



Verdigre Public Library Report to Village Board

February 2019

By Katie Hollmann, Director



Requested Statistics:

- **SILVER LEVEL Accreditation 2017-2020** (formerly bronze)
- All \$ rec'd credited, expended (fiscal year Oct 2017—Sep 2018)

REVENUE (total \$32,296) *last year \$30,273*

Village \$22,124 County \$4,500 State \$847

Other \$4825 [copies \$1929, book free will \$172, fines \$72, donations \$2309, interest \$55, grants \$250.
Also rec'd federal erate grant *credit* of \$605 for internet.]

EXPENDITURES (total \$29,810)

Total staff (x4) \$15,705 Total collection \$3,084 Total other operating \$11,021

- Number materials in library — books 9918, video 691, audio 409, games & equipment 33 (ex. legos), ebooks/audios downloadable 25,629/13,784 *thru our NEOverdrive subscription*
- Periodical subscriptions — 4 (e.g. *Verdigre Eagle, school annual*). Otherwise we offer 65+ titles in Magazine Exchange for patrons
- Materials added (689) and withdrawn (626)
- Number materials circulated — 4301 (from the library), 5098 (with Overdrive downloads) *last yr 3710, 4006*



Big Projects of 2018

IMLS Sparks grant (school & library internet-share)

Governor Ricketts visit to Verdigre Oct. 16

One year anniv. of online catalog (Apollo/Biblionix)—love it!

Selected for Innovation Studios grant (July 2019 to Feb 2020)

Selected for two Internship grants for 2019

Library Board recertification good until 2021

Unique programs for adults (spring & fall) and children/families (esp. summer)

SRP 2018: *Libraries Rock! (music)* For 2019 "A Universe of Stories: Space"

Community participation: Kolach Days, Verdigre Vanoce, Oktoberfest Bonanza

Coming soon! Available online: Verdigre Eagles and Centennial Book

Daycare Book Swaps

Author Talks: Barbara Salvatore & Stacy Miller

Gluten-Free Info Share

Governor Ricketts Open House

Barn Quilt Workshop

Doll & Dollhouse Exhibit



Art Shows by K-12

Kilted Man
Movie Matinees

Fine Arts Fridays

Medicare D free counseling

Verdigré Vanoce

Other 2017-18 Statistics:

- 442 library card holders *last year 406*
- 4,290 library visits (2456 adults and 1834 children)
- Open 26 hrs/wk year-round (1,352 hours for year)
- Computer usage 4620 (1740 on library's computers, 2880 wi-fi estimate)
- Summer Reading Program (SRP) had 101 youth participants; Kilted Man had 273+ est. attendance
- 48 programs hosted for children & adults with attendance of 705 . Additionally library hosted 4 art shows, a Doll & Dollhouse Exhibit & 26 daycare books swaps. Total attendance 1983.
- 59 different volunteers (315 volunteer hours)
- 47+ donors of materials and/or \$
- 25 licensed databases funded thru NE Library Commission (i.e. trusted info.) plus more with our Apollo subscription (accessed thru library's catalog or website)
- Library website visits 1348 *last year 424*
- Technology Services for public: 20x5 internet, free wi-fi including 60x5 from school/Sparks grant, 8-10 public computers (2 new from Lib Found.; 2 new from Sparks grant), printer, scanner, fax, projector, 1-on-1 tech help from Director
- Continuing education hours by director: 37 c.e.u. (includes 3 classes toward Public Librarian Certification). Also: library meetings with area directors
- Grants/scholarships : erate, TRLS cont. ed., Sparks grant, Innovation Studios, Read-Aloud NE (60 new books for giveaway), internship grants (x2 for 2019) *Also applied for Dollar General Literacy Grant*
- Staffing—Library Director (\$10.25/hr, .54 FTE *full-time equiv.*); Assistant Librarians (\$9.45/hr, .11 FTE) *Wages increased to \$12.00 and \$10.00 on 10-1-18*



Poinsettia Sales

Movie & Dessert: Loving Vincent

Lego League

Book2Craft: Book Folding

benefit for Library

Herbalism with Barbara

Oktoberfest Bonanza

Shamrock Card Sales

PBS Kids movie premieres

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Crochet with Connie

READ-at-the-POOL

Story Hours

More good news from 2018:

- ◇ Fresh, supportive Board members! (Our former members abided by term limits as stated in bylaws.)
- ◇ We have **Erate grant category 2 funds** (internal connections of internet access) **\$9,582** at a 70/30 match to use.
- ◇ By Village: back door frame and front door repairs, new smoke/CO detectors, replaced 15 high lightbulbs, ADA parking spot, added asphalt to parking lot, fire extinguisher contract, offered retirement plan, hung our Main St. signage (TJ mentioned he should replace library's bathroom faucet.)
- ◇ Library Foundation: shamrock cards, poinsettia sales, Verdigre Eagle storage shelves, microfilming AND digitizing Eagles, helped fund Kilted Man, two new computers/year, barn quilt workshop
- ◇ Improved financial record-keeping by Village! Meeting with auditor was helpful for budget prep.
- ◇ Increased internet speed for patrons to 20x5 in Feb 2018 *and to 30x5 in Feb 2019.*
- ◇ Started using programmable thermostat.
- ◇ Hosted Kilted Man for Kolach Days 2018. *Booked Wildlife Encounters for 2019.*
- ◇ The Carousel gave \$500 for Kilted Man, \$200 for digitization and \$100 Tom's Food certificates to all library and village staff
- ◇ Library's website is getting better
- ◇ At NLA State Convention (Oct 2018) both Katie and Leroy served on panels (K for Sparks grant; L as elected official)
- ◇ **Library gets positive feedback from the community**



Challenges in 2018

- ◇ Furnace repair in Jan. 2018 (didn't wholly resolve gas smells)
- ◇ Lighting in library, especially in winter, is dim. South aisle needs attention.
- ◇ Former Board members waited till last minute to do continuing ed requirements for recertification (req. for accreditation)
- ◇ Modest wage increases in October 2018 helped morale. Wages still low.
- ◇ Continued technology updates and IT help needed (e.g. CIPA compliance filtering & two computers currently not working)



LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES

Shannon Vesely—President (until 2020)
Pam Kotrous—VP (2020)
Donna Effle—Sec'y & Lib. Found. (2022)
Katie McCarron—Member & Library Foundation (2022)
Hannah Sucha—Member (2022)
4 year terms

LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD

Zoe Vakoc—President (2020)
Shelly Rudloff—V. Pres. (2020)
Kristi Rohrer—Treasurer (2020)
Darla Gilreath (2022)
Katie McCarron *library trustee*
Donna Effle *library trustee*
5 year terms

LIBRARY STAFF

Katie Hollmann—Director
Barbara Salvatore—Asst. Librarian
Pat Holland—Asst. Librarian
Until April 2018:
Marcella Forejt—Substitute Librarian

Village Staff for library: Shawn Jacobs—Village Clerk & Library Treasurer, DeAnna Fulton Coles—Internal Accounting Manager