

# Management Report

Five years in, the Arlington Libraries Foundation has established its position as a strong advocate and supporter of the Arlington Libraries. The Foundations abilities, infrastructure and fundraising efforts have developed, and the communities response has been overwhelming. In FY18, the Foundation received a record 680 donations, triple the amount of the previous year, and netting double the amount of income for the Foundation over last year. These funds will be distributed at the request of the library in fiscal year 2019.

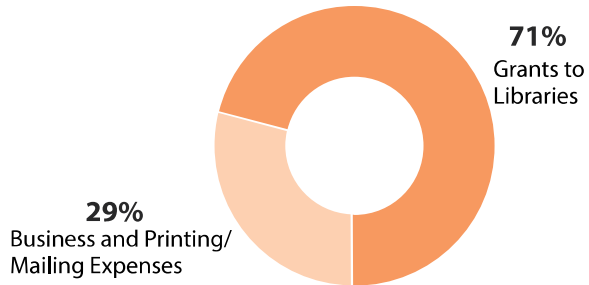
The grant request from the libraries for FY18 addressed a variety of areas of growth beyond the municipal allocation of funds. Funding supported the online content through the Overdrive Advantage (a service which has seen very high growth), books, dvds and materials for adults, teens and children at both the Robbins and Fox, and again this year, an additional librarian to support the Children’s Room on busy Sunday afternoons.

The Foundation is excited to be able to offer additional fiscal support to the libraries in FY2019, and support the libraries as they continue to grow, and make changes into the future.

## Overview - Fiscal year end June 30, 2017

INCOME	
Duffy-Rodriguez Fund	\$ 6,500.00
Unrestricted	\$94,356.92
Total Income	\$100,856.92
EXPENSES	
Grants to Libraries	\$44,200.00
Misc. fees / Business expenses	\$ 733.13
Printing / Mailing	\$16,845.98
Total Expenses	\$61,779.11
Net Income	\$ 39,077.81

## Expenses for FY2017



*“It (the library) strikes a good balance with its selection of reading materials and technology. Community events held at the library are engaging and thoughtful, as well as unbiased.”*

- Library User comment from the Reimagining Our Libraries Survey

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*Tomorrow’s leaders  
at the library today.*



*As we each endeavor to grow, learn and explore, the library welcomes us with our own unique experience.*

The library is a remarkable place. If you ask a neighbor what they value most about the library their answers are generally similar: “The books.” “The programs.” “The online e-books and audiobooks.” “The children’s library!” Yet, when you ask about how they use the library, the replies are wonderfully different and exhibit the multi-faceted nature of the institution. The library may look the same on the outside, yet is transformed into a unique experience the moment each visitor enter the doors to begin their own journey.

In 1835 resident Ebenezer Learned left a legacy to the town, a gift in the amount of \$30 to purchase books for Arlington’s primary school so that the children could borrow the books for free. As a result, a few years later the Arlington Free Public Library was formed. And almost sixty years later the library moved into the Robbins building we know and value today. To think, one hundred and eighty-three years ago, an Arlington resident made a donation which helped create an institution continuously operating under the same guiding principle: to provide free access to knowledge to everyone.

Today, we can all be valued supporters of this vital institution. We share with our community of peers the broad range of offerings, both physical and virtual, of our libraries. We teach our children and grandchildren to turn to the library for information, exploration and learning opportunities. We try out ideas and better our selves and our community with our willingness to learn. And we financially support, in gifts of all sizes, the libraries in order to meet the diverse needs of all.

Your donation has a positive impact on the value of the library which will be felt for generations. Together we ensure our residents not only have access to the knowledge they seek, but that they will be informed citizens ready to lead us for generations to come. On behalf of the thousands of people who turn to the Arlington Libraries every day to learn or experience something new, our sincere thanks.

- KARIN VARNIK BARRETT, Foundation Chair

## SUPPORT THE LIBRARIES

Make your tax-deductible contribution online, or by check (addresses below). Gifts of legacy or in meomorian can be coordinated through the Foundation Board. Please contact us for further information.

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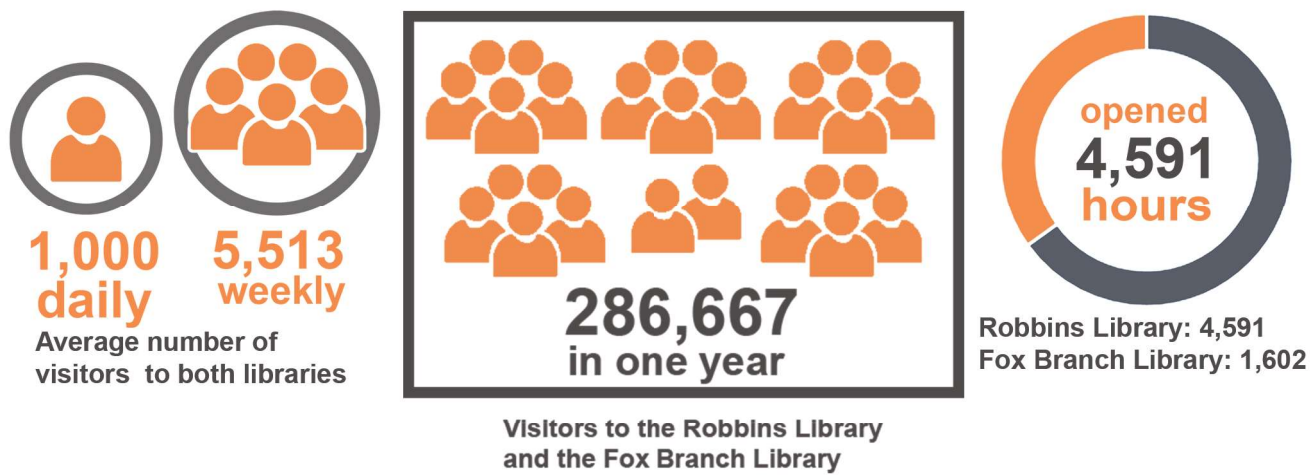
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2018 Snapshot



2,156 new library cards in 2017



19% increase in e-content downloads



24%

Reimagining Our Libraries

The culmination of the Reimagining Our Libraries Study was a proposal to renovate both library locations.

At the Fox Branch the proposed new building includes a renovated main level to accommodate dedicated spaces for children, teens and adults, and elevator access to the lower level outfitted with additional new meeting and community rooms.

At the Robbins, the proposed renovations will provide much needed programmatic changes along with an addition to the rear of the building for a lounge/cafe on the upper level and ramp accessible access to the community room on the lower level.

A Note from the Director

Many of our visitors are also donors who love supporting the library. We are proud of the resources and programs we're able to offer, yet we're always looking for ways to do better. The generosity of this community helps fuel innovation and keeps our collections current. And on the horizon, we're so excited to see the 'Reimagining Our Libraries' project start to take shape. Now when I look at library spaces, I see them with an overlay of renderings: a vibrant new Fox Branch, accessible to all; a Robbins Library with dedicated story-time space, new group study rooms, laptop bars overlooking the beautiful gardens, more room for youth services, public restrooms on upper floors--all for the good of current and future generations.

My sincere thanks to the Foundation, and to all of you, dear readers!

- ANDREA NICOLAY, Director of Libraries



FOX BRANCH LIBRARY NEW BUILDING (preliminary design rendering)



"The best thing about the Robbins Library.... The architecture. The friendly staff. The chance encounters. The willingness of librarians to keep up with the times and bridge the vast distance from Alexandria to Arlington and all the great and small library collections in between."

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ROBBINS LIBRARY ADDITION (preliminary design rendering)