



NOVEMBER 2017 ~ ANNUAL UPDATE

Library Statistics

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Library Visitors

average per month: 1,911
 average per day: 79
 total open days: 289

Reference Questions Answered

average per month: 371

Resource Usage

circulation average per month: 487
 Garden Literature database
 average searches per month: 2,013

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visits per month: 4,616
 pageviews per month: 7,957

Tours & Programs

tours & adult programs: 8
 number of adults: 257
 youth programs: 11
 number of kids: 127

Book Acquisitions

general reference: 115
 lending: 155
 Pacific Northwest reference: 38
 Pacific Northwest lending: 47
 children & teachers: 51
 rare book room: 47
 thesis collection: 2
 media collection: 4
Total new items: 431

Magazines

active subscriptions: 241

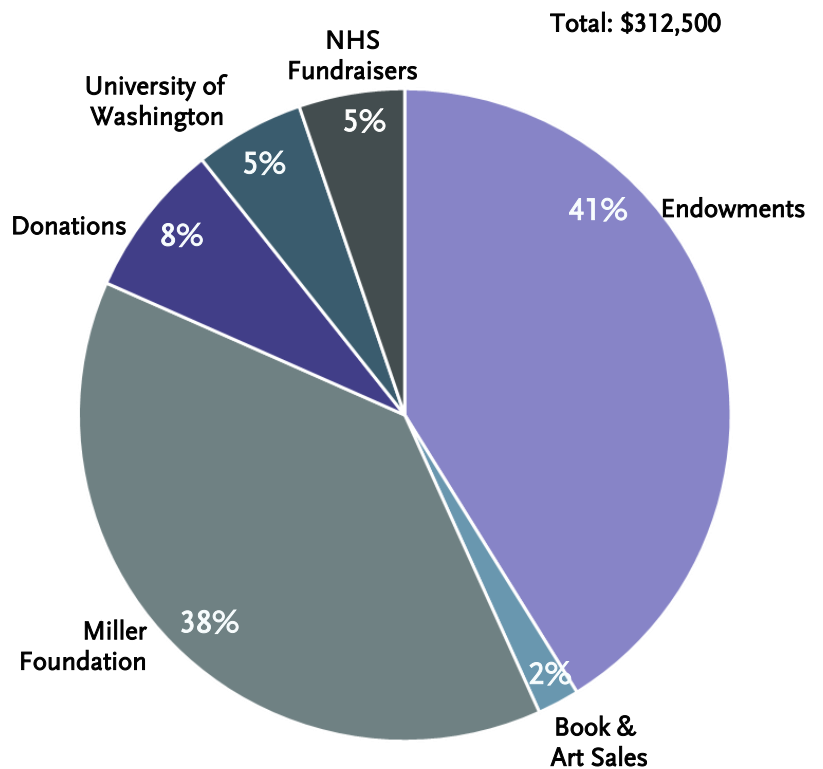
Staffing (full time equivalent)

FTE of five staff: 3.65
 FTE of eighteen volunteers: .55

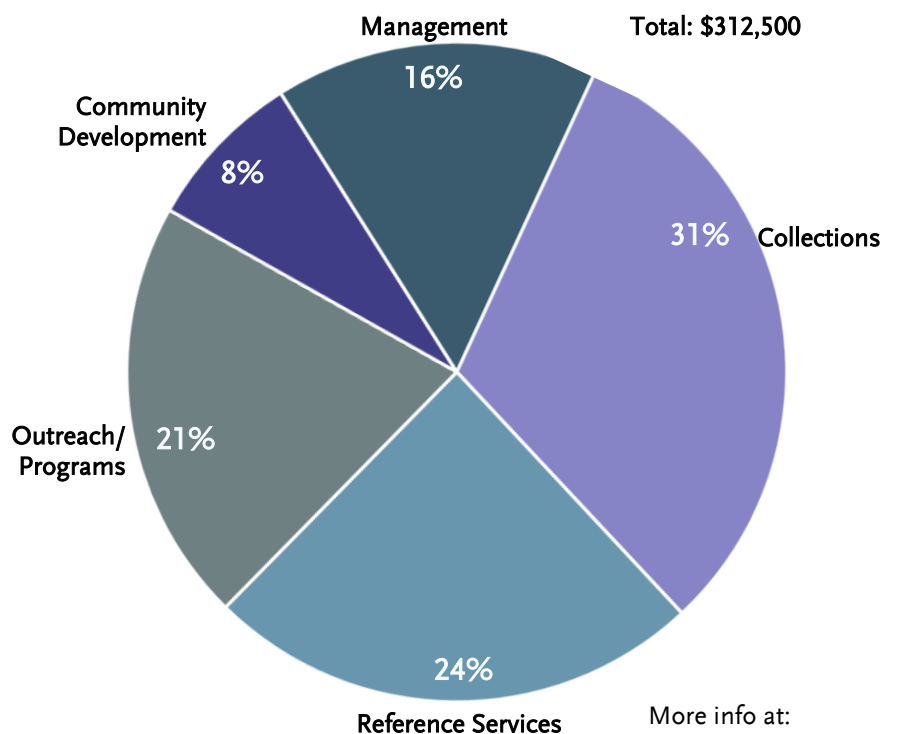


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Projected Income 2018



Projected Outcomes 2018



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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 3rd
 with lectures, great plant vendors, and horticultural displays. Proceeds support the Library.

Significant Gift Enriches Library Book Collection

Malcolm Moore, a long-time board member of the Miller Charitable Foundation, recently gave a gift of over 250 books from his personal library. This collection is especially rich in gardening books from late 19th century and early 20th century England. Many are beautifully illustrated and will find a home in the Miller Library's rare book collection.

Thank you, Malcolm!

Collaborating on Books for Arboretum Summer Camps

During the summer of 2017 Laura Blumhagen and volunteer Dorothy Crandell worked with Washington Park Arboretum summer camp staff to select books that supported weekly curriculum themes, such as *Woodland Adventures*. Sending a box of books every week enabled the young campers to gather around under the canopy of a giant conifer to hear stories like *Ancient Ones: The World of the Old-Growth Douglas Fir*. Laura wrote about the collaboration in the September issue of the *Council on Botanic and Horticultural Libraries Newsletter*.

Gardening Answers Knowledgebase

Plant Answer Line Question: While reading a book on British woodlands, I came across a reference to a flower whose common name is 'townhall clock.' Can you tell me what plant it is, and why it has this name?

Answer: Townhall Clock's scientific name is *Adoxa moschatellina*, in the Adoxaceae family. Other common names for this native British wildflower are Moschatel, Five-Faced Bishop, Muskroot, Tuberos Crowfoot, and Hollowroot. All of those names are descriptive of various aspects of the plant's appearance, but the name Townhall Clock is evocative of the way this pale yellow-green early spring flower rises up on a slender stem. According to Sarah Raven (in her book *Wild Flowers*, Bloomsbury, 2012), four faces of the flower are "arranged as if on the surface of a cube, the fifth facing upwards." The aroma of the flowers is musky, or like "elder blossom with a bit of almond."

Despite the name Townhall Clock, it's a subtle flower that might easily be overlooked. In fact, its genus name means "without glory," due to its unshowy blooms.



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Garden Lovers' Book Sale April 6-7



This year **Opening Night** will have many special rare books for auction.

Success of the sale depends on your donations of horticultural books.

Please donate by **March 17th**.

Upcoming Exhibits

December 2017 Craft & Gift Sale opens **Friday Dec. 1** with a reception from **5:00pm to 7:00 pm**. Join us!



February: Rachel Lodge, animation & watercolors about the carbon cycle

March: Seattle Garden Club, photography

April: PNW Botanic Artists, botanical illustration

May: UW Graduate Student research posters

June: Rosemary Washington, watercolors

August: Linda Andrews, watercolors

September: American Professional Landscape Designers, group show

October: Linda Vorobik, botanical illustration

November: Molly Hashimoto, prints & watercolors

December: Craft & Gift Sale

Story Time

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

December 9

January 13

February 10

March 3

April 21

May 19

June 2

Winter Fruit

Winter Wildlife

We Love Trees

By The Numbers

Springtime!

Colorful Stories

Summertime

