New in 2018

Borrow a Wider Selection of Movies
In May 2018, we started adding classic films and recent popular movies to our DVD collection. Through the rest of the year, people checked out these new DVDs 31,722 times.

We also expanded our offerings with Kanopy, a streaming film service launched at the end of 2017, which offers classics, popular features and award-winning documentaries. People streamed movies through Kanopy 9,119 times in 2018 through www.dbrl.org.

Check Out More Technology
- We began lending mobile Wi-Fi hotspots at the end of 2017, and added more in 2018. Our 29 hotspots were checked out 3,577 times in 2018.
- Our Playaway Launchpads, learning tablets for ages 3-10, proved so popular that we added 146 more to our collection. Launchpads checked out 3,577 times in 2018.
- Families can now check out STEAM kits that provide hands-on learning experiences for kids with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, arts and math. A $14,145 donation from the Daniel Boone Regional Library Foundation funded the kits.

Search Mid-Missouri History
You can now research local history through the library’s Community History Archive, launched in May 2018. We have a few collections up now and will continue to increase the number of historic photos and documents available to you. By December 2018, the new resource had seen 1,664 visits and 13,345 page views. Check it out at archive.dbrl.org.

Attend New STEAM Classes for Kids
- We introduced STEAM Fairs that allow kids to create, construct and code at each library location. The first fair, held in Columbia in February 2018, attracted 314 people.
- Designed for ages 12 and older, our “Coding Lab” class allowed youth to develop their coding skills in a fun, self-directed environment.

Kids Learn Through Music
Popular children’s musician Laurie Berkner put on two free shows at the Missouri Theatre to kick off Summer Reading 2018. More than 1,700 people attended. These concerts were primarily funded with $10,000 from the DBRL Foundation that included donations made to the Melissa Carr Literacy Through the Arts Fund. Justin Roberts is our 2019 featured musician.

Columbia Public Library Joins Community Initiative
The library was one of the first groups to join the Matters of Social Justice committee, spearheaded by the Diversity Awareness Partnership, and we assisted in developing the Boone County Journey Toward Inclusive Excellence program.
Library Funding

Public libraries in Missouri are funded primarily through property taxes. DBRL’s funding increased slightly this year, with tax income bringing in $291,799 more than in 2017.

Grants and Donations Enhance Library Services

The Library Pedals Books

DBRL’s new Book Bike began traveling to community events in Boone County in August 2018. It was funded entirely with donations from the DBRL Foundation, and with support from Walt’s Bike Shop and Alpine Builders.

History Gains Traction

Personal stories, live music and storytelling made the historical saga of the Orphan Train compelling to many Mid-Missourians. More than 406 people came to the three multimedia programs we offered in April through a partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Boone County Historical Society.

More Groups Participate in Summer Reading

Last year, 227 child cares and other groups signed up for the library’s Summer Reading program, compared to 101 the previous year. We also got 389 child care center staff signed up for DBRL’s email newsletter for early childhood educators. LSTA* grant funding allowed us to produce more materials, interact with more child care centers and host special programs out in the community.

* Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.
Community Supports Early Childhood Literacy

Thanks to many corporate and individual donors, the Daniel Boone Regional Foundation raised $157,063 in 2018 to purchase a special van we call the Book Rover to take materials and services to child care centers. Book Rover made its first visit in 2019.

The Fulton Rotary Club donated $4,530 toward the purchase of 41 additional Playaway Launchpads for the Callaway County Public Library. These learning tablets playfully cover topics such as reading, science and math for ages 3-10.

Friends Groups Support Services

Money from the Friends of the Callaway County Public Library was used to purchase an emergency defibrillator for use within the Callaway County Public Library and five Wi-Fi hotspots that patrons can check out.

In 2018, the Friends of the Columbia Public Library donated books valued at $14,004 to our collections and $85,000 earned from book sales. The money was used to buy new library materials and to help fund the annual Summer Reading, One Read and Unbound Book Festival events.

A $465 donation made by the Friends of the Southern Boone County Public Library was used to buy a camera for that facility. The photos are used to record library activities and events.

2018 Operating Revenue
$11,416,205

- 93% Property Taxes
- 2% Contributions
- 1% State Aid

- 4% Other

2018 Operating Expenditures
$10,609,054

- 60% Salaries & Benefits
- 18% Library Materials
- 12% Building Operations & Maintenance
- 7% General Operating
- 3% Capital Outlay

Library Governance

The Daniel Boone Regional Library serves two library districts: Callaway County; and Columbia and Boone County. The library system is governed by the DBRL Board of Trustees, which consists of 14 volunteers.

Callaway County Library District Board of Trustees
Taylor Cudd
Mary Fennel
Tonya Hays-Martin
Jean Howard
Brian Warren

Columbia & Boone County Library District Board of Trustees
Dorothy Carner
Susan Daly
Lisa Groshong
Philip Harrison
Andrea Kimura
Kathleen Markie
August Nielsen
Patricia Powell
Khaki Westerfield
Established Programs Thrive

**AARP Free Tax Aid Continues in Columbia**

At the Columbia Public Library, AARP volunteers e-filed 2,242 federal returns, the most of any AARP tax aide site in the state. Compared to the estimated average rate for a paid tax preparer, the library team saved these patrons $400,000.

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**2018 Statistics**

- **112,099 DBRL Cardholders**
  - 223,303 people in library district*
  - 12,676 new cards issued
  - 53,765 attendees at 2,114 programs
- **2,318,218 Total Check-outs**
  - Columbia: 1,400,568
  - Digital Branch: 647,036
  - Callaway: 116,723
  - Outreach Services: 76,498
  - Southern Boone: 63,229
  - Library-To-Go: 14,164
- **1,286,826 Webpage Views**
  - 30,906 database uses
- **Over 715,204 Library Visits**
  - 160,380 uses of library Wi-Fi
  - 165,413 uses of library computers
- **561,846 Items in Collection**
  - Books: 403,871
  - eBooks: 53,764
  - DVDs: 37,186
  - Music CDs: 28,243
  - Audiobooks (CDs & Playaways): 23,945
  - Downloadable Audiobooks: 13,739
  - Kits: 731

**Additional Digital Materials**

These third-party services expand our digital offerings to provide streaming or downloadable titles not counted above.

- **Freegal:** 40,000 music videos and 15 million songs
- **Hoopla:** 625,654 titles streaming audiobooks, eBooks, comics, music and TV shows
- **Kanopy:** 30,000 films and videos
- **RBdigital:** 115 magazine titles and 6,057 audiobook titles

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**One Read in Its 17th Year**

The community selected the nonfiction book “Killers of the Flower Moon” by David Grann for everyone to read. The author talk at Columbia College drew one of the largest crowds in One Read history.

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**Kudos**

**STAFF ANNIVERSARIES**

**50 YEARS**
- Frances Bush

**40 YEARS**
- Elinor Barrett
- Mary Goddard
- Sherry McBride-Brown

**35 YEARS**
- Madeline Rolley

**30 YEARS**
- Tim Dollens
- Sarah Howard
- Patricia Powell

**NEW HIRES**

- Margaret Conroy
  Executive Director
- Kirk Henley
  Collection Manager
- Sara Henry
  Callaway County
  Library Services Manager
- Bennett Magnino
  Web Developer
- Abbey Rimel
  Outreach Services Manager
- Jennifer Truesdale
  Social Media Specialist

*Based on U.S. Census projections for 2017.*