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This was a year for "going deep" at the Congregational Library & Archives. The signal moment was the board's momentous decision to find a new owner for 14 Beacon Street, our historic home. As the building receives the care and upkeep it needs, we have before us an inspiring opportunity to delve more purposefully into our fundamental mission, to preserve, interpret, and make accessible the story of the Congregational tradition.

It's an honor and a joy to provide this service, and to know we will be doing so for many years to come. For more than a century and a half, the Congregational Library & Archives has been a home for people who value learning and curiosity, who want to "go deep." We are grateful for all who share this journey with us.



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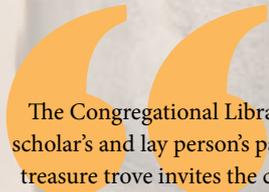
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April 1 2016 – March 31 2017

INCOME

Rental Income	\$1,532,153
Donations	\$241,496
United Church Foundation	\$12,757
Library Operating Income	\$27,928
Investment Income	\$376,421
Total Revenues	\$2,190,755

EXPENSE

Facilities	
Maintenance	\$156,271
Utilities	\$123,389
Real Estate Taxes & Insurances	\$151,979
Depreciation	\$198,953
Total Facilities	\$630,592

Compensation and Benefits	\$662,118
Building Management and Staff	\$364,593
Professional Services	\$184,631
Programs, Support and Development	\$231,803
Supplies, Communications and Postage	\$33,476
Interest Expense	\$9,624

Total Expense **\$2,116,837**

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