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### 2017 OPERATING INCOME

State	754,905
County (includes 2018 income received in 2017)	1,037,518
City of Reading	353,668
Other	
Federal LSTA	4,037
Grants and Gifts	104,758
Daily Operations	429,001
<small>(includes Fines, Fees, Reimbursements)</small>	
From Library Trusts	237,357

**TOTAL INCOME** 2,921,244

### 2017 OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	2,086,084
Collection Development	423,749
Other Operating Expenses	469,965

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 2,979,798

Beginning Balance January 1, 2017 191,440

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE** 132,886

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### BOLD MOVES IN THE TEEN LOFT

Have you heard the latest excitement around our Teen Loft? Educating our local youth in innovative ways is the focus of our Teen Loft staff. From leading new technology and coding programs this spring, to being named a recipient of a grant from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), to preparing for a summer of writing workshops, the Loft is overflowing with excitement and opportunities.

"I want these teens to know they have options, and they can have the confidence and awareness to make a difference," expresses Teen Loft Supervisor, Ashly Roman. Earlier this year, Ashly took hold of an opportunity to partner with the national organization, *Girls Who Code*. *Girls Who Code* is dedicated to closing the gender gap in the technology field by leading young women (grades 6-12) in programs that will educate, empower, and prepare them for a future career in technology should they choose that path.



such as women and minorities, could discover things they may have not known they were interested in," Ashly explains. The launch for both programs in March was purposeful; Teen Tech Week is always celebrated the second week of that month and it is also Women's History Month.

RPL was one of just 20 libraries in the nation to receive the 2018 Summer Learning Resources Grant from YALSA, which is a division of the American Library Association (ALA). The specific purpose of the grant is to fund literacy resources which will expand the impact of summer learning programs for teens most vulnerable to summer learning loss, including teens in socio-economically challenged communities.



The first session of the program began in March and will run every Saturday through May. Programs in partnership with Code.org (whose curriculum was created by individuals from big names in the tech industry such as Minecraft, Facebook, and Google) and other STEM programs take place each month on Tech Tuesdays. This gives boys the opportunity to participate as well. "We launched both programs so that those who are under-represented in technology,

The grant will be used this summer to support a series of writing workshops, giving teens the chance to brush up their writing skills in a fun, engaging way. Each month, teens will learn from professionals during these interactive workshops on topics such as poetry, writing inspiration, and fundamentals of illustration and story technique. Summer@RPL will return in June so check our website for updates on this year's events.

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