ANNUAL REPORT

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Hello to our friends and neighbors! It has been a pleasure to serve you over the past fiscal year. And serve you we did! In the year ending June 30, 2018, we welcomed you into the Library nearly 179,000 times. Approximately 22,000 of you enjoyed the more than 1,000 children’s, teen, and adult programs, presentations, and lectures we offered. Also, our new facility was host to over 860 meetings for community members and organizations, and you utilized our study rooms 1,759 times!

Your use of the Library set all-time records in every category! You provided an unprecedented level of support for our special events, and our annual appeal gifts were the most we’ve seen in 7 years. With your continued support, we look forward to meeting your needs even more fully over the next fiscal year and striving to fulfill our vision to be “an exemplary library in Delaware and a trusted civic, cultural, social and learning center”.

Thank you!

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Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

GREETINGS!
LIBRARY FUNDING

The Lewes Public Library is an independent library within the Delaware Library System. So, the Library is only partially funded by government sources and is therefore responsible for raising a significant portion of its operating budget each year.

In FY 18, Sussex County Department of Libraries and the Delaware Division of Libraries together provided 46% of the funds for our annual budget. The Friends of the Lewes Public Library, our largest private contributor, provided 8% of our total funding in FY18. The Library uses all funds provided by the Friends to provide programs and to purchase books and materials for the Library’s collection.

Please note that the funding sources do not include valuable in-kind support from the State of Delaware for technology, communications, and the statewide catalogue, nor from the City of Lewes for landscaping maintenance, trash service, and parking lot snow removal.

In FY18, the Library raised 46% of its annual total budget. This segment of our budget is the largest, represents an annual need, and includes income from special events, grants, donations, memorials, our endowment, and the collection of fines and fees.

Personnel costs represent the largest part of our expenditures. Staff members spend most of their time providing services directly to you. Whether on the circulation desk, evaluating materials to purchase for the collection, or providing programs and computer help, the staff of the Lewes Public Library leverage their time in a way that benefits our patrons.

The Lewes Public Library takes pride in the quality of its staff members and volunteers. We continuously strive to provide our patrons with a positive experience each time they visit our facility. Come visit and see!

To learn more about how you can support the Library, please contact Rebecca Lowe, Development Director, at 302-645-2733 or rebecca.lowe@lib.de.us.
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Women’s March Sussex

I’m so grateful to volunteer—my hours are so rewarding and I always come away feeling rejuvenated.

I love this library. I feel cozy by the fire and my imagination can run free.

The library is, for me, a place of solace. No other place offers it. A church, maybe, can give me the same peace, it’s a „special place“ of history, beauty, community and it’s all FREE!
Teens carve pumpkins and watch a movie during the Library's Halloween celebration.

Students participate in the Library's English as a Second Language program.

Children and their parents enjoy the fruits of their labor at the Library's Cooks & Books Jr. program.

Please note that the Library was closed for 7 weeks in FY16 in order to move into our new facility.
Organized in 1980, the Friends of the Lewes Public Library is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Delaware corporation with the sole function of supporting the Lewes Public Library, itself a separate 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Delaware corporation. Friends pays for 100% of the books added to the Library's collection, as well as many of the free programs offered.

As an all-volunteer organization, Friends raises money to fulfill its mission primarily through membership dues, with major contributions from book and shop sales, as well as special fund-raising events.

During FY18 Friends volunteers contributed 6,950 hours, the equivalent of 3.8 full time employees. Most of those hours were dedicated to our annual book sale and to the operation of the Just Between Friends book shop.

As an "Independent Library" within the statewide system under the Delaware Division of Libraries, the Lewes Public Library receives partial funding from the Sussex County Department of Libraries and the State of Delaware Division of Libraries, 46% of total funding in FY18. Friends, as the third largest funder of the Library and its largest private funder, contributed another 8%. The Library raised the remaining 46% of its needs through its Annual Appeal, special events, contributions from its endowment, memorials, and fines and fees.

During fiscal years 2014 - 2018, Friends contributed more than $280,000 towards the Library's collection acquisitions, free community programs, capital campaign, and operational expenses.

Friends has committed up to $66,000 to the Library (5% above FY18 actual) as the Library continues to upgrade the size and quality of its collection, and increases the number of free community programs offered since the new Library opened in June 2016.

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**History Book Sale**

**Saturday, September 29th**

8:30 - 4:00

Lewes Public Library

Great selection of books on history and biographies of historical figures - rare and collectible books too!

Sale held in conjunction with The History Book Festival

For more information go to: historybookfestival.org

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**Fall Book Sale**

**Saturday, October 6th**

9:00 - 3:00

Lewes Public Library

Preview Night
Friends Members Only
Friday, Oct 5th
4:30 - 6:30pm

To become a Friend, pick up a form at the Library or go to www.lewes.lib.de.us

All proceeds benefit the Library

FLPL is a 501 (c) (3) organization
**Building Project**

Our new building is complete and remaining pledges are being fulfilled, but there remains $1.2 million in building project debt to satisfy. During FY18 we paid down $356,604 of the indebtedness through gifts and pledges received, and negotiated with the lender to extend the final maturity of the remaining $997,583 building loan to 2022. That said, debt service accounted for 12% of FY18 expenditures.

The debt paydown and extension completed the first part of our plan to extinguish debt while carefully managing the resources of the Library. However, the safest way to achieve this debt paydown, and put the Library on the best long-term footing, is through continued capital campaign donations.

To donate to the capital campaign, purchase solar panels, or pavers, please contact Rebecca Lowe, Development Director, at 302-645-2733 or rebecca.lowe@lib.de.us

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Community support in the form of donations to our annual appeal, participation in special events, and general financial support are integral to ensure the vitality and longevity of the Lewes Public Library.

**Volunteers**

The Lewes Public Library is fortunate to have the support of over 400 volunteers from within our community.

We could not provide many of the programs and services we offer without volunteers to supplement the work of staff.

In Fiscal Year 2018 volunteers provided 13,345 hours of service between regularly scheduled hours in the Library & the Just Between Friends Book Shop, and Library & Friends special events.

Our volunteers provide the Library with an average of 257 working hours per week. This is the equivalent of 7.33 fulltime employees!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for choosing to spend your time with us in service to your community!
THANK YOU!

Lewes Public Library's Volunteer of the Year: Candace Vessella

Retired defense industry executive and United States Navy veteran, Candace Vessella was selected as the Library’s Volunteer of the Year in 2018. Candace began volunteering at the Library in 2009, shortly after she moved to Lewes. In addition to weekly hours at the circulation desk, Candace also serves as the President of the Friends of the Lewes Public Library, a position she’s held since January 2012.

LPL: You are very active in the community. Why did you decide to dedicate your time to the Library?
CV: I started out as a Library Science major as an undergraduate but ultimately decided to pursue a Communications degree. A love of libraries and books has always been a part of my life. I guess you could say that I’ve come “full circle” to a place I love.

LPL: What’s your favorite part about being a volunteer?
CV: The Lewes Public Library is a community cornerstone enterprise that has something for everyone. It’s wonderful to know that my time is well spent making a difference in the community.

LPL: What do you hope to see the library accomplish in the coming years?
CV: I would like to see the Library set upon a strong financial foundation. We have a beautiful new facility with a very dedicated and talented team of professionals to operate it. Now we need a sound financial basis to allow the staff to focus on the job of providing services to the public instead of worrying about the financials.

Library Staff

Library Director: Lea Rosell, MLIS
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