











# 2018 IMPACT REPORT





# DEAR LIBRARY SUPPORTERS,

I am honored to serve as President of the Long Beach Public Library Foundation for 2019. The Foundation has a long history of promoting learning opportunities in Long Beach that is made possible thanks to the generosity of supporters of literacy and education.

Starting in 1996, the Foundation, through charitable contributions, has provided funding for programs at all 12 of the city's public libraries. These funds have supported many vital programs for children, teens, families, seniors, veterans, the disabled, and anyone else who visits the Library.

The Library is so much more than a place to pick up a book. Many educational programs are available, including the

Career Online High School program which gives adults who did not graduate from high school the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma. The Library Foundation supports scholarships to make this opportunity accessible to those who need it. Since 2016, 42 students have graduated, several with plans to further their education at a community college or university.

Our Long Beach Public Library system is the city's leader in providing free computer access to help bridge the city's "digital divide" in which an estimated 1 in 4 households lacks an adequate portal to the Internet. The Library Foundation supports resources such as the Family Learning Center program, which includes one-on-one guidance and technology for homework help and job-search support, and the Studio technology learning labs.

In 2018, we supported the launch of the Library's new early literacy program, Dive into Reading. This program helps parents and guardians raise lifelong readers by reading 1,000 books or more to their children before kindergarten. We also celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dictionary Days program with the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation. Thanks to our partnership with the Miller Foundation, over 120,000 dictionary/thesauruses have been given to Long Beach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students since 2003.

We know that libraries are critical to our city's economic development, its educational foundation, and its safety net. On behalf of our outstanding librarians, our terrific Foundation staff, and our dedicated Board members, I thank you for your support of the Long Beach Public Library and invite you to join us in building a "library of the future." Each and every contribution truly makes a difference in our spectacular city.

Sincerely.

Barhara Schwerin

2019 President, Board of Directors

Pictured: Barbara Schwerin (fourth from right), Library Foundation Board members, and Friends of the Library in the Foundation's office at the previous Main Library in January 2019.

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81,763 youth attended Library programs

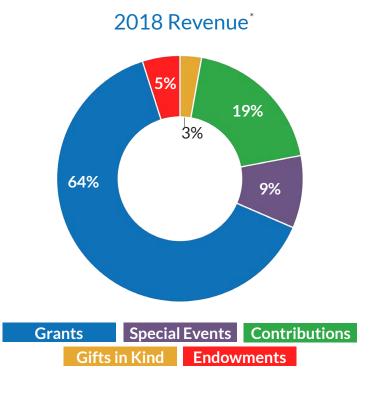
**22,281** Family Learning Center sessions

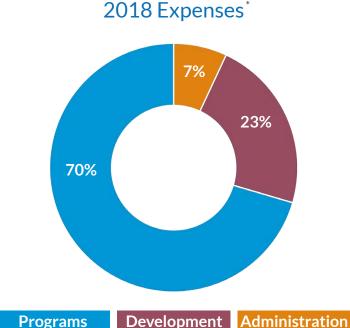
10,850 individuals served by the Studios and Mobile Studio

5,600 dictionaries given to LBUSD 3rd grade students

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The Library Foundation contributed \$1,034,657 directly to Library programs and enhancements in 2018.





# **THANK YOU!**

The Long Beach Public Library Foundation couldn't have accomplished all this without your generous support. Our sincerest thanks for all you do.

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The new Main Library, opening in the Summer of 2019, will transform downtown with a bright, welcoming, modern space and programs for all members of the Long Beach community. It will offer free educational opportunities that support individuals as they seek to enrich and improve their own lives and their community.

Thanks to a public/private partnership between Long Beach and Plenary Edgemoor Civic Partners, the new Main Library and public buildings in the new Civic Center are being built without additional costs to tax-payers in exchange for land on which the developers will build their own profit-making structures. However, this only covers the cost of the building and basic furnishings. New technology and resources to create a library that will serve our community's 21st century needs will need to be supported by donations. The Long Beach Public Library Foundation's goal is to create a library of the future, but we need your help to accomplish it.

#### A CENTER FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

You can help fill this new building and create a treasure of learning and development for Long Beach. The new Main Library will not only serve downtown Long Beach, but will also serve as the central hub of the Long Beach Public Library system and provide educational opportunities for everyone across the city.

Now is your chance to be a part of the very foundation of the new Main Library by joining us as a Founding Donor. Recognition opportunities are available at all levels of giving. Every dollar makes a difference.

See more and become a Founding Donor at LBPLfoundation.org/newmain.



Sunday, June 9, 2019 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Museum of Latin American Art

Sponsorships and tickets are available.

Learn more about our evening of fine wines.
gourmet foods, and exciting bidding opportunities

to benefit Library programs at

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# UPCOMING EVENTS SUPPORTED BY THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

#### **Dive into Reading One Year Anniversary Celebration**

April 19, 10:00 a.m. at Mark Twain Neighborhood Library
Dive into Reading supports families with tools, guidance, and events as they read 1,000 books or more before their children enter kindergarten.

### **Mobile Studio Powered by Marathon Petroleum Company**

Look out for the Mobile Studio bringing fun and exciting makerspace activities to libraries and events throughout the city.

- Construct Robo Arms, April 9, 4:00 p.m. at Los Altos Library
- Construct a Pantograph, April 16, 4:00 p.m. at Los Altos Library
- Sewing Rebellion, April 20, 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. at Michelle Obama Library
- Earth Day Celebration, April 20, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Growing Experience, 750 E. Via Carmelitos, Long Beach, CA 90805
- Construct Linkages, April 23, 4:00 p.m. at Los Altos Library
- Automata Construction, April 30, 4:00 p.m. at Los Altos Library
- Fourth Fridays on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, April 26, 6:00 9:00 p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Temple and Cherry

Visit LBPL.org or your local branch to learn about the many weekly events and programs at the Long Beach Public Library.

## LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARIES (knowledge gives us wings)



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