

LONESOME PINE
REGIONAL LIBRARY

ANNUAL
REPORT

Sailing through Blue Skies
and stormy weather



2019/2020

Note from the Director's Desk



Public libraries have been building bridges between people and communities long before the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic; take our library for example. We spent a joyous half of 2019 celebrating our community and bringing folks together. When 2020 brought turmoil, we knew our job was to remain a beacon of hope and fellowship for those same communities. This year has been transformational, and while we do not know what the future holds, we can proudly say that we have listened to our patrons during this hardship, made tough decisions to mitigate its consequences, and, thanks to you, triumphed over it.

I want to thank our many supporters who contributed to Lonesome Pine's success this past year: the Library Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library groups, our County and City officials, the Library of Virginia, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, private donors, volunteers, and the individuals too numerous to name. You have given generously of your time, resources, knowledge, and talents to make our region stronger.

From the grandest of donations to the smallest patron's smiles, someone made a contribution every day to our Library System. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything each of you did for our library, including the words of encouragement that were a lifeline during such a challenging time. You continue to give hope and reassurance that our libraries are essential and worth fighting for. Thank you library advocates, patrons and heroic staff for your long-standing support and recognition of our libraries as invaluable community assets. I remain humbled and honored to serve you at Lonesome Pine Regional Library—where anything is possible!

*Julie Short, Director
Lonesome Pine Regional Library*

Start Here... Go Anywhere

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READING GIVES US SOMEWHERE
TO GO WHEN WE HAVE TO STAY
WHERE WE ARE.

Mason Conley

About Us

MISSION

Lonesome Pine Regional Library will be the cornerstone of the region where children and adults can experience personal enrichment and connect with one another as we:

Promote the love of reading.

Excel at providing resources to customers of all ages.

Create welcoming spaces for our community.

VISION

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is the best place to discover, to learn, to imagine, to smile,

MOTTO

Start Here -- Go Anywhere

VALUES

We value the highest standards of excellence in everything we do:

Provide superior customer service.

Offer and advocate access for all.

Act with initiative, creativity, and flexibility.

Work together, with enthusiasm and optimism, to reach goals.

Create learning opportunities for professional and personal development.

Celebrate diverse opinions and ideas.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Lu Ellsworth - Chair	Wise County
Virginia Stokes - Vice Chair, Secretary	City of Norton
Roberta Smallwood - Treasurer	Lee County
Chris Allgyer	Wise County
Earlene Lester	Wise County
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Carolea Newsome	Dickenson County
Sheila Phipps	Dickenson County
Ruth Gilliam	Lee County
Jennifer Meade	Scott County
Rebecca Scott	Scott County

DIRECTOR & MANAGERS:

Regional Director	Julie Short
Wise & Big Stone Gap Branch Manager	Jean Stanley
Coeburn & St. Paul Branch Manager	Hazel Jessee
Clintwood & Haysi Branch Manager	Kimberley Rose
Pennington Gap Branch Manager	Audrey Evans
Rose Hill Branch Manager	Lela Johnson
Gate City Branch Manager	Susan Gibson
Regional Technical Services Manager	Nancy Sowards

“

THOSE WHO USE OUR LIBRARY
ARE MORE THAN PATRONS;
THEY ARE FAMILY.”

Jean Stanley, Big Stone Gap

C. BASCOM SLEMP MEMORIAL

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Hosted crafts and games for all ages, notably Bingo at Heritage Hall Nursing Home
- Created Union Primary School family game night and Pre-K roundup
- Reestablished the Pine Knot Book Club



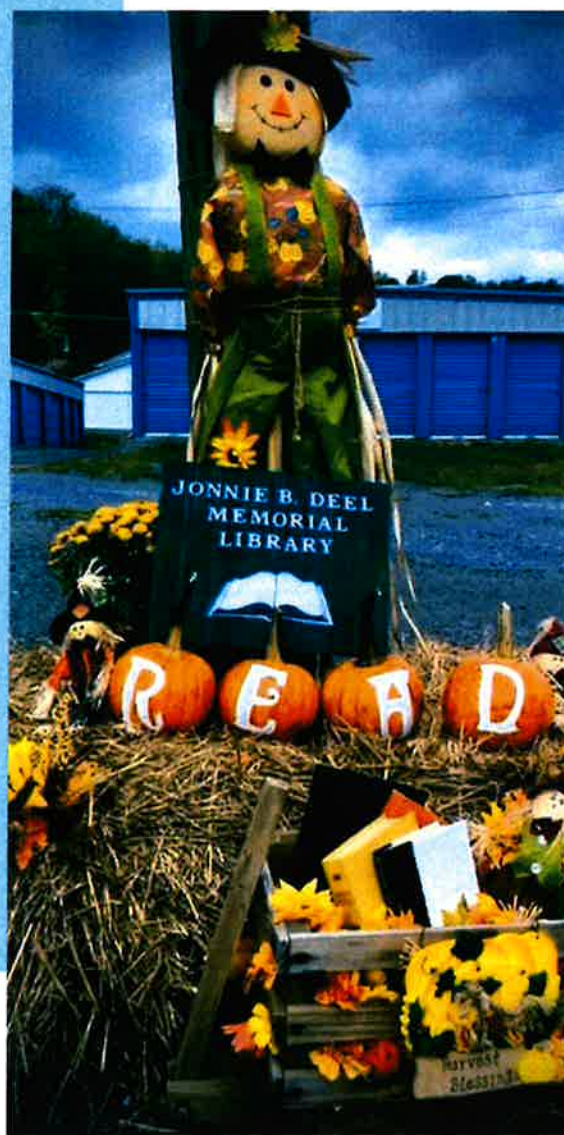
“WE PROVIDE A SPACE WHERE
PATRONS CAN SEEK ANSWERS
TO QUESTIONS, LEARN SKILLS,
AND ENJOY INTERESTS.”

Kim Rose, Clintwood

JONNIE B. DEEL MEMORIAL

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Hosted the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation
- Partnered with Pioneer Art League to host a free adult painting workshop
- Partnered with Abingdon Distribution Center for Feeding Southwest Virginia to provide meals for children
- Hosted a book signing for Sister Bernadette Kenny and Dr. Tauna Gulley, authors of *Better for Being with You: a Philosophy of Care*



“THAT’S WHAT WE’RE
HERE FOR! WE BELIEVE
EQUAL ACCESS CREATES
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.”

Hazel Jessee, Coeburn

COEBURN COMMUNITY

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Featured the Girl Scout Troop 501 chorus for annual Community Christmas
- Guided field trip for Little Pines/Baby Sprouts to Thomas' Black Bird Farm LLC
- Hosted book signing with Dlane Hall Bodmer, author of *Miraculous Journey*



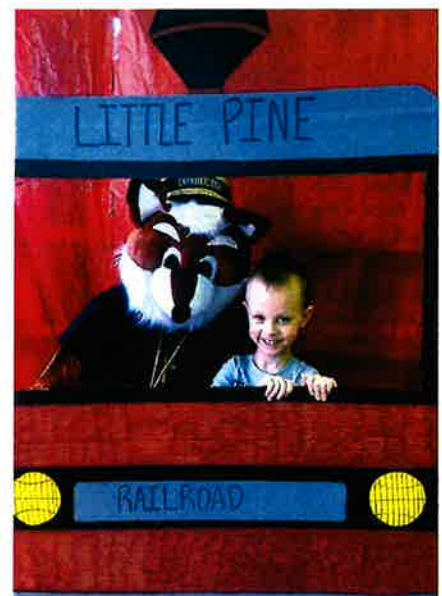
“ WE ARE PURPOSED FOR
LEARNING, PLAYFULNESS,
AND GROWTH! ”

Susan Gibson, Gate City

SCOTT COUNTY COMMUNITY

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Received grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation to host a diversity and multicultural learning program
- Sponsored community trick or treating
- Organized the Happy Endings Book Club, in the Loop Crochet Class, and Astronomy for Beginners class



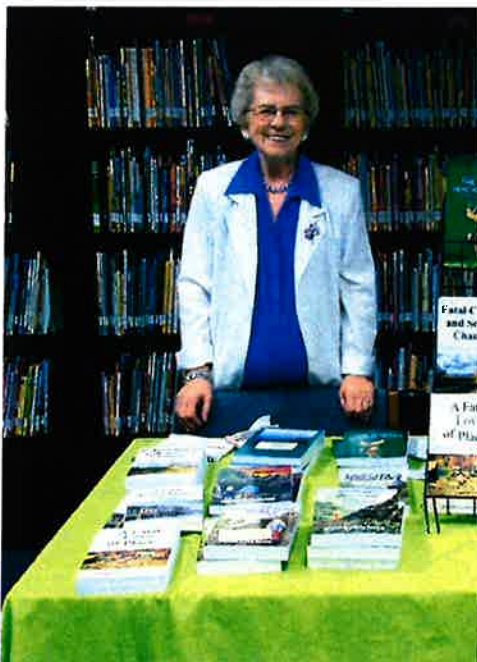
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WE KNOW THAT VISITING
THE LIBRARY IS FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY.”

Hazel Jesse, St. Paul

J. FRED MATTHEWS MEMORIAL

NOTABLE EVENTS



- Held Cooks 'N Books Fundraiser with Lyric Restoration to benefit children's programming
- Hosted a field trip during Fire Prevention Week to the Punkin' Patch
- Partnered with Virginia Tourism Corporation to celebrate 50 years of Virginia love with book giveaways!

“
...A DESTINATION FOR
PEOPLE OF ALL
BACKGROUNDS AND
WALKS OF LIFE... ”

Kim Rose, Haysi

HAYSI COMMUNITY

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Held 23rd annual Spook Night program for Halloween celebration
- Established outreach at ClinchCo Community Center for senior citizens
- Hosted visitors from the Teacher Cadet Program at Ridgeview High who shared craft and literary pointers with our youngest patrons



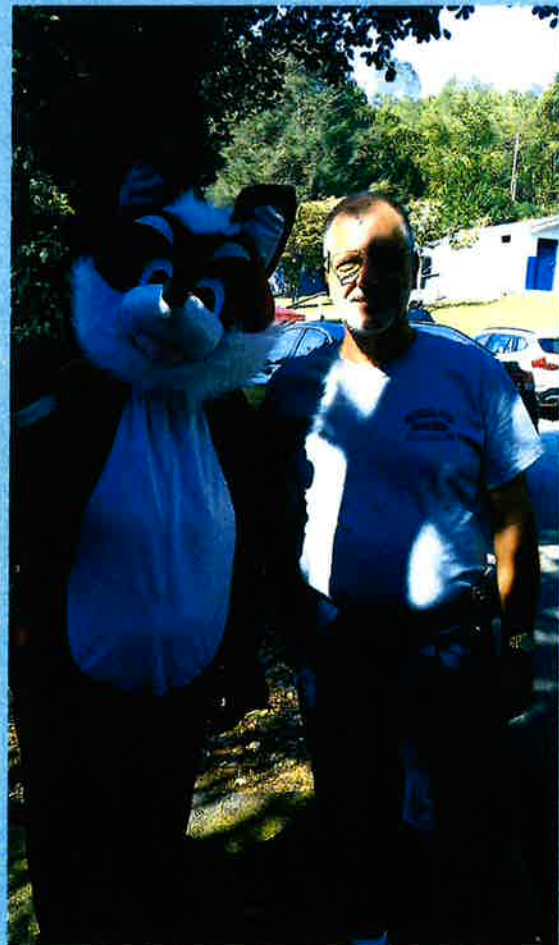
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EVEN IN THE TINIEST OF
RURAL COMMUNITIES,
THE LIBRARY IS
FOUNDATIONAL. ”

Lela Johnson, Rose Hill

ROSE HILL COMMUNITY

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Installed technology updates in the computer lab that serves as a cornerstone in the community
- Completed the installation of new heat pumps
- Treated the building to a little TLC with fresh clean carpets and a newly painted door



“
WE PROVED THAT WHEN
FACED WITH
CHALLENGES WE CAN
RISE TO THE OCCASION IN
POSITIVE, CREATIVE WAYS.”

Audrey Evans, Pennington Gap

LEE COUNTY PUBLIC

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Participated in Jonesville's Festival in the Park and Pennington Gap's Christmas Parade
- Celebrated 12th anniversary of Coffee & Conversation
- Took to the road to speak with the Board of Supervisors and highlight some achievements.



“
AND OUR GOAL
WILL REMAIN TO
GROW WITH OUR
COMMUNITY. ”

Jean Stanley, Wise

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Provided services to High Rise in Norton and Farmer's Market
- Offered children's programs to the Boys & Girls Clubs, Educare, and Wise Primary
- Hosted CPR & Emergency Care Class
- Hosted Mommy & Me Painting Event with Friends of Wise Library
- Honored Veterans in the Trailblazers program





APPENDIX

COLLECTION HOLDINGS

Format	Wise	Dickenson	Lee	Scott	Mailbox	Total
Adult books	149,086	43,409	32,936	37,317	0	262,748
Juvenile books	53,235	16,574	17,956	14,629	0	102,394
Paperback books	33,009	11,811	5,580	7,997	21,309	79,706
Total books	235,330	71,794	56,472	59,943	21,309	444,848
Total audio books	3,986	1,831	1,202	1,682	2,755	11,456
Total Music	4,244	1,196	740	1,276	3,572	11,028
Total Video	10,772	4,854	2,292	2,785	0	20,703
Total Other	582	217	87	193	0	1,079
Total Holdings	254,914	79,892	60,793	65,879	27,636	489,114
Volumes added						11,568

LIBRARY MATERIALS CHECKED OUT

	Adult	Juvenile	Audiovisual	Mailbox Library	Total
Wise	34,231	16,714	10,773		61,718
Big Stone	12,820	14,479	4,638		31,937
Gap	10,598	8,865	4,715		24,178
Coeburn	8,870	9,855	7,190		25,915
St. Paul				680	680
Mailbox					
Total Wise County	66,519	49,913	27,316	680	144,428
Clintwood	11,558	5,437	7,190		24,185
Haysi	5,830	3,831	4,683		14,344
Mailbox				105	105
Total Dickenson County	17,388	9,268	11,873	105	38,634
Pennington	15,460	4,973	4,275		24,708
Gap	2,430	389	758		3,577
Rose Hill				603	603
Mailbox					
Total Lee County	17,890	5,362	5,033	603	28,888
Gate City	15,445	12,773	2,999		31,217
Mailbox				224	224
Total Scott County	15,445	12,773	2,999	224	31,441
County Totals	117,242	77,316	47,221	1,612	243,391
Mailbox- Culpeper				578	578
eMaterials					16,987
Total				2190	260,956

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	49.5
Square Footage	25,274
Visitors	33,062
Public Computer Workstations	14
Public Computer Sessions	8,104
Number of Children's Programs	192
Number of Teen Programs	17
Number of Adult Programs	77
Program Attendance	8,544
Items Checked Out	73,926
Items Added	2,300

C. BASCOM SLEMP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	42
Square Footage	10,081
Visitors	23,60
Public Computer Workstations	12
Public Computer Sessions	9,108
Number of Children's Programs	167
Number of Teen Programs	2
Number of Adult Programs	16
Program Attendance	2,772
Items Checked Out	37,235
Items Added	1,239

COEBURN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	38
Square Footage	8,760
Visitors	19,700
Public Computer Workstations	7
Public Computer Sessions	3,614
Number of Children's Programs	150
Number of Teen Programs	13
Number of Adult Programs	25
Program Attendance	3,215
Items Checked Out	31,083
Items Added	1,220

J. FRED MATTHEWS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	34
Square Footage	5,212
Visitors	13,764
Public Computer Workstations	7
Public Computer Sessions	2,749
Number of Children's Programs	107
Number of Teen Programs	0
Number of Adult Programs	43
Program Attendance	3,192
Items Checked Out	30,048
Items Added	932

JONNIE B. DEEL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	46.5
Square Footage	11,039
Visitors	29,965
Public Computer Workstations	11
Public Computer Sessions	5,652
Number of Children's Programs	194
Number of Teen Programs	16
Number of Adult Programs	34
Program Attendance	4,027
Items Checked Out	35,318
Items Added	1,714

HAYSI COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	43.5
Square Footage	3,200
Visitors	14,751
Public Computer Workstations	6
Public Computer Sessions	1,412
Number of Children's Programs	131
Number of Teen Programs	3
Number of Adult Programs	39
Program Attendance	1,893
Items Checked Out	22,292
Items Added	1,111

LEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	49.5
Square Footage	9,981
Visitors	26,381
Public Computer Workstations	10
Public Computer Sessions	5,808
Number of Children's Programs	121
Number of Teen Programs	0
Number of Adult Programs	8
Program Attendance	4,434
Items Checked Out	31,229
Items Added	996

ROSE HILL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	14
Square Footage	1,700
Visitors	4,058
Public Computer Workstations	9
Public Computer Sessions	3,013
Number of Children's Programs	
Number of Teen Programs	
Number of Adult Programs	
Program Attendance	
Items Checked Out	5,167
Items Added	118

SCOTT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	49.5
Square Footage	7,502
Visitors	21,694
Public Computer Workstations	9
Public Computer Sessions	3,486
Number of Children's Programs	152
Number of Teen Programs	1
Number of Adult Programs	15
Program Attendance	2,504
Items Checked Out	37,203
Items Added	1,694

MAILBOX LIBRARY

Public Service hours per week	20
Total Items	27,636
Items Added	244
Items Checked Out	2,542
Interlibrary Loans Loaned	299
Interlibrary Loans Borrowed	119

FINANCES

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	
Local Government Funds	1,613,557
Contributed Services	85,818
Library Branch Income	68,093
State Aid Funds	437,893
Interest	25,217
Gifts & Donations	13,536
E-Rate Reimbursement	70,653
Miscellaneous	13,797
Grants	6,560
TOTAL INCOME	2,335,124

Expenses	
Salaries	1,168,510
Employee Benefits	354,465
Building Maintenance & Utilities	202,553
Library Materials	126,445
Datalines	88,323
Shelving, Furniture, & Equipment	27,662
Equipment Maintenance	64,486
Postage & Supplies	48,638
Auto & Travel Expense	7,440
Grant Expense	2,303
Programming	18,294
Miscellaneous	11,885
Insurance & Contracted Service	65,304
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,186,308

RESTRICTED FUNDS & ENDOWMENTS

Luther F. & Lou Emma Addington Memorial Fund Wise County Public Library	89,112
Wise County Public Library Improvement Fund	11,917
Howard & Hattie Cummings Endowment Fund C. Bascom Slemph Memorial Library	13,574
Nelle T. Phillips Estate Fund C. Bascom Slemph Memorial Library	1,133,340
C. Bascom Slemph Memorial Library Improvement Fund	553
Coeburn Community Library Improvement Fund	1,518
J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library Improvement Fund	19,283
Lee County Public Library Improvement Fund	335
Haysi Community Library Improvement Fund	34
Regional Compensated Absence Fund	25,722
Regional Van Replacement Fund	24,980

