



Northwest Regional Library System

2019 Annual Report

NWRLS is a department of Bay County



Our mission is to help, inspire, and empower our communities by providing a dynamic center for learning and a place of discovery for all ages.



TOP BOOK: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (156 checkouts)
TOP MOVIE: Marvel Avengers Infinity War (81 checkouts)

Computer & WiFi Uses
119,439



320,075
Items in the Collection

Including print books, DVDs, books on CD, ebooks and audiobooks, magazines, ukuleles, cakepans, telescopes, and more!



303,869
Visits

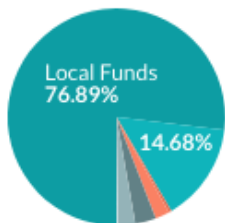
43,596
Questions Answered



Traditional and virtual reference, law library, and computer help.

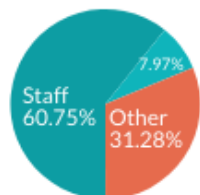
Financials

Operating Income: \$3,542,431



- Local Funds \$2,723,624
- State Funds \$520,036
- Federal Funds \$15,197
- Donations \$74,743
- Fines & Fees \$109,909
- FEMA/Loans \$92,124
- Other \$6,798

Operating Expenses: \$3,361,335



- Staff \$2,041,971
- Books/Materials \$267,880
- Other \$1,051,484



29,007

Program Attendees

Classes and events are offered throughout the year for all ages: early literacy and children's programming, technology instruction, workforce readiness, music concerts, stargazing, music and language classes, and more!
View the online calendar on our website, www.nwrls.com.

Hurricane Michael affected our annual statistics after October 10th, 2018.

- \$82,197.39 amount of books were damaged.
- Parker Public Library lost a large section of roof. Over 4,000 books inside the library were destroyed. Rotary Club of Chesterland, Ohio donated a bookmobile that provided library services from December 2018 - August 2019 while the library was being renovated.
- Over 1,200 books and other materials that had been borrowed by library patrons were lost/damaged in the storm.
- Most branches had closures or limited hours immediately following the storm. Bay County Public Library reopened on November 14, 2018 with shortened hours.