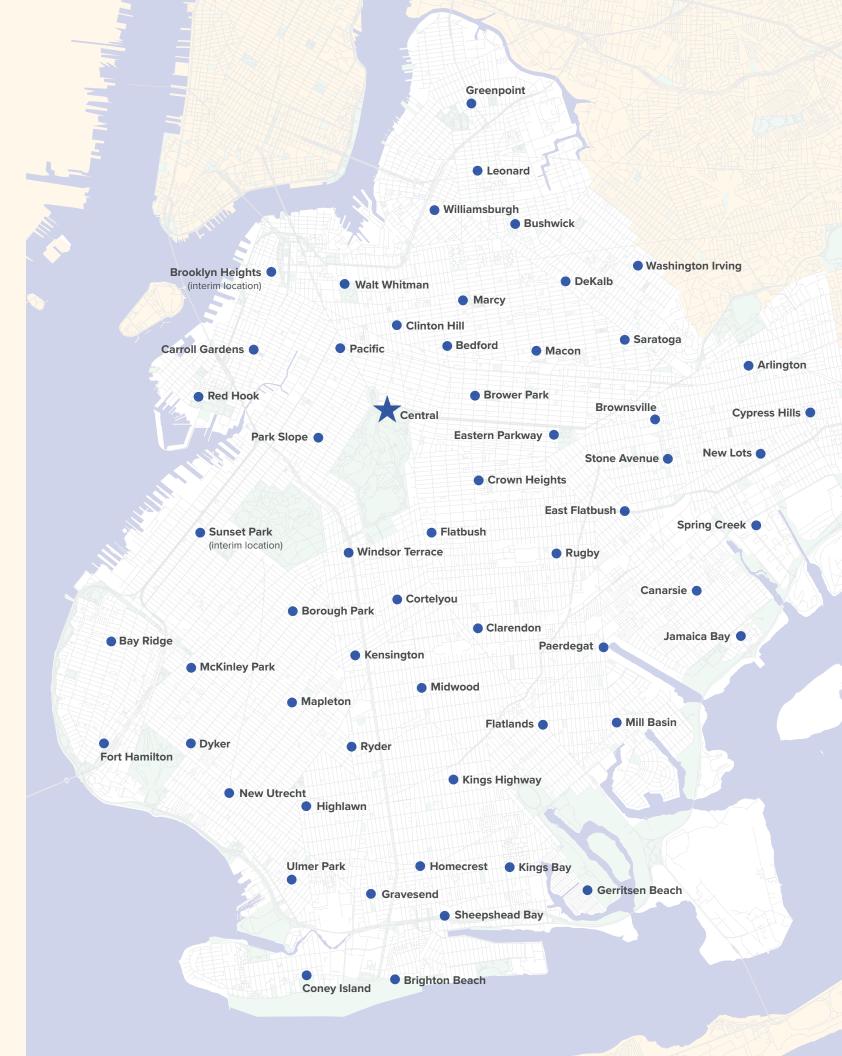
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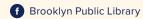
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