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NEW HAVEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY







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# WELCOME MESSAGE



**MARTHA L. BROGAN**  
*City Librarian and Director*

## **NEW HAVEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Walking through the New Haven Free Public Library in the fall offers glimpses of the vibrant role the library serves in our community.

Parents and toddlers listen to a story in the Young Minds and Family Learning room while older siblings strategize new moves in chess club. Adults tap keyboards in the technology center, checking email, writing resumes, or searching for jobs and health insurance. Patrons on their way to an author talk browse new books, passing by the Teen Center where students sit together, heads bent over homework assignments, gaming in teams or tackling a coding challenge. People seek shelter in the safe space of the library, and our partner Liberty Community Services is available 6-days a week to offer health and human services referrals for those who need them.

This snapshot of a typical afternoon covers only a handful of the diverse patrons we serve and the myriad needs our neighborhood libraries, the Readmobile, and our 24/7 e-resources meet across the city.

The library experience is unique to each individual but available for all to discover, enjoy, and sustain. The library is your place, no matter who you are or where you come from. **Everyone is welcome here.**

And we look forward to an exciting year ahead—the planned opening of Ives Squared, our new innovation space, and our work on a new strategic framework to make sure the library continues to serve the community's evolving needs.

Thank you to our visitors and patrons, our supporters and advocates and the volunteers who make the New Haven Free Public Library a special place. Without our outstanding and dedicated staff, buoyed by strong support from the Mayor and Board of Alders, we would be unable to bring you the resources and services that enrich your life.

I hope you enjoy reading highlights from the library's year in review, July 2016 through June 2017—and I look forward to greeting you again this year at the library and in the community!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha L. Brogan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.





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*President, Board of Directors*

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Free public libraries have long been essential forces in making America a more perfect union, places where all people, regardless of origin, background, economic status, race, creed, age, or any other factor can access knowledge, information, and inspiration. Few cultures or countries have ever had anything quite like the rich quilt of public libraries that help define and sustain this nation.

For more than 130 years, the New Haven Free Public Library has been a vibrant heart of this community, from rented rooms for the first library downtown to today's network of five facilities, on the Green and in the neighborhoods, the Readmobile, and the virtual "branch" online.

Throughout, this library, like all public libraries, has relied on the support of city government and the generosity of friends in order to survive, thrive, and grow. The New Haven Free Public Library has earned the confidence of city government and we are grateful to Mayor Harp and the Board of Alders for the increased investment they have made in the library's operating and capital budgets in recent years.

Likewise, the library is grateful for the growing support of philanthropic individuals, organizations, and corporations who provide resources so the dedicated staff here can go ever further above and beyond the call of duty.

Public libraries have stood the test of time like few other institutions. It is no surprise that public opinion polls consistently rank librarians and libraries at the top of lists of professions and places considered most trustworthy and valuable.

The present time is among the most testing in recent history, with discord in the nation and fiscal stress in the state. These are times when libraries matter more than ever, and times when your support is as vital as ever.

Thank you for choosing to make the New Haven Free Public Library a priority, now and in the future.

# THE LIBRARY SYSTEM



## IVES MAIN LIBRARY

133 Elm Street  
(203) 946-8130

### HOURS

M	10AM-8PM
Tu	10AM-8PM
W	10AM-8PM
Th	10AM-8PM
F	10AM-5PM
Sa	10AM-5PM
Su	Closed

## NHFPL.ORG

Available 24/7: online resources, e-books, audio recordings, movies, TV shows, and more



## READMOBILE

Library on wheels circulating across the city to early learning centers and community events

## Neighborhood Locations

Additional hours in FY17, *highlighted in red*, thanks to the support of the Mayor and the Board of Alders.



## FAIR HAVEN

182 Grand Avenue  
(203) 946-8115

Branch Manager  
Kirk Morrison

### HOURS

M	10AM-6PM
Tu	10AM-6PM
W	12PM-6PM
Th	12PM-8PM
F	Closed
Sa	10AM-5PM
Su	Closed



## STETSON

200 Dixwell Avenue  
(203) 946-8119

Branch Manager  
Diane Brown

### HOURS

M	10AM-6PM
Tu	10AM-6PM
W	12PM-8PM
Th	12PM-6PM
F	Closed
Sa	10AM-5PM
Su	Closed



## MITCHELL

37 Harrison Street  
(203) 946-8117

Branch Manager  
Sharon Lovett-Graff

### HOURS

M	12PM-8PM
Tu	12PM-6PM
W	10AM-6PM
Th	10AM-6PM
F	Closed
Sa	10AM-5PM
Su	Closed



## WILSON

303 Washington Avenue  
(203) 946-2228

Branch Manager  
Tamara Lyhne

### HOURS

M	12PM-6PM
Tu	12PM-8PM
W	10AM-6PM
Th	10AM-6PM
F	Closed
Sa	10AM-5PM
Su	Closed

# LIBRARY STATISTICS (JULY 2016–JUNE 2017)

Operating Budget: \$4.17 million (\$32 *per capita*)

Staffing: 45 full-time and 35 part-time

USER VISITS	
Ives Main Library	291,064
Fair Haven Library	53,382
Mitchell Library	67,260
Stetson Library	56,377
Wilson Library	74,126
Readmobile	5,094
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>547,303</b>

CIRCULATION	
Ives Main Library	168,318
Fair Haven Library	29,893
Mitchell Library	68,084
Stetson Library	12,492
Wilson Library	56,282
Readmobile	3,521
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>338,590</b>

## Community Programs

	ADULTS		YOUTH	
	# Programs	Attendance	# Programs	Attendance
Ives Main Library	227	6,398	694	15,535
Fair Haven Library	47	404	189	3,611
Mitchell Library	249	2,028	240	6,225
Stetson Library	94	704	270	6,088
Wilson Library	230	2,074	304	4,574
Readmobile			322	4,631
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>11,608</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>40,664</b>

## Digital Usage

Computer Logins	112,492
Wi-Fi Sessions	91,697

Digital Downloads	54,699
Database Usage	309,008





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## ARTS & CULTURE



Close-up detail of one of the murals completed at Ives Main Library

## Collaborative citywide photo collages Celebrate New Haven

Some cities are renowned for their skylines, their historic architecture, the proximity to sprawling mountain ranges or stretches of coast. But the defining character of a cityscape are its landmarks—some big and recognizable, some small and intimate—celebrated by its residents.

Indian-born artist Rashmi used photos and images of these local landmarks, submitted by members of the community, to construct a series of collages to represent New Haven. Anchored by each of the library's locations, the collage murals depict a dazzling collection of the city's most iconic buildings, sculptures and sites alongside snapshots of beloved neighborhood locales, businesses, schools and parks.

The New Haven Free Public Library hosted more than 40 public

workshops where participants worked with Rashmi to construct the final collages. Each library location—Ives, Fair Haven, Mitchell, Stetson and Wilson—created two large 2x5.4" collage murals. Together, they highlight the beauty of New Haven and its unique, diverse neighborhoods and communities. Each library branch will keep one of its neighborhood collage murals on display, and a full set of five murals—plus one representing the entire city—will be hung at Ives Main Library downtown.

*The Celebrate New Haven project was made possible by a generous grant from the Connecticut State Office of the Arts. Special thanks to artist Rashmi and the dozens of community members who submitted photos and took part in workshops.*

## Long Wharf Theatre comes alive at the Library

This year, the library was proud to continue its incredible partnership with Long Wharf Theatre to inspire community-wide conversations about the ideas and contemporary issues presented on-stage.

Long Wharf and the New Haven Free Public Library presented wrap-around programs designed to take an in-depth look at two mainstage productions:

*Smart People*

*The Most Beautiful Room in New York*

and special programming around the show *Napoli, Brooklyn*

### Want to see the latest Long Wharf Theatre production?

All five library locations have a limited number of free admission passes, redeemable for two tickets subject to box office availability. Passes are only available to New Haven residents who hold a valid New Haven Free Public Library card.

*Funding for this partnership is made possible by generous contributions to the New Haven Free Public Library Foundation.*

## SOCIAL ACTION

# Experience. Educate. Advocate. Limiting solitary confinement

How do we design a penal system that promotes rehabilitation and social justice? When does incarceration cross the boundary into torture? These were some of the questions at the heart of *Inside the Box*, a community collaboration to end solitary confinement in Connecticut.

From January 30 - February 3, 2017, the New Haven Free Public Library hosted one of the first public exhibitions of a replica solitary cell, allowing the community to take a brief glimpse inside the life of a prisoner sentenced to solitary confinement.

The library screened *The Worst of the Worst: Portrait of a Supermax Prison*, a documentary created by the Yale Visual Law Project, examining Connecticut's only supermax security prison, followed by a panel

of solitary cell survivors and their family members discussing their experiences. In a powerful and moving mix of narrative, song and dance, the Judy Dworin Performance Project's "Outside In" featured members of JDPP's Ensemble and guest artists that have, at one point, spent time in prison.

The solitary cell replica moved to other New Haven locations and was installed at the State Capitol until March 2017. But this important work continues: the conversation about solitary confinement that began at the library has resonated across Connecticut, and advocates are drafting new legislation to change punishment practices in state prisons.

Learn more about the project and organizing partners at [www.insidetheboxct.org](http://www.insidetheboxct.org)

*Replica solitary confinement cell on display at Ives Main Library*



## Give Change to Make Change

As a public space open to everyone, the New Haven Free Public Library often plays host to members of the community's most vulnerable population—those struggling with homelessness and who need help finding basic housing and healthcare services.

Ives Main Library provides these crucial outreach services through weekly office hours with a social services case manager who provides referrals to shelters, information about family services and healthcare providers, and guidance to apply for benefits.

Working with the city's Department of Transportation and the Town Green Special Services District, the New Haven Free Public Library Foundation helped launch the Give Change to Make Change program. Coin donations made in special parking meters across downtown New Haven will support the library's social service outreach program, which connects people to housing, food and mental health services across the city.

*Counseling services provided in partnership with Liberty Community Services and additional partners.*



# YOUNG MINDS & FAMILY LEARNING



LEGO Robotics class at Wilson Library

## LEGO® Robots teach kids valuable lessons

Kids and teenagers received hands-on instruction in the technology of the future—thanks to a generous sponsorship from Alexion Pharmaceuticals! Using LEGO® WeDo 2.0 robotics building sets, kids learned how to design, construct and program their very own robots. Participants worked under the guidance of teen instructors who received a stipend to create lesson plans and teach the kids how to build and program their robots.

The program was a tremendous success, with 300 children ages 7-12 participating in the weekly workshops over the course of the program, employing four teens to lead each session, and attracting 50 parents, friends, and family members to the Saturday “Robot Rodeos.”

The Build-A-Bot program engaged New Haven children and teens with STEAM learning and

encouraged important lifelong skills: teamwork, creative problem-solving, and technical expertise. The program strengthened students’ understanding of core science and engineering practices including problem-solving, modeling, prototyping, analyzing and interpreting data, computational thinking; and creating evidence-based arguments.

At the end of the program, staff commented on the positive impact:

From Wilson Library: *“I watched a father and son working through solutions, a father and daughter building a robot together, complete strangers exchanging advice and cooperating to solve problems together. One of the most valuable skills in life is persistence, and I saw quite a bit of it across generations during this program. It was pretty inspiring!”*

From Mitchell Library: *“These workshops gave kids an opportunity to share ideas, learn from one another and make new friends. The program became a place where children learned to be persistent and patient, to solve problems and build their dreams.”*

From Stetson Library: *“Possibly more so than the program itself, our kids really enjoyed connecting and engaging with the teen workers. Some of our teen workers were already familiar faces to our kids, and their presence would often draw them into the room.”*

## Reading goes city-wide

This spring we invited the community to read one book together: *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea. A selection of the National Endowment of the Art’s popular Big Read program, *Into the Beautiful North* followed the story of Nayeli, a young Mexican immigrant who must cross the border to defend her town and save her family.

Copies of the book were available in both English and Spanish. Readers could join a book group, take part in library programs, attend a mini film festival and learn more about Mexican culture presented in Urrea’s novel.

*Programs presented in partnership with the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, Junta for Progressive Action, New Haven Public Schools, Baobab Tree Studios, and Citywide Youth Coalition.*

# CELEBRATIONS

## *Laissez le bon temps roulez!*

On February 28, guests flocked to Ives Main Library for the annual Mardi Gras event to benefit the New Haven Free Public Library Foundation. The night featured food and drink from local restaurants, live music, a silent auction full of one-of-a-kind experiences and even a New Orleans-style jazz parade.

*Save the Date! Mardi Gras 2018  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018*



## *130 years and going strong*

The New Haven Free Public Library system celebrated an impressive milestone: its 130th anniversary! Formed by city legislation, New Haven's first public library opened in 1887 on Chapel Street with a collection of periodicals and books. The event was commemorated by a proclamation by the Mayor, a reading of news articles from the library's opening—and cake!

## Milestone: Wilson Library turns 10 years old

In 2006, the community came together to celebrate an important achievement: the opening of the first new library branch in more than 50 years, the Courtland Seymour Wilson Branch in New Haven's Hill neighborhood. Thanks to the commitment of city officials, community members, generous donors, and former library director James Welbourne, Wilson Library became New Haven's first library of the 21st century.

In September 2016, the library celebrated another achievement: a decade of incredible service to the community. Since its opening, Wilson has grown to become the second-most-visited location in the library system. Regular programming, including the Urban Life Experience book discussion group, adult technology classes, and

anime and LEGO clubs for kids, connect and engage residents with reading and hands-on learning. Wilson Library is a bustling, active center for community groups, meetings and school visits.

Mayor Toni Harp and Michael Morand, President of the New Haven Free Public Library Board of Directors, led the anniversary event. Martha Brogan, City Librarian and Director, discussed the evolving role of the library and Latisha, a mother of three who lives in the neighborhood, talked about how Wilson Library has become a second home for her family.

After remarks, the guests—including original donors to the Campaign for the 21st Century—toured the library, listened to live music and, of course, enjoyed a piece of birthday cake!

*Mayor Toni Harp speaks at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Wilson Library branch*





## LOOKING AHEAD



Rendering of the new proposed café at Ives Squared

## Coming soon: a new center for ingenuity

**L**ibraries of tomorrow offer more than a home for books or digital resources for download—they are centers of exploration and innovation, a place for the community to collaborate and incubate new ideas.

Planning for a new innovation space at Ives Main Library started more than a year ago under the guidance of Margaret Sullivan Studio and with staff working alongside members of New Haven's creative community to create a vision and shape the final plan. A report entitled *Innovation Commons on the Green* was released in September 2016, outlining the library's new role in encouraging and supporting entrepreneurship and community creativity.

Working with Buchanan Architects, the final design and preparation for the new center for innovation—Ives Squared—is now underway!

Coming soon to Ives, this new hub for collaboration and interactive learning will feature flexible co-working spaces, a tinker lab for DIY projects and a showcase of new technology, equipment and gadgets. A new café will provide flexible areas for social gatherings, discussions and pop-up performances.

Once constructed, Ives Squared will host hands-on workshops and classes and welcome new partners and collaborative projects. Ives Squared will link entrepreneurial resources across the community and connect residents with the people, tools, and skills they need to advance their ideas—reflecting the library's mission to make knowledge available to everyone.

Learn more by downloading the *Innovation Commons* report online at [nhfpl.org](http://nhfpl.org).



explore. create. innovate. connect.

## *Library anchors New Haven's innovation place*

The New Haven Free Public Library is an integral part of the Elm City Innovation Collaborative, part of a CTNext initiative to make the state a magnet for talent, entrepreneurship and new business start-ups.

As a designated Innovation Place, New Haven strives to bridge the separations between its diverse, dynamic communities; unlock the energy of our growing companies; and fuel ideas that encourage growth, connection, livability, and opportunities for our workers and businesses. **Ives Squared**—termed the “front door to entrepreneurship” will help make these tools and resources available to every resident.





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New Haven Free Public  
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*City Librarian and Director*

The New Haven Free Public Library is a beacon in our great city and one of the truly democratic spaces—free, accessible, and open to all. The library welcomes all who enter its doors, over half a million people in the last year alone.

Today, people turn to the library for increasingly diverse reasons. For books and movies, of course. But also for performances, resume-writing and job searching assistance, business development, maker opportunities, immigration and citizenship information, language and technology classes, art, health and human services referrals, youth and family support, and for each other.

The library brings people together, promoting connections and collaboration to strengthen the social fabric of our community. Each year, we partner with over 100 community groups and organizations to offer programs, meeting space, and events. We are out in the community and in your neighborhood, from Ives Main Library on the Green and the four neighborhood libraries to the Readmobile and the 24/7 databases and online resources available at [nhfpl.org](http://nhfpl.org).

The library today is a vital community asset, and we are growing to meet the needs of the neighborhoods and communities we serve. Thank you to all those who are helping us meet the evolving challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Many generous individuals, organizations, foundations, and businesses support the transformative work of the New Haven Free Public Library. Their commitment to the library augments municipal support, enhancing the collections, programs, and services offered. It is a reflection of the many roles the library serves our city, and a powerful statement about the kind of city we want to live in. **Thank you again to everyone who makes a contribution to strengthen our library.** After all, a great city deserves a great library!



Stetson Library's iconic READ mural, designed by artist Katro Storm, installed in 2009.

## Stetson Library: The Next Chapter

**T**his past spring, the New Haven Free Public Library proudly launched a project years in the making—**Stetson Library: The Next Chapter**, a community-wide campaign to move Stetson Library into its new home.

For more than a century, a branch of the library has served the residents of New Haven's Dixwell and Newhallville neighborhoods. Today's Stetson Library, which opened more than 50 years ago in a busy commercial plaza on Dixwell Avenue, is hard-pressed to provide both the space and resources required to meet the community's evolving needs.

Since the closing of the beloved Q House in 2004, Stetson Library has served as the *de facto* community center, providing a safe place for neighborhood events and activities. In 2012, community leaders and activists began planning the reopening the Q House and the

discussion turned immediately to Stetson Library as an anchor tenant and the cornerstone of the building's revival.

At the Q House, the new Stetson Library will see a 60% increase in space and include the resources needed to meet the demands of 21st-century interactive learning and the promotion of multiple literacies: reading, digital, financial and cultural. The library will contain new and upgraded technology, equipment for DIY maker projects, an expanded collection of books and materials, and spaces to work, play, explore and collaborate.

Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs Mayor Toni Harp and Dr. Peter Salovey, President of Yale University, join Campaign Co-Chairs Elsie B. Chapman, Michael Morand and Althea Musgrove Norcott to encourage the community to invest in this new library.

Although core funding for the new facility is already secure, donations will provide new furniture and equipment; enhanced community programs and services; and upgraded technology and resources for the collection. A portion of the money raised will also be invested in the New Haven Free Public Library's endowment, which will support the entire library system for generations to come.

Thanks to the generosity of early supporters, the library has already raised more than **\$1.1 million of the \$2 million goal**, including leadership gifts from Yale University and Seedlings Foundation. Seedlings' \$250,000 community challenge will match, dollar for dollar, donations of \$50 to \$10,000 from members of the community—doubling the impact of each gift!

To learn more about the campaign, see renderings of the new library or to make a donation visit

[www.nextstetson.org](http://www.nextstetson.org)



# New Stetson Library

## Floor Plans

DISCOVERY / EXPLORATION  
SOCIAL SPACES

RESOURCE AREAS  
STAFF

### 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR



#### 1 CAFÉ CONNECTION

Place to relax and recharge with a good book or socialize with friends & neighbors

#### 2 YOUNG MINDS & FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Interactive, age-specific learning materials and resources designed especially for parents, caregivers and teachers

#### 3 YOUNG MINDS DISCOVERY ROOM

Folding walls separate this space for programs, activities, movies and events

#### 4 KIDS ZONE

Bold, vibrant and colorful area that invites children to explore and play. Features kid-friendly reading materials, technology and modular / movable furniture

#### 5 STUDY / TUTOR ROOM

### 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR

#### 1 DISCOVERY LAB & INNOVATION STUDIO

Teen studio with games, activities and a separate makerspace for hands-on learning experiences and DIY projects

#### 2 TECHNOLOGY COMMONS

Equipped with state-of-the-art computers and high speed internet access

#### 3 ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOM

Dynamic, AV-equipped learning center built for workshops and collaboration

#### 4 READING LOUNGE

#### 5 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ROOM

Home for discussions, seminars, events and meetings



# ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The New Haven Free Public Library raises money to support the library's mission and builds awareness of the library's crucial impact on the New Haven community.

Generous donations to the Foundation enhance the city's commitment to library operations and help expand the collection of print and digital materials, provide community programs and services, fuel innovation and fund special projects and strategic priorities.

## Every gift makes a difference.

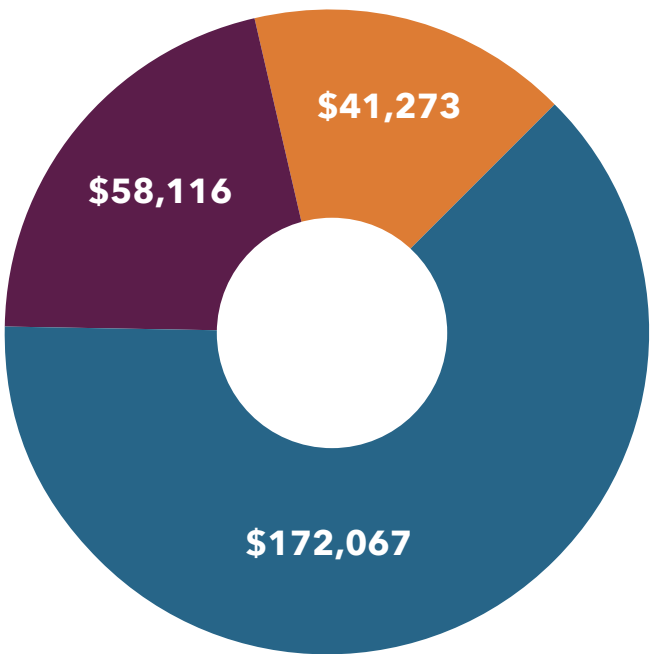
Donations of any size help the library achieve its mission; these gifts are for the exclusive benefit of the New Haven Free Public Library. Donors help grow the library's capacity to provide the critical tools and resources city residents need to improve their lives.

[Learn more about the Foundation or make a gift at nhfpl.org/foundation](https://nhfpl.org/foundation)

## Ways To Give

Giving to the library's Annual Campaign is easy—and has a community-wide impact. The New Haven Free Public Library Foundation accepts cash, check or credit card donations, as well as gifts of appreciated stock or securities. You can help build the library's legacy through planned gifts or bequests, and companies can sponsor an event or make an investment to strengthen the library system.

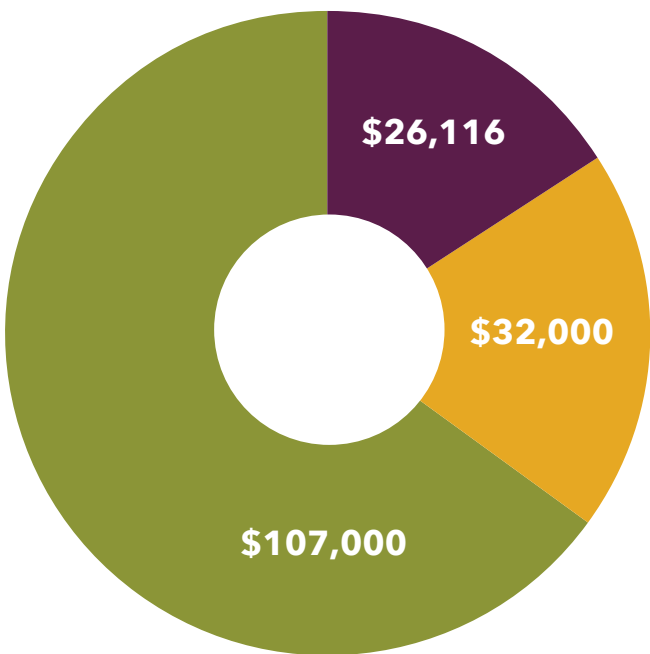
### Funding Sources



- Individual Giving (63%)
- Grants & Corporate Support (21%)
- Special Events (16%)

*\*Funding graph excludes contributions to the Stetson Capital Campaign*

### Support for Library Programs



- Unrestricted Support (61%)  
for collections, equipment, special programs and strategic priorities
- Arts & Culture Projects (23%)
- Adult & Youth Programs (16%)

# OUR DONORS

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support the New  
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*Donations made July 1, 2016 to  
June 30, 2017.*

## **\$20,000+**

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## **\$5,000+**

Elsie Blackshear Chapman  
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(L) Kids play together in the Young Minds & Family Learning Center at Ives Main Library. (R) New Orleans-style parade moves through the crowd at Mardi Gras.



(L) Opening reception of the Celebrate New Haven collaborative mural project. (R) Performers from the Judy Dworin Performance Project's Outside In.



(L) Stetson Library's annual Harvest Festival. (C) Readmobile on the Green. (R) Cutting cake at the Wilson Library 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.



(L) Kids enjoy the Animal Embassy visit at Ives Main Library. (R) Stetson Campaign committee & supporters launch the community-wide fundraising effort.







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