Dear Friends,

When you think about the impact libraries have on our lives, I encourage you to think about your own library story.

For many, like our family, the library summer reading program and bookmobile visits introduced you to your favorite childhood book and opened your eyes to a lifetime love of books, storytelling, research and the knowledge of a larger world beyond the immediate community. For others, perhaps a friendly librarian helped you through the journey of completing your first school essay.

Think about your story. Ask friends or loved ones to share their own library stories. You will be fascinated to hear about the impact libraries have on people.

Libraries help us nourish our minds, help us become more informed, and serve as a pillar for building community. Our libraries illuminate challenges and open the doors to new opportunities. They help us grow as individuals and contribute to a more equitable society.

As a valued supporter, you can be proud of The Seattle Public Library you have created. Your support is transforming and elevating our Library to greater levels, with more public programs, improved access to technology for all, and dozens of city-wide initiatives to help children and families become successful in life.

Together, we are building our Library of the Future. The stories created in our Library today may look different than your own, but they have one thing in common: they will impact people for the rest of their lives!

Thank you for choosing to support our community’s greatest democratic institution – your public library.

With gratitude,

Ross C. Baker
Board President, 2016-2017
Your support made the following possible in 2017!

4,000
4th and 5th-graders from 65 elementary schools participated in the Global Reading Challenge, with students reading ten featured books.

11,352
Children and teens participated in Summer of Learning programs, featuring the theme “Blast off to Space!” which highlighted the solar eclipse.

600
Sessions of World Language Story Times were held, serving children in five languages including Mandarin, Spanish, Vietnamese, Somali, and Arabic.

1,746
Parents and caregivers engaged in the Raising A Reader Early Literacy program, designed to foster parent-child bonding and a love for books. Parents reported a 42% increase in child reading engagement.

191
Students benefitted from 68 Learning Buddy teen volunteers who helped them with math, reading, and communication skills through interactive games and activities.

100,380
Books purchased and added to the Library’s permanent collections, as well as books given to children and families as part of Foundation-funded learning programs.

1,100
Writers who participated in Seattle Writes, a program designed to help emerging writers practice their craft.

50
Patrons connected to permanent housing as a result of the Library’s Community Resource Specialist, a social service position serving the Central Library and Ballard Branch. Foundation donors helped underwrite a pilot, and its success led to the City assuming funding for 2018.

458%
Increase in the number of Library to Business one-on-one appointments held annually from 2015 to 2017. Last year, 201 small business owners received specialized support to learn about marketing trends and research business opportunities.

15,000
Patrons checked out a Museum Pass, allowing all residents regardless of income, the chance to experience cultural institutions.

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### 2017 Financial Information

**Year Ending December 31, 2017**

#### Contributions

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#### Expenses

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**Foundation Operations**

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These figures are unaudited. The Foundation’s professional independent audit is released in the spring.

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### Uniting Your Community

The Library’s public engagement team was hard at work helping to build community. Nearly 8,000 patrons convened for 42 workshops, discussions, and performances on topics such as criminal justice reform, immigrant advocacy, artistic expression, identity, and civic engagement. Nearly half of the participants were people of color, and the program remains a vital part of the Library’s commitment to race and social justice.

**Mobile Computing Expanded**

With support from Google, 72 new laptops and 18 iPads are now available at nine Library branches across the system. These devices can be checked out while patrons visit the branch, thereby expanding the number of computers available. Patrons love the experience as well, offering them the freedom to use Wi-Fi connected devices anywhere in the branch.

**Successful Exhibits and Events**

Your support enabled the Library to offer high-quality exhibits and events for free to the public. *Baseball: Culture of Cuba* featured the works of National Geographic photojournalist Ira Block. The exhibition impressed visitors with colorful images and beautiful stories of Cuban culture. For music lovers, the Library hosted a live Playback concert to highlight the work of local musicians. Playback was launched as an online streaming service at SPL.org to help curate local music.

Photos: Naomi Ishisaka
Thank You to Our Supporters

More than 6,000 donors contributed to the Foundation’s success in 2017. To all, thank you!

We recognize and appreciate the following businesses, foundations, and community organizations that contributed $250 or more in cash, matching gifts, grants, and in-kind donations.

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Delta Upsilon Omega Chapter
- Altria
- Amazon.com
- American Endowment Foundation
- American Library Association
- Ayco Charitable Foundation
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- Bank of America
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- The Brainerd Foundation
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- Elliott Bay Book Company
- The Ellis Foundation
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- Expedia.com
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- FS Networks
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- Hugh & Jane Ferguson Foundation
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- Fox Rothschild, LLP
- Friends of The Seattle Public Library
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund
- Google
- H. D. Fowler Company
- Benjamin and Margaret Hall Charitable Lead Trust
- The Benjamin and Margaret Hall Foundation
- HBO
- Horizon House Residents’ Council
- John C. & Karyl Kay Hughes Foundation
- Huron Consulting Group
- Ingram Book Company
- J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.
- Judith and Henry Sauer Charitable Foundation
- Kunis Foundation
- KUOW
- Mennonite Foundation
- The Merck Company Foundation
- Merrill Lynch
- Microsoft Corporation
- Millenium Bulk Terminal-Longview LLC
- Morgan Stanley
- Moss Adams
- Network for Good
- Nintendo of America
- Nordstrom
- Northern Trust Bank
- Northwest Literacy Foundation
- Pacifica Law Group
- PayPal Giving Fund
- PEMCO Insurance
- Penguin Random House LLC
- The Pride Foundation
- Norman Raab Foundation
- Raising a Reader
- Raven Foundation
- Raymond James Financial
- RealNetworks Foundation
- Regence BlueShield
- Renaissance Charitable Foundation
- Robert and Susan Evans Family Foundation
- Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated
- Rotary Club of Ballard
- Russell Investments
- Salesforce
- Schwab Charitable Fund
- Seattle Credit Union
- Seattle Mariners
- Seattle Times
- Sheraton Seattle Hotel
- SHKS Architects
- Starbucks Coffee Company
- Starfish Foundation
- Tableau
- Tateuchi Foundation
- The Loeb Family Charitable Foundations
- The Seattle Foundation
- TIAA Charitable
- Tides Foundation
- T-Mobile USA
- UBS Financial Services
- Union Bank N.A.
- United Way of King County
- U.S. Bank
- U.S. Bank Foundation
- Vanguard Charitable
- Verizon Wireless
- Victory Garden Fund
- Village Books and Paper Dreams
- Virginia Mason Medical Center
- VML Foundation
- Washington Federal Savings & Loan Association
- Washington State Employees
- Washington Women’s Foundation
- Wealth Strategies Group
- Wells Fargo
- YourCause

Legacy Gifts

We are grateful to the thoughtful individuals who chose to leave a generous legacy gift to benefit The Seattle Public Library Foundation.

- Ogden Bailey
- Elmer Francis Norwood Jr.
- Gretchen S. Hull
- Laurel E. Kokko
- Barbara Weinstein

Upcoming Events & Campaigns

Don’t miss these exciting opportunities. Visit supportSPL.org for more information.

- April 26 – May 9
  GiveBIG for the Library!
  $30,000 Challenge Match

- May 16-17
  Yaa Gyasi, Homegoing
  Seattle Reads Featured Author

- Now – September
  Love the Lake City Library Campaign
  Support the Branch Renovation