

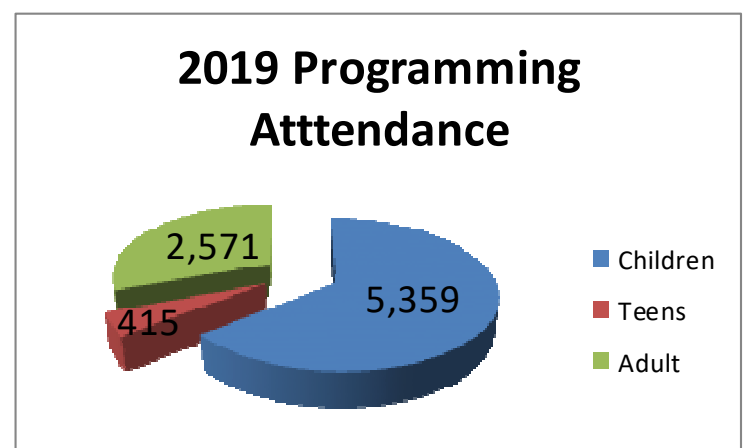
- The February 2020 Reading Challenge was Blind Date with a Book. Fifty two Blind Date books were checked out and eight readers submitted reviews. Here's a sample:

“When I first unwrapped my blind date, I was less than happy to see that it was a story that was based on Greek mythology. You see, I was never really able to "get into" Greek mythology when I was younger, but this story changed that. It is a fantastic retelling of Greek mythology with complex heroines, bloodshed, betrayal, magic, and lots of adventure. This page turner of a book was so rich in description and detail it felt like I was watching a show.”

“Loved my book. Started a little slow but once I got into it I couldn't put it down. Excited for the next challenge.”

- Book-themed Trivia Night February 27 welcomed fourteen participants, all of whom were excited at the prospect of more trivia in the future. Trivia expertise was provided by Galaxy Far Away Foundation.

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Books/materials loaned	10,500	10,489	0%
eBooks/eAudiobooks	1,978	1,844	-7%
Items added	390	412	6%
Patrons registered	60	75	25%
Patron visits	11,469	12,123	6%
Meeting room attendance	2,310	2,135	-8%
Programs hosted	1	8	700%
Program attendees	13	134	931%
Laptops checked out	68	66	-3%
Study rooms use	78	83	6%
Mobile printing use	329	256	-22%



Small-Town Feel

Celebrate Burlington's small-town feel

BPL will build on the close-knit, small-town feel that residents already value. We will celebrate our local heritage and the natural environment. We will collaborate with other organizations to solve problems and achieve aspirations that matter to our community.

- *Jenny attended a community meeting hosted by the YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter to better understand the struggles that teens face with homelessness, transitional housing, and other issues.*
- *BPL hosted another Skagit Valley College information session for interested future students.*

Build Bridges

Build bridges to create shared sense of belonging and community

BPL will build bridges to create a shared sense of community and belonging. We will warmly welcome everyone who sees Burlington as their home. We will bring different groups within our community together to celebrate both our diversity and what we all share.

- *Twenty-five Skagit Valley College student teachers toured our children's collection to study diversity and "tough topics" as presented in picture books.*
- *Fifty teens attended the B-EHS book club this month. The theme of, "Who tells the story?" aimed to inspire teens to think about representation in books and media.*
- *Fifteen AniManga Club participants experimented with BPL's new button maker.*
- *Fourteen teens attended Teen Fandom Club where they designed their own fandom-inspired mugs.*

Accessible and Inclusive

Make library resources more accessible and inclusive for all

BPL will warmly welcome everyone in the greater Burlington community. We will actively pursue ways to include people who cannot easily access BPL due to transportation, schedule, location, and other factors.

- *Children's and Tech services completed an overhaul of the children's picture book section. Picture books are now shelved within categories rather than by author or Dewey number. This will make it easier for both parents and children browse for books by interests or subjects.*

Economic Opportunity

Promote a thriving community by supporting economic opportunity

BPL will contribute to a vibrant local economy where businesses can thrive and every person can pursue their career and financial goals.

- *Jenny is continuing work with her "Future Ready with the Library" cohort to develop career and college readiness programs for middle school students. She interviewed middle school students in the Gear Up program to gain insight into their career interests, and to better understand what they see as community assets and challenges for teens.*

