

BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mission

It is the mission of Brooklyn Public Library to ensure the preservation and transmission of society's knowledge, history and culture, and to provide the people of Brooklyn with free and open access to information for education, recreation and reference.

Vision

Brooklyn Public Library will be a vital center of knowledge for all, accessible 24 hours a day, and will be a leader in traditional and innovative library services which reflect the diverse and dynamic spirit of the people of Brooklyn.



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



NICHOLAS A. GRAVANTE, JR.

What a difference a year makes.

When the year began, the average Brooklyn Public Library branch offered approximately 42 hours of service per week. Just over one-third of our libraries were open six days per week; the majority were only open five.

With additional support from Mayor de Blasio and the New York City Council, and with the implementation of a number of operating efficiencies, we were able to expand our hours in October 2014 and undertake our largest hiring in nearly a decade. As a result, BPL offered six- or seven-day service at two-thirds of our branches by the end of the year.

This laid the foundation for the Invest in Libraries campaign, a citywide effort waged by our supporters in 2015 to increase the city's funding for libraries. Months of advocacy by librarians and patrons ultimately resulted in a funding increase that allowed us to offer at least six days of service at every Brooklyn branch, increasing our average weekly hours of service to 49

Inside our branches, thanks in part to increased support from thousands of generous donors, patrons continued to find new ways to improve their lives and engage with the community. Our New Americans Corners helped Brooklynites from all over the world access Library, city and federal services. Beginning readers and writers contributed works of prose and poetry to New Expressions, a new annual anthology of writing from the Library's Adult Learning Centers. And the Summer Reading program helped thousands of students stay engaged with literature while school was not in session.

It was a great year for Brooklyn Public Library, and on behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, thank you, as always, for your part in it.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Gravante, Jr. *Chair, Board of Trustees*

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

With new partnerships and through the continued generosity of our supporters, Brooklyn Public Library reached more people in more ways this year than ever before.

We were proud to serve as a registration center for idNYC, New York City's new municipal identification card. Central Library was one of the city's busiest sites, issuing IDs to more than 20,000 New Yorkers through June 30. As a first stop and a trusted resource for immigrants from all over the world, we were particularly eager to participate in a program that is open to all New Yorkers, regardless of their immigration status.

Culture in Transit, a joint project with Queens Library and the Metropolitan New York Library Council, shared BPL's archiving technology and expertise with institutions and individuals throughout the borough. Funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Culture in Transit was one of several initiatives that connected patrons with technology. Another, the Library HotSpot program, a partnership with Google, loaned thousands

of mobile WiFi devices to Brooklynites on the wrong side of the digital divide.

With the opening of Spaceworks at Williamsburgh Library, patrons were able to access new program and event spaces in a historic Carnegie branch. Community organizations offering free programs included El Puente, L'Ecole des Beaux Arts and 826NYC. Meanwhile, three libraries, Park Slope, Bedford and Bay Ridge, provided Brooklynites with transit options through a new partnership with Zipcar.

We're grateful to the many patrons, donors, trustees, elected officials and volunteers who make it possible for the Library to serve every community in this diverse and growing borough. With your continued support, we look forward to many successful years ahead.

Very truly,

Linda E. Johnson President & CEO

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LINDA E. JOHNSON



GOOGLE TRANSLATE TRAINING CITY'S FIRST READERS SKILLSHARE DIGITAL PRIVACY & DATA LITERACY PROJECT SUMMER READING

GOOGLE TRANSLATE TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 2014

Google volunteers host a workshop on Google Translate, a free online translation tool, at Sunset Park Library. The company donates tablets for patrons to use at the training.

CITY'S FIRST READERS

NOVEMBER 2014

BPL participates in the New York City Council's First Readers initiative, introducing children to the many joys and benefits of reading.

SKILLSHARE

MAY 2015

BPL patrons and staff share their skills with the community, offering free classes on website development, breakdancing, urban gardening and more.

DIGITAL PRIVACY & DATA LITERACY PROJECT

MAY 2015

BPL earns a \$240,729 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant Program for a two-year professional training project.

SUMMER READING

JUNE 2015

The 2015 Summer Reading program launches at every BPL branch. The program aims to prevent "summer slide" by encouraging students to read while school is out of session. Lead supporter: the National Grid Foundation.









SERVICE EXPANSION IDNYC

LIBRARY HOTSPOT

INVEST IN LIBRARIES

ELITE 100 INFORMATION WEEK

CULTURE IN TRANSIT

BOOKMOBILE REFRESH

SERVICE EXPANSION

SEPTEMBER 2014

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LIBRARY HOTSPOT

DECEMBER 2014

BPL, New York Public Library and Queens Library launch the Library HotSpot program to reduce NYC's digital divide through the free lending of 4G WiFi devices to patrons who do not have home internet access.

IDNYC

JANUARY 2015

Central Library opens its idNYC office. The new municipal ID program is available to all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status.

INVEST IN LIBRARIES

MARCH 2015

NYC's three library systems kick off Invest in Libraries, a major—and ultimately successful—campaign to convince the city government to increase its financial support of libraries.

INFORMATION WEEK ELITE 100

APRIL 2015

The Library is recognized as one of the 2015 InformationWeek Elite 100, a ranking of the top business technology innovators in the United States.



CULTURE IN TRANSIT

MAY 2015

BPL, Queens Library and the Metropolitan New York Library Council partner to preserve New York City's rich history and cultural heritage. Culture in Transit delivers digitization equipment and expertise throughout the city to help neighborhoods catalog their histories.



BOOKMOBILE REFRESH

JUNE 2015

Brooklyn's Bookmobiles hit the road with a colorful new design by illustrator Adam J. Kurtz.











CHIE NISHIO EXHIBIT MIXING IT UP WITH HERVÉ TULLET SQUICKERWONKERS AT BPL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE FICTION EXHIBIT

LINCOLN CENTER LIVE

AUGUST 2014

A new partnership with Lincoln Center brings free musical, theatrical and dance performances to Brooklyn libraries.

CHIE NISHIO EXHIBIT

OCTOBER 2014

BPL hosts photographer Chie Nishio's The Hasidim of Crown Heights, Brooklyn: A Community Study.

MIXING IT UP WITH HERVÉ TULLET

OCTOBER 2014

Artist Hervé Tullet invites kids and families to Central Library to collaborate on a giant, colorful mural.

THE SQUICKERWONKERS AT BPL

NOVEMBER 2014

Actress Evangeline Lilly reads her children's book, *The Squickerwonkers*, to elementary schools students at Central Library.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE FICTION EXHIBIT

FEBRUARY 2015

The Museum of Science Fiction, the world's first such institution, displays the winners of its architectural design competition at BPL.











CITIZENSHIP INSTRUCTION CLASSES SALUTING OUR VETERANS NEW AMERICANS CORNERS HERMAN'S HOUSE NEW EXPRESSIONS LITERARY JOURNAL

CITIZENSHIP INSTRUCTION CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 2014

BPL launches two year citizenship instruction program at four branches with funding from United States Citizenship & Immigration Services.

SALUTING OUR VETERANS

NOVEMBER 2014

The Library observes Veterans Day with a Veterans Resource Fair at Central. The event features a read-aloud and book signing with bestselling author Captain Luis Montalvan and his trusty service dog, Tuesday.

NEW AMERICANS CORNERS

FEBRUARY 2015

BPL establishes New Americans Corners at every branch, displaying multilingual resources—such as citizenship brochures and naturalization test study aides—in easily accessible, well-trafficked areas.

HERMAN'S HOUSE

APRIL 2015

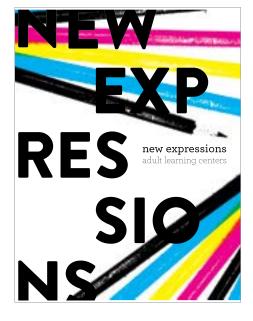
BPL's centerpiece spring exhibition, #76759: Featuring the House That Herman Built, showcases artist Jackie Sumell's work and correspondence with the late Herman Wallace, who spent over four decades in solitary confinement at Angola Prison.

NEW EXPRESSIONS LITERARY JOURNAL

JUNE 2015

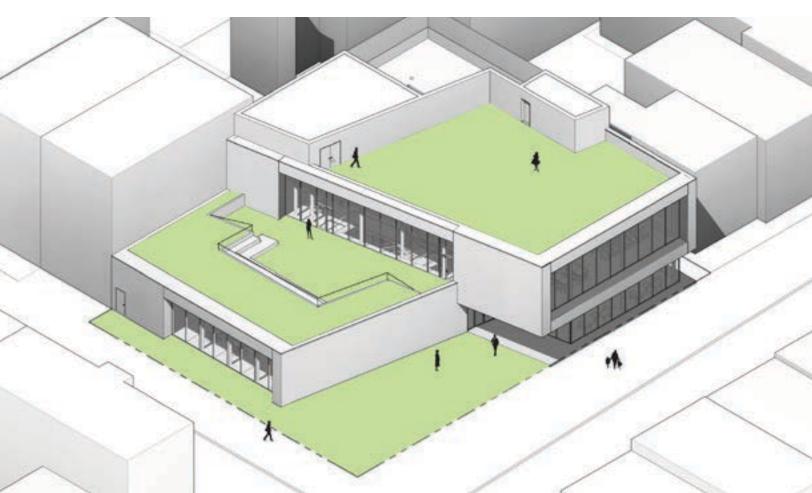
The Library's five Learning Centers host receptions to celebrate the accomplishments of their students. BPL also unveils New Expressions, a collection of fiction, memoir, poetry and essays from beginning adult readers and writers.











BROOKLYN HEIGHTS LIBRARY GREENPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER SPACEWORKS @ WILLIAMSBURGH BRANCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2014

The Brooklyn Heights redevelopment project successfully completed the City's comprehensive land use approval process. The new, state-of-the-art library is scheduled to open in 2020. The branch will be the largest neighborhood library, with more space available for collections and programming.

GREENPOINT LIBRARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

DECEMBER 2014

The Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund awards BPL a \$5 million grant for the Greenpoint Library and Environmental Education Center. Opening in 2018, the center will be a model of sustainable development, offering programming spaces for environmental organizations and increasing awareness of the neighborhood's unique, ongoing environmental challenges.

SPACEWORKS @ **WILLIAMSBURGH**JUNE 2015

BPL partners with Spaceworks to renovate the second floor of Williamsburgh Library, creating new community programming space and affordable studios for artists.

BRANCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

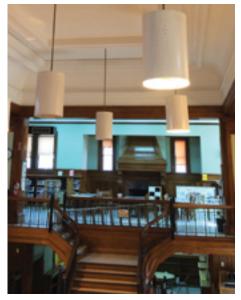
More than a dozen branches benefit from renovations and repairs, including Arlington and Leonard.



Conceptual rendering of the new Brooklyn Heights Library









BROOKYLN EAGLES SUMMER ROOFTOP PARTY BROOKLYN CLASSIC ZIPCAR AT THE LIBRARY POWERUP! AWARDS IMLS NATIONAL MEDAL BIKE THE BRANCHES

BROOKLYN EAGLES SUMMER ROOFTOP PARTY

JULY 2014

With generous support from Sixpoint Brewery and Brooklyn Winery, over 130 friends join the Brooklyn Eagles on the roof of Central Library to celebrate BPL and enjoy a stunning sunset over Grand Army Plaza.

BROOKLYN CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 2014

The second annual Brooklyn Classic raises funds for BPL's programs for children and youth. The Classic is the signature annual event of the Brooklyn Eagles, young and engaged supporters who volunteer, raise funds and advocate for the Library.

ZIPCAR AT THE LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 2014

Zipcars make their debut at Bedford, Bay Ridge and Park Slope libraries. BPL's partnership with Zipcar raises funds to support programming at the host branches.

POWERUP! AWARDS

DECEMBER 2014

The 11th annual PowerUP! Business Plan Competition awards financing and other prizes to the borough's most promising business ideas, including first-place winner JestGreen, a street vendor serving locally sourced greenery and juices.



IMLS NATIONAL MEDAL

FEBRUARY 2015

Brooklyn Public Library is named a finalist for the Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the nation's highest honor given to libraries for service to the community.

BIKE THE BRANCHES

MAY 2015

Brooklynites pump their tires, buckle their helmets and hit the streets for the third annual Bike the Branches ride through the neighborhoods of BPL's 60 libraries.

NYC NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY AWARDS

MAY 2015

New Lots Library receives the 2015 NYC Neighborhood Library Award, the largest cash prize awarded directly to branch libraries in the country. Clinton Hill and Windsor Terrace earn richly deserved nominations.

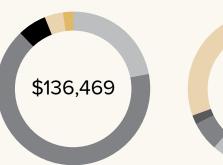


BPL BY THE NUMBERS



\$145,715 \$154,232

FISCAL YEAR 2014





FY 2015 TOTAL EXPENSES

in thousands

- 22% Central Library
- 66% Neighborhood Libraries
- 6% Special Programs
- 4% Management and General
- 2% Fundraising

FY 2015 TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT in thousands

- 64% City of New York
- 8% State and Federal Govt.
- 2% Contributions
- 22% Contributed Facilities
 - & Utilities
- 0% Net Investment Income
- 4% Other

FY 2014 TOTAL EXPENSES

in thousands

- 22% Central Library
- 66% Neighborhood Libraries
- 6% Special Programs
- 4% Management and General
- 2% Fundraising

FY 2014 TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT in thousands

- 61% City of New York
- 6% State and Federal Govt
- 2% Contributions
- 23% Contributed Facilities
 - & Utilities
- 4% Net Investment Income
- 3% Other

FINANCIAL RATIOS						
		Fiscal Year 2015		Fiscal Year 2014		Fiscal Year 2013
Total Operating Expenses	\$ in 000s	%	\$ in 000s	%	\$ in 000s	%
Central Library	31,972	22%	30,122	22%	29,163	22%
Neighborhood Libraries	97,060	66%	90,670	66%	87,136	67%
Special Programs	8,236	6%	7,710	6%	7,425	6%
Management and General	6,195	4%	5,887	4%	5,463	4%
Fundraising	2,252	2%	2,079	2%	1,629	1%
	\$ 145,715	100%	\$136,469	100%	\$ 130,621	100%
Total Revenue & Support						
City of New York	98,691	64%	88,398	61%	85,705	59%
State and Federal Govt	11,855	8%	9,278	7%	12,055	8%
Contributions	3,732	2%	3,008	2%	3,786	3%
Contributed Facilities & Utilities	33,413	22%	33,721	23%	33,041	22%
Net Investment Income	633	0%	5,252	4%	4,255	3%
Other	5,908	4%	4,933	3%	7,491	5%
	\$ 154,232	100%	\$144,590	100%	\$ 146,333	100%

The accompanying statement of financial position was taken from the audited financial statements as of and for the year ending June 30, 2015, for Brooklyn Public Library.

For a complete copy of the audited financial statements, please write to:

Finance Department, Brooklyn Public Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11238

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION in thousands					
	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014			
Assets					
Cash And Cash Equivalents	\$ 15,604	\$ 14,938			
Receivables, Net	11,229	6,543			
Investments	43,032	39,942			
Property And Equipment, Net	30,205	27,775			
Other Assets	102	77			
	100,172	89,275			
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and advances	\$ 9,307	\$ 5,393			
Accrued wages and related liabilities	12,884	11,284			
Deferred revenue	902	1,585			
Total liabilities	23,093	18,262			
Commitments and contigencies (Note 1)					
Net assets:					
Unrestricted					
Corporate	56,145	53,540			
Board-designated for building renovation	7,900	5,000			
Board-designated for use in subsequent fiscal year	5,439	5,939			
Total Unrestricted	69,484	64,479			
Temporarily restricted	5,079	4,026			
Permanently restricted	2,516	2,508			
Total net assets	77,079	71,013			
	\$100,172	\$89,275			

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES in thousands								
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Unrestricted	Permanently Unrestricted	Total June 30, 2015	Unrestricted	Temporarily Unrestricted	Permanently Unrestricted	Total June 30, 2014
Operating support and revenues:								
City of New York	\$ 98,691			\$ 98,691	\$ 88,398			\$ 88,398
State of New York	7,393			7,393	7,066			7,066
Federal government	1,180			1,180	1,136			1,136
Contribution income	786	2,938		3,724	1,198	1,804		3,002
Purchase discount reimbursement contribution	1,407			1,407	1,169			1,169
Contributed facilities and utilities	33,327			33,327	33,301			33,301
Net investment income	1,375	168		1,543	1,345	157		1,502
Contributed goods and services	86			86	420			420
Special events, net of direct benefit to donors of \$178 and \$97 in 2015 and 2014, respectively	425			425	406			406
Fines, royalties and other revenue	4,076			4,076	3,277			3,277
	148,746	3,106		151,852	137,716	1,961		139,677
Net assets released from restrictions for operations	1,957	(1,957)		0	2,267	(2,267)		0
Total operating revenues and support	150,703	1,149		151,852	139,983	(306)		139,677
Operating expenses:								
Program services:								
Central library	31,972			31,972	30,122			30,122
Neighborhood libraries	97,060			97,060	90,670			90,670
Special programs	8,236			8,236	7,710			7,710
Total program services	137,268			137,268	128,502			128,502
Supporting services:								
Management and general	6,195			6,195	5,888			5,888
Fund-raising	2,252			2,252	2,079			2,079
Total supporting services	8,447			8,447	7,967			7,967
Total operating expenses	145,715			145,715	136,469			136,469
Change in net assets from operating activities	4,988	1,149		6,137	3,514	(306)		3,208
Non-operating activities:								
Grants and contributions	3,282	1		3,282	1,076	1		1,077
Permanently restricted contributions			8	8			5	5
Insurance Proceeds					165			165
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(102)			(102)	(84)			(84)
Depreciation	(2,349)			(2,349)	(2,013)			(2,013)
Investment gains (losses) not designated for current operations	(814)	(96)		(910)	3,356	394		3,750
Net assets released from restrictions for capital expenditures					719	(719)		0
Change in net assets from non-operating activities	17	(96)	8	(71)	3,219	(324)	5	2,900
Change in net assets	5,005	1,053	8	6,066	6,733	(630)	5	6,108
Net assets – July 1	64,479	4,026	2,508	71,013	57,746	4,656	2,503	64,905
Net assets – June 30	\$69,484	\$5,079	\$2,516	\$ 77,079	\$ 64,479	\$4,026	\$2,508	\$ 71,013

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