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Editor’s Note
As we spring forward into a new season of re-envisioned cultural programs, an extended run of the 22 Collections exhibit, and all the ongoing free educational resources offered at Central Library and every one of the 72 neighborhood branch libraries across Los Angeles, we are excited to share with you a special issue of our quarterly newsletter that looks back on the impact of the Library Foundation’s work between July 2017 and June 2018.

The role of the public library to welcome everyone and to provide access to ideas is more relevant than ever. In this issue, we sit down with the leadership team behind this mission to reflect on the momentum of the Los Angeles Public Library’s critical work.

In sharing with you our 2017-2018 Annual Report, we take a closer look at the diverse range of programs that we support. From a child lighting up with the joy of learning (literally—see page 5 for an inspired Halloween costume) to a woman being connected to an emergency shelter, there are unique individuals behind the numbers of patrons whose lives have been transformed by these programs.

Thank you for being part of our community and for sharing in our belief in the power of libraries to change lives.

Los Angeles Public Library News

Leading the Library Forward: A Conversation with John F. Szabo and Ken Brecher

City Librarian John F. Szabo oversee the library system that serves the largest and most diverse population in the nation. Library Foundation President Ken Brecher raises critical support for its free programs, resources, and services that are made available to the millions of adults, children, and youth of Los Angeles. By harnessing the powers of the city and the private sector, Szabo and Brecher collaborate closely to ensure that the Los Angeles Public Library continues to empower, educate, and inspire our community.

The public library has always been a pillar of every community, but how has its relevance evolved to our present moment?

Szabo: There is an intersection between the public library and the biggest issues that a community faces. At the end of the day, I care most about how this institution is having an impact on the lives of Angelenos in an equitable way across all the neighborhoods of the city. We’ve very well used in wealthy neighborhoods, and we’ve very well used in the poorest neighborhood. We’re used by people, who just arrived in the U.S. last week, and we’re used by people who have been here for a very long time.

Brecher: I think this is the moment for libraries. There is an opportunity through our local public library to learn more about the most important issues of our times. These are the questions that we are all asking about today. There are certain questions that will determine our future as a country and as a people.

How do you work together with your shared missions of moving the Library forward?

Szabo: We’re incredibly fortunate to be in a city where our residents have very clearly and vocally expressed their support of the public library with Measure L (the 2011 ballot measure passed by voters to provide a dedicated funding stream for the library). We’re extending the services, and a lot more young people are going to be using the library system.

Brecher: As the city Librarian, this is a big reason for funding by philanthropy and make sure this is happening.

Szabo: Because it has been so popular with a great mix of programs if their numbers increase? And my answer was, “Isn’t that the most wonderful problem?” Every single one of our programs has moved ahead in terms of its numbers, and that’s because of the ways in which these programs are valued by the Library and how these programs reach across the entire city. It’s their goal to provide equitable and equal support to every student in Los Angeles — that’s a great goal to have — we will help make that happen.

Brother: I get excited when I hear John say those words because it’s what you dream of when you’re partnering with someone—you want that person to be someone whose values you share and who people, and John has always understood welcoming and what is meant by equity. In the times we live in, those questions are often debated. In the Library, one can be absolutely assured that any question you ask will be well considered, and there’s always a person to help you.

Looking ahead to the future, what projects are you excited to collaborate on?

Szabo: One age group that is really important for all public libraries to think about is teens. It’s a really crucial time in a person’s life, and nothing is more hands-on than the work we are doing with the Teens Leading Change initiative in terms of helping young people exercise their civic muscles. Whether it’s learning the process for installing a mural about environmental justice in your community, or organizing a neighborhood clean-up—we’re giving teens that kind of experience.

Brecher: I’m excited about the conversations John and I are having about exhibitions. One of the reasons we’re extending the 22 Collections exhibit is because it has been so popular with a great mix of programs that the things we’re asking the Foundation to do are appropriate for funding by philanthropy and make certain they are programs that are going to have impact, allow us to fulfill our mission, and are creative and exciting.

Brother: I’m a huge advocate for holding exhibits, and the Foundation is our number one partner in doing that. There are people who will come here to see a walnut elephant or a collection of candy wrappers, valued by the Library and how these programs reach across the entire city. It’s their goal to provide equitable and equal support to every student in Los Angeles — that’s a great goal to have — we will help make that happen.
ON WORDS
An international literary superstar visits Los Angeles to discuss the final installment of her groundbreaking novella McGee, set in Salem, Massachusetts, 1851.
TUES, MAR 12, 7:30 PM
Ottessa Moshfegh
In conversation with Sarah Jones
@CENTRAL LIBRARY

STAY HOME & READ A BOOK BALL: VOLUME 31
An evening of literature, music, and comedy celebrating the Los Angeles Public Library. As a way to give thanks for the library’s 11th year, this event will feature a live performance from LA Made, an annual toast to LA Made in LA - Logos - 18.
SAT, APR 6, 8:00 PM
Young Literati 11th Annual Toast
@CITY MARKET SOCIAL HOUSE

ON FILM
In one hour, learn to cast on and do the garter (knit) stitch — the basics to start knitting your very own warm and cozy hat. Materials (pattern, yarn, knitting needles, and yarn needle) are included.
WED, MAY 29, 4:00 PM
Learn to Knit
@ATWATER VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

ON DEMOCRACY
You have the right to know your rights. Join us for Rights Night: a spirited evening of democracy in action as we hear from civil liberties experts, learn about the Bill of Rights, access library resources, and enjoy live entertainment and lectures while engaging with our community. In this new collaboration with the Library Foundation and the ACLU, each event will spotlight a different theme and special guests to inform, empower, and inspire the citizens of Los Angeles.
SAT, APR 27, 6:00 PM
Rights Night: Second Amendment
The Birth of a Movement with author David Cullen
@CENTRAL LIBRARY

SUN, MAR 10, 10:30 AM
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With deepest gratitude to our supporters, these next few pages shine a light on the impact of our work between July 2017 and June 2018.

HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED

Includes a constellation of supportive services and resources to help children and teens thrive as students, lifelong learners, and engaged community members. The programs inspire learning and discovery starting at birth, early literacy training for parents, academic resources like free private tutoring, and civic-engagement projects for teens.

These programs include:
- We Read Together
- Summer at the Library
- Live Homework Help
- Student Smart
- Student Zones
- The Democracy Project

These programs include:
- ALOUD
- Lost & Found at the Movies
- LA Made

ENGAGING THE IMAGINATION

Comprises a number of initiatives that bring together hundreds of established and emerging authors, poets, journalists, academics, and artists for public conversations.

These programs include:
- ALOUD
- Exhibitions
- LA Made

INVESTING IN LIFELONG LEARNING

Encompasses programs and services that address key literacies, including English-language literacy for adults and digital literacy, across libraries citywide.

These programs include:
- Adult Literacy
- Cybernauts
- Full STEAM Ahead
- Health Matters

BY THE NUMBERS

- 67,786 patrons attended 417,118 pre-literacy workshops and story-times
- 19,239 adults at 31 literacy centers worked with tutors and attended classes
- 6,500,000 downloads and streamed videos from 45 ALOUD events from more than 150 countries
- 214,889 children read to by 24,504 STAR volunteers
- 55,002 free summer lunches served to children and teens at 10 libraries
- 41,288 Live Homework Help one-on-one tutoring sessions
- 7,163,937 minutes read by 35,837 patrons who joined the Summer Reading Challenge—an increase of 9% from the previous year
- 29,105 students used Student Zones at 58 neighborhood libraries—with a rise of 46% repeat users
- 95% of Student Zone users reported the spaces are great places for homework help
- 70% of students with a summer library card returned their card
- 540,000+ K-12 students in Los Angeles have access to a professional tutor with a library card through Live Homework Help
- 513 K-12 students in local public schools received free “Student Success” library cards
- 61,909 patrons received computer assistance and attended 3,580 free computer classes across 46 libraries with Cybersuants
- 28,234 patrons attended e-media copies circulated — the Los Angeles Public Library second largest library circulating the New York Times newspaper
- 1,718 pre-literacy workshops and story-times strengthened their ability to support their child’s learning of parents surveyed agreed that the workshops strengthened their ability to support their child’s learning development
- 213.228.7500
- K-12 students in Los Angeles can view their recorded classes through our Learning Platform—k12lfla.org
- Library in the U.S. to have the world’s largest library circulating e-media in the United States
- 40% repeat users
- 100%
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In the Central Library and every one of the 72 neighborhood branch libraries of the Los Angeles Public Library System, there are reading enrichment, educational, and cultural programs as well as access to the latest technology—all being offered free of charge to adults, teens, and children. Many of these programs are supported with funds raised by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

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The Library Foundation of Los Angeles 2018 Board of Directors

Members include: Michael Lindsey, Teryl Murabayashi, John F. Cooke, Eric J. Chaves, Betsy Applebaum, Eric Garcetti, John F. Szabo, City Librarian, and many more.

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