I want to thank you all for another great year at Boulder Public Library. This past year we welcomed nearly 1 million visitors. Patrons checked out over one and a half million items and newer programs like BLDG 61, Maker Space, CSED week and the Jaipur Literature Festival attracted thousands of new people to the library. More than 12,000 new members signed up for library cards last year and volunteers contributed more than 18,000 hours of their time.

In November, voters approved of funding for a new North Boulder Library. Thank you. We have begun planning this exciting expansion of services and will continue to meet with community members throughout the coming year to hear what you would like the new library to be.

We also completed the community engagement portion of our Master Planning process in 2017. More than 2,000 Boulder residents completed surveys and hundreds more of you participated in workshops, focus groups and study sessions. We were inspired by what you had to say. Of course you love the books, storytimes, programs and having a place to meet and hang out with friends. But more importantly, you told us that you valued the library for being a trusted source of information and a welcoming and inclusive environment that is free and open to all. I assure you, we remain steadfast in our commitment to everyone’s right to read and view and think and create freely at Boulder Public Library.

In closing, I would like to tell a few brief stories. Each day at the library, staff interacts with hundreds of individual people. They become our friends, our collaborators, our mentors and mentees. It is not often we get to tell their stories. But more than the numbers, new programs or buildings, these stories exemplify what we do every day.

In 2017, Gayla, a five year BoulderReads student with a goal to become a legal advocate for her Native American community completed her associates degree. Fuad, a CU Alum and long-time Meadows Library patron opened a small library in his home country of Kuwait to honor his father and to perpetuate the tradition of public libraries that he has come to love in Boulder. Rory, a young NoBo patron with severe hearing loss, began at 9 years old to read aloud to his mother and classmates. Steve, a long-term patron who has experienced chronic homelessness, was given shelter through the City’s new housing program and began preparation with a tutor at the library to take his GED. Alex, a 15 year old girl who took her first coding class in our ‘Build Learn Design Grow’ apprenticeship program, received a scholarship to pursue her interests at a private school.

Libraries transform lives and in turn we transform. Boulder Public Library will continue to explore new ways to meet our community’s needs. I hope you will join us on this journey.

Thank you Boulder for a great 2017!

David
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PHASE COMPLETED

2017 was the launch of the library’s master plan process. The library hosted community engagement activities throughout the year to gather ideas and feedback about the future vision for the library. Over 2,400 people participated in these events which included an online survey, an immersive participatory installation in the Canyon Gallery, focus groups, interviews with community members, a brainstorm session with community leaders, two neighborhood community gatherings and an open house.

The master plan will be completed in 2018.
2017 CIRCULATION

Highlights

90,000 & 70,000
19,000 & 15,000
1,500,000
52,000

Patrons borrowed over 90,000 items from other FLC libraries and BPL loaned over 70,000 items.

BPL borrowed over 19,000 items and loaned over 15,000 items through Prospector.

BPL patrons checked out over 1,500,000 items in all formats!

Over 52,000 physical and digital items added to the library collection.

ONLINE RESOURCES

2,000
More than 2,000 unique online courses viewed in LYNDAs.com

200,000
More than 200,000 articles accessed in online resources

DOWNLOAD & STREAM

160,000
More than 160,000 digital circulation in all formats.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The BPL Summer Reading Program continued to grow. 3,996 children and teens participated and 13,578 attended programs or outreach events, totaling 17,574 participants.

JAIPUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL

BPL hosted the 3rd annual Jaipur Literature Festival. This two day literary event brought more than 80 internationally acclaimed authors and speakers to Boulder. More than 3,000 visitors enjoyed the free programs and lectures at the Main Library.
COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK (CSED WEEK)

In December of 2017, more than 1,000 people attended Computer Science Education Week events across four BPL locations. The library hosted 30 events in eight days, which represents nearly 3,000 hours of coding with computers, robots, app design, and analog computational thinking programs for youth to adults. CSED Week exposes youth and teens to computational and design thinking, inspiring youth to consider future careers in science, technology, engineering, arts and math which may not yet exist.

LITTLEFIELD FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT

Through the support of the Littlefield Family Foundation, BLDG 61 developed and facilitated three unique teen internships in partnership with the I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder. The three sessions reached thirty-five Latino students from Boulder High School. Internships included design-build challenges developed by the students; robotics and e-textiles prototyping; and a design-build challenge to create Little Free Libraries for two locations in low income neighborhoods.
Highlights

MAKER-IN-RESIDENCE

2017 was the launch of a new maker-in-residence program at BPL. Makers of various disciplines collaborated with BLDG 61 Maker Space to offer public workshops and programs, while realizing their own project in the Canyon Gallery. During its inaugural year there were three residencies. Composer Nathan Hall produced a year-long residency, which included an interactive exhibition, live performances and a customized sound walk/audio tour of the Main library’s south building.

In another residency, a group of students from University of Colorado’s Environmental Design program created an immersive playscape in the gallery focused on housing density. Studio TJOA, the final residents of 2017, designed an immersive canyon installation in the gallery to compliment the bi-annual Open Space & Mountain Parks (OSMP) exhibition, Art Inspired by the Land.

VOLUNTEERS

Highlights

In 2017 approximately 770 volunteers donated more than 18,320 hours in support of library operations and programs.
CARDHOLDER

Usage Statistics

12,000  Over 12,000 new library cards distributed.

123,388  Total cardholders

COMPUTERS & VISITORS

Usage Statistics

WEBSITE

4,449,014  boulderlibrary.org received 4,449,014 page views in 2017.
Usage Statistics

Public Computer Use 2017

Visits
- Main Library: 673,807
- Meadows Branch Library: 150,020
- George Reynolds Branch Library: 131,879
- Nobo Corner Library: 41,142
- Carnegie Library for Local History: 1,926

Public Computer Sessions
- 140,771

Visitors
- 998,415

Averaging over 2,800 visits a day to our facilities.
## Usage Statistics

### Computers & Visitors

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<td>Seed packets in the Seed Library</td>
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<td>Sensory-friendly storytimes delivered across locations</td>
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<td>Board game checkouts at Main</td>
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### Programs & Events

- **Frequent Filmie** cards completed (seeing 5 or more films): 23
- Board game checkouts at Main: 1,100
- BPL produced over 3,100 programs for over 80,000 participants: 3,100 | 80,000
- Unique laser cut projects carried out by patrons in BLDG 61: 1500+
- Children and teens participated in the BPL Summer Reading Program: 3,996
# Usage Statistics

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<td><strong>System Wide Total</strong></td>
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## Meeting & Study Rooms

- **Meeting Rooms Reserved Time:** 447 days, 10 hours, 30 minutes
- **Study Rooms Reserved Time:** 675 days, 1 hour, 30 minutes
The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), housed in the Main Library, supports economic development throughout Boulder County. During 2017, SBDC hosted 32 free events at the library for over 480 people. SBDC also provides free one-on-one consulting to business owners. In 2017 they worked with 1,573 clients offering 2,642 hours of consulting.

A volunteer-driven program that records interviews with long-time residents and other people knowledgeable about the history of the city and county of Boulder. There are currently 2,071 oral histories in the online archive.

21 New interviews completed.
34 Interviews newly available to the public.
8,034 Visits to the oral history web site.
31,714 Times that the oral histories were accessed.
USES & SOURCES OF FUNDS

2017 City of Boulder budget information for BPL. See the grants section for details about support from other organizations or individuals.

USES OF FUNDS
$7,960,963

SALARIES & BENEFITS $5,459,673
COLLECTIONS $972,787
SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND OVERHEAD $921,225
PROGRAMS & OUTREACH $458,300
FACILITIES $148,978

SOURCES OF FUNDS
$7,911,425
CITY GENERAL FUND $6,406,608
LIBRARY FUND $314,491
PROPERTY TAX $1,037,326
OVERDUE FINES & FEES $153,000

* Does not include revenue collected during the year or carryover from prior year for projects.
Boulder Library Foundation Grants.

Colorado Department of Education State Grant for Libraries.

Jacques M. Littlefield Family Foundation Grant.

The Boulder Library Foundation (BLF), a 501c3 organization, has supported the library since 1974. In 2017, the BLF grants funded a wide variety of programs including, the Summer Reading Program, BLDG 61 programs, the concert series, cinema series, exhibits in the Canyon Gallery, Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM) programs, and many more.

boulderlibraryfoundation.org