



Enriching Minds.  
Enhancing Community.

## Feeling the LOVE All Year Long

ANNUAL REPORT 2016 | 2017



**Our Vision** is to be the centerpiece of Ridgefield, an essential partner and destination of choice for our community: the place where people go to read, discover, question, connect and thrive.

The Ridgefield Library is an intellectual and cultural gathering place, adapting to the changing needs of our community in an evolving world. We commit to encouraging creativity, enrichment and lifelong learning, through:

- ▶ Expert and supportive staff
- ▶ Diverse and relevant programming
- ▶ Emerging and tested technologies
- ▶ Collections available in myriad formats

## From Our Library Director Brenda McKinley



**This year's Annual Report celebrates a 2016-2017 fiscal year** marked by important transitions for the Ridgefield Library. Most notably, long-time Library Director, Chris Nolan, who oversaw many of the the most important milestones in this organization's history, retired at the end of December. In turn, I began as the Library Director in January. Transition can be challenging, but this did not stop the Library staff from continuing to provide the high-level service our patrons depend upon. I am very proud to be working with this exceptional team.

Since becoming the Library Director, my two strongest impressions of Ridgefield have been the sense of welcome and the belief in the power of community. Getting to know the people who live and work in town has been a tremendous pleasure, and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming year.

Like the town it serves, the Ridgefield Library embodies the values that I mention above: we always want our patrons to feel a sense of welcome and to know that we also believe in the power of community. I see it at work daily in the groups that meet here, large or small, for an informal chat, to learn a new skill with others, or to attend a workshop, program or event. Their stories are reflected in this report, and our message is unmistakable: the Ridgefield Library is here for all our residents, from youngest to oldest, working in service to our community, and continuing as a central part of our town's fabric.

All of us at the Library are grateful that the Town of Ridgefield supports our mission through taxpayer funding. At the same time, as a non-profit association library, we also rely on the continued support of our many donors — you, your neighbors and friends, as well as the many businesses large and small that make a difference by supporting our programs and initiatives. Through your generosity, we're able to achieve and maintain a level of excellence that I've rarely witnessed at other libraries of this size. I want to personally thank each and every member of the community for helping your Library make a difference each and every day.

Thank you! *Brenda McKinley*

## From Our Board Chair Dean Miller



**This was an exciting year** for Library patrons and supporters, as we welcomed our new Director Brenda McKinley, launched several new programs and events, and continued to be a gathering place for the community.

We were so pleased to have Brenda join us as Director in January. Her wealth of knowledge and experience ensured a smooth transition and a continuation of the service you have come to expect from the Library. We also welcomed a number of great additions to our staff during the year who have brought a new energy and fresh ideas. The Board of Directors is proud to work with such a talented Director and professional staff, who excel in helping you navigate the Library and our many service offerings. Whether you visit to discover a new author, learn a new skill, or simply use the Internet, please take the time to speak with our amazing library team.

Our commitment to encouraging creativity, enrichment and lifelong learning has not wavered, and we continue to offer a wide array of programs and events designed to support our community's needs. We work with over 80 local organizations to present programs for parents, children, college students, small business owners, and others. Our technology programs and classes provide you opportunities to fine-tune your skills or learn something new. And we continue to expand our collections in the formats you prefer: print, traditional media and digital.

Over the past year, we have welcomed several new Board members who bring a passion for the Library and ideas for our future. Our focus for the remainder of this fiscal year will be on developing our strategic plan, as we adapt to the evolving needs of the community. We are also focused on ensuring we maintain our financial health and stability. I am proud to report that our financial position is strong, thanks in large part to your ongoing support and generosity.

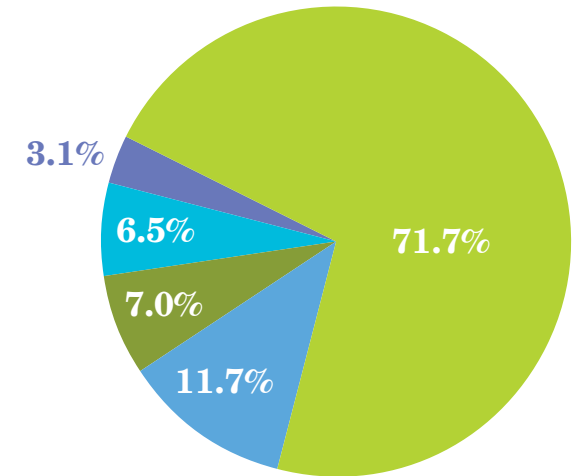
With a vibrant staff and an energized Board, we look ahead to our future and the impact a dynamic library can have on its community. As the role of libraries evolves, I'm confident that the Ridgefield Library will continue to provide an engaging and enriching library experience for our community. Wishing you all the best, and thank you for your support,

## 2016 | 2017 Financials

As the chart below indicates, the Town of Ridgefield is our single largest source of funding, providing a grant of approximately 72% of our operating budget in Fiscal year 2017. However, it would not be possible to deliver all the services we provide without the generous support of our patrons through donations and event attendance.

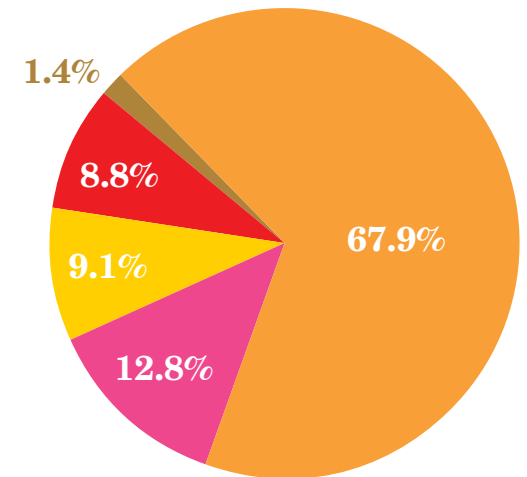
### INCOME \$2,632,564

- Town Grants
- Annual Appeal
- Endowment & Investments
- Events, Programs & Tributes
- Operating Income



### EXPENDITURES \$2,546,666

- Salaries & Benefits
- Building Maintenance & Utilities
- Library Operations & Supplies
- Collections & Programming
- Technology



A copy of the Ridgefield Library Association's full audited financial statement for Fiscal Year 2017 may be requested by contacting Library Director Brenda McKinley at 203.438.6960.

Virtual Reality gear : **11.6 items borrowed per resident last year** : Camp Snooze: Ridgefield Folk concerts : Friends of the Library used book sales : RidgeCon pop culture celebration : Parenting the #Selfie Generation : ARTALKs : **800 daily visitors to the Library in 2016-17** : Books on CD : Making STEAM science, art and technology programs : Playaway audiobooks : TinkerLab : Tabletop Gaming for teens & adults : Saturday storytimes : Coding camps : **21 wired computer workstations for public use** : Mother Goose : Terrific Twos : Kindle Fires & Leap Pads for kids : Adult Maker Group : Dash & Dot robots : Robo-Bugs : **52 exams proctored last year** : Makey-Makeys : Ridgefield Idol Talent Show : Lego Mindstorms : **93,603 free wireless sessions in 2016-2017** : Bee-Bots : Great Courses : Ozobots : 636 passports issued last year : Snap Circuits : Ridgefield Writers Conference : Arduinos : 3D printing : The Library Store : Lego Duplos table : Creative thinking : **20,002 digital eBooks, audio books, magazines, and more downloaded in 2016-2017** : Baby & Me : Book discussion groups for all ages : Wild Things : Lynda.com : eBooks : Book Bingo : **577 adult programs offered in 2016-2017** : Girls Who Code club : Holiday books : Hoopla streaming TV & movies : Author Talks & book signings : Scavenger hunts : Lego Challenges : Ellis Family Teen Center : **32,907 adults, teens and children attended programs last year** : Zinio digital magazines : Group Read-Aloud collection : Graphic novels : **1,789 Summer Readers of all ages read 48,757 books in 2016** : Imaginative play : Microfilm reader/printer : Early literacy activities : Late opening for exam prep : **9,360 cardholders as of 6.30.17, representing 94% of Ridgefield households** : Language learning resources : Family concerts : Books Building Bridges adult/teen book discussions : Robotics : Wireless printing : **31,179 questions answered by our expert librarians last year** : Nutmeg Nibblers : Field trips : Tech Topics classes : Community meeting rooms : Playaway book and audio kits : Skillsbox Tools for Business Success series : Interactive children's music programs : Parenting programs : Cell phone chargers : **7,170 study room uses in 2016-2017** : Odyssey of the Mind teams : VHS to DVD conversion : Rocketry for teens : Yoga workshops : Reading Is a Family Affair parent/child book discussions : Teen author events : Donofrio Family Technology Center : **554 children's programs offered last year** : Videogames to borrow : Learn through Film screenings : Ancestry.com : Mothers: Live your Life holistic health series : Environmental programs : Learning manipulatives : Scholarly literature series : Art exhibits : **99,299 books, audiobooks, videos, magazines and other physical items in our collection as of 6.30.17** : Financial literacy programs : Theatrical performances : Poetry discussion group : Family Game Days : Genealogy workshops : **Open 335 days in 2016-2017, 60 hours per week (except in the summer)** : Public fax machine



**Rudy and Sally Ruggles were the recipients of the 2017 Hope H. Swenson Visionary Award, recognizing their many contributions to the Ridgefield Library and the community at large. The fourth annual Great Expectations Gala drew nearly 250 attendees and was again the Library's single largest fundraising activity of the year.**

## 2016 | 2017 Annual Donors

### FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 2016 ~ JUNE 30, 2017

### 2017 Gala Great Expectations

#### 2017 Honorees

Rudy and Sally Ruggles\*\*

#### Title Sponsor | \$15,000+

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**Brenda McKinley** was introduced as the Ridgefield Library's new director at a reception in early December. Brenda joins the Library after many years at the C.H. Booth Library in nearby Newtown, most recently as director.



After 16 years as director of the Ridgefield Library, **Christina Nolan** retired in December. Under Chris' leadership, the Library re-invented itself for the 21st century, significantly upgrading its digital technology services and increasing the scale and scope of the more than 1300 programs for children, adults and families delivered each year. Most important, she guided the Library through its transition from it antiquated, undersized quarters to the new state-of-the-art facility that the Ridgefield community enjoys today.

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Internationally-renowned artist **Helena Hernmarck** donated a stunning, colorful tapestry to the Library. *Passing Fall, Ridgefield, CT 2014* welcomes patrons in the Library's main lobby.



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Supergirl, Pikachu, Spock and hundreds of costumed friends came to town for their annual visit to RidgeCon, one of the Ridgefield Library's most popular events.

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The Ridgefield Library recognized two groups of community leaders with its annual Paccadolmi Awards. Darwin Ellis and Ellen Burns were celebrated for the long-standing partnership between the Library and their independent book store, Main Street's Books on the Common. Julie Yaun and Theresa Miller were honored for their continued leadership helping to organize and execute the Library's annual Great Expectations Gala.

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