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In 2018, some four million customers walked through our doors coming from all walks of life and all corners of the globe. Some came to research their perfect job, check out a book or learn a new skill.

Behind each statistic is a person with their own dreams and goals. In this year’s Annual Report, several customers share their stories about how the library helped them on their journey.

Bridget Molloy, founder of Bridget’s Botanicals, used our BizBoost service to help her find her ideal customer. Adriana Villalpando, age 30, earned a high school diploma through our free Career Online High School program. At the graduation ceremony, the mother of five said, “Nothing can hold me back now.” And lastly, the first day after four-year-old Andrew found his forever home with adoptive parents Matt and Amy Daley, his mom took him to the Woodbury Branch Library where he found his forever love: books.

It’s a privilege to be part of our customers’ lives. Everything we do at Denver Public Library begins and ends with our mission to connect people with information, ideas and experiences to provide enjoyment, enrich lives and strengthen our community. It all begins by serving one customer at a time.

In 2019, we’ll focus on serving Denver’s youth by providing early learning and out-of-school opportunities; we’ll expand access to technology and training; and we’ll connect immigrants and refugees with information and resources.

We are extraordinarily grateful for your support of the library and the Friends Foundation. Without you and our volunteers, we could not serve the community as well.

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Bridget takes her business to the next level

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2,549,411 children’s materials circulated

9,177,896 circulation (physical/digital)
Adriana achieves her dream of earning a high school diploma

When Adriana Villalpando walks into the meeting room at the Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales Branch Library to the sounds of “Pomp and Circumstance,” she radiates happiness. It is a special day for the 30-year-old mom of five. Today, she will receive her high school diploma.

Wearing a cap and gown and a wraparound smile, she joins other graduates at the front of the room to hear praise and congratulations from library leaders and city officials.

The library offers Career Online High School, a free online diploma and career certification program; in addition to earning a high school diploma, students also get career-specific training in a number of high-demand career fields.

“Because I was working full time, cleaning, cooking and taking my kids to their activities, it was hard to find time to study, but I wanted to do this for myself and for my children,” Villalpando shares with the audience of family and friends as she chokes back tears. “This is my dream,” she says. “Now that I have graduated, nothing can hold me back.”
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Amy took her son to the Woodbury Branch Library for a puppet show. It was the first time he had been in a library and Amy explains that, at the time, his language comprehension was so delayed, he couldn’t answer the question, “What’s your name?” He also didn’t know how to hold a book.

It didn’t take long before the youngster, who has a heart as big as the branch itself, was smitten.

Today, Andrew is reading above his grade level and his mom laughs when she recounts the story that he got in trouble for sneaking to the school library during class.

“All he wants to do is read his favorite non-fiction books about animals,” she says, “and come to the library.”

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Andrew finds his forever love at the library — books

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REVENUE
$50,371,935

City General Funds
$48,352,597

Grants - State & Federal
$205,960

Donations, Transfers,
Misc. Revenues
$1,813,377

EXPENDITURES
$50,294,530

Staff Salaries & Expenditures
$38,708,392

Library Programs
$1,044,297

Technology
$1,863,682

Administration & Other
$2,418,352

Library Materials
$6,259,806
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

TOTAL ASSETS
$9,848,445

- Equipment $5,397
- Pledges & Accounts Receivable $591,995
- Long Term Investments $7,602,587
- Cash & Cash Equivalents $1,648,466

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions $8,201,209
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses $20,366
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions $1,626,870

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
$9,848,445

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE
$1,467,596*

- In Kind Services/Facilities $54,578
- Events & Book Sales $378,450
- Memberships $138,126
- Contributions $896,442

Distributions to Library $641,119
Supporting Services $602,783
Other Library Program Assistance $62,686

EXPENSES & PROGRAM SERVICES
$1,306,588

*Derived from audited financial statements. Go to www.dplfriends.org to view complete reports.
A Message from the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation

Dear Friends,

As you leaf through the pages of this annual report, you will read compelling stories about the people served by Denver Public Library. It is easy to see why we at the Friends Foundation take so seriously our mission to build support and raise money to enhance the library’s programs and services. If you contributed time, money or both in 2018, thank you very much!

The Foundation provides needed support that supplements and amplifies the generous funding received from the City and its citizens via taxes and bonds. In 2018, through small to large contributions of time and money, and through the work of Friends Foundation staff and board, we were able to support the library by:

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- Celebrating the library and its work through the Booklovers Ball, our signature fundraising event. In 2018, we celebrated prohibited books and ideas through time, with the theme Banned.
- Holding our twice yearly public book sales, selling books online and by auction, and attracting customers to our thriving Red Chair Bookstore, located at the Central Library.
- Honoring more than 150 donors who have supported the Foundation for ten or more years at the Loyalty Luncheon.
- Recognizing the Junior League of Denver for their long-term volunteer and financial support of the Foundation and library at the annual Holiday Lighting Party.

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In 2019 we look forward to hosting all of our traditional events, as well as new author events for our members. We are also exploring how to best supplement the 2017 Elevate Denver bond funding.

With more than four million annual in-person visits across its 26 locations, the library is Denver’s most-visited cultural attraction. It connects our community and provides a welcoming space for education and enrichment where all people can explore, learn, create, connect, grow and discover. We are excited to carry on the tremendous legacy of the Friends Foundation and invite you to join, rejoin or continue with us in our work to expand the reach of our tremendous library.

Yours very truly,

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City Librarian Michelle Jeske, Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Friends
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