



University of Washington Botanic Gardens
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NOVEMBER 2016 ~ ANNUAL UPDATE

Library Statistics

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Library Visitors

per month: 2,134
 per day: 88
 total open days: 291

Reference Questions Answered

average per month: 419

Circulated Items

average per month: 485

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visits per month: 5,491
 pageviews per month: 8,931

Youth & Story Programs

programs 13
 kids 133
 adults 54

Book Acquisitions

general reference books: 49
 lending books: 178
 Pacific Northwest reference: 29
 Pacific Northwest lending: 44
 children & teachers books: 53
 rare book room: 31
 thesis collection: 4
 media collection: 0
Total new items: 390

Magazines

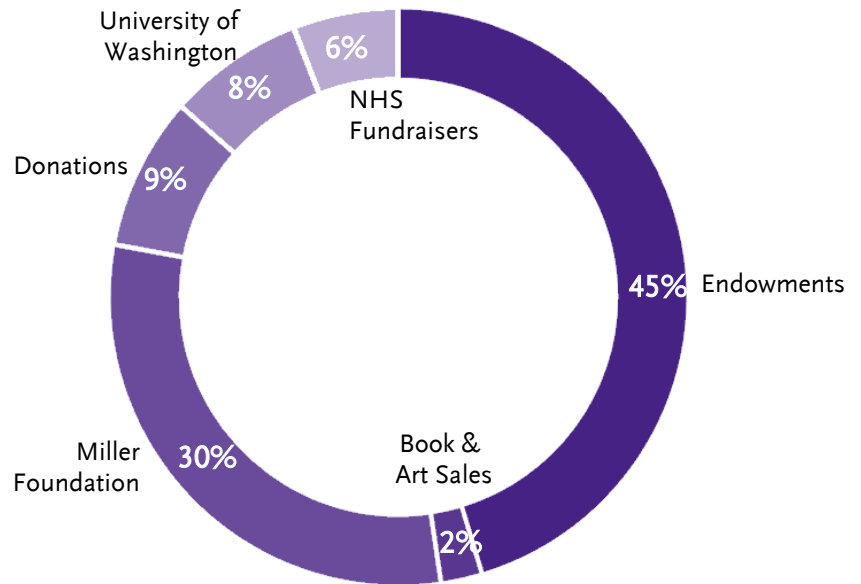
active subscriptions 280

Staffing

FTE of five staff: 3.65
 FTE of eleven volunteers: .5

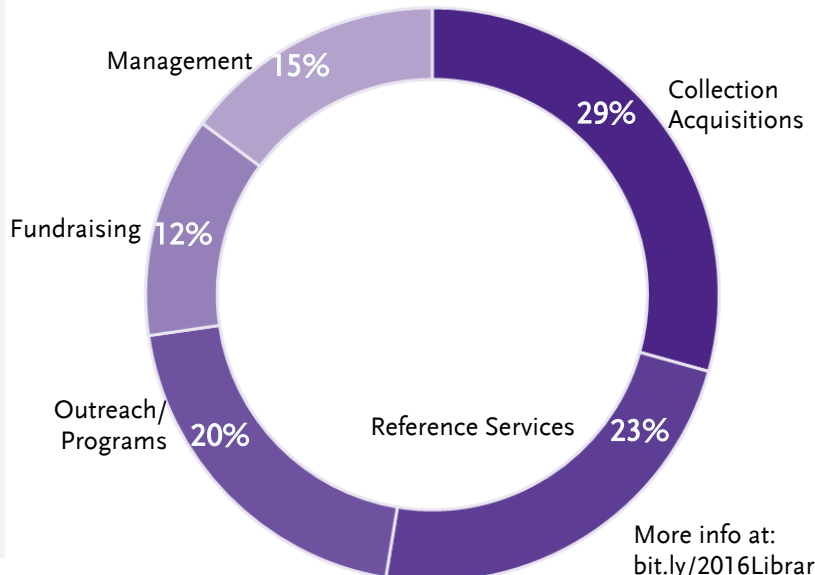
Projected Income 2017

Total: \$280,800



Projected Expenses 2017

Total: \$280,800



More info at:
bit.ly/2016LibraryUpdate



Special thanks to the **Pendleton & Elisabeth Carey Miller Charitable Foundation** and the **Northwest Horticultural Society** for their continued and generous support.

SAVE THE DATE: Ephemerals ... and more! NHS Spring Plant Sale March 4th
 with lectures, great plant vendors, and horticultural displays. Profits support the Library.

Patron Profile: Dr. John Landon

A researcher with a passion for nomenclature and botanical documentation regularly visits the Miller Library.

After taking an undergraduate course in 1969 at UW from renowned botanist C. Leo Hitchcock, John Landon became fascinated with plant names and botanical bibliography. While in medical school in St. Louis, John would spend precious free time tracking down botanical citations in the impressive book collections of the Missouri Botanical Garden Library and uncovered some errors and omissions along the way.

Now retired from medicine, John has time to investigate names like *Rhododendron beanianum* in *New Flora and Silva*, a periodical not found online, but held in print by the Miller Library. One clever technique he uses to confirm the dates of 18th and 19th century publications is to hunt down advertisements in historic newspapers, to which we subscribe, that reported precisely when specific books were to be made available.

Currently John is finishing work on the *Rhododendron* records in the UW Botanic Gardens collections database. This has involved verifying, documenting and cross-referencing over 1900 species and cultivar names, and adding or correcting literature citations and distribution records for all accepted species. He says that much of this work would have been impossible without our library resources.

Gardening Answers Knowledgebase

Plant Answer Line Question: Can you recommend a book that talks about the origins of the common names of plants, not just their botanical Latin equivalents?

Answer: The best book I have found is Geoffrey Grigson's *A Dictionary of English Plant Names*, published by Allen Lane in 1974. It goes into a great deal of detail, and usually provides the approximate date when the name came into use. Another good resource is *Flowers and Plants: An International Lexicon with Biographical Notes*, by Robert Shostek (Quadrangle, 1974).



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2017 Garden Lovers' Book Sale: donate your books!



The twelfth annual Garden Lovers' Book Sale will be **Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, 2017**

The success of this fundraising event depends on your donations of plant-related books.

Upcoming Exhibits

December 2016 Craft show - **Do your holiday shopping!**

January :

Richard Dunford photographs

April - May:

American Society of Botanical Artists, illustration

May - June:

UWBG grad students, posters

June - August

Susan Lally-Chiu, linocut prints



September - October:
Sarah Horowitz, artist books & etchings

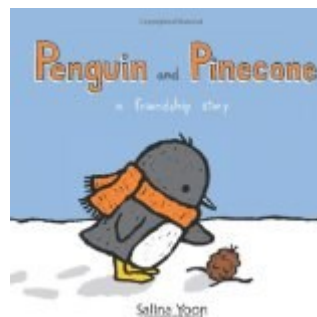
November:

Molly Hashimoto, painting, prints

December:

Holiday craft show

Story Time



Join us each month for stories and activities that celebrate gardens, plants, and nature. Programs are on **Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.** Planned for children age 3 to 8 and their families, all programs are free and open to the public!

December 10

January 14

February 4

March 4

April 22

May 20

June 17

Birds in Winter

Funny Vegetables

Bundle Up!

Rainy Day

Earth Day

Chicken and Egg

Useful Plants