2018 gratatitude REPORT
Dear Friends and Partners,

We are calling this our Gratitude Report because we are grateful for you!

Libraries are neutral places where we come together to practice democracy with a small \textit{d}: where people from different backgrounds, passions, and interests can attend a program, find a good book, or learn a new skill. Our Library is a beautiful public space that reminds us we’re neighbors, and that we have more commonalities than differences.

Our generous donors provided over $250,000 to the Library in 2018. Your gifts funded books, computers, services like Lynda.com, and most importantly, programs. Programs like free yoga classes, summer reading, the Our Yellowstone month, and Children’s Festival of the Book.

The Library is a mirror of our community, and I like what I see when I look in that mirror. It reflects our shared values. It says we care about equality, learning, and culture. It says this is the kind of community we’ve chosen to create.

This is all possible because of YOUR support. It truly could not happen without each and every one of us investing in this important community resource. Thank you!

Janay Johnson, Executive Director
Bozeman wants a dynamic, thriving library. Public funding covers the basics, but private funding is critical if our Library is going to continue to build beyond books and grow with the needs of our changing community. *Your support makes a profound impact.*
Building Strong Communities

Libraries are among the most democratic and egalitarian community institutions. It's our responsibility to lead the way in encouraging understanding in our increasingly divided nation. Our new civil discourse series engages the community around complex and controversial topics. We find the best speakers, both locally and nationally, to provide different perspectives on each topic. Our first SymBozium forum on Fake News drew a crowd of over 300. We are planning three more for 2019 on topics like the Economics of Immigration and Creative Solutions to Affordable Housing.
Fueling Curiosity for All Ages

Curious people come to the Library every day to learn something new. In September we hosted *Our Yellowstone*, a month-long celebration of the first National Park. The exhibition featured 11 programs with authors, biologists, historians, and artists alongside immersive experiences for adults and children.
Creating Lifelong Learners

Our Library helps every child learn to love books and reading. Our action-packed summer reading program, Libraries Rock!, drew 3000 kids. We also hosted 75 creative workshops for children including: printmaking, world drumming, and improv.

In November we hosted 2000+ local students at the 11th annual Children’s Festival of the Book, Montana’s only literary festival just for kids. This year featured author-illustrator and 2018 Caldecott Medal winner Matthew Cordell as well as authors Tracey Baptiste, Janet Fox, and Edward Hemingway. We devoted a day to teen readers with our first Bozeman Teen Book Fest. Young Adult authors Zoraida Córdova, Jeff Giles, and Kathleen Glasgow joined us for what will become an annual event.
YOUR DONATIONS HELPED US DO SO MUCH FOR SO MANY IN 2018!

439,000+ library visitors

18,180 bookmobile patrons

22,927 program participants

2,348 laptops borrowed by writers, students & job seekers

1,410 hours of video courses viewed on Lynda.com

73 local artists featured in the Atrium Gallery

2,500 sun salutations done in the Community Room
In December we received a $250,000 endowment gift from longtime Library supporter Marcia Anderson. This vital gift will maintain a stable source of funding for teen programs, services, and resources at the Bozeman Public Library for years to come.

**You can find our complete financial statement at:**
bozemanlibraryfoundation.org/about/financials
Our Board & Staff

We welcomed new faces to our organization this year. Dawn Hobson joined as Communications & Marketing Manager and Ethan Barlow, Laura Cunningham, and Nicholas Wickes became members of the Board of Directors.

Foundation staff from left to right: Sarah, Dawn, & Janay

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