THE TEAM

The Bogota Public Library cultivates a community of readers and creative thinkers.

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2023 was another great year for the Bogota Library. We had many great programs, circulated many materials, and brought our signature excellent customer service to all of our interactions with our community.

It was also a year for us to focus on our future. In June 2023, we began work with Library Crossroads Consulting to assess the state of our borough today and find out what you want from your Library. We know how quickly life changes these days and we want to ensure that we are keeping up with the educational, professional, and entertainment needs of our library community. We want to thank all our patrons who completed our community survey or attended a focus group. All of this helped us formulate our Strategic Plan, which launches in 2024 and will continue to guide us through 2026.

We have learned over the past few years how we can reach our patrons digitally as well as in person, and we intend to continue both of these connections. In 2023, we continued our hybrid programming, because we know you can’t always get to us when we’re open. We also added more digital databases that you can access from home, such as the Bold Yoga Virtual Studio and Mango languages, a platform where you can learn a variety of languages, free with your Library card.

It was also a great year for passports: Bogota Public Library had an inspection done by the US Department of State Passport Services Office of Acceptance Facility Oversight, and we now have the distinction of having a second perfect score! We are happy and proud to bring such a vital service to our community.

After getting your feedback in 2023, we are excited to bring more of what you like to the Library.

Sara Cassaro
Library Director
YEAR AT A GLANCE

81,461 visitors
80% more than 2021

37,052 website visitors
35% more than 2021

4,077 computer users
80% more

54,638 physical and digital items borrowed
19% more

2,366 passports processed

Third year exceeding Annual Appeal goal of $10,000

512 in-person, virtual and hybrid programs held

33,523 items in the collection

2023 Value: $2,456,331
(see chart on page 6)
We had brought back the Haunted Library walkthrough in 2022, but we brought back the whole event in 2023! In addition to the spookiness, we provided carnival games and candy. All 241 attendees and the staff had a wonderful time!

We also expanded our Library virtually. In 2023, we added the Bold Yoga Virtual Studio, where Bogota cardholders can access on-demand yoga classes for all ages and levels. Our patrons were able to exercise at home, on the Library! We also added Mango Languages to our services. Patrons can learn a variety of languages on this website. Free access is available, all you need is your library card!

2023 was also a year for planning: the Library tapped Library Crossroads Consulting to assist us with our 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. Thanks to all patrons who filled out our community survey and/or participated in one of our focus groups. You helped shape the next three years! View the plan here.
Summer Reading

We had another great year of summer reading. Our theme this year was All Together Now and it included storytime with special guests-- community leaders! We had 231 people sign up, and over 5,000 books were read! Our summer reading programs for all ages were attended by 898 people. Thanks to all of you who joined us!

Another Year of Passport Excellence

Our passport service remained a highlight this year. We also had a facility inspection done by the US Department of State’s Office of Acceptance Facility Oversight and received our second perfect score for our facility! We are proud to provide a calm and enjoyable environment for our passport patrons.

ESL Tutoring

In 2023, we focused on getting our ESL tutoring back on track. Once again, we were able to have tutors meet one-on-one with our patrons looking to learn English. We still need more volunteers! Keep an eye out for more tutor trainings in 2024.
Operating Revenue

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<th>Source</th>
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<th>Percent</th>
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<td>Borough Appropriation</td>
<td>$335,574</td>
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<td>Library Income</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
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Operating Expenses

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<td>BCCLS Membership</td>
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<td>Collection</td>
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<td>Legal &amp; Prof. Services</td>
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<td>Marketing Comm.</td>
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<td>Supplies</td>
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Value

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Total Value: $2,456,331
Individuals & Families

Betty Aduna
Natalia Alzate
Tarek Amro
Warren Ball
Rose Barone
Margaret Barry
Jennifer Baucauge
Megan Beaumont
Karen Becker & Kathryn Lepore
Mara Bellagamba
Marie Best
Debroah Biernacki
Carmen Birney
Carol Bobat
John Borja
Patricia Bowen
Theresa Bustamonte
Edward & Nora Butler
Beth Cabrera
Dalissa Canario
Hannah Canario
Joan/Robert Capasso
Livia Carlotto
Julimmy Cazar
Anenly Ceballos Martinenz
Annette Ciavirella
Gemma Ciocioli
Yamila Cofino
Frederick Collins
Robert & Susan Croonquist
John Deluca
Veronica Deserio
Nadine Desposito
Christina Diforte
Eleanor Donor
Barry & Ellen Dounn
Richard & Janet Drew
Mercedes & John Dunn
Latoya Elvin
Stefanie Eng
Randall & Gloria Everett
Daniele Fede
Robert Ferro
James & Mary Fessel
Grace Fitting
Catherine Foddai
Paul & Manona Foddai
Francis’s Family (Laugh N Learn, LLC)
Sally & Gerald Gaimo
Mario Gamboa
Christine Garcia
Alba Gee
Clayton Getz
Laura Giamurra
Rona Gildeleon
Antonio Gonzalez
Laura Goode
Maryann & Patrick Gould
Kenneth Gradus
Shelly Gufert
Laverne Hamilton
Vikash Haithwal
Gail Hughes
James Insalaco
Marlene Jaipersaud
Margaret Jones
Walter & Deborah Kaminski
Cynthia Karidis
Joel Karpoff
lleen Katz
Lois Kittner
Kathy Kriegler
Jia Kuang
Catherine Kurdach
Robert Lange
Michael Lavin
Nina Lehner
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Eugene Stipo
Betsy Stone
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Charles Sutter Jr.
Yesmin Taveras
Deborah Teplow
Allison Thompson
Michael & Kathleen Tobin
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Malle Vaarsi
Samuel Vasquez
Wayne Verge
Peter & Marylee Vignola
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Jesse Wassner
Rose Whitehill
Richard Woldan
Rhoda Yago
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Francine Zumpano

Businesses & Organizations

AJL Computers LLC
American Legion Aux.
Clifford Dunn Post 117
Came House
Graphic Builders Inc.
JEG Inc.
Laugh N Learn LLC
Luka’s Restaurant
Manning Brothers, LLC
Ralph H. Hall Post 5561
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