

Annual Report | 2017



Our Mission

LaGrange Association Library provides opportunities for education, enrichment and recreation to the people of the LaGrange community.

Who We Are

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What We Offer

- Books, DVDs, Audiobooks, Music CDs, and Magazines
- Access to over 2.5 million items from the collections of the 66 member libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System
- Over 13,000 eBook and audiobook titles downloadable through OverDrive
- Over 130 eMagazines titles downloadable through RBdigital
- Consumer Reports online
- Passport Acceptance Location
- Museum Passes to 6 local venues with the ability to book passes using our online reservation system TixKeeper
- Wireless Internet access
- Public computers and printer
- Copy and fax services
- Community meeting space
- Roku Media Players to access Netflix, Amazon Video and Hulu Plus
- Chilton Library car repair database
- Mango Languages, an online language-learning resource
- An extensive newspaper and magazine database, including historical materials
- NYS driver's license and permit online practice tests
- Civics Flash Cards to prepare for the Naturalization Test
- Early Literacy programs
- STEM & STEAM programs
- Engaging and informational programs for all ages, children through adult
- Access to items available through the NYS Talking Book & Braille Library
- Home delivery for housebound patrons
- Large print materials
- Selected state and federal income tax forms
- Individualized technology assistance
- An opportunity for local artists to display their art work



From the Board President

This past year has been a busy one for the Board at our library. We've said good-bye to some of our members; and hello to several new ones. We also said good-bye to Director Sarah Potwin, as she moved on to new adventures; and welcomed our new Director, Mary De Bellis.

In the spring of 2017 the Board participated in a leadership retreat, created for us by G. Angela Henry, an organizational consultant with Hulse Consulting, to help us with our strategic planning goals. In 2018, we will be continuing our work in this area. The Library is participating in a Mid-Hudson Library System program called Turning Outwards. As part of this project, we will be hosting kitchen table-style conversations to find out what you, our LaGrange Library constituents, want to see in our community. More information on this can be found on our website, www.laglib.org.

The Board is also continuing to explore our options regarding our physical space, since we have reached capacity in our current configuration.

We continue to benefit from the ongoing support of the Friends of LaGrange Library. Their efforts with the ongoing book sale and the hours they volunteer helping in the library are invaluable. We also held a successful donor recognition event in January, to acknowledge our \$100+ donors. We had wonderful music and refreshments, but the best part of the afternoon was talking to some of the people who have generously donated to the Library. Hearing about their hopes for the Library and what they would like to see happen gave plenty of food for thought.

As always, I am looking forward to continuing to work with the Board, the library staff, the Friends group and the community to make the LaGrange Association Library the best that it can be.

Erin M. Hawks
President, Board of Trustees

From the Director

Our LaGrange Library continued to flourish in 2017. We bustled with programs for all ages, provided meeting space for tutors, students, homeschoolers, and community groups, offered resources for job-seekers, passport processing, and access to computers and printers. We continued to have all the traditional services you've come to expect and love, plus evolving programs and services essential for success in today's world, including STEAM programs, robotics, coding, computer assistance, and technology help.

Our creative youth and adult programmers bridged generations by collaborating on an innovative cookbook club, which brought patrons of all ages together through their love of food and cooking. Kudos to our dedicated staff for processing over 1,800 passports, in addition to the myriad of other duties they performed to provide excellent customer service and maintain a high quality library.

We thank Senator Sue Serino for her support of libraries in the Mid-Hudson area. Through her efforts, LaGrange Library received \$11,500 in New York State Bullet Aid in 2017. We're grateful for continued budgetary support from the Town of Union Vale in recognition of the value of library services for their residents.

We thank the LaGrange community for continuing to embrace and support the library. Your feedback is important to us and we greatly appreciate the positive comments and suggestions posted on social media and heard in the Library. Knowledge about the community provides the foundation for services and program development at the Library, as well as collaborative opportunities with other organizations. As we move forward, you are cordially invited to join one of the community conversations being held to assist in the development of the Library's long range plan. Further details are posted on our website at www.laglib.org, on the Library Facebook page, and in the Library.

In closing, we thank our Library staff, volunteers, Friends of the Library, and Board of Trustees for their hard work and dedication to the LaGrange community.

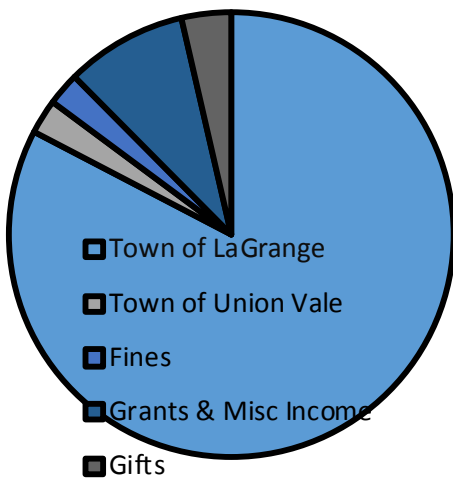
Mary M. De Bellis
Library Director



2017 Year in Review ~ Finances

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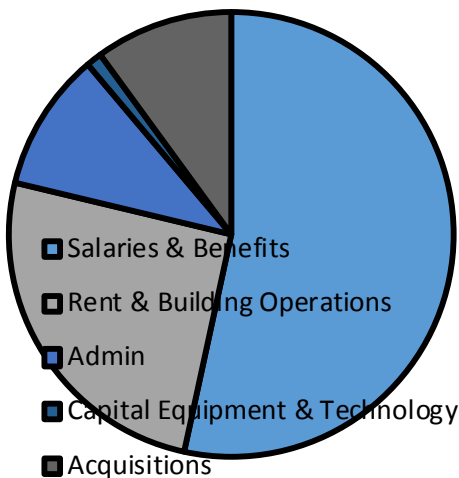
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Town of LaGrange	\$618,693
Town of Union Vale	\$18,845
Fines	\$17,909
Grants & Misc Income	\$66,167
Gifts	\$26,987

Expenditures

*\$658,324



Salaries & Benefits	\$351,550
Rent & Building Operations	\$166,797
Admin	\$66,524
Capital Equipment & Technology	\$7,451
Acquisitions	\$66,002

* difference due to an influx of passport fees and revisions in personnel impacting expenditures - transferred to capital fund

Grants provide additional supplemental funding to enhance library services. We express our sincere gratitude to the following organizations for their generosity in 2017.

- Stewart's Shops
- The Crooked Rooster
- LaGrange Rotary Club
- LaGrange Lions Club
- New York State Bullet Aid
- Mid-Hudson Library System



2017 Year in Review ~ Statistics

264,264 visitors

6,650 LaGrange Library cardholders



112,331 items borrowed



10,642 reference questions answered

72,621 material holdings

74 magazine subscriptions



6,122 items added to the collection

9,210 eBook & audiobook OverDrive downloads

2,534 eMagazine RBdigital downloads

79,017 website visits



282 adult programs

329 youth programs

4,515 wi-fi sessions

3,609 public computer sessions



Our Accomplishments

- Expanded our digital literacy learning opportunities to include cell phones, tablets, mobile devices, and laptop computers
- Expanded our collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks through OverDrive
- Processed over 1,800 passports as a Passport Acceptance Facility offering 35 convenient service hours of operation
- Offered Sensory Storytime and Sensory Art Adventure programs, creating an inclusive environment for all youth
- Held a Mini Maker Faire for community members to explore and share their creativity, spirit, and ingenuity
- Continued to partner with Abilities First in providing employment and socialization opportunities
- Partnered with the Poughkeepsie Public Library District to participate in The Big Read from the National Endowment for the Arts



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In 2017, the LaGrange Association Library received \$26,987 in donations. We're grateful to our donors and wish to recognize and thank them for their generous support.

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