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## 2017 Annual Report

The images and graphics in our 2017 Annual Report help to tell part of the story for the Brockville Public Library (BPL). The evidence confirms increased use of the Library resources, experiences and services provided within the Buell Street building, in community locations and virtually through online access. These improvements are the result of the coordinated efforts from many people and supporting organizations.

The City of Brockville provides a significant portion of the operating budget through tax-based funding. The building is owned and maintained by the City and several recent facility upgrades have helped to ensure an accessible, welcoming and safe space for customers. The Library is a critical asset for the City of Brockville.

BPL staff members are recognized for their innovative programs, connections with community organizations and service to customers. You are likely to be welcomed by them in the library, in a community location or even on a trail leading young explorers. Volunteers, with a wide range of interests and talents, contribute daily to the library's success and delivery of service. We are also fortunate to have an active and supportive *Friends of the Brockville Public Library* group, who enthusiastically promote literacy and local authors. Their renowned bake and treasure sales provide funds for some of the furnishings and program supports, which further enhance the experience of a library visit.

As noted in the 2017 Annual Report, the Library is fortunate to have the support and encouragement from several partners and community groups who provide funding and/or program support. The Library is increasingly dependent upon donations and grants to provide quality services, programs and up-to-date resources. We are thankful to our donors for their support; donations of any size are welcomed and make a difference within this community.

In 2018, we are reviewing our current Strategic Plan, celebrating the accomplishments and identifying the areas still requiring attention. We look forward to refreshing our focus and priorities for action; actions that will meet the needs of our community. BPL actively serves people of all ages, interests, and abilities, thus providing a cornerstone for a healthy community.

Nancy Bowman, Chair Brockville Public Library



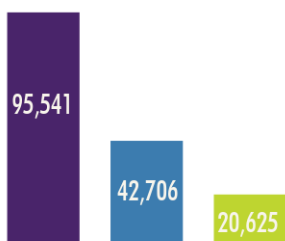
# Brockville Public Library

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## 2017 Annual Report

### Quick Facts

#### Items borrowed 2017



■ Print materials ■ A/V ■ eTitles

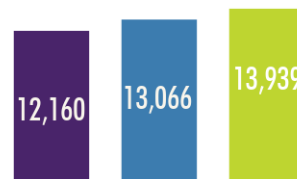
#### Library visits 2017



■ In-person (124,548 people)

■ Online (website & catalogue) (123,462 people)

#### Number of library cardholders



■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017

### 2017 Highlights



#### Fruits & Veggie program

This summer kids in the community learned about healthy eating and gained gardening skills when we opened the Library's community garden. We will be continuing this program next summer with additional garden beds!



#### Experience Collection

This summer we launched our Experience Collection and are now lending fishing rods, geocaching kits and MAPsacks. Stay tuned for more additions in 2018!



#### New Children's Section

On Family Day 2017 the Library opened its new and updated children's section. Thanks to the City of Brockville and the Rotary Club for making this possible!



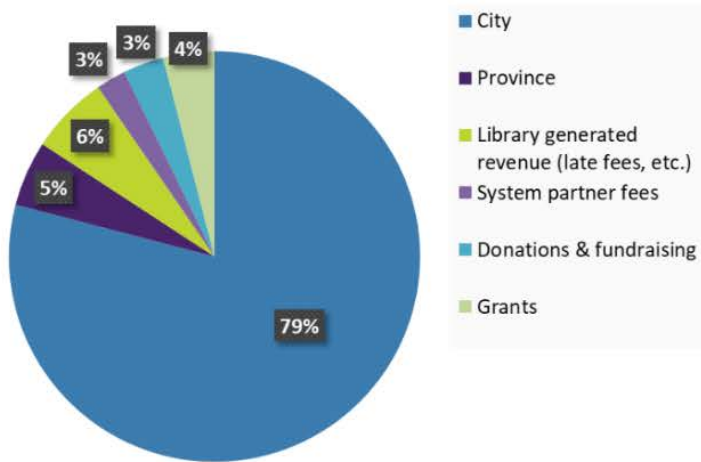
#### Virtual Reality

In October we launched our new Oculus Rift Virtual Reality (VR) system. Customers can now visit the ocean floor, ride a roller coaster or go rock climbing within the Library's virtual world.

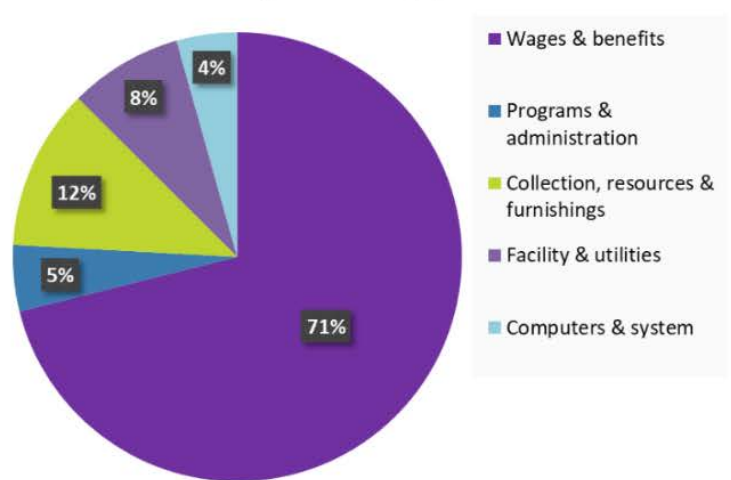
Stop by the Library to book your tutorial!

# 2017 Finances\*

## Where your money comes from



## Where your money goes



\*based on unaudited financial statements

# 2017 Community Partners



The Ross W. McNeil Foundation



Brockville Mental Health Centre



Brockville 50+ Activity Centre

To all of our supporters this year....  
Thank you!



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## Library Hours

Mon	9am - 1pm
Tues, Wed, Thurs	9am - 8pm
Fri, Sat	9am - 5pm
Sun	1pm - 5pm*

\*Closed Sundays of long weekends