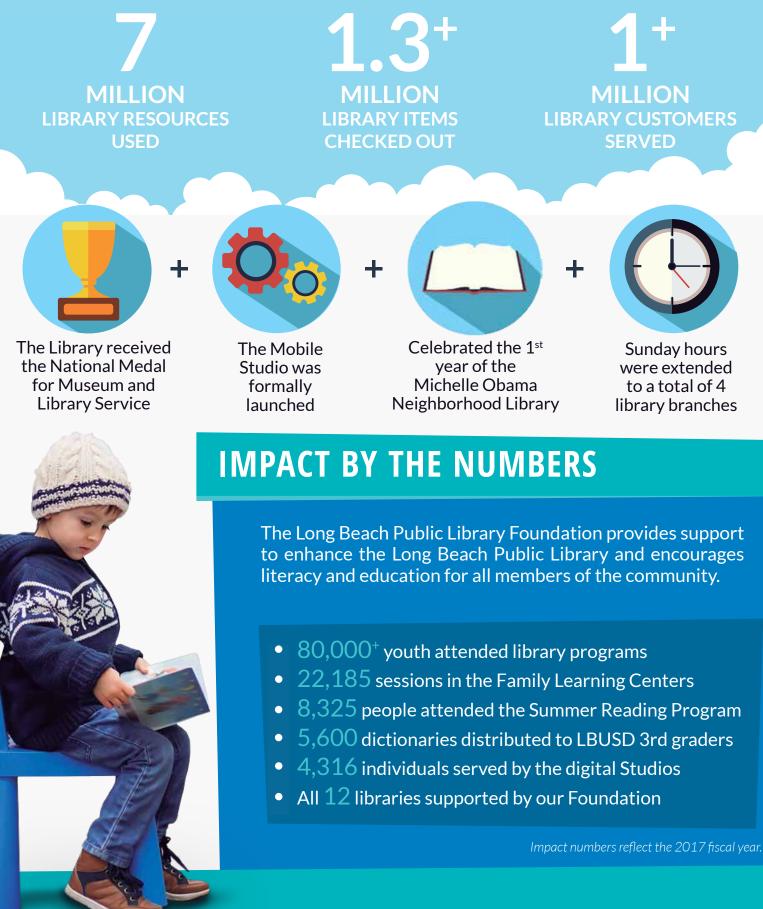


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### LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



# DEAR LIBRARY SUPPORTERS,

This has been a monumental year for the Long Beach Public Library! I thank all of you for supporting our efforts to bring literacy programs and educational resources to more than 1 million patrons who visited our public libraries this year.

This summer, the Long Beach Public Library received the **National Medal for Museum and Library Service**, the nation's highest honor given to libraries and museums for exceptional service to the community. I was joined by library volunteer

Bryant Ben to accept the national medal at the National Archives Museum in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the talented Library staff who made this award possible. Our staff works incredibly hard every day to create the quality events, classes and services that earned this award. I am proud to see this work recognized on a national level.

While the majority of the Library's funding comes from the City's General Fund, there are valuable services that wouldn't be possible without the generosity of the Long Beach Public Library Foundation donors. Without your grants and donations, we would not be able to assist thousands of children and families with homework assignments, résumés and job applications and also teach new, marketable skills like graphic design, coding, stop motion animation and computer literacy through our Family Learning Centers and makerspace Studio learning labs. These programs transform lives and communities.

For the upcoming year, we've set ambitious goals to further connect people, inspire ideas and transform lives. We are committed to reaching more children and families and ensuring that they know they can rely on our public libraries and library educators as active partners in learning for a lifetime. We will continue to provide self-directed learning, research assistance and instructive and enlightening opportunities that enhance the skills of our Long Beach residents. We exist to partner with our community to meet their personal and educational goals.

Our public libraries are an important part of this city's educational system—we serve the diverse needs of our community and provide education for all. We greatly appreciate your support of our mission and hope we can count on you as we continue to expand our impact in the city of Long Beach.

Thank you for contributing to the success of our award-winning libraries, and making such an important investment in the human capital of our community.

Sincerely,

Glenda Will

Glenda Williams Director of Library Services





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### FAMILY LEARNING CENTER PROGRAM

For over twenty years, our Library Foundation has funded enhancements at our public libraries, but our greatest accomplishment by far is the Family Learning Center (FLC) program which has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of visitors. In 1999, the Library Foundation raised funds to launch the Family Learning Centers to address low literacy rates and poor academic performance among the city's most disadvantaged youth. Originally, physical centers were launched at each of the 12 libraries with computers, textbooks and resources for homework help, research, job search assistance, computer access, and digital literacy support.

Now the program has progressed to reach a wider community within and outside of the Libraries. Programs like Brainfuse allow students and families to



get one-on-one tutoring, homework help and résumé building assistance from their home, free with a library card. But patrons who prefer in-person assistance can still get it through the expertise of Foundation-funded Learning Guides. Since the launch of this program, the Learning Guides have held over 500,000 free sessions with patrons of all ages.

In our city, where 1 in 4 households lacks an adequate portal to the internet,\* these resources are needed now more than ever.

In our increasingly digital world, more and more homework, job applications, college applications, and communication must be completed online. Our libraries are our city's greatest resource in bridging the digital divide.

Thank you for your support for our Family Learning Center program and everyone who visits – from a child completing a project for school, a student researching scholarship opportunities, a job seeker completing an online application, or a senior who needs help accessing resources.

\*2016 American Community Survey



Photo: Long Beach Public Library





# THE MOBILE STUDIO PREMIERE





On April 1, 2017 the Long Beach Public Library launched the Mobile Studio, a makerspace on wheels designed to bring digital technology and classes on engineering, innovation, and design to all of the library branches, schools, parks, community events, and nonprofit organizations.

The Mobile Studio is equipped with 3D printers, robotics supplies, tablets and more to support STEM education throughout Long Beach.

The Library Foundation is thrilled to be part of the development of The Studio program from the first day it opened at Main Library, to its expansion at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library — and now even more so with the launch of its mobile extension, armed to the wheels with resources for patrons of every age.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Library Foundation donors Andeavor, the LGA Family Foundation, and the California Resources Corporation, the Library's highly trained Studio Guides take the Mobile Studio throughout the city.

Visit lbpl.org/studio to learn where the Mobile Studio will stop next.

Photos: Long Beach Public Library





# **STUDIO STORIES**

Gifts to the Library Foundation opportunities for provide the next generation of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) workers to develop their skills and explore different educational and career paths. The Studios at Main and Michelle Obama Neighborhood Libraries and the Mobile Studio provide thousands of participants with access to 3D printers, tablets, and desktop computers loaded with creative, design, film, and music software, free to use under the guidance of highly-talented Studio Guides.

Check out what a couple of Studio students accomplished at the library.



There are so many things that I've imagined making but never knew how. The Main Library Studio staff challenged me to learn and bring the ideas to life. This Atari Punk console was something that The Studio staff showed me during a summer that I needed a project. After some research, I figured how to make my own with breadboarding circuits. The Studio Guides have taught me: if you think it, you can make it. ?? 66 I was in China, looking Meet Janet to connect with people who could 3D print a Phoenix Hand from the E-Nable Community for a child in need. After many dead ends, I discovered that the library in my home town had the free resources and knowledge to bring this project to life. Now I look forward to involving the youth in my church group to better understand this technology and use it in their lifetime.



# THE FIRST YEAR OF A NEW AND INCREDIBLE LIBRARY



On September 10, 2016, nearly 5,000 eager patrons attended the grand opening of the new branch library in north Long Beach, the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library. The Long Beach Public Library Foundation raised over \$1 million to support the new library thanks to the library's Founding Donors. These gifts have helped the library offer countless opportunities.

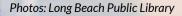
Excitement and interest has continued as many thousands of patrons visited the library during its first full year. By the end of September 2017, the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library had received over 190,000 visitors enjoying the reading spaces, technological resources, 3D printing programs, job skills enhancement resources, daily programs for children, teens and adults, and so much more.

In just the first six months of operation, library visits increased by 70% and program and class participation increased by 90% compared to the old North Long Beach Library. The library has also received awards from the American Public Works Association, the Construction Management Association of America, and national recognition when the Long Beach Public Libraries were awarded the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The 12<sup>th</sup> month of the new library ended with a first for the Long Beach Public Library, the library's first high school graduation ceremony on September 30, 2017. Last year, the library began offering the Career Online High School program for adults to earn a true high school diploma using library resources. These participants completed their education at the new library, which then hosted the graduation ceremony. The Library Foundation supports this program with scholarships to make this opportunity accessible to those who need it. So far, 12 students have graduated.

The new library also houses some of the library system's most-needed new programs. The Cultural Conversations event series highlights Long Beach as "The International City" by bringing patrons and community organizations together to share stories and give insight as to what it is like living in another country. Earlier this year, the library opened the first Citizenship Corner in our library system. It holds a variety of free resources for those interested in the naturalization process.

The Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library has become a center for learning and development in north Long Beach. This was all made possible thanks to people like you!





# **PROMOTING LITERACY**

When children enter the fourth grade, their lessons shift. Instead of learning to read, they read to learn. Unfortunately, studies show that students who do not read proficiently by third grade are four times more likely than proficient readers to leave high school without a diploma.\*

The Library Foundation works with the Library on programs to inspire and nurture the next generation of proficient readers. Thank you to our supporters who join us in promoting literacy one reader at a time.

\*Campaign for Grade Level Reading



Photo: Lindsey Ingram and the Mayor's Fund for Education



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### **Mayor's Book Club**

As part of the second annual Mayor's Book Club event, the Library and our foundation joined forces with the Mayor's Fund for Education and the Aquarium of the Pacific to promote early literacy with real and fantasy ocean life.

On December 9, Mayor Robert Garcia welcomed *New York Times* best-selling children's author Jan Brett to the Aqaurium to share her latest book, *The Mermaid*, with hundreds of guests. Thanks to the Mayor's Fund for Education, every child who attended received a free copy of the book to have signed by the author herself.

### **Summer Reading Program**

The Summer Reading Program addresses the "summer slide" by engaging K-12 youth in a challenge to read, ensuring that Long Beach students maintain the educational gains they made during the school year. Thanks to generous contributions from the Riordan Foundation and Niagra Cares, we supported the Library in registering 8,325 participants this past summer.

### **Dictionary Days**

Thanks to generous support to our Library Foundation from the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation, 5,600 dictionary/ thesauruses were gifted to LBUSD 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. The Library's annual Dictionary Days in May of this past year brought 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to the Library for a learning celebration in which students got to know their dictionaries through dynamic games.



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Readers,

Over the last three years, the Long Beach Public Library Foundation has experienced significant change. Through it all, we have proven to be a strong organization, due in no small part to our hardworking staff, our dedicated Board of Directors, and our loyal donors.

Since 2015, our Board welcomed a diverse group of new Directors who, alongside our esteemed Founder and other experienced Directors, oversee our operations and fiscal solvency. Our Board Directors are our best advocates. This year, they spoke at a number of Long Beach City Council meetings to help successfully secure city funding for Sunday hours at four library branches.

Our Foundation invested in talented new staff who brought fresh ideas and skills to our team. We have enhanced our communications, spreading the word that libraries are a great investment, and better informing donors as to how their gifts support literacy.

We have increased grant funding by 32%, and secured a number of new partners. We hosted new events to engage the next generation of library supporters. This, along with growing our endowment to more than \$6 million, will allow programs like the Family Learning Center program to serve children and families for generations to come.

We're proud of what we've accomplished in our 21 years. We've seen first-hand that libraries transform lives and communities. Of course, none of this would be possible without your generous support. Thank you for making valuable investments in our libraries, an important piece of Long Beach's public education system.

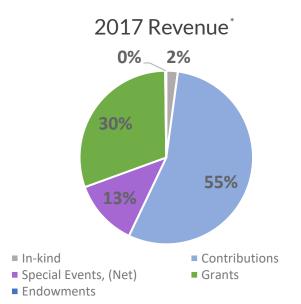
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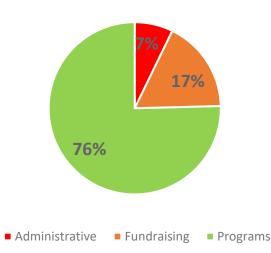
Kate Azar Library Foundation Executive Director



#### So far this year, the Library Foundation has contributed \$1,098,771 directly to Library programs.\*



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On September 19, Long Beach librarians, library supporters, and our city leaders gathered to celebrate and sign the first steel beam bolted in place at what will soon become the New Main Library. The Rotary Club of Long Beach marked the occasion with a gift of \$250,000 in support of early literacy at the new library.

The New Main Library is targeted to open in the summer of 2019. We will be sharing updates on the progress on social media and our website, LBPLfoundation.org.

To discuss naming opportunities in the New Main Library, please contact Erica Bradley at Erica@LBPLfoundation.

Top: Rendering of future Main Library, Plenary-Edgemoor Civic Partners Bottom: First steel beam signing with Library Foundation Board President J.P. Shotwell, Rotary Scholarship Chair Jane Netherton, Rotary President Steve Keesal, Director of Library Services Glenda Williams, and Library Foundation Executive Director Kate Azar

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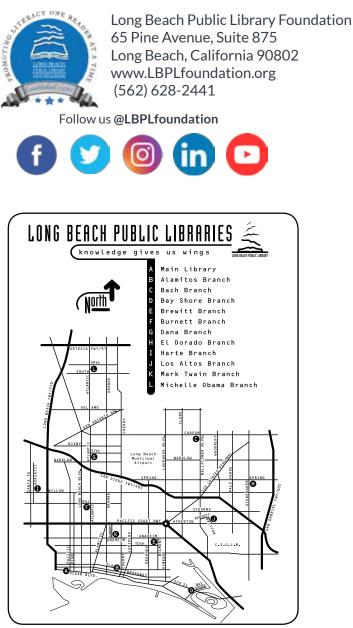
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