WHO WE ARE

We maximize your potential through exploration, education and empowerment. Our vision is to become the common thread bringing family and neighbors together for a lifetime of learning and enjoyment.

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Between working diligently on our 2019-2021 Strategic Plan and participating in Bogota's 125th Anniversary celebrations, the library has a lot to show for 2019.

Last year, additional Borough funding beyond the state mandated minimum enabled us to hire an additional library assistant. The library is now better staffed to handle the mountain of activity that seems to be growing as we improve our services and attract patrons of all demographics.

Annual statistics reveal an 8% rise in circulation last year (including a 17% growth in digital content use), a 45% jump in wifi usage, a 15% boost in program attendance, and a 14% increase in passport applicants. This adds up to a 3,600 square foot space that is overcrowded at times.

This was also the first year of our Mighty Read, a celebration of mighty characters and the impact that stories have on childhood literacy. For the event, Bogota neighbors, heroes and leaders were invited to read during an hour of back-to-back storytimes. We're excited to host the Second Annual Mighty Read this June and anticipate it becoming a storied event (pun intended) that our community anticipates each spring.

These accomplishments are propelling us into an even busier 2020. Library staff are busy improving our collection—from purchasing multiple copies of popular new books to genrefying our adult fiction collection. We've also recently begun the process of sorting films by genre and organizing children's picture books by theme to make it easier to browse.

We invite you to let us know how we're doing. This is YOUR library, and we welcome feedback as we aim to make your tiny library even mightier.

Chelsea Dodd Coleman
Library Director
NOTABLE PROGRAMS

1st Annual Mighty Read
Bogota neighbors, heroes and leaders read stories to 44 kids to celebrate mighty characters and the impact that stories have on childhood literacy.

13th Annual Haunted Library
The library saw a record 324 people attend this annual event. That accounts for 38% more kids than in 2018!

Bogota’s 125th Anniversary
The library participated in the Borough’s anniversary celebrations by hosting talks, screening the 1940 Bogota Movie Queen, and displaying historic photos and memorabilia.

Top Adult Programs
Selling on EBAY and a talk by Joe De Luccia, a World War II radio operator/gunner, brought in 38 and 35 adults respectively.

Teen After Hours Programs
Every other month, the library hosts an after hours event for teens to hang out and play games or make crafts.

Programs en español
To better serve our Spanish speaking community, the library began scheduling various health and financial literacy talks in Spanish.

#SummerReading
NEW SERVICES

Homebound Delivery
This service is for Bogota residents with valid library cards who are temporarily or permanently homebound for an extended time due to illness or disability. Delivery and pickup of library materials are made once a week.

Student Library Cards
The library introduced a student-designed library card for all students who go to school in Bogota. In partnership with the Board of Education and local private schools, parents are encouraged to sign their kids up for a card. At the close of 2019, 41% of all Bogota students have this new card.

Youth Fine Forgiveness Pilot Project
From September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020, late fines for Bogota books and audiobooks on youth accounts will be waived. This helps make borrowing more equitable for kids and teens without reliable transportation to return items or the tech to renew items virtually. It also levels the playing field for households without disposable income. Removing this monetary barrier encourages continued use among the youth in our community and helps lessen the literacy gap.

OUR VALUE

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Total Value to Bogotians: $1,764,774
## Year at a Glance

- **Open 52 hours/week**
- **37,187 library visitors**
- **14,832 website visitors**
- **Interlibrary loans**
  - 9,065 obtained
  - 15,956 sent
- **32,850 items in the collection**
- **5,656 questions answered**

**2019 Annual Report**

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**Funding**

- **$275,000** in Borough appropriations
- **51,266** materials circulated
- **$6,960** in Annual Appeal donations
- **1,934** passport applications processed

**Percentage Increase**

- **5% higher than state mandated minimum**
- **8% higher than 2018**
- **13% more than 2018**
- **14% higher than 2018**