

## Alpine Public Library 2018 Annual Report

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Executive Director

Thank you for your support of Alpine Public Library, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. We are committed to making Alpine Public Library a valuable community resource. Your continued support makes a significant contribution to the library's success.

In 1947, Mrs. Bonnie Newell, APL's first librarian, organized an effort, along with Mrs. Virginia Bailey, to bring a library to Alpine. In an article in the September/October 1950 issue of *The Orange Disk*, a publication of the Gulf Oil Corporation, Bonnie explained the idea was "to provide Alpine's 4,000 citizens and its environs, with a library, sorely needed to unlock closed minds, dissolve prejudices, and to encourage each to make the most of his life." That mission is as important now as it was then, and we are all passionate about fulfilling our mission to provide information resources to the community to encourage literacy and promote lifelong learning.

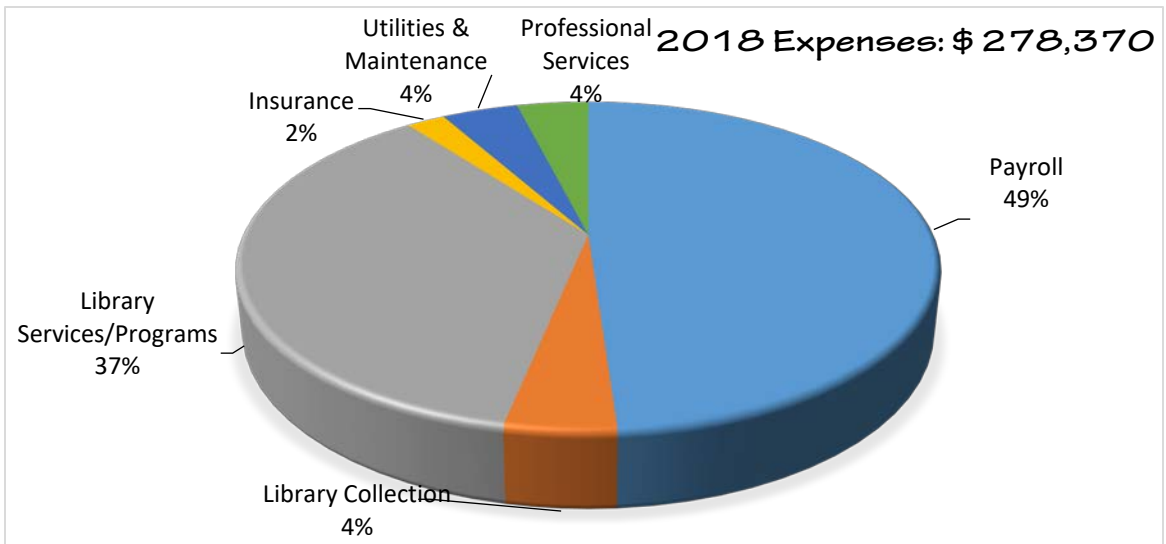
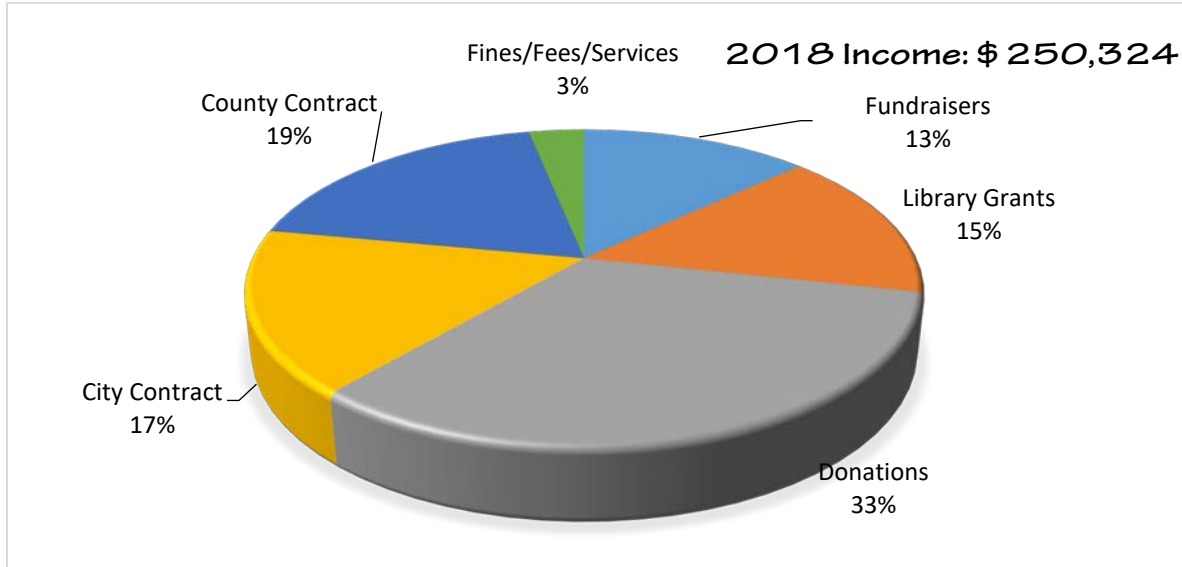
We had a busy 2018 at APL, especially in the area of providing learning opportunities for children. We received a \$2,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for the *Libraries Rock* summer reading program. The Read-to-Swim program was offered again. In cooperation with the City of Alpine, free pool passes were awarded to kids who came to the library and read for an hour. For the first time we offered the Summer Science Camp. This was a cooperative effort between the Alpine Public Library and the Alpine Middle School Science Department. The Camp met every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday July 9 through August 8. Each week provided students with hands-on opportunities to investigate different types of objects and build machines made of these objects. In October we received a \$5,500 grant from the Ladd and Katherine Hancher Library Foundation to support APL's STEAM Family Nights. A Texas Book Festival Collection Enhancement grant of \$1,500 was used to add titles to our young adult section.

Adult classes for ESL, GED, and Citizenship are continuing to grow. We expect to expand adult self-directed and tutor-guided learning opportunities.

Our capital campaign to raise funds to enlarge the children's, tweens', and teens' areas got a boost in October with a \$10,000 Community Spaces grant from Union Pacific Foundation. So far, we have received just over \$367,000 toward the project, or about one-third of our goal.

We ended the year with a nice Christmas present, an operations grant of \$25,000 from Permian Basin Area Foundation.

## 2018 Financial Information



**Library Statistics for 2018**

8,336 Brewster County patrons  
228 new Brewster County patrons  
230 non-Brewster County members  
144 TexShare patrons  
23,981 holdings  
94,907 circulations  
45,588 patron visits to the library

15,413 Re-Reads visits  
352 Youth and teen programs  
211 Adult programs  
7,315 People attended APL programs  
579 Interlibrary loan materials received for APL patrons  
239 Interlibrary loan materials sent from APL to other libraries

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