

“Dara at the Walkersville branch ROCKS the book recommendations! She’s kept me engrossed all summer long - ‘Russian Winter,’ ‘The House at Riverton,’ ‘The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry,’ ‘The Storyteller,’ and on and on. Thank you Dara!”
- Martha S.

With each passing year, Frederick County Public Libraries evolve the breadth and depth of our products and services, with a goal of providing the most useful pathways to knowledge and information. Whether our patrons seek personal or professional growth, cultural enrichment or elusive solutions to life’s challenges, library staff and volunteers help them find their way to increased understanding and wisdom.

Our eight library locations, along with our busiest branch (fcpl.org) have experienced steady growth in usage over the past several years. This annual report provides a brief snapshot of the library system’s services and activity.

Community support for Frederick County Public Libraries is at an all-time high, and many of you help shape the organization by donating talents, materials, and funds. Your support is crucial. On behalf of the library staff and board of trustees, we thank you for helping to make our libraries vibrant, highly visited, and relevant.

Sincerely,
Blanca Poteat,
President, FCPL Board of Trustees

Darrell Batson,
Director, FCPL

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FCPL branches

C. Burr Artz Public Library
Urbana Regional Library
Thurmont Regional Library
Brunswick Public Library
Emmitsburg Branch Library
Middletown Branch Library
Walkersville Branch Library
Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks

Two bookmobiles
Frederick County Detention Center Library

Mission Statement

We believe that a free and accessible Public Library is fundamental to a democratic society. The Public Library will provide facilities and an environment which connects people to ideas, experiences and information. The Public Library will meet the current and changing information needs of the community.

Total Budget FY13 = \$12,811,210

Budgeted Expenditures FY13

66% Personnel
16% In-Kind
11% Library Materials
7% Operating

Budgeted Revenues FY13

60% County
16% In-Kind
15% State
5% Fund Balance
3% Fines/Fees
1% Donations

Library Visits

Physical Branch Visits = 1, 105, 952

Virtual Branch Visits: 1, 835, 695

Total Registered Patrons = 158, 708

New Library Cards Issued = 10, 858

Total Circulation = 2, 409, 891

Total Hours of Computer Usage by Patrons: 85, 399

Library Volunteer Hours: 7, 674

Meeting Room Bookings by outside organizations: 1, 175

C. Burr Artz: 6, 124

Brunswick: 962

Emmitsburg: 740

Thurmont: 2, 099

Urbana: 5, 654

Total Attendance = 15, 579

Programs

Adult Programs: 251

Attendance: 12, 291

Child & Teen Programs = 4, 452

Attendance: 126, 588

Summer Reading Program Total Participants = 10, 013

Corporate/Community Partners

Community partners are crucial to the success of many of FCPL's programs. We gratefully acknowledge these partners:

Ausherman Family Foundation

C. Burr Artz Trust

Brunswick Railroad Museum

Community Foundation of Frederick County

Delaplaine Foundation

Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center

Downtown Frederick Partnership

Frederick Community College

Frederick County Bank
Frederick County Literacy Council
Frederick County Public Schools
Frederick Memorial Hospital
Frederick News-Post
Living Grace Lutheran Church, Urbana
Maryland Humanities Council
Maryland Public Television
Natelli Communities
One Maryland One Book
PNC Bank
Smithsonian Institution
Traveling Exhibition Service
Tourism Council of Frederick County
Villages of Urbana
Weinberg Center for the Arts
930 WFMD
...and many others.