

5,987 

Happy people attended **291** library events, including **155** children's events, **9** free concerts, **12** cooking demos, **24** book groups, and **5** author visits.

56,679

In-person visitors. That's **188** a day! **586** of them got their first Parchment Library card in 2018.

13,570

of times assistance was provided live and in person by our smart, cheerful, enthusiastic staff. Eat your heart out, Wikipedia!



YEAR IN REVIEW

Each year the Library serves thousands of visitors who use the library to get more out of life.

Here's a closer look at what we were up to in 2018!

77,823

Items checked out, including **1,759** books borrowed from other libraries, **16,903** children's books, and **13,829** movies.

7,406

Digital items were borrowed from **Hoopla** and **OverDrive**, including **3,601** e-books, **3,011** audiobooks, **595** movies & TV shows, and **199** music albums.

2,266 

New items were purchased for the library's collection. NYT Bestsellers? Check. Latest Diary of a Wimpy Kid book? Yup. Hottest DVDs? Oh, yeah.



871

Items selected by online users via our 24/7 Click & Collect service and prepared by library staff for quick and easy pick-up.

 **287**

of time local groups used the library's Community Room or Local History Room for meetings and workshops.

6,300 

used our free public computers, **5,119** logged in to our free wi-fi, **21,104** used our web page, and we reached **160,972** via Facebook.

FIND IT AT THE LIBRARY!

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS

We have books for all ages - Picture Books, Easy Readers, J Fiction, Tween, Teen, Adult, and Large Print. That's no surprise, but we've made it easier than ever to find your next great read! Need the next title in your favorite series? We shelve them in series order rather than by title so that you can find the next one easily. Need inspiration? Browse our special displays - we change them every month! Looking for a book on a specific topic but don't remember the Dewey Decimal system? No worries - now all our non-fiction books are shelved alphabetically by subject (Animals, Cooking, Self-Help, etc.). We love helping readers!

HIDDEN GEMS

Use our online catalog to get the most out of your Parchment Community Library account!

CLICK & COLLECT - Sign in to your account on our online catalog, place a hold on items you want. If the items are on the shelf, we'll have them ready for you to pick up in an hour! If they're on loan, we'll call you when they come back.

ACTIVE ALERTS - Sign into your account, click Active Alerts and select your favorite authors, artists, or subjects. We'll send you an email whenever we add these to our collection.

NEWSLETTER - click the Newsletter tab to sign up for our monthly email newsletter. Never miss another event!

LOAN PERIODS

New Books - 2 weeks
Graphic Novels - 2 wks
DVDs - 1 week
Everything else - 4 wks

BOOK SALES

Big sales in March, July and October.
Ongoing sale in the atrium near front desk.
Our prices beat Amazon!

DIGITAL ITEMS ARE NEVER OVERDUE!

Go to our website and click **HOOPA** or **OVERDRIVE**. Create an account (you can use the free Hoopla or Libby (OverDrive) apps on your mobile device.) Digital items are available 24/7, and they return themselves!

HOOPLA offers digital books, audiobooks, comics, movies, TV shows, and music for all ages. All titles are always available! Limit 5 per month.

OVERDRIVE offers digital books and audiobooks. Great selection! If an item is checked out, you can place a reserve. Limit 7 per month.

NOTE: This service is available to our in-district cardholders only.

DVDs

We have the latest blockbusters (of course) but we also have a great selection of TV shows, foreign films, documentaries, exercise instruction, and children's movies.

AUDIOBOOKS

Whether you're traveling, at the gym, doing housework, or just relaxing in your favorite chair, audiobooks are a great way to enjoy a good story! We have 1600 to choose from!

MUSIC CDs

You can find music for all ages, in all styles at the library! Explore new artists or enjoy the classics.

ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO

Here's a list of our regular events, and we add special events every month! See our newsletter or web page for more info.

Preschool story times (3 per week!)

Parchment Book Club (1st Mon, 6:30 pm)

Mystery Book Group (3rd Mon, 6:30 pm)

Front Page: Donuts & Discussion (current events with local experts, 3rd Sat, 10:30 am)

2nd Sunday Live (free music concerts, 2nd Sun, 2:00 pm, September - April)

Yum's the Word (cooking demos from local chefs, \$5 to register, 1 per month)

Parchment Town Hall Group (3rd Thu, 7:00 pm) Civic group - we find & we fix!

Thread & Yarn Club (1st & 3rd Tue, 3-5 pm)

Threads & Beads Club (1st & 3rd Tue, 5-7:30)

Friends of the Library (3rd Mon, 2 pm, most months) Book Sales 3 x year.



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