

Impact on Adult Learning

- Nearly 4,500 Seattle residents attended more than 380 English language classes in 2018.
- 4,014 adults attended adult education workshops in 2018.
- Computer classes for Somali refugee women continued at the NewHolly Branch.
- 4,478 patrons took 400 classes to learn new technology skills.
- The Library and community partners published an alphabet board book in Somali.

Impact of Business Programs

- 270 one-on-one meetings with local entrepreneurs helped ensure their success.
- 1,800 people learned how to start a business at 98 business workshops or events.
- 47 community partners enhanced the Library's small business program.



The Seattle Public Library's 2018 Impact at a Glance

Impact on Cultural & Civic Engagement

- For the 20th anniversary of Seattle Reads, 1,100 + people attended events related to the selection, Yaa Gyasi's "Homegoing."
- 40,970 people checked out nearly 200,000 Peak Picks books.
- The Central Library organized the kickoff of ʔəhəw̓, a year-long, Indigenous-led arts project that culminated in a major exhibition.
- The Children's Museum and Woodland Park Zoo were added to the Library's popular Museum Pass program.

Impact on People in Need

- 675 Wi-Fi hotspots were circulated 8,254 times, and 157 additional Wi-Fi hotspots circulated to residents in tent cities and shelters.
- 42 percent of hotspot users have no home internet access.
- We offered tax preparation assistance to nearly 7,000 people.
- 101,355 books and materials circulated to homebound and disabled patrons, senior centers and day cares that support low-income families.

Impact on Student Success

- 9,000 kids and teens learned STEAM skills through Summer of Learning.
- 4,100 fourth and fifth graders participated in the Global Reading Challenge.
- 12,199 students attended Homework Help sessions
- Total attendance for story times in 2018 was 77,671.