

Buena Park Library District Annual Report 2017/2018



39,784
Reference
questions
were
answered

Volunteers worked
4,914 hours
saving
the library
\$54,054



**HAPPINESS IS
HAVING A
LIBRARY CARD!**

4,297
new cards issued



330,734
Total items
were borrowed
including
13,829
eBooks

TECHNOLOGY

Offered Free access to 20 public
computers with 31,165 uses
82,461 visits to our catalog
134,507 Facebook views
8,254 eResource uses
60,901 website visits
25,632 WiFi logins



The
Library
welcomed
259,968
visitors this year



**PASSPORT
APPLICATION
SERVICES**

10,439 applications
accepted
5,582 pictures taken
\$349,685
in revenue generated

Our Mission

The Buena Park Library is committed to providing free and equal access of information, programs and services to educate, entertain and enrich the lives of our diverse community.



Our Outreach Team took our "Pop Up Library" out into our community to 44 events this summer, signed up over 400 children for our Summer Reading Program and checked out 2,188 books.



706 programs were
attended by
26,835 people



Buena Park Library District

7150 La Palma Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620
714-826-4100
www.buenaparklibrary.org

Library Hours:

Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm
The Library is closed
Sundays and holidays

District Board of Trustees

Patricia Ganer	President
Irene Castaneda	President Pro-Tem
Dennis Salts	Secretary
Al Salehi	Trustee
Rajen Vurdien	Trustee

The Volunteer Guild
donated \$20,000 for
Library programs
and collections



A message from our Director ~

Welcome to the Buena Park Library District's 2017/2018 Annual Report. This past year was a very busy year for the Library. Over 250,000 people visited the Library where everyone is welcome and everything is free. They checked out over 330,000 items, including books, eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines and ukuleles. They also came for lively programs and activities for all ages and interests including storytimes for children, Homework Help, Teen Night, Book Clubs, Game Night for adults, DIY programs, and access to 3D printing and virtual reality demonstrations. Many came to take advantage of our increased WiFi speed and improved study areas. The library also focused our attention outside of our building through our outreach activities at schools and community events. In today's technology-driven world, libraries provide a unique space for face-to-face cultural and community building. We are not only connecting people to information, but also to other people, new ideas, and ways of accomplishing things. Our accomplishments are the result of the hard work and dedication of our Library staff and volunteers, the leadership of the Board of Trustees and continued support of our Volunteer Guild. We look forward to continuing to provide the community with quality library services and programs for many years to come!

Mary McCasland
Library Director

Highlights of the Past Year

- Increased free WiFi usage by 15% over previous year
- Upgraded all Wireless Access Points
- Assisted over 10,000 applicants applying for their U.S. passport
- Upgraded interior lighting to LED
- Held 4 Escape Room events for Teens
- Conducted monthly Science Saturday programs for 4-6th graders
- Increased our Pop-Up Library locations during the summer
- Added Hoopla to our Digital Resources
- Doubled usage of online databases

Priorities for 2018/2019

- Upgrade computer center with new computers and printers
- Renovate the Library parking lot including new energy efficient lighting, ADA compliant ramp and a new monument sign
- Redesign Library website
- Provide quality programming for all ages
- Remain focused on community outreach efforts
- Remain committed to providing excellent customer service to our community



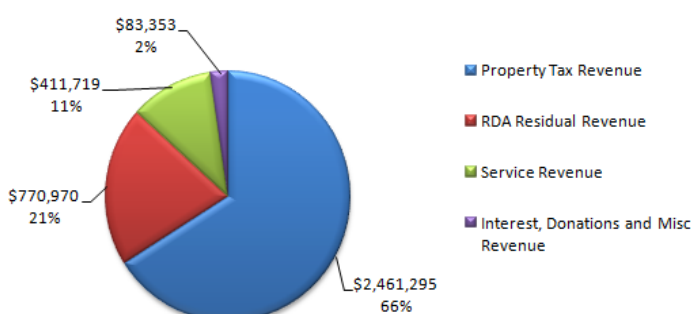
Our Library celebrates 100 years!

Did you know that the Buena Park Library District was established in 1919? Yes! In 2019 we will be celebrating our centennial. Though officially established in 1919, the library was first created by the early residents of Buena Park in 1905, when a spare room in the Lily Creamery was filled with donated books. In 1919, the Buena Park Women's Club sponsored a petition drive, which was followed by an election to officially establish the Buena Park Library District on June 4th, 1919. The first library building was a small bungalow, located at the Northeast corner of Grand Avenue (now Beach Blvd.) and Court

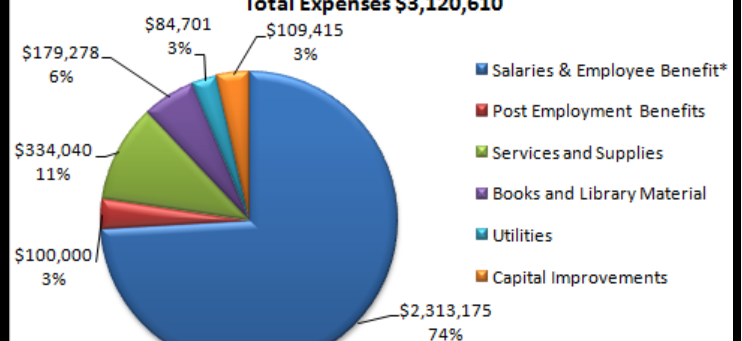
Street (now Pinchot Ct.), where Buena Park City Hall currently stands. The library collection eventually outgrew the bungalow. A new building, with the help of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), was built in 1935, then remodeled and expanded in 1957. During the booming 1960s, the collection outgrew the building once again. Land was purchased and a new library was constructed on La Palma Avenue in 1969, where the current library stands today. As you can see from this annual report, the Library has changed a lot since 1919, but one thing that still remains strong is our passion for serving the needs of Buena Park and the surrounding community. We will be celebrating our centennial throughout the year, beginning in January 2019 with the rollout of the [i]Cell Interactive Kiosk which will include photographs and personal stories of the Buena Park Library District and the City of Buena Park. We are inviting people to share their fondest memories of Buena Park with us. Do you have old photographs, video footage, or memorabilia that we can include in our interactive digital display? Stay tuned for more information as we plan to celebrate this monumental occasion throughout 2019 with monthly events, including a special centennial birthday party in June.



Revenue Fiscal Year 2017/2018
Total Revenue \$3,727,337



Expenses Fiscal Year 2017/2018
Total Expenses \$3,120,610



*Includes an additional \$500,000 payment made towards pension liability