The Bozeman Public Library is the hub of our community.

400,000 visitors

Each year over 400,000 people of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances come to:

- do homework
- meet an author
- learn a new skill
- listen to live music
- read to a dog
- or just to find a good book!

The Library is so vibrant because so many of you contribute your time, talent, and dollars. Our job at the Bozeman Public Library Foundation is to ensure the Library has all the resources it needs to continue growing and evolving with a changing community. When you invest in the Library, you invest in people, ideas, and our city’s future.
2017: A year of growth

More people are investing in the Library, which means we can do more for the community. The library funding goes toward adult education, outreach, children’s programming, as well as music and art events.

**Total Revenue:** $993,578

- **55%**
- **38%**
- **7%**

**Total Expenses:** $556,300

- **62%**
- **22%**
- **16%**

**This year, our...**

- Number of donors grew by **52%**
- Dollars raised grew by **92%**
- Funding to the Library grew by **198%**
The Bookmobile, our new mobile outreach vehicle funded entirely by your donations, hit the road on July 1st. We visited schools, mobile home parks, assisted living facilities, and community events such as Sweet Pea and the Farmers’ Market. During the first six months we were in operation, we reached thousands of Gallatin Valley residents who might not otherwise have access to Library services.

8,140 bookmobile visitors
10,062 mobile materials checked out
477 new cards issued from the bookmobile
58 mobile programs

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More than Books!
In 2017 we brought you many hours of quality live music through our Music on the Green and Exploring the Arts concerts. The Atrium Gallery hosted talented local artists and 1,500 people of all ages attended a free Yoga for All class. In March, we were thrilled to host Craig Johnson, author of the popular Longmire series, who entertained a standing-room-only crowd.

10 years ago, 560 groups reserved one of our meeting rooms. Now, 1058 groups used a room and those meetings were attended by 23,371 people.
In November, we hosted the 10th annual Children’s Festival of the Book, the only literary festival in Montana that is just for kids (and those who love kids’ books). Popular authors Grace Lin and Jarrett Krosoczka visited eight area elementary and middle schools. This was followed by a day-long series of workshops and events attended by over 1,000 children and their parents. One of the happy attendees proclaimed Jarrett his hero and presented him with his own graphic novel for review.
In December, we launched patron access to Lynda.com, an online source for professional training on topics ranging from marketing to programming to video game design. Library cardholders can access Lynda.com for free at home or in the Library. Your library card unlocks a world of learning. We also added the New York Times to our digital database library.

10 years ago, 13,800 children & adults attended a program at the Library. Now, that number is 30,000.
And more…

The Foundation funded many other needs at the Library, from small things like keeping the piano tuned and thanking our volunteers to continuing education for librarians and a strategic planning process that will guide the Library for the next three years.

10 years ago, 320,000 visitors used the Library annually. Now, 435,000 visit per year.
Thank you for believing that public libraries matter!

Visit our website to learn about our programs, or to give.

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