



Mount Pleasant Public Library

# 2019 Annual Report

## Our Mission

The Mount Pleasant Public Library is a warm and welcoming center of discovery: through books, media and programming we connect people to ideas, and to each other, in order to enrich their lives and the overall life of the community.

## THE VIRGINIA ODELL LEGACY

In 2019 the Library created the Virginia Odell Legacy. The legacy will be used to support Library services that benefit the community of the Town of Mount Pleasant and the Village of Pleasantville.

“We are delighted to be able to make this announcement”, said Director John Fearon. “The thoughtfulness and generosity of Ms. Odell will allow us to widen the range and breadth of services that we can offer.”

“It is with pleasure that we can notify our patrons of the Virginia Odell Legacy and her unwavering support of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library” said Board President Emil Muccin. “Through her generosity we were able to make a substantial purchase of eBooks during this pandemic crisis. We are forever grateful to Ms. Odell and her family for her sincere thoughtfulness in assisting the library and our community”.

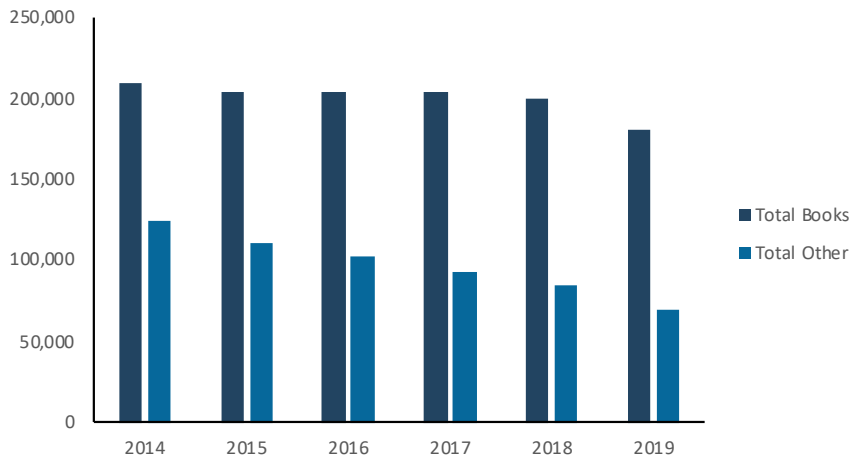
Virginia Odell was a long-term Mount Pleasant resident and user, and supporter, of the Mount Pleasant Public Library. Ms. Odell graduated from White Plains High School and attended Mercy College and Pace University. She worked for IBM for 31 years, retiring as a Program Manager for Corporate Contributions.

In April of this year the Library was able to purchase an additional \$100,000 of eBooks for its patrons, in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Future service initiatives will be announced.

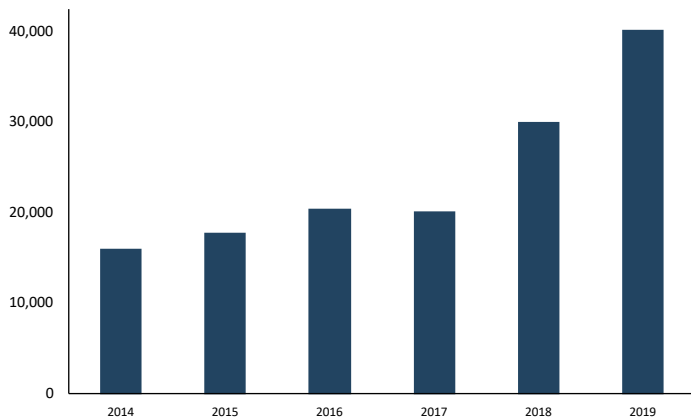
## STATISTICS OVERVIEW

Loans	2018	2019
Books	200,765	180,414
DVDs etc.	84,671	69,045
eMaterials (Use of)	30,110	40,322
eMaterials (Retrieval of)	43,796	40,642
<b>Programs</b>		
Children's Sessions	939	2,227
Children's Attendance	16,823	17,668
YA Sessions	23	40
YA Attendance	372	431
Adult Sessions	144	137
Adult Attendance	1,981	1,716
Community Sessions	162	152
Community Attendance	3,801	2,928
After-school: Children	9,799	8,716
After-school: Adults	3,513	3,791
<b>IT</b>		
Homepage - Users	56,211	54,503
Public Internet Sessions	10,532	8,931
Children's ELS Session	11,597	12,578
Wireless Sessions	25,225	24,903
<b>Other</b>		
Museum Passes	824	829
New Cards Issued	1,217	1,214
New Material Added	12,839	12,981
Visitors: Main Library	183,651	175,441
Visitors: Branch Library	37,891	34,576

## LENDING OF MATERIALS



### Lending of Physical Materials: 2014 – 2019



### eBook Lending: 2008 - 2018

In 2019 the Westchester Library System migrated to a new computer system (called Evergreen) to run the Library catalog. Unfortunately, there were some problems with the transition: and circulation data was negatively impacted in two ways: for a while libraries were unable to lend materials, and the accuracy of the statistics is questionable.

In spite of this, recent trends appeared to continue:

- Loans of A/V materials (DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks) continue to drop
- Loans of physical declined but not as much as A/V
- Loans of eBooks continued to grow

**FINANCE**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Salaries	\$1,243,248	\$1,270,439	\$1,249,578	\$1,258,055	\$1,343,087	\$1,389,247
Employee Benefits	\$488,735	\$602,590	\$534,060	\$546,027	\$699,826	\$585,507
Books etc.	\$237,911	\$230,643	\$243,169	\$215,086	\$232,169	\$245,678
Other	\$416,667	\$404,736	\$445,073	\$400,540	\$424,742	\$390,321
Capital & Loans	\$215,627	\$170,061	\$215,730	\$114,324	\$45,998	\$62,538
<b>Operating &amp; Capital</b>	<b>\$2,602,188</b>	<b>\$2,678,469</b>	<b>\$2,687,610</b>	<b>\$2,534,033</b>	<b>\$2,745,822</b>	<b>\$2,673,291</b>
Operating Only	\$2,386,561	\$2,508,408	\$2,471,880	\$2,419,708	\$2,699,824	\$2,610,753

**Library Expenses: 2014-2019**

Library expenses in 2019 were lower than 2018 for two main reason:

- There was a once-off charge to eliminate New York State Retirement debt in 2018
- There were no capital project expenses in 2019

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019
Salaries	\$1,325,000	\$1,360,000	\$1,368,000	\$1,407,230	\$1,449,550
Benefits	\$575,900	\$615,665	\$630,700	\$636,990	\$625,818
Other	\$429,650	\$419,650	\$436,350	\$457,900	\$432,320
Materials for the Public	\$259,500	\$261,500	\$264,750	\$264,750	\$290,750
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$2,590,050</b>	<b>\$2,656,815</b>	<b>\$2,699,800</b>	<b>\$2,766,870</b>	<b>\$2,798,438</b>
Capital & Loan Repayments	\$92,000	\$94,500	\$94,500	\$95,500	\$106,000
<b>Total Operating &amp; Capital Budget</b>	<b>\$2,682,050</b>	<b>\$2,751,315</b>	<b>\$2,794,300</b>	<b>\$2,862,370</b>	<b>\$2,904,438</b>

**Library Budgets: 2016 – 2020**

The municipal funding request for the Library in 2019 is \$2,804,331, an increase of 1.5% over the \$2,762,888 requested in 2018: this is below the tax cap. The key goals driving this budget remain consistent with the goals driving recent budgets: keeping funding requests as low as possible while protecting hours of services (so that MPPL remains among the top five libraries in the county in accessibility), committing to investing in library materials (to ensure that MPPL remains among the top five libraries in the county in spending and freshness of collections) and supporting adequate investment in the Library’s facilities.