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As supporters of the King County Library System Foundation you may find yourself asking: What’s the value in giving? In the words of Bill and Melinda Gates “Philanthropy isn’t like business. We don’t have sales and profits to show you. There’s no share price to report. But there are numbers we watch closely to guide our work and measure our progress.”

Thanks to you, 2016 was a record-breaking year for the KCLS Foundation. Here are a few of the numbers we are excited to share:

- More than $1 million was granted to expand the programs of the King County Library System
- 120,517 people had access to information and skills via library programs funded by the Foundation
- 16 new pilot programs like Wi-Fi Hot Spot Lending and Raising a Reader were introduced to help create more equity in our communities between the haves and the have-nots
- 689 new donors joined our roster of annual supporters

The impact of your gifts is on display every day in our libraries. From books to battle bot programs, your contributions make a difference. Because of you, our librarians can imagine and implement programs that inspire, challenge, and transform our communities.

With appreciation,

Elizabeth Castleberry
Executive Director, King County Library System Foundation
Focusing on equity and inclusion

Did you know King County is home to people from more than 170 countries, with 25% of all residents speaking a language other than English at home? Diversity, equity, and inclusion is one of the values that guide the work of KCLS, and we are committed to providing programming that meets the needs of everyone in our community.

Because of this commitment to diversity, the KCLS Foundation is giving funds to a number of programs this year to address equity and inclusion. Plazas Comunitarias features drop-in classes to help Spanish-speaking adults receive their GED equivalent from the Mexican Consulate. And Fiestas de Alfabetización Temprana en Español is a series of workshops in Spanish for families of kids age 5 and younger to learn about early literacy and school readiness.

For those seeking to become US citizens, Literacy Towards Citizenship is a great way for immigrants to receive the necessary information to navigate the difficult process of naturalization, and complete the challenging citizenship test. Through this program, 128 people became new US citizens in 2016 and over 3,000 attended a citizenship class.

But diversity comes in all shapes and sizes, not just ethnic and linguistic diversity. This year teens from all over the east side joined to form the Rainbow Teen Advisory Board. Together they are working to address issues of equity and inclusion for LGBTQ teens, through monthly meetings at the Redmond Library and fun events like the Summer PRIDE Dance & Game Night at the Redmond Firehouse.

And to address issues of economic diversity and disability in our communities, KCLS piloted a social worker position in the Auburn Library. Since she was hired in mid-2016, Sue Pierce has provided help and resources to countless individuals in need. In one success story, Sue worked with a legally blind veteran who had been living out of his van for 10 years. The man had also struggled with stolen ID documents, limited mobility, and near-daily dialysis. After many months of working with Sue, the man now has safe, permanent housing through the Veteran’s Administration. He is currently seeking corrective eye surgery so he can revisit a long lost passion: reading.

A Permanent Home for ideaX at the Bellevue Library

These days, technology isn’t slowing down and neither are our libraries. ideaX is bringing STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) learning to King County residents of all ages through educational programs, drop-in learning sessions, and exciting events like the Xperience Music Festival this past May.

Later this year, the Bellevue Library is transforming part of the 1st floor to create a permanent home for ideaX. With glass enclosures, creative display walls, and bright accents, the space will be welcoming to all library visitors. The multi-purpose room with moveable workstations will have enough seats for 100 people. Four “exploration” rooms will provide a place for creative collaboration, including one sound-proof room for music and video recording.

With ideaX at the Bellevue Library, you could create something unique with the laser cutter or 3D printer, record and edit your own podcast, beef up your music editing skills, or finish a creative project with Adobe. Best of all, the ideaX space will be free to use for everyone! Because of this freedom of access, people from all walks of life will be able to develop the skills necessary to thrive in our increasingly tech-driven world.
The KCLS Foundation distributed $1,016,462* in support of library programs and services at the King County Library System, and spent $327,142* on management and fundraising operations.

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When my nephew Luke turned five years-old I gave him $5.00 and took him shopping at the local novelty store Archie McPhee’s. I thought, “That’ll be enough to get him things he’ll enjoy.” Ditto for the $10.00 I gave him for his sixth birthday. 

Luke enjoys creating and sharing his own stories. To that end, we have added to his ‘library’ by buying him books. He has shared his books with other children at the library. Why not invite others to join us in sharing our love of stories and books with young children? So, I asked him, ‘When I turn six will you give me six dollars?’ And then, more excitedly ‘When I turn 10 will you give me 10 dollars?’ ‘When I turn 100 will I get $100?’ I chuckled though his question prompted me to wonder: Now that he’s experienced the thrill of sharing his books, is there any limit to the number of children he can impact?

On the ride home he thanked me and asked, “When I turn six will you give me six dollars?” And then, more excitedly “When I turn ten will you give me ten dollars?” I thought to myself, “That’s a lot of savings!”

A year later, when Luke turned six, I gave him $25.00 and took him shopping at the same store. Half was for him to spend. The remaining $12.50 was for him to share. He even made a gift to the Woodland Park Zoo. That took some courage, don’t you think?

It was a delightful experience. And maybe, just maybe, Luke wasn’t quite ready to commit to giving back to the community. I thought about it and realized: perhaps it’s too early in his life to make that commitment. In the meantime, I would keep on giving, sharing, and making commitments.

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– Jarlin, GED in Spanish program participant

Watch a video of Jarlin’s story at kcls.org/stories

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– Survey response from a WiFi HotSpot user

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