



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

**Council Session**

## **Item C-2**

### **Presentation of the Library Overview and Annual Report**

**Staff Contact: Ed Meedel, Library Board President**

# Library Overview & Annual Report

Approved January 27, 2020



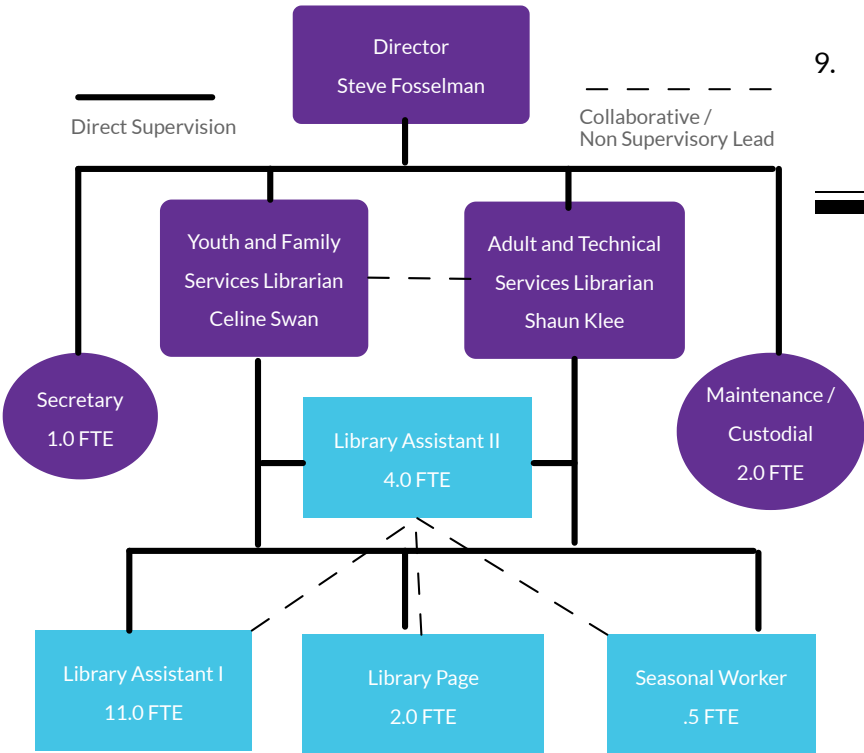
## GILIBRARY 2020 Goals

- 1. Getting kids ready to read and supporting them as students
- 2. Keeping pace with Library technology
- 3. Making changes in collections and programs to match our diverse community needs
- 4. Reshaping Reference, Teen and other areas as Library Learning Center areas
- 5. Improving meeting rooms and videoconferencing capabilities
- 6. Taking our services out to our youngest and eldest / better transportation to the Library
- 7. Establishing Library Branch and expanded Internet Branch services

## Upcoming Priorities

- 1. Retire GILIBRARY 2020 and devise a new community strategic planning process.
- 2. Finalize Every Child Ready to Read center, outdoor discovery area, Makerspace opportunities for all patrons.
- 3. Continue rightsizing print collections and shift collections as needed with attention to increased usage measures.
- 4. Improve access to meeting rooms and meeting commons services for community groups, public service agencies, and an engaged community.
- 5. Expand fact-based resources for an informed citizenry.
- 6. Secure a Library van for short term city-wide outreach while starting to plan for long term services; continue work with GIAMPO on transit and bike/ped plans.
- 7. Restore funding for third Librarian, 1.5 FTE support staff, materials budget and other needs.
- 8. Work with City and County to increase funding of County interlocal agreement and to explore means of other tax-based Library services outside of Grand Island.
- 9. Work with City, citizen feasibility task force, and Library Foundation to explore funding, (co)location, and service aspects of future library branch operations.

## Staffing 23.5 FTE



## Library Board

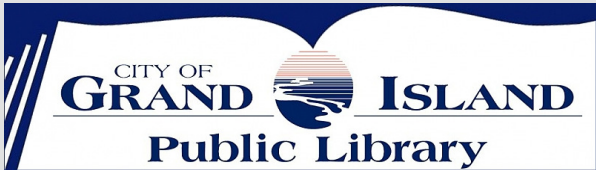
**City Code Chapter 19**  
Seven member board appointed by Mayor/approved by Council. Makes policy, approves strategic plan, and other duties.

**Neb. Rev. Statutes Chapter 51**  
Board is formed under this portion of state law, library is forever free to inhabitants.

**City Code Chapter 2**  
Library director hired under Neb. Rev. Statutes Chapter 51, all library employees subject to City Personnel Rules.

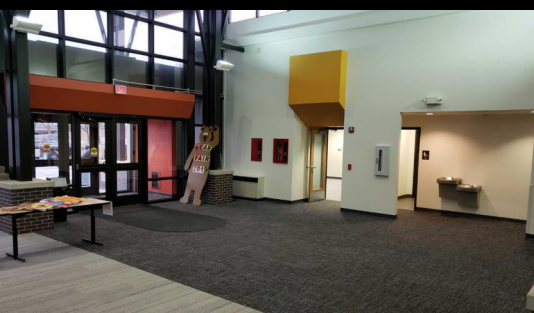
## Mission

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## Library Services and Spaces

- Checkout and reference/information retrieval use of books, magazines, reference materials, DVD's, CD's, and other shelved formats; electronic media such as eBooks, eZines, eAudiobooks, streaming movies and music, electronic reference databases, etc.
- Interactive learning centers throughout the building to allow for collaborative use, discovery, and programs/classes - Children's Discovery Center, Art Alcove, Senior Lounge, Multicultural Center, Makerspace and much more
- For both children and teen cardholders, a live homework helper service
- Variety of programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers designed to assist parents in preparing their children to love reading and learning, using the American Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read initiative
- 1,000 Books before Kindergarten initiative and partner with the United Way on their Born Learning Program and Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- After and out-of-school programming for grade-schoolers including a summer reading program and incorporating hands-on, teamwork, interactive and creative Makerspace activities
- Teen programs throughout the year including a summer reading program
- Adult/general programming centering around authors, history and culture
- Heritage Room featuring extensive family history collections including a state DAR library, and free research days conducted by the Hall County Genealogical Society
- Computer classes and Book a Librarian service designed for assistance to patrons in computer operations, electronic resources or in setting up personal devices to retrieve eBooks and other electronic materials
- Bilingual programming including two six-week Prime Time Family Reading Time programs each year
- Community meetings with rooms assigned for bookings and informal spaces for "meet ups", study rooms and test proctoring rooms
- Volunteer opportunities for teens through TLC - Teen Library Corps - and for adults through Friends Group
- Community conversations through Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- 24/7 services through [www.gilibrary.org](http://www.gilibrary.org)
- Community partnerships with Grow Grand Island, Hall County Community Collaborative, GI schools, GICC, Literacy Council, United Way, etc. for solving community needs through library services



### Renovation Progress 2019 (funded by donations)

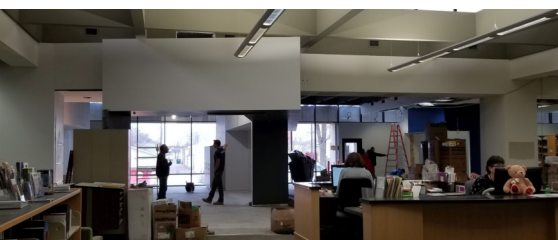


For the next few months there was a lot of noise, carpeting, painting, finish carpentry, furnishing, shelving and equipping while open for all services with a few areas blocked off from time to time.



We were all moved into this space in time for the Summer Reading Program with plenty of Makerspace and Teen Area activities.

Throughout the year additional furniture was placed around the library and AV equipment was added to our main meeting room. There are just a few more odds 'n ends to finish up on in 2020.



Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 8 pm; Friday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm

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

[www.facebook.com/gilibrary](https://www.facebook.com/gilibrary)

<https://twitter.com/GIPLibrary>

# GILIBRARY by the Numbers 2018-2019

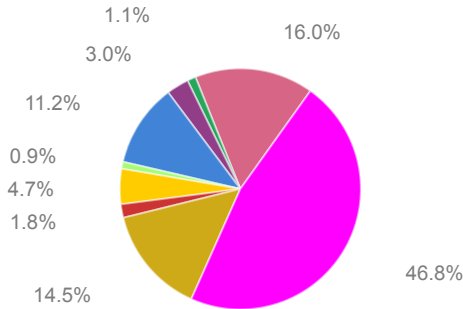
## Nebraska Statutes 51-213 Annual Report

### Grand Island Public Library, Grand Island, NE

**Patron Use** 2,169,118

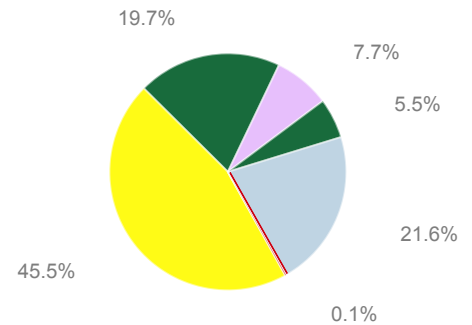
**what's  
the  
IMPACT?**

178,117 **Collections**



Checkouts	314,209
Borrowers	39,084
Computers / Wireless Sessions	102,725
Program/Meeting Participants	20,168
Visitors	242,020
Web Sessions	65,181
Reference, Reserves, ILL	24,824
Online Resource Use	345,991
Facebook, Twitter Reach	1,014,916

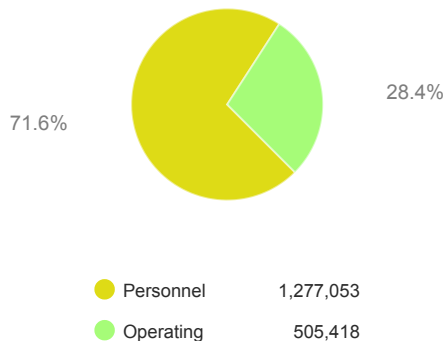
**2.3 million  
library  
services &  
resources for  
your lifetime of  
learning and  
literacy!**



Books	81,040
eBooks	35,022
Audio	13,712
Video	9,721
Downloadable Audio/Video	38,387
Magazine / Newspaper Subscriptions	235

Total items added during year 10,585  
Total items withdrawn 24,473

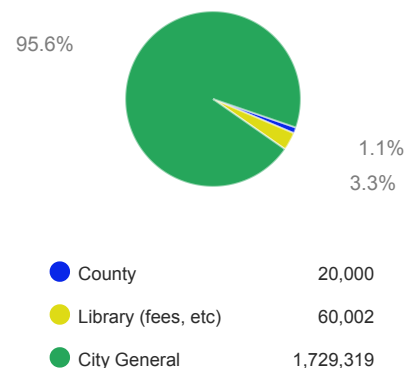
**Library's Gen Fund Expenses (100)**  
Spending 99.7% of \$1,814,552 budget



## Budgetary

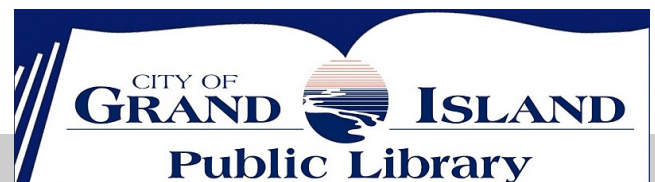
Other Library Funds	Revenues	Expenses
Library Trust (201)	-2,073	4,927
Pioneer Consortium (280)	32,923	29,356
Special Revenues (295)	331,980	1,137,290

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Comprising 100% of Expenses



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GILIBRARY 2020 Progress Report for 2019 on reverse





# Highlights of 2019

## Back to Normal as Renovation Continued



A late winter storm didn't phase this Mark Twain sculpture bench donated by Ray & Jennifer O'Connor and family. Soon after, the Foundation held a grand opening and open house to honor this and other donations.



Our renovated large meeting room has been host to many programs and meetings, including this Lego Guy activity during the Summer Reading Program.



Evenings shine bright with our new entrance extending out into the plaza, pick-up/drop-off lanes, promise of outdoor children's discovery area, and future crane sculpture thanks to a substantial donation by the Staab family.



Makerspace & Digital Media Lab activities aplenty during 2019 with learning projects for teens and adults!



*learning through reading and library resources & programs ...  
for all ages and all segments of our community*

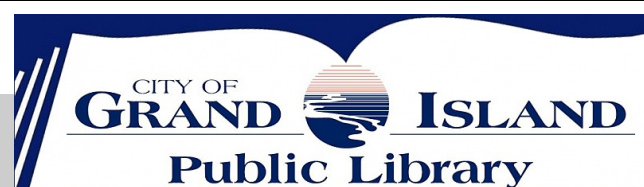
Find more 2019 highlights at <https://www.gilibrary.org/about-us/about-your-library/gilibrary-2020/>



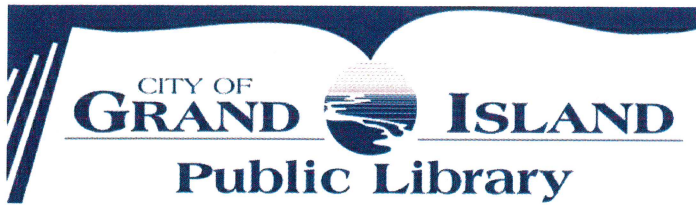
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### Affidavit for Filing Library Annual Report

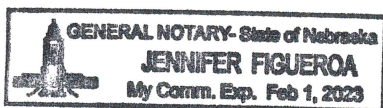
The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that he is authorized to file the attached Annual Report on behalf of the Grand Island Public Library Board; that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained therein are true; and that said Annual Report is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the Grand Island Public Library in respect to each and every matter set forth during the reporting period identified therein.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Meedel".

Ed Meedel, Library Board President

STATE OF NEBRASKA    )  
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COUNTY OF HALL     )

Before me, a notary public, on this 27th day of January, 2020, personally appeared Ed Meedel, President, Grand Island Public Library Board, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Figueroa".  
Notary Public

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