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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

2019 OPERATING INCOME

State	506,041
County	1,253,528
City of Reading	387,256
Other	
Grants and Gifts	155,566
Daily Operations	443,687
From Library Trusts	435,000

TOTAL INCOME 3,181,078

2019 OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	2,279,572
Collection Development	364,938
Other Operating Expenses	508,040

TOTAL EXPENSES 3,152,550

Beginning Balance January 1, 2019 70,612

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE 99,140

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ANNOUNCING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE DR. JEROME I. MARCUS LEARNING AND MEETING COMMONS

The Grand Opening of the Dr. Jerome I. Marcus Learning and Meeting Commons was held on February 19th. In attendance were City and State officials, volunteer leaders, community partners, friends of the Library and friends of donor, Jerry Marcus. A year in development, the Commons consists of three private, high-tech meeting rooms and two meeting nooks, all available for free public use. The project was funded by a gift from Dr. Jerome I. Marcus and endorsed by the City of Reading. It was further supported by generous in-kind donations from contractors and sub-contractors throughout the community. Renee' Dietrich, President of Reading Public Library's Board of Trustees, characterized the gift as the largest designated donation ever received by the Library for a capital project.



According to the Library's Executive Director, Bronwen Gamble, "This generous gift from Jerome I. Marcus will transform the Main Library into the 21st Century workforce development and collaborative learning center our residents want and need. There are innumerable uses for the meeting rooms, including many that have yet to be imagined." Projected users include people working remotely, students with school group projects, social workers meeting clients, tutors, ESL teachers, budding entrepreneurs, and staff of small non-profits.

The private meeting rooms are outfitted with a commercial grade Advanced Vision Technology (AVT) system, including ultra-high definition TVs with 4K resolution and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) smart connectivity. The system has the flexibility to accept any presenter device and allows screen-mirroring without the need for a separate app. The rooms include easy WIFI connectivity for IOS, Android, Mac, Chromebook, and Windows-based devices.

Reservations can be made in person, by calling the Reference Department at 610.655.6355 or online at readingpubliclibrary.org.

RPL RECOGNIZED AT COUNTY AWARDS CELEBRATION



Left to right - Jennifer Bressler, Maureen Dolan, Rosalin Afan, Bronwen Gamble

Once again, Reading Public Library was well represented at the Berks County Public Libraries Awards Celebration held on January 29 at the System headquarters. Maureen Dolan was named Trustee of the Year in recognition of her outstanding leadership of a system library. Maureen has served as a member of RPL's Board of Trustees and as chair of the Board's Facilities Committee. She has been a driving force behind the renovation of all three RPL branches within the past four years. Working with her company, Dolan Construction, and alongside Board member Michel Micozzi of Burkey Construction, she served as a volunteer project manager for the construction of the Dr. Jerome I. Marcus Learning and Meeting Commons. We congratulate Maureen on this well-deserved recognition.

The Outstanding Program Award was presented to SummerSTEAM@RPL. Through this award-winning initiative, our library's mobile tech van presented 66 programs to 1,056 city youth. The program focused on developing 21st century skills by introducing STEAM-based concepts in fun and interactive ways.

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