In 2017, the library continued to be responsive to the changing needs in our community. When Head Start moved to its new location, our satellite library also went to the new building so that we could continue to offer a full library experience on a weekly basis to the children in that program. Upon the addition of preschool classrooms to the Barberton City Schools, we were pleased to be able to work with those teachers to deliver library resources to their classrooms on a regular basis. We look forward to partnering with them to offer a full library experience to BCS preschool students beginning in the fall of 2018. We also heard the community’s request to be able to apply for library cards online, so the eCard was launched, making it more simple for guests to get their first borrower’s card. Additionally, we continue to expand the number of eBooks and other eMedia available in the collection.

The schedule of programs offered to children and families at the main building increased by 16% in 2017 when several new series, including Music & Movement, Home School Book Club, and Tween Art Lab were added. The Nature Corner, and interactive station focusing on the natural world, was added for young children and their families. Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Library, a new AWE Early Literacy Station was purchased. This non-internet computer is for children ages two to eight and features over 4,000 localized learning activities. The engaging content spans all seven curricular areas: math, science and nature, social studies and geography, reading, art and music, writing and computer skills, and reference.

Continuing in our tradition of community partnership, the Library, along with the YMCA and Stark State College, became a site for the Barberton Bike Share program which was launched in May. For the initial season, 291 bike rentals were transacted and we look forward to even more active usage in 2018.

Overall, the facility is lighter and brighter due to our work in upgrading lighting fixtures from fluorescent to LED. It’s an ongoing process, but one that is substantially reducing our electrical consumption and is just one of the ways that we’re actively working to make the library more green.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve the community of Barberton and it will be our honor to continue that service in 2018.
Library Use
Items Borrowed: 320,766
Registered Library Card Holders: 22,202
Library Visitors: 145,444
Meeting Room/Quiet Study Use: 4,937
Questions Answered: 26,468
Computer Sessions: 29,510
Wireless Use Sessions: 59,750
Children’s Programs Offered: 532
Attendance at Children’s Programs: 17,599
Teen Programs Offered: 49
Teen Program Attendance: 365
Adult Programs Offered: 172
Adult Program Attendance: 2,454
Total Programs: 753
Total Program Attendance: 20,418

The Collections
Print Books: 73,543
Print Magazine Subscriptions: 257
Videos: 15,504
CDs: 5,642
E-books: 191,805
Downloadable Videos: 3,751
Downloadable Audio: 52,307
Databases: 81

NASA: The Journey to Mars and Beyond visits the library.

Children enjoy the relaxing benefits of coloring during a Get Crafty! Program.

Alison Johnston reads to Summer the dog during PAWS to Read.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Revenues:** $1,610,211
- Public Library Fund: $899,430
- Local Property Tax: $575,428
- Homestead: $73,417
- Fines and Fees: $32,232
- Gifts and Donations: $18,031
- Investment Earnings: $2,445
- Grants: $5,500

**Expenditures:** $1,487,646
- Library Services
  - Public Services and Programs: $992,775
  - Collection Development: $189,592
- Support Services
  - Facilities Operation and Maintenance: $100,465
  - Information Services: $84,893
  - Business Administration: $71,219
- Capital Outlay: $48,702

**Diagram:**
- Public Services and Programs: 67%
- Local Property Tax: 36%
- Public Library Fund: 56%
- Homestead: 4%
- Fines & Fees: 2%
- Other: 2%
- Business Administration: 5%
- Information Services: 5%
- Facilities Operation and Maintenance: 7%
- Collection Development: 13%

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The Mission
The Barberton Public Library will promote independent thought and community interaction by providing services and resources necessary for individuals to pursue educational, creative, personal, and professional interest.

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