

Cuba Circulating Library



2018 Annual Report

For almost 150 years, the Cuba Circulating Library has served as a welcoming place for all who seek knowledge, information, and personal growth. In today's often turbulent times, it is more important than ever to reaffirm our commitment to helping all those who seek our services.

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO YOU
BECAUSE LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE.**

The strongest way to demonstrate this commitment is not through words, but through actions. That is why we're proud to share with you a closer look at the impact the Cuba Library has made across our community in the last year.

In 2018, the library was visited almost 32,000 times. We have 4,516 registered library users. We held a total of 467 programs throughout the year, including programs for toddlers, school-aged children, tweens, teens, and adults. In addition, the library regularly partners with outside organizations in an effort to support the social, economic, and educational needs of the community. Some of the organizations we partnered with include Head Start, CRCS, the Cuba Cultural Center, the Summer Recreation Program, the Palmer Opera House, and the Chamber of Commerce.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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*Our **vision** is to provide free state-of-the-art access to informational, cultural, educational and recreational resources and services at the greatest possible convenience to our patrons.*

OUR MISSION

The **mission** of The Cuba Circulating Library is to bring people and information together in a cost effective manner. This community resource center provides popular materials and programs to serve the informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the public, placing special emphasis on supporting students' interests and appreciation of reading and learning.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Every year, the library seeks to provide excellent programming in a variety of topics. This year was no different. We had programs on cheese making, the history of women's suffrage, alcohol inks, and mandala painting. We also held a series of mindfulness classes, including storytime yoga, a sound bath, and a mindful families event. We partnered with a variety of artists and experts to bring free, educational, and entertaining programming into the community.





Humpty Dumpty and Lapsit Storytimes have been a staple in the Cuba community for generations. In 2018, the Cuba Library also added Baby Storytime for the youngest of children to get a head start on their literacy development.

SUMMER READING

This year our Summer Reading theme was “Libraries Rock”! We had 122 children sign up for summer reading, as well as 10 teens and 20 adults. We held 66 childrens’ storytimes and programs this summer to support and strengthen literacy during the summer months. In total, 1,269 children attended Cuba Library programs throughout the summer!



Through a partnership with the Summer Rec program, the library brought Benjamin Barry to teach hula hooping at the park. This program was funded by a grant from the Tri-County Arts Council.

The Friend of the Cuba Library, Inc.

Friends of the Cuba Library, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Cuba Circulating Library through fundraisers and largely, advocacy.

In 2018, the Friends of the Cuba Library, Inc., funded a variety of projects, including :

- *Passionate Readers’ Party*
- *Drawing classes with Rise Peacock*
- *Cheese making class*
- *Dot Mandalas*
- *Watercolor Holiday Cards with Lisa Robinson*
- *Purchase of Early Literacy toys*
- *Mindful Families event*
- *Supporting Summer Reading Program*
- *Didgeridoo Down Under*
- *Purchase of STEM toys and learning materials*
- *Purchase of large print books*
- *Purchase of board games for circulation*





THE CUBA CIRCULATING LIBRARY



Number of registered library patrons
4,516

Number of times people used our library
31,953

Items loaned
39,401

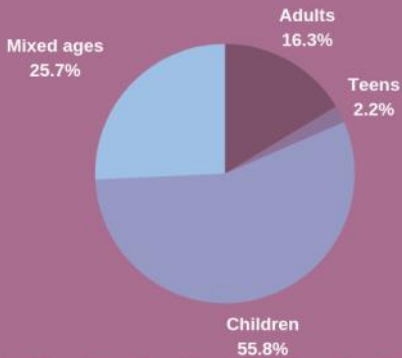
TECHNOLOGY

11 free internet computers available to the public

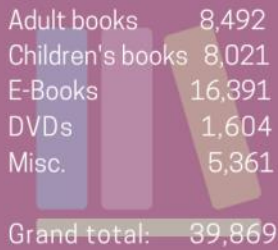
Free Wi-Fi used **7300** times

Public computers used **3144** times

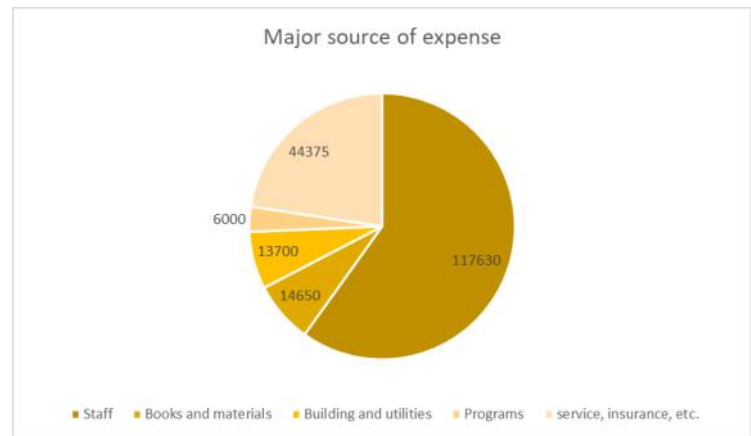
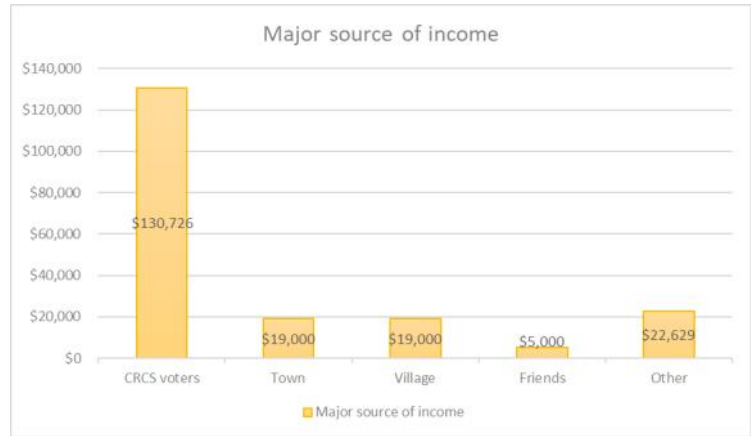
PROGRAMS



ITEMS IN COLLECTION



FUNDING SOURCES



Thank you to the many community organizations, businesses, and individuals who have shown their support for the library this year. In addition, thank you to our community leaders, both local and state, who continue to support the effort and mission of the library. You make all the difference.