



# 2018 Report to the Community

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# 2018 Highlights for the Liverpool Public Library

## A Report to the Community

The library's strategic plan is a road map of library priorities for the coming years.

These priorities include:

- **Learning and education**
- **Connecting the community**
- **Reimagining the library**

As I look back on 2018, I am proud to recognize all that the library has accomplished in continuing to fulfill these priorities. Residents rely on our library for a variety of learning opportunities, access to reading material both physical and digital, reliable internet connections, civic engagement, educational programming and just plain fun!

▶ To improve equitable broadband access for our community we began circulating 10 Wi-Fi hotspots as well as 5 hotspots paired with Chromebook laptops. This allows those without internet at home to have access for homework, job seeking and medical support as well as entertainment.

▶ A highlight last summer included the monarch butterfly program. What began as a temporary exhibit of the stages of the life of a monarch butterfly transformed to a summer long exhibit with educational programs and the releasing of many butterflies into the Liverpool community.

▶ The library once again partnered with the Liverpool Central School District to bring the two-day Best Buy Geek Squad Academy to more than 150 Liverpool students.

▶ An ADA-compliant path was installed to our pavilion in the habitat garden with funding from a NYS Public Library Construction Grant.

▶ Issues of the Liverpool High School yearbooks have been digitized and are available at [LPL.org](http://LPL.org).

▶ Our 55+ group explored many areas around the county including the CNY Food Bank, where they helped sort and bag food for the community food pantries.

▶ An independent external audit was conducted with a report of strong fiscal management and no material weaknesses.

A focus on engaging community partners and fostering relationships throughout our service area resulted in many library programs being held out in the community.

Partners included: Hope Cafe, Runnings of Clay, Bull and Bear Roadhouse, Onondaga Lake Park, Liverpool Is the Place Concert Series and many more.

▶ Library staff worked with Onondaga County Parks to secure passes that can be borrowed for entrance to all the county parks including the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Beaver Lake and Highland Forest. LPL facilitated passes for all the libraries in the county.

▶ We began circulating Empire Park Passes for NYS Parks as well as passes to the Corning Museum of Glass.

▶ With the use of our LPL2Go library van, staff has been able to expand book delivery to the homebound as well as area senior residents. Regular deliveries and programs are held at Brookdale Senior Living, Parkrose Estates Senior Living, Morgan Square Senior Apartments and Buckley Square Senior Apartments.

▶ The library itself also serves as a community gathering place, whether it be for concerts, classes, book clubs or other social groups, or simply a forum where people could come and sit, talk or read.

▶ In 2018 more than 330,000 patrons visited the building at 310 Tulip Street. More than 2000 room reservations were made for non-library program meetings.












## A message from the Director:

With continued discerning fiscal management and taxpayer support 2019 looks bright. We look forward to the renovation of the library lobby and the public restrooms as a part of the Liverpool School District Facilities Phase 4.2 Project. This will make all of the library bathrooms up to date and ADA compliant.

The summer will see the renovation and facelift of the main first floor of the library. This will include the creation of more small group meeting spaces, a flexible space for programs and creative use as well as new furniture and lighting. These improvements are all based on feedback from community conversations and surveys. It will not involve any increase in taxes. Thank you for your continued support of the Liverpool Public Library!

## Please bear with us!

-  For the next few months many of our library events have been moved out into the community as we undergo improvements. Check our online calendar at [LPL.org](http://LPL.org) for locations.
-  The first stage has begun with the renovation of the restroom in the Children’s Room and the Second Street entry. With the Children’s restroom available, the work has moved to the lobby and adult restrooms.
-  The main first floor renovations are slated to begin in mid-May. Construction is anticipated to last three months.
-  During construction, the adult area of the main library will be closed and the Carman Community Room will serve as a “temporary mini-library.”
-  Holds can still be placed and picked up.
-  New and selected collections, MediaBank and computers will be available.
-  The Children’s Room will remain open.

Please check our website [LPL.org](http://LPL.org) for updates on plans, timelines and how specific library services will be impacted during this exciting time for LPL.

Thank you for supporting the Liverpool Public Library.

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