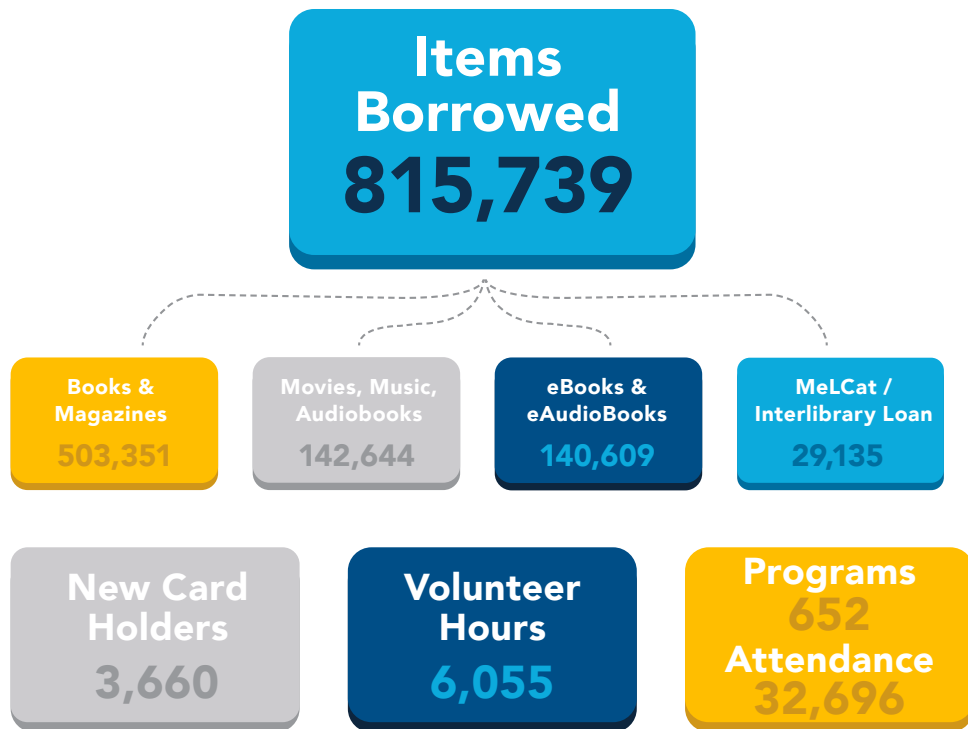


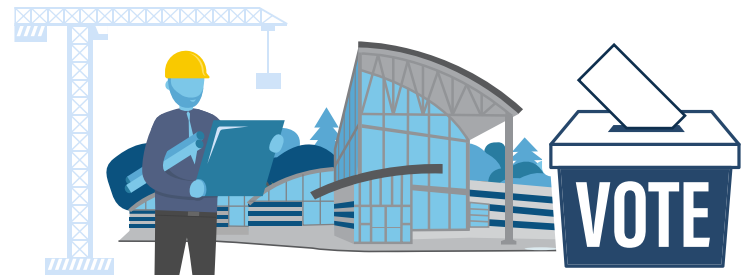
Annual Report 2019

Portage District Library's Mission:
To inspire learners, enrich lives, and empower our community.

2019 at a Glance



New in 2019



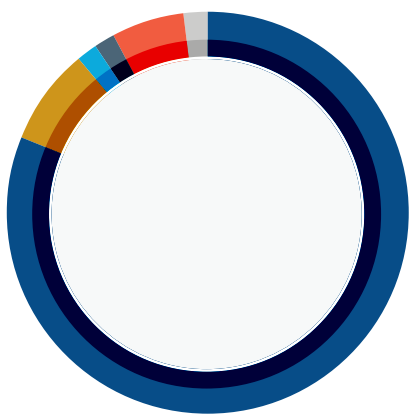
Millage & Building Project

The elected Library Board of Trustees voted to request additional millage funds because the library was at capacity for collections, public space, technology, services, programs, and staff. The voters in Portage approved the additional millage in the November election to support the funding of a building renovation project and new services in the future. With the increased funding, we will use input we have received from community members to begin finalizing plans on building enhancements.

Financial Report

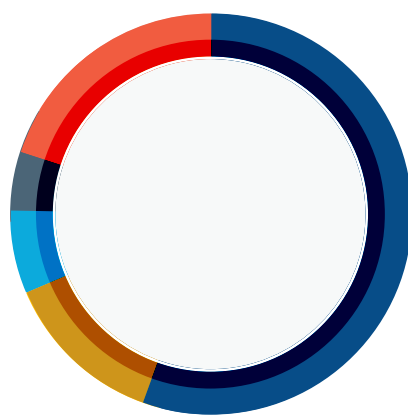
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Total Expenditures

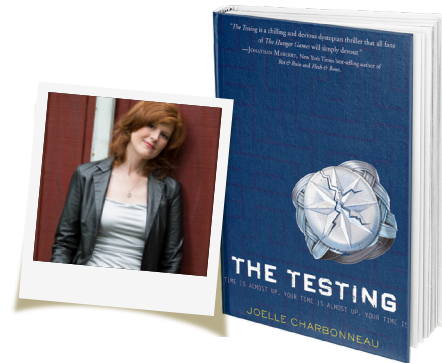
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Library Millage	81.17%
State Aid	7.92%
Penal Fines	1.63%
Fines & Fees	1.64%
Other Revenue	5.79%
Grants & Donations	1.88%

Operating Expenditures	55.77%
Library Collections	12.92%
Building Overhead	6.71%
Capital Expenditures	4.74%
Funding Future Initiatives*	19.86%

*Future Initiatives include open purchase orders, large building repairs and maintenance, including possible expansion of facilities.



CommuniTeen Read

The Portage CommuniTeen Read is a community reading event developed in collaboration with Portage Public Schools and Bookbug, a local bookstore. In 2019, our special guest was author Joelle Charbonneau, writer of the young adult novel *The Testing*. She visited classrooms at the Portage Public Schools to discuss the book with students and participated in a community speaking engagement that included a question and answer session.



Lowered Return Chutes

You asked, we listened! We lowered the chutes in our drive-up book return. We hope this change will accommodate more vehicles and make it easier and more convenient for you to use.

2019 Library Board

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