

Victoria Public Library

Mission Statement

Victoria Public Library encourages a love of reading and commitment to literacy, provides materials and services that satisfy curiosity and stimulate imagination, develops programs that encourage the expression of creativity, and utilizes technology to support collaboration.

2018 Annual Report

2018 was a continued year of transition for our community as we recovered and pulled together following Hurricane Harvey. For the library, this was a year of reconstruction as hurricane repairs were completed. It was also a year of rebuilding and redefining the services and programs we offer.

Our resources provide opportunities for connection—to the world of ideas and to others in our community.

It is a place for those who are looking to continue learning and make life improvements.

Our library users and supporters are the ones that make this all possible. It is a pleasure to open the doors each morning to our early morning newspaper readers, catch up with our regulars, hear preschoolers singing and reading together, and help the late evening student or parent find “the thing” that completes the school project.

We are glad you are on this journey of learning, collaboration, creativity and connection with us and we welcome all to join us.

Dayna Williams-Capone
Director



Parents share at a community conversation.

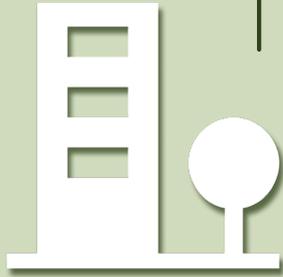


Visitors utilize public WiFi on own devices.



Youth browse movies and TV shows.

PEOPLE 2018



198,207 VISITS



505 TOTAL PROGRAMS

42,062
CARD HOLDERS



22,359 PROGRAM ATTENDEES

TECHNOLOGY



85,770
WEBSITE VISITS



3,531 FACEBOOK
PAGE LIKES

CHECKOUTS 2018

352,116

PHYSICAL MATERIALS

327,394



DIGITAL MATERIALS

24,722



2018



70,259

PUBLIC COMPUTER
SESSIONS



29,722

CONNECTIONS
TO PUBLIC WIFI

Projects Completed in 2018

Hurricane Harvey damages repaired:

- All carpet replaced in the Bronte Meeting Room
- Ceiling replaced above the Circulation Desk
- Ceiling tiles replaced in two upstairs offices

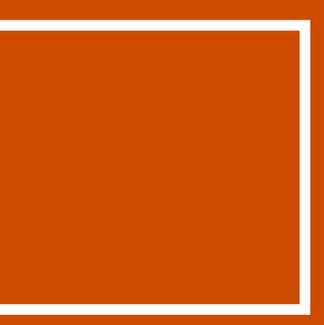


Restructured the programming department to provide new adult programs and to add one additional staff member to the children and teen department to meet the growing needs of these age groups.

Started an adult writing group that continues to meet monthly. First step in establishing programs for adult users.

Looking Ahead to 2019

Addition of several new adult programs. Walking Book Group for Adults started in February. Knitting group meets monthly. Writing group continues to meet monthly.



Continued focus on community outreach through community conversations, literacy support for our youngest users through development of off-site programs and making connections with teens in the middle schools so that they are aware of library services and programs that they can be involved in.

Continue building improvements. Develop multi-year plan for improvements to software system.