

# 2018 Annual Report

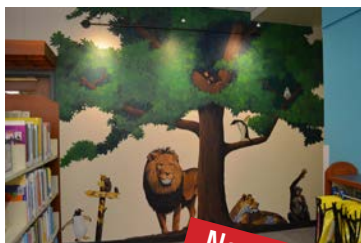
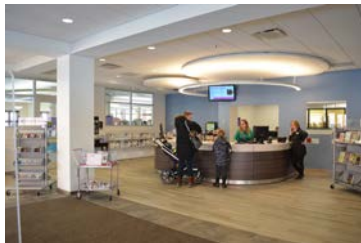


**293,223**  
ITEMS BORROWED

**12,056**  
CARDHOLDERS

## First-Floor Renovation

- 700 square feet of usable indoor space added
- New mural outside Tyler Duelm Room and children's stacks rearranged for better accessibility
- New flooring in lobby and Children's Services
- More popular items (new books, movies and music) added to lobby for "grab-and-go" convenience
- New marketplace area in lobby with high top seating and coffee vending



## Library Open House

Saturday, February 9, 2:00-4:00pm

Tour our newly renovated building and learn about the new (and classic) services we offer. Make enough stops along the way and you'll be entered in a drawing to win great prizes, like an iPad, Fire HD tablet, FitBit or Roku (*paid for in part by the Friends of the Library*). Enjoy refreshments, meet our new executive director, hear live music from bluegrass band, Kaldi Jones and more!

**New residents  
welcome!**

## Ribbon Cutting Reception

Saturday, February 9, 5:00-7:00pm

Help us celebrate the completion of our renovation with special after hours access to our remodeled space. We'll have appetizers and drinks, a selfie station and guests will have the opportunity to meet our new executive director.

## Services Added in 2018

- 5 more WiFi hotspots available for checkout (7 total)
- 3 iPod Nanos available for checkout with pre-loaded audiobooks
- Flipster Digital Magazines (over 40 titles)
- Acorn TV (streaming service): the best in British TV & movies
- Qello (streaming service): world's largest collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries
- Library delivery for homebound seniors (*in collaboration with Interfaith Community Partners*)
- 2 iPads available for checkout pre-loaded with e-books, audiobooks and apps for our streaming services
- New titles in Book Club Corner



## Digital Media Lab

Usage up 150% in 2018 as compared to 2017

- 2018: 392 reservations, average of 32 p/month
- 2017: 157 reservations, average of 13 p/month

## New Executive Director: Charity Gallardo

Previous Executive Director, Jeannie Dilger, resigned in January 2018 to assume the executive director position at Palatine Public Library District. Stephen Bero served as interim director from January-August.



We happily welcomed Charity to the team on August 8. Previously the director of library experience at the Rockford Public Library, Charity also served as branch manager at the Brook Hollow Branch of the San Antonio Public Library in San Antonio, Texas, and as a librarian at the Pasco County Library System in Florida. She earned her master's degree in library science and bachelor's degree in information science from the University at Albany (SUNY).



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 Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
 Sunday: 1:00-5:00pm

**Executive Director**  
 Charity Gallardo

**Board of Trustees**

- Laurie Braun, President
- Becky Spratford, Vice President
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- Tom Krueger, Trustee
- Angie Larson, Trustee
- John Reardon, Trustee

**Summer Reading Program: Reading Takes You Everywhere**

(June 4-July 27, 2018)



**Children's Services**

- 1,683 weekly check-ins
- 2,682 challenges complete
- 2,332 children attended a library program

**Teen Services**

- 91 teens participated
- 56 teens volunteered and logged 726 hours of service

**Adult Services**

- 225 adults participated by reading a book or attending a library program

**Donors**

- 33 local organizations donated (so we could give away great prizes)

**Top 3 Book & Movie Check Outs By Age Group**

**Adult Services**

Books

1. *Small Great Things*
2. *Rick Steves Italy 2018*
3. *Holiday Slow Cooker: 100 Incredible & Festive Recipes for Every Occasion*

Movies

1. *Thor: The Dark World*
2. *Hidden Figures*
3. *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*

**Teen Services**

Books

1. *Mockingjay*
2. *The Fault in Our Stars*
3. *Turtles All The Way Down*

Movies

1. *Avengers: Infinity War*
2. *Iron Man*
3. *Iron Man 2*

**Children's Services**

Books

1. *Caillou: The Broken Castle*
2. *Arthur's Tooth*
3. *Arthur's Perfect Christmas*

Movies

1. *Sid the Science Kid: Change Happens*
2. *Sid the Science Kid: The Bug Club*
3. *Super Why! The Three Little Pigs*

**La Grange Public Library Social Media**

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 • Followers grew by 117%



**Facebook** ([Facebook.com/LaGrangePublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/LaGrangePublicLibrary))  
 • Page likes grew by 24%



**Twitter** (@librarylagrange)  
 • Followers grew by 14%

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**19** LIBRARIES JOINED SWAN CONSORTIUM

**98** TOTAL LIBRARIES IN SWAN CONSORTIUM