The Year — BY THE NUMBERS

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*Includes Ocean State Libraries eZone & Kanopy

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**Financial Information**

Snapshot of the Providence Community Library operating finances (unaudited) for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

- **Resources:** $5,440,528
  - Donated Materials 1%
  - Other Income 2%
  - Donations/Grants 9%
  - RI State Grant-in-aid 15%
  - City of Providence 73%

- **Use of Resources:** $5,440,528
  - Occupancy 10%
  - Other Operating/Program 7%
  - Library Materials 6%
  - Library Consortium Membership 4%
  - Personnel 73%

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**Circulation by Audience** 451,747

- Youth 41%
- Adults 53%
- Teens 6%

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**Total Number of Programs** 6,814

- Adults 23%
- Family 4%
- Teens 13%
- School Age 48%
- Pre-School 12%

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**Total Program Attendance** 85,869

- Adults 15%
- Family 7%
- Teens 14%
- School Age 45%
- Pre-School 19%

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*Students at three elementary schools including Alfred Lima, (pictured on cover) were given five free books each to keep and to read every day over the summer. PCL will monitor to see if the book giveaway has an effect on their reading results. The books were purchased with funds from United Way of RI.*
As we begin a very special tenth anniversary year, PCL has many reasons to celebrate! The PVD Young Makers initiative produced an explosion of positive, youthful energy at all locations. The maker spaces have attracted a lot of interest from parents and older residents and several locations have responded by adding adult maker sessions to their weekly program lineups. A generous $45,300 grant from OLIS enabled PCL to equip a traveling Everyplace Makerspace with maker tools and materials, providing a creative compliment to the PCL Mobile Library, which has received renewed funding from the United Way of Rhode Island.

Providence Talks groups brought dozens of young families into our library spaces for the first time, while a new Teens Read card increased the appeal of the Summer Reading Program for middle school students. The addition of Kanopy to PCL’s digital services provided cardholders with instant streaming access to 30,000 movies and other quality content. With an updated strategic plan in place and the injection of fresh ideas and energy from a new Director of Philanthropy and several new library managers and staff, we look forward to the future!

All of our libraries have continued to thrive. We have renovated and made improvements to several libraries, including Smith Hill and Wanskuck and have begun the restoration of Knight Memorial. Olneyville, which was flooded a few years back, is now in better condition than ever.

We created an innovative school preparedness program, Ready For K!, now available at all PCL locations. Our Big Red Bus visits elementary schools and recreation centers throughout the city, as part of our extensive summer reading program. We were the first library to lend hotspot devices; we established coding and technology classes, offer free GED in Spanish classes as well as computer builder workshops that teach the next generation how to build fully functional devices.

These and other accomplishments would not have been possible without the commitment of our staff, board, community partners and donors. This past year, under the leadership of our new Library Director, Cheryl Space, has been especially productive, and I look forward to her continued guidance as we enter our second decade.

**Demand for our services continue to grow! For 2018-2019, library usage was up from the previous year:**

- **9%** increase in walk-in patrons
- **20%** increase in number of programs
- **33%** increase in program attendance
- **25%** increase in circulation
- **42%** increase in meeting room reservations
- **74%** increase in meeting room attendance
- **74%** increase in wifi usage
Providence Community Library once again teamed with Providence Public Library, Providence Public Schools and the PVD Mayor’s Office to produce the Passport to Summer Learning. About 2,400 youth participated in the summer reading program in 2018, an increase of approximately 1,000 readers from the previous year. PCL’s mobile library visited school sites on its regular weekly schedule and offered 153 outreach programs to 2,677 youth, including students enrolled in day camps at the City’s recreation centers.

Providence Talks play groups were a highlight of the year at PCL. Trained staff from Federal Hill House worked with staff to implement a curated version of innovative early learning and coaching model. The programs were effective in reaching new families, which often transitioned to other library activities when the groups ended.

**TOP OF PAGE** Mayor Jorge Elorza and son Omar attend Providence Talks at Washington Park Library.

**ABOVE RIGHT** New PVD Teens Read card that encourages middle school students to complete 20 hours of reading and to explore PVD Young Makers activities around the libraries.

**LEFT** Professor Susan Smulyan explored the connections between art and education at her presentation in the Long Story Short series of micro-courses at South Providence Library. This exciting collaboration between PCL and the Dept. of American Studies and the Center for Public Humanities at Brown University was supported by a grant from the American Studies Association.
As more organizations request on-site visits, outreach is an increasingly important part of PCL’s mission.

ABOVE: PCL had a booth at the RI PrideFest for the first time! With themed book raffles, crafts, and fun activities, library staff interacted with over 200 attendees and spread the message that the library is a welcoming and safe space for the LGBTQ+ community!

ABOVE: PCL staff was invited by Arnell Milhouse and CareerDevs Computer Science University to bring PVD Young Makers to WaterFire’s Tech Night. Visitors created designs using maker tools and experienced videos made by PCL’s teen interns for Virtual Providence.

BELOW: Dhana and Siv of Mt. Pleasant Library make regular visits to the nearby Hillcrest Village apartments, where they set up a community room to function like a library...

“...Hillcrest staff told us ‘We really need this service and the residents are always waiting and so grateful.’” Dhana Whiting

ABOVE: PCL’s new EverySpace Makespace takes PVD Young Makers out of library buildings and into the community. The truck is equipped with a vinyl cutter, 3D Printer, Surface Pro devices, Dash Robots, 360-degree cameras, printer, sewing machines, a 4K laser projector and screen, STEM sets, building kits and a giant tent, funded by a generous $45,300 Studio Rhode grant from the RI Office of Library and Information Services.

Arran French, Everyplace Makerspace/FabNewport
Kids love access to technology that they would not otherwise experience. They love to see the 3D printer working. The Everyplace Makerspace completely opens up their minds, as many don’t realize that such technology exists.
PVD Young Makers has transformed our libraries into hubs of youth leadership and creative innovation. In our first year, 7,618 visits were made to PVD Young Makers by 2,319 youth, including 460 superusers, who made five or more visits!

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Fox Point Library

Fox Point is a hive of activity for youth both during and after school: 14 classes from neighboring Vartan Gregorian Elementary School visited during school hours, while after school, youth flocked to participate in PVD Young Makers workshops, open studios, regular “crafternoons” and STEAM-based programs. Fox Point’s Book Club for adults, formed in 2011, is still going strong.

Olneyville Library

Olneyville is all about energy—from patrons, from arts organizations, and from other neighborhood afterschool programs. Developing deeper relationships with community partners is a vital focus for this small but active library. Thanks to a $53,200 CDGB grant, the building has been revitalized.
Wanskuck hosted a distinguished panel of experts from the New England First Amendment Coalition as it discussed The First Amendment and the Free Press. The panel consisted of Boston Globe’s Edward Fitzpatrick, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Mike Stanton, WPRI 12’s Tim White and Dr. Paola Prado of Roger Williams University.

Recently established Thursday-night programs such as Costumes in the Age of Downton Abbey, aromatherapy, an adult coloring club, open makerspace studio time, and folded book-art workshops have brought in new adult patrons. The reinvigorated Friends’ group has invested generously in its library and donated an American Doll, with accessories, which is now on loan for patrons!

WASHINGTON PARK LIBRARY

From animation to animals, circus to chess, dancing to crafting, makerspace to parties, board games to writing, and ballet to fortnite...we do it all at Washington Park Library!

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Wanskuck is a center of lively after school activity. PVD Young Makers is hugely popular and a fruitful partnership with Providence College has generated successful youth programs.

When Kenrick (pictured with family) needed to obtain a GED certificate, he worked to pass the tests with PCL’s GED coach, Carolyn Brown. Kenrick subsequently enrolled at CCRI for a business studies degree. “Miss Carol has been one of my biggest blessings, with all the advice she gave me, for the way she believed in me, and supporting me to not give up.”

Below: Young students worked with fashion designer Candace French during a 5-week sewing course to design, create and model their own Kimonos.

DENISE BROPHY Volunteers are so essential allowing us to offer much more. Often when kids arrive at Wanskuck, they ask ‘Where is Miss Inez (our sewing volunteer)?’ They can’t wait to start sewing with her!

LEFT Library Manager Amy and Keith of FabNewport with fairy garden creations made at Washington Park and displayed at an exhibition at the Roger Williams Botanical Center.

RIGHT Kids proudly show the comics they created.

ABOVE Washington Park’s first Fortnite online game tournament was filled to capacity with 25 competitors.

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AMY ROSA From animation to animals, circus to chess, dancing to crafting, makerspace to parties, board games to writing, and ballet to fortnite...we do it all at Washington Park Library!
Mt. Pleasant’s annual jazz event attracts outstanding local talent. The latest concert featured Tish Adams and Candida Rose with Joe Potenza on bass, Gino Rosati on guitar and Vinnie Pagano on drums. As always, this was a real crowd-pleaser!

GARDEN Club members meet twice a week at Davis Park Community Garden to grow cucumbers, peppers, onions, collard greens, kale and more.

ARTIST Cathren Housley presents her RISCA-funded board game workshop in the new teen space.

Mount Pleasant Library

Mt. Pleasant has added to its lively mix of arts and cultural programming, like the Board Game Night which has attracted the 30 plus crowd, and the new Garden Club giving patrons the chance to get outside and grow their own food.

The new teen space is having a positive impact on young library users. When not in use for PVD Young Makers, it is a venue for the library’s book clubs or general community meetings. The new ADA-compliant restroom on the first floor will further boost accessibility to the building.
Smith Hill Library

Smith Hill Library is part of the fabric of the neighborhood and continues to provide critical access to technology and internet, hosts popular programs and events, such as the Friends of the Library Holiday Bazaar and plays a leading part in the organization of the annual Smith Hill Block Party.

**Smith Hill hosted More Hours for PCL in March, launching PCL’s ongoing advocacy campaign to extend library hours across the city.**

**Ms. Jennifer went to several public schools to give programs, including Where I Live, Urban America and Careers. They were a perfect fit with the schools’ social studies curriculum and encouraged students to visit the library.**

**Ethel Stewart** We supported a homeless family: we watched them grow, get housing, food, and clothing ...one family member is going to college now. We go past the job and respond as human beings who can sympathize and help. We assist in countless ways.

**Alan Gunther** The kids who were around when I first arrived are now parents themselves. They come in and joke, “Hey, you still here? You gave me a hard time back then!” They tell their kids to listen to staff and follow directions, because they trust us. They see the library as a safe place and want their kids to spend time here.

**South Providence Library**

This Southside gathering place has a huge impact on the local community, providing a variety of programs as well as attention to the diverse needs of its individual library users.

**Edilberta provides interest and stimulation for local senior center users with a class featuring 30 minutes of Zumba exercise followed by a craft.**

**Rain could not dampen the enthusiasm of neighborhood supporters who gathered to weed and plant new seedlings at South Providence’s annual Earth Day celebration.**
Knight Memorial’s caring staff responds to requests from recent immigrants for resources in languages that include Spanish, French, Creole, Vietnamese and Arabic. Its active Friends group runs the Southside’s only bookstore and sponsors community events, which this year included concerts and a cheese making demonstration.

**GALEYALLOP** We have six schools within walking distance and several social service agencies nearby. We provide a safe place for new immigrants and we work hard to serve people who face challenges such as homelessness, domestic violence and addiction.

*Above* Knight Memorial’s spectacular Game of Thrones-themed display, the winning entry in a PCL-wide contest during National Library Week.

*Above Bottom* PCL’s Spanish-language GED Class of 2019 celebrated their graduations in the auditorium.

*Above* Providence Preservation Society (PPS) awarded artist Walker Mettling a grant to produce a hardcover art book about the library building and the project was the subject of a PPS Sites and Stories Explored walking tour in October.

**Top of Page** PCL renovated the roof and exterior shell of the historic building and updated the electrical and fire systems, thanks to generous grants from the Champlin Foundation. Knight Memorial was added to Providence Preservation Society’s Endangered Properties List in 2018.
This year, Rochambeau expanded its language classes to include Italian, Chinese and Hebrew, in addition to its existing English as a Second Language (ESL) and extremely popular Learn Spanish courses. A Dorcas International event, Immigrants and Refugees of Rhode Island drew a large crowd as did the co-hosted series: Conversations About Race.

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