The George H. & Laura E. Brown Library provides resources and information to broaden educational and personal horizons to strengthen the community.

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The George H. and Laura E. Brown Library is the heart of our community and the staff and Trustees are committed to the belief that the library is the place for all the citizens of Washington and Beaufort County to meet and learn. Our library has served Washington, North Carolina, and surrounding communities since 1911. We strive every year to improve our services and resources. 2018 was a busy year and we have accomplished a great deal. We successfully met our goals and will strive to expand our goals in 2019. Listed below are a few of our accomplishments:

- Handicap entrance
- Elevator button instead of key access
- Wireless access points
- Bite of History speaker series
- Increased community partnerships
- Digitization of Washington Daily News
- Window tinting to protect book and historical collections
- Successful grant applications for strategic planning and a mobile computer lab
- Increased adult programs
- Bicycle rack
- Increased children’s programs
- Addition of family literacy programs
- Completion of Community Library Survey

The Friends of the Brown Library are supporters of the George H. and Laura E. Brown Public Library. They provide volunteers, advocacy, furnishings, materials, and supplemental funds for projects that are beyond the library’s budget. In 2018 some of the projects that were funded:

- The Summer Library Program
- Ellison Die Cut Machine
- Bee Bots, coding equipment for children
- Tables & chairs for teen area
- Software licensing
- OverDrive eBooks
- Archival supplies and equipment for the History Room
- Framed 7’ historic map of Washington
- Computer equipment for staff
## Brown Library by the numbers

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"#1 in library visits per capita for all public libraries in NC!"
Brown Library in action

- Summer Library Program with NC Aquarium on Roanoke
- Cookbook Club
- Teen Summer Library Program with Rock Star Magicians
- Puzzle Time
- #ThrowbackThursdays from the Local History Room
- Family Programming - Author/Artist Talk
- LEGO & Builder Clubs for Kids and Tweens
- Teen Cardboard Cosplay
Digital Services We Provide

-looking Ahead

2019 Goals

- Provide Adult and Youth programming and resources to meet the needs of our community by evaluating, providing and expanding these services.
- Maximize the existing library space to meet the needs of the library and the community by evaluating all spaces, thinking outside the box and creating usable spaces.
- Staffing to meet the needs of the library and the community by requesting funding for needed positions. Provide technology infrastructure and support to meet the needs of the community by installing charging stations and offering additional technology programming.