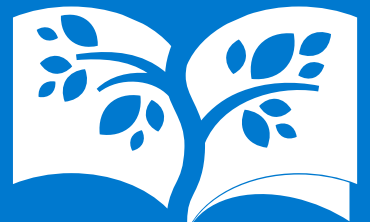




# 2017 Report to the Community

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**LIBRARY**

Where the Community Connects

# 2017 Highlights for the Liverpool Public Library

## A Report to the Community

We accomplished much in 2017 to put the [strategic plan](#) in action, inside and outside the walls of LPL. As I reflect upon the staff's achievements, in addition to our regular high quality storytimes, concerts, books clubs, tech help, movies and the annual book sale that our patrons have come to expect and support, I'd like to note:

- The acquisition of the library book bike cart and outreach van to increase the library's reach and visibility in the Liverpool service area with funds provided by NYS Assemblywoman Hunter.
- The design and launch of a streamlined and easy to use modern website.
- The creation of the Community Engagement department with a focus on the key strategic plan objective to increase community connections both in the physical building but also beyond the four walls.
- Completion of the pavilion in the habitat garden for additional public use space.
- An independent external audit that resulted with a report of strong fiscal management control & no material weaknesses.

Steps were taken to solidify the library relationship with the Liverpool Central School District and other stakeholders in our service area. This resulted in:

- A hugely successful Best Buy Geek Squad Academy 2-day camp for kids.
- Several successful programs held at Runnings of Clay store, Soule Road complex and other venues outside the library building.
- Participation in the BASCOL summer school program.
- Increased personalized services such as resume writing help, tech support and expanded book delivery for the homebound.
- How could anyone forget the eclipse? Glasses from NASA and a telescope on the side lawn turned into great community gathering with a picnic atmosphere.



New Bike Cart



New Outreach Van



Concert at the New Pavilion



Geek Squad Academy



Eclipse Day



55+ Bird Watching



New Website Design

With continued library financial prudence and Liverpool taxpayer support, 2018 is full of possibilities. The coming year will include most importantly the first floor redesign, but also exploration into a school district-wide student library card and expanded outreach including possibly a pop up library location. I look forward to staff and patron input on other exciting ventures to explore at LPL.

As we contemplate the accomplishments of LPL in 2017 and look forward to 2018 and all it holds, it is important to remember that public libraries are a reflection of the community they serve. *The New York State Board of Regents document Creating the Future: A 2020 Vision Plan for Library Service in New York State* has this to say about Public Libraries:

*Public libraries reflect the highest of ideals of the communities they serve. The best public libraries are places where the love of learning is instilled at the youngest age and intellectual curiosity encouraged for all. They provide a path to navigate life's challenges and help new Americans assimilate. As community centers they actively encourage civic engagement and cultural awareness while remembering the past by preservation of community history. They actively strive to provide access to their facilities and their resources to all residents, especially for those who are physically or mentally disabled, economically disadvantaged or otherwise facing unique challenges in today's competitive world. Their success is grounded in their basis as a truly democratic institution, governed and supported by the people they serve.*

Thank you for supporting the Liverpool Public Library.

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