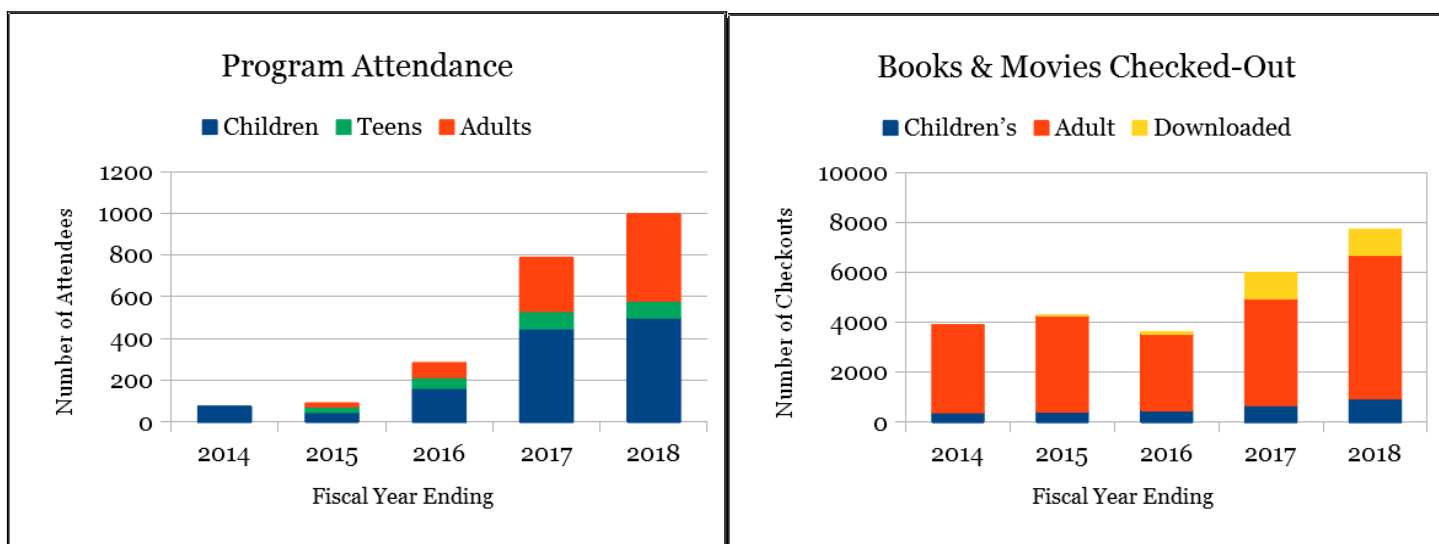




# OUR LIBRARY: 2018 & ONWARD!!

## THE LIBRARY IS BOOMING!



Our Library no longer just offers books-on-the-shelf.  
It is a place to meet friends, do homework, use a computer or printer, use wireless,  
or participate in one of its many programs.

**We are a community hub!**

*For more information on Philipsburg Library programs and services:  
stop by, call us at 859-5030, or visit [pburglibrary.org](http://pburglibrary.org)*

*Follow us on Facebook for event listings and the latest updates!*

# MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN 2018

## Children's Educational Programs



- After hearing that the school was unable to get their after-school program funded or find an art teacher, the library stepped up to provide activities in its place. Now, 3 days a week, kids come to the library after school for Game Day, Lego Club, and Art Class.
- We have secured \$3,000 in grant funding from Headwaters Montana to hire preschool teacher Rachel Parret as our weekly Story Time manager, and to support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) educational programs
- Starting in January, kids from birth up to 5 years old will be able to sign-up to receive a free book-of-their-own every month through the Imagination Library program, with initial funding from The Ranch at Rock Creek.



## Lifelong Learning

- **Cultural Activities:** hosted monthly Book Club, author visits, and craft nights; distributed poetry monthly around town
- **Educational Activities:** provided weekly GED Prep tutoring, hosted speakers on history and culture, hosted a planetarium, and organized a solar eclipse viewing
- **Community Health:** provided free First Aid and CPR training, car seat safety checks, and legal aid services for seniors; hosted a speaker on managing grief and loss; offered yoga classes
- **Access to Technology:** continued to provide free computer and internet access, free Kindles/E-readers available to checkout by request, and technical help by appointment
- **Access to Over 400,000 Books and Movies:** continued to offer free weekly delivery of materials from other libraries in western Montana. To make life even easier, you can download ebooks and audiobooks for free at [MontanaLibrary2Go.org](http://MontanaLibrary2Go.org)- all you need is a library card.



# LOOKING FORWARD

In February 2018, Philipsburg-area voters elected (with 70% approval) to expand the library district to include the area surrounding the Town of Philipsburg and fund the library's operations with a mill levy. This will create a more stable operating budget for the library, scaled to the actual number of people we serve, starting in 2020.

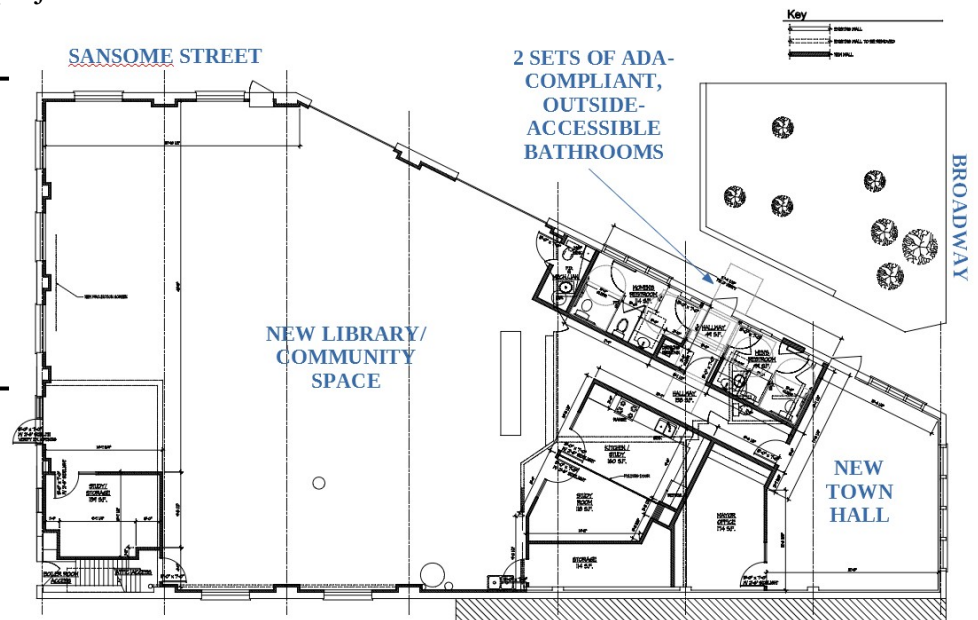
## Vision for a New Library

Our Library is the second smallest in the state. The Library has outgrown its space, forcing more than 90% of its programs to be held in alternative locations, while usage has continued to increase. Our goal is to expand, furnish and equip our library to better meet community needs. In cooperation with the Town, we are hoping to renovate the Old Fire Hall (see below for preliminary plans). It is our hope to create a flexible space with movable walls and furnishings.

Ultimately, we expect this project to cost \$300,000-\$400,000. Grants, community support, and private donations will be key to moving this project forward.

## Our Next Steps

- Get detailed architectural plans for bidding and grant applications (estimated cost: \$20,000)
- Asbestos abatement (estimated cost: \$40,000)



## OUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

It's remarkable what the library has done with a shoestring budget (~\$34,000/year) and tiny space. The library is responsible for raising about \$10,000 of that with fees and various fundraising efforts. We expect the proposed expansion into the Old Fire Hall to cost up to \$400,000. We hope you consider supporting one or both of these efforts this holiday season.

## DONATE NOW!

Send a check made out to "Friends of the Philipsburg Library" to:  
PO Box 339, Philipsburg, MT 59858 or drop it off at the library!

*Friends of the Philipsburg Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Donations are tax-deductible.  
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