Community Report
2018-2019

Hours
Monday-Wednesday: 10AM - 8PM
Thursday: 10AM - 6PM
Friday & Saturday: 10AM - 2PM

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www.lansinglibrary.org
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HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY?
- Join the Friends of the LCL
- Volunteer at the Circ Desk
- Assist with special projects
- Shelve books
- Assist with programming
- Work in the garden
- Donate used books
- Make a monetary donation

Contact the Library today!
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There’s a place here for you!

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SAVE THE DATE! June 22nd, 2019
Join us for a combined Kick-off Celebration for “A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program, the LCL Semi-Annual Book Sale and Bake Sale.
11 AM Hilby the Skinny German Juggle Boy
Book Sale from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM downstairs in the library.
Last year over 440 children, teens, and adults joined our Summer Reading Program which is funded, in part, by the Friends of LCL Book Sale proceeds.
The Lansing Library would like to thank this community for its continued support. As usual, we had a phenomenal Summer Reading Program last summer. In 2018 the library added a Children’s Librarian to our staff and hired an independent bookkeeper. We have expanded afterschool programming and now have “Ask Annie” as tech support. We purchased the “Afterschool Edge,” a computer specifically designed for K-5th grade homework help. We continue to listen and look for ways to better serve our community. As we reflect on the success of this past year, we are simultaneously looking ahead to ensure that we are always growing and evolving in ways that will continue to meet the needs of our vibrant community and ever-changing society. We are energized and proud of all that this library has come to be over the past 10 years, and excited that the groundwork has been laid for so much potential growth in the future. —Liz Miller, Board President

**2018 Fast Facts**

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<td>People visited the library</td>
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<td>Lansing library card holders</td>
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<td>Visits made to the library's website</td>
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<td>Items checked out by Lansing patrons</td>
<td>81,355</td>
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<td>Items in our collection</td>
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**Ongoing Programs**

- Semi-Annual Book Sales
  - Monthly: Book Club for Adults
  - Quarterly: Pajama Story Time
  - Artist displays
  - Story Hours for Preschoolers & Toddlers
  - Weekly: Play Mah Jongg, Tai Chi

Historically, LCL has relied on the Lansing tax levy for about 70% of its operational expenses, but our staff, volunteers and Friends work hard to grow other sources of income as well, including grants, fundraisers, donations and gifts. In 2018 nearly 30% of our expenses were covered by these other sources of income. In 2018, this meant that the Library offered almost **$254,000** worth of services and programming for the **$181,310** investment of Lansing taxpayers. Nonetheless, operational constants must be offset by guaranteed income, and this year’s increase allows us to offer more consistent programming and aging building maintenance. Grants and other income sources can be devoted to new initiatives and technology.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have logged over 3,800 hours in 2018! The Library could not do all it does without your help.

- **9,355** people attended **506** programs at LCL
- **2,395** hours open
- **10,521** items held at LCL
YOUR library is now fine free!

We no longer charge fines on late items.
This ensures that all people have access to library books and materials,
which is our primary purpose as a public library.

Why Go Fine Free?

It’s good for our community. Late fines are not effective. It’s fiscally responsible.

Learn more about why LCL is going Fine Free and get answers to Frequently Asked Questions on our website.

HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE YOU SAVED BY USING YOUR LIBRARY?

I’m always telling people about checking DVDs out from the library. This is such a great thing, because with three kids, they all want to watch something different. And it’s a bit expensive to take the whole family out to the movies. Our library receipt says that our family has saved $1,383.76 this year and almost $19,000 since 2016!
—Danielle Hildreth

The library has been an invaluable resource for me as the owner of a nursery school. It would be impossible for me to cover the cost of all of the books I borrow from the library. The library enables me to provide the kids with a fresh supply of books every week and I’m able to gather lots of books on a particular topic or theme. Since 2016, the library has saved me almost $12,000.
—Stacy Wilder, Sweet Peas Nursery School

Being the Elementary Teacher-Librarian at RC Buckley has given me the great pleasure of having an amazing connection with the Lansing Community Library. This year we have had so many projects that would not have been as successful without the help of the LCL and their wonderful staff. There have been many projects where I have been in need of a vast amount of different kinds of resources so that my students could be more successful and innovative in their research. The LCL Library’s staff helped me to research different kinds of materials for my specific project and was able to provide me with more resources than I could have dreamed of! I couldn’t do the projects that I have been doing this year without the amazing help and support of the Lansing Community Library.
—Madelyn Lombardo

Have you ever looked at the bottom of your checkout receipt from the library? It tells you how much money you’ve saved by checking items out of the library, rather than purchasing them. Since January 1 of this year I’ve saved about $1,300, and since 2016 I’ve saved over $10,000! Amazing!
—Harriet London
Sample of Special Programs and Events

- Summer Reading Program
- The Bremen Town Musicians (Merry-Go-Round Theater)
- “Leap!” Movie & Pizza Night
- “Airport Expansion” Presentation with Mike Hall
- Lansing Artisan Fair
- Afterschool Fiber Arts Program
- LilySilly Puppet Theater
- “Cooking Matters” Cooking Classes
- Moreland the Magician
- “Trunk or Treat”
- “How To Find A College Fit” with Lucia Tyler
- Rotating Art Exhibits and Openings
- “Writing Group 101” with Claire Perez
- “It’s Your Funeral” with Donna Scott of FCAFL
- Our Broken Immigration System w/ Stephen Yale-Loehr

Grants received in 2018

$23,000

- Cargill - Summer Reading Program
- Myrtle D. Nash for afterschool programming
- Borg Warner for programming
- Community Arts Partnership grant for Summer Reading Program artist performances
- Senator Helming - Building improvements
- Friends of TCPL - Audiobooks books for all ages
- Dollar General - summer programming
- Walmart - Storytime

Fundraising in 2018

$10,000

LCL’s Endowment; Gifts and Contributions

And the winner is…!

LCL’s sixth annual logo contest winners for the Summer Reading Program slogan, “A Universe of Stories” are Kelly Miller & Alaina Redsicker!

This design will be used on tote bags and publications throughout the year. This year we had 76 submissions from Kindergartners to 5th graders. Choosing just one was very difficult!

We would like to thank everyone who made a contribution.

All the submissions will be on display in the children’s room through May.