



# JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY

EXPANDING HORIZONS



## Annual Report 2018

*Serving Jefferson County Since 1979*

# Message from the Director



Thank you to everyone who helped make 2018 another fantastic year at the Jefferson County Library! Through the combined efforts of our staff, Board of Trustees, donors, Friends of the Library, and volunteers, we were able to provide

responsive, exciting services and programs across the county for all ages. Your support of the library helps us continue to be a desirable and respected center for information, education, and recreation in Jefferson County.

Last year, we worked to reach out beyond our walls and bring library services and programs to county residents who might not regularly visit the library in Port Hadlock. We increased our Mobile Services hours to see you more often on the Bookmobile, played games with you at our evening trivia programs at local businesses, and read outdoors with you at our "Stories @ the Park" program. We also expanded our Read and Return collections to include the Quilcene Community Center, Tri-Area Food Bank, and Coyle Community Center. As we look ahead, we will continue to evaluate our outreach services so that we're meeting you, our patrons, when and where you need us most.

In 2018, we also increased our visibility online. Our new, mobile-ready website was deployed in May, our social media team continued to actively share events and answer reference questions online, and we began issuing a monthly email newsletter highlighting upcoming programs, new resources, and important information for library users. We have received many kudos for our monthly newsletter – if you haven't received it and would like to, let us know and we will be sure to sign you up!

As you'll see in this report, this library touches thousands of lives in Jefferson County. Over 160,000 people visited us in 2018, making use of over 60,000 wireless sessions, 22,000 public computer sessions, and checking out over 450,000 materials! We look forward to doing even more with you in the coming year—to stay informed about our events and activities, be sure to sign up for our email newsletter or follow us on social media. And, as always please feel free to contact us with any suggestions, requests, or questions—librarians love to find answers!

Sincerely,

## Helping prevent *Summer Slide*

through our **Summer Reading Program**

**100%** of caregivers reported that their children maintained or increased their reading skills after participating in our Summer Reading Program.

**85%** reported that their children were more confident readers.

**84%** reported that they enjoyed reading more after participating in the Summer Reading Program.



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## Facility Improvement



Our parking lot underwent nearly \$40,000 in repairs and resurfacing during the Summer of 2018. It's now much safer and easier to navigate!

## Fun Programs

Our trivia events at local businesses are always popular! In 2018, we also added a new "Stories @ the Park" program at H.J. Carroll Park during the summer months. You'll find library programs all over the county...



## W.O.W. Collection



This year, we expanded our Weird, Odd, and Wonderful collection to include even more useful objects. You can check out a soldering iron, birding backback, blood pressure cuff, projector, and many other interesting tools and gadgets!

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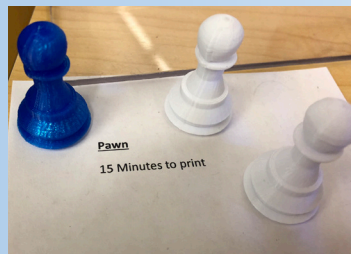
## MOBILE SERVICES



In 2018, we began visiting Coyle weekly rather than bi-monthly. We also expanded our Read & Return collections to include the Quilcene Community Center, Coyle Community Center, and the Tri-Area Food Bank.



## TECHNOLOGY

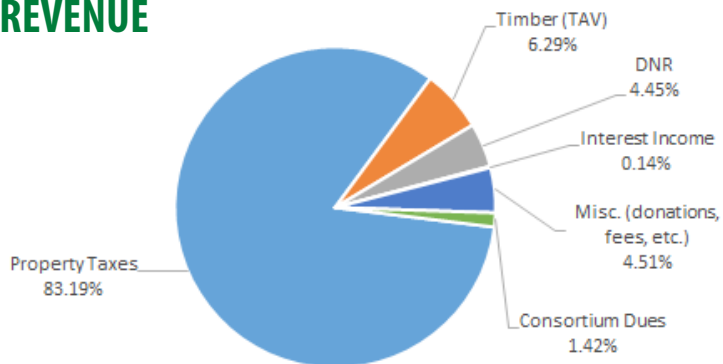


The library began offering 3D printing services in 2018, and now regularly prints objects and prototypes for the public. We also provided over 60,000 free wireless internet sessions and over 22,000 public computer sessions.

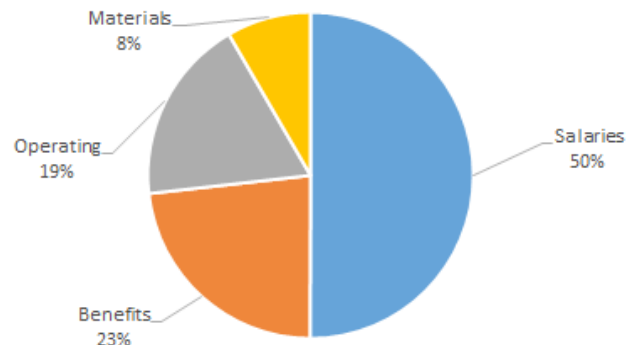
## FINANCES

Jefferson County Library is a junior taxing district that includes all of Jefferson County except the City of Port Townsend. The majority of our funding is derived from property tax. In 2018, revenues totaled \$2,060,565 and operating expenditures totaled \$1,829,978. Surplus revenue is reserved to support future cash flow, operations, capital projects, and other funding needs.

### REVENUE



### EXPENDITURES



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