Annual Report FY 2015

Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL) is dedicated to meeting the evolving needs of our patrons, while bridging the digital and print divide. Each of the eight library branches provides access to information, programming and events, as well as offering diverse print and digital collections.

The library system has experienced substantive growth in WiFi and computer usage, virtual branch visits and the number of adult programs—many of them led by the library’s valuable community partners. FCPL also has enjoyed growth in total circulation, the number of library visits and overall attendance in our meeting rooms. Additionally, our Summer Reading Program, aimed at curbing summer slide, showed a sharp increase in the number of participants who completed the challenge. This ensures our kids are prepared to go back to school.

Frederick is a dynamic and lively community that is an attractive place to live and raise a family, even as the population numbers increase. The library reflects this pattern of growth with its innovative collections and high standard of customer service.

The accompanying annual report provides a snapshot of our services and activities. Frederick County Public Libraries is thriving, due to your loyal and continued support. On behalf of the FCPL staff and Board of Trustees, thank you for helping FCPL position your public libraries as a trusted gathering place and informational resource.

Sincerely,

**Cheryl Smith**  
Chair, 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 Operating Budget FY15 = $13,422,999

Budgeted Revenues FY15
- 60% County
- 16% In-Kind
- 15% State
- 6% Fund Balance
- 2% Fines/Fees
- 1% Donations

Budgeted Expenditures FY15
- 65% Personnel
- 16% In-Kind
- 11% Library Materials
- 8% Operating

Library Visits
Total Virtual Branch Visits - 672,739
Total Library Visits - 1,027,236
Total Registered patrons - 140,809
New Library cards issued - 9,025
Books & Media Donations added to the Collection: 1,931
Total Circulation - 2,824,404
Total Hours of Computer Usage By Patrons - 205,034
WiFi Usage (Users) - 100,220
Total Library Volunteer Hours - 8,056

Meeting Rooms
Total Meeting Room Events - 1,458
Total Attendance for Meeting Room - 23,862
**Programs**

Total Participants - Summer Reading Program - 6,423
Total Adult Programs - 171
Total Adult Attendance - 10,004
Total Child & Teen Programs - 5,316
Total Child & Teen Attendance - 145,762

**Corporate/Community Partners**

Ausherman Family Foundation
C. Burr Artz Trust
Community Association Services
Community Foundation of Frederick County
Curious Iguana
The Dancing Bear
Daughters of the American Revolution (Frederick Chapter)
Delaplaine Foundation
Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center
Downtown Frederick Partnership
Dynamic Automotive
Fort Detrick Alliance
Frederick Community College
Frederick County Bank
Frederick County Historic Sites Consortium
Frederick County Infants & Toddlers Program
Frederick County Literacy Council
Frederick County Parks & Recreation
Frederick County Public Schools
Frederick County Workforce Services
Frederick County, MD Tourism Council
Frederick Memorial Hospital
Frederick News-Post
Living Grace Lutheran Church
Maryland Humanities Council
Maryland Military Historical Society
Maryland Public Television
Natelli Communities
Plamondon Hospitality Partners
PNC Bank
Tourism Council of Frederick County
United Way of Frederick County
Villages of Urbana
Weinberg Center for the Arts
Westview Promenade
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…and many others. Thank you!