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2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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BCPL
 Baltimore County Public Library



Foundation
 for Baltimore County Public Library

BCPL'S VISION

BCPL: The place to be empowered, inspired, informed and to succeed.



BCPL'S MISSION

Baltimore County Public Library will connect our diverse community with innovative, quality services as we:

- Create welcoming physical and virtual spaces.
- Champion an early and lifelong love of reading.
- Excel as an essential information resource.



BCPL'S VALUES

We value our customers and strive to:

- Treat them with courtesy and respect.
- Provide fair and equitable access to information.
- Provide materials, information and services which anticipate and respond to the needs of our communities.
- Provide a sufficient level of well-trained staff.

We value the people who work with us and strive to:

- Attract, develop, reward and retain outstanding staff.
- Create an environment of teamwork and participation, encouraging the expression of a variety of ideas and constructive disagreement.
- Communicate with each other responsibly and appropriately.
- Be a learning organization.
- Treat each other with courtesy and respect.
- Celebrate achievements.

We value diversity and strive to:

- Recognize and celebrate the differences that strengthen our community and our library.
- Identify and respond respectfully to the differing needs of our communities and our individual customers.
- Create an organizational culture wherein all may thrive and contribute.
- Pursue diversity in the recruitment and development of staff.
- Make full use of the talents and experience of our staff.

We value cooperation and strive to:

- Identify opportunities to collaborate with others in the community.
- Build partnerships to enhance resources.
- Identify opportunities to collaborate within the organization.

We value innovation and strive to:

- Identify and adopt technology which enhances service.
- Examine new ideas for relevance to library service.
- Embrace constructive change.

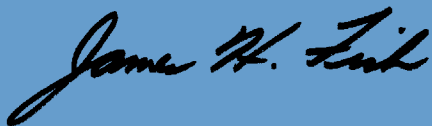
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The 2013 fiscal year continued to be busy at Baltimore County Public Library. For the fifth consecutive year our circulation topped 10 million with nearly 10.7 million items checked out of BCPL branches, an increase of almost 120,000 over last year. We provided computer access to nearly 1.1 million people; 840,000 on our public PCs and 244,000 on our Wi-Fi network. We served almost 5 million in-person visitors and hosted nearly 5.5 million visits to our website.

Fiscal year 2013 provided us with opportunities to further expand our ability to serve Baltimore County residents when we opened the new Owings Mills Branch in March. The branch shares space with the Community College of Baltimore County in the LEED silver-certified 120,000-square-foot building. Though it was only open for three full months of FY13, the branch recorded nearly 64,000 visits in that short time!

We ended the fiscal year with our Summer Reading Club, which once again recorded a record number of registrants. Nearly 53,700 children and teens registered for Summer Reading Club. When BCPL started keeping statistics for the program in 1984, there were only 3,522 participants. The nine-week program takes place from June through August. The program is designed not only to entertain, but to assist and encourage continued learning and development over summer vacation when students are most likely to lose a portion of what they learned during the prior year. In addition to the hard work put in by BCPL staff, over 500 Summer Reading Club volunteers logged nearly 13,000 volunteer hours. Summer Reading Club is a true team effort!

As we look to the future, we continue to explore expansion of our services to job seekers and seniors and will continue to provide convenient hours of operation for our customers. In FY 13, we developed a plan to open all 19 branches Sunday afternoons year-round; this plan will be implemented in early FY14. We will also continue to work with publishers and vendors to provide an increased selection of electronic books for our customers. While the look of libraries may change over the years, we recognize that libraries remain an integral part of the community, and it is essential to maintain vital library services. BCPL looks forward to continuing to provide the library services needed by Baltimore County residents.



James H. Fish
Director



2013 MILESTONES

- Opened the new Owings Mills Branch at County Campus Metro Centre
- 10,696,199 items checked out (+119,132 over FY12)
- Answered over 1.6 million questions and customer service inquiries
- Served 4,606,410 in-person visitors
- Hosted 5,434,855 visits to our website, www.bcpl.info
- Provided for 839,970 uses of the library's public PCs and 44,321 uses of the Wi-Fi network
- Implemented Strategic Plan IX to guide the library system for FY 2013-2015
- Circulated nearly 260,000 electronic books, magazines and audiobooks
- Set a record of 53,658 participants in the Summer Reading Club

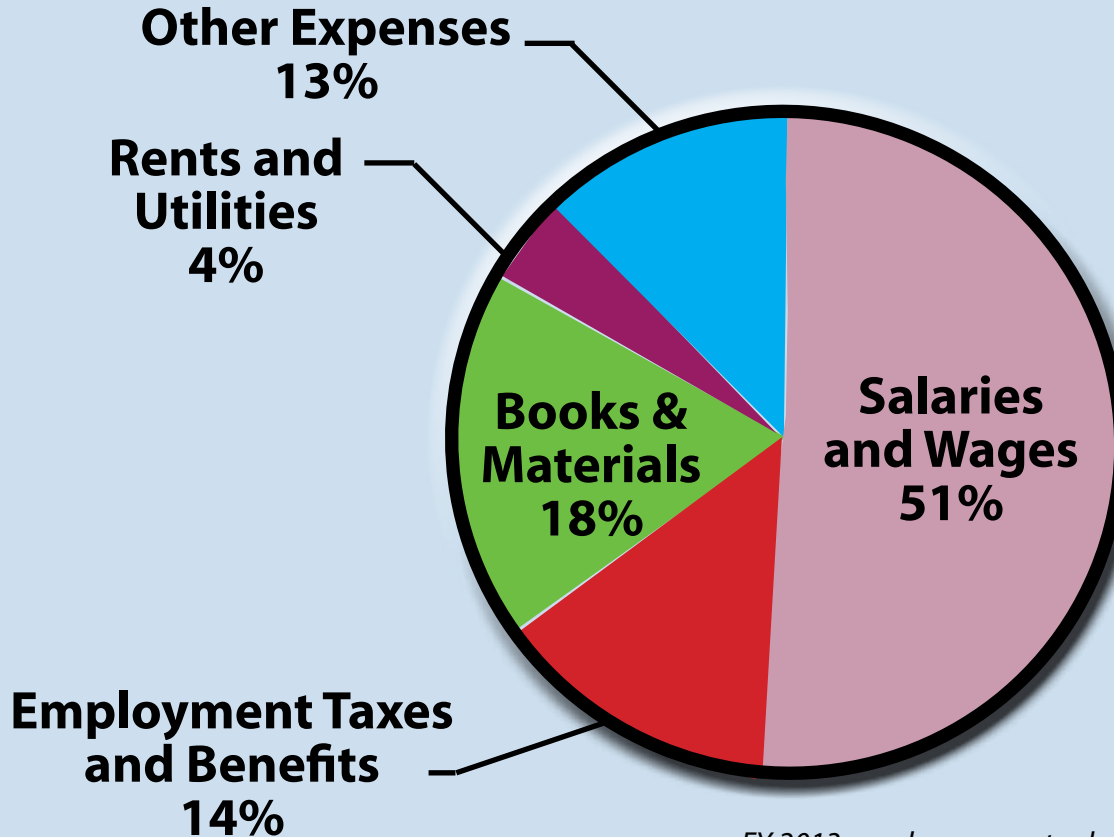
IN THE FUTURE

- Increase outreach efforts to current and potential BCPL customers
- Create and implementing strategies for greater availability of electronic books
- Expand service to job seekers and seniors
- Continue to provide convenient hours of operation to the public
- Maintain vital library services in challenging economic times



BCPL Expenditures - FY 2013

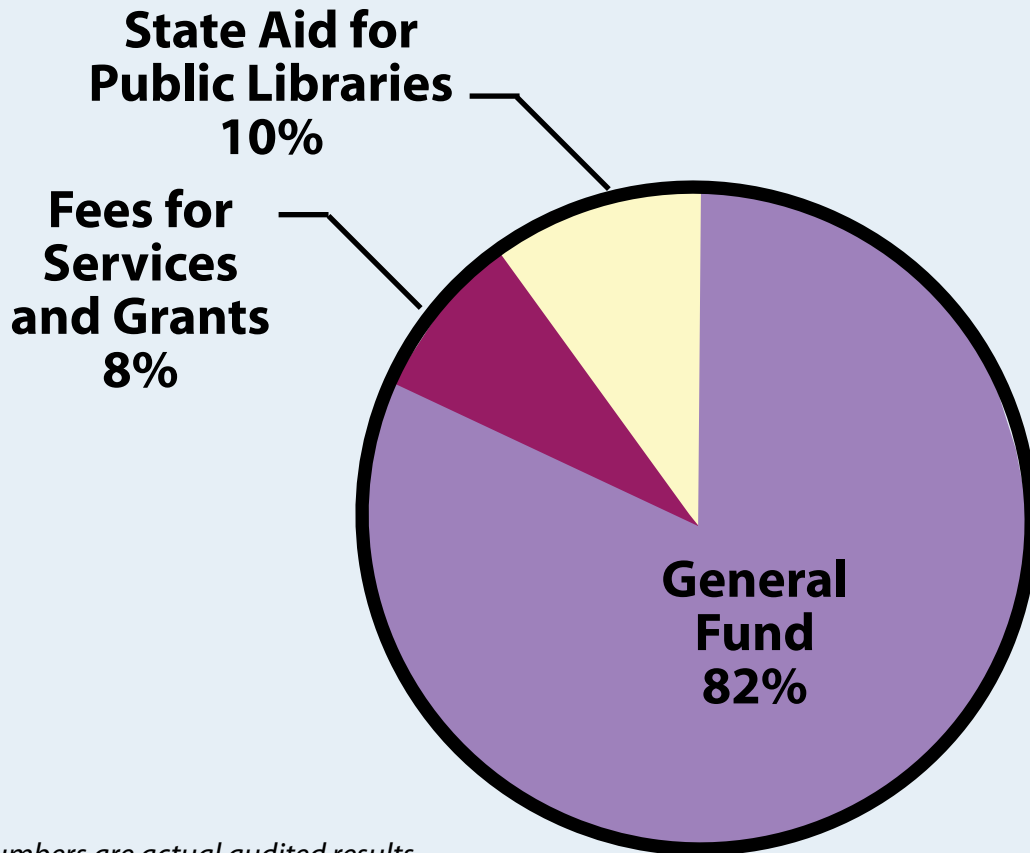
Salaries and Wages	\$21,075,833	51.2%
Employment Taxes and Benefits	\$5,625,536	13.7%
Books and Materials	\$7,545,600	18.3%
Rents and Utilities	\$1,741,655	4.2%
Other Expenses	\$5,212,256	12.7%
	\$41,200,880	100.0%



FY 2013 numbers are actual audited results.

Sources of BCPL Funding - FY 2013

General Fund	\$33,914,221	81.6%
Fees for Service and Grants	\$3,436,383	8.3%
State Aid for Public Libraries	\$4,204,712	10.1%
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	\$41,555,316	100.0%



FY 2013 numbers are actual audited results.

FY 2013 Numbers of Note

Circulation: 10,696,199

Visitors: 4,606,410 in person + 5,434,855 online

Public Computer Use: 839,970 cybrarian + 244,321 Wi-Fi



BREAKDOWN BY BRANCH

ARBUTUS

Circulation by Branch: **479,568**
Visitors to Branch: **191,695**
Public Computer Use: **38,303**

CATONSVILLE

Circulation by Branch: **759,396**
Visitors to Branch: **309,740**
Public Computer Use: **55,677**

COCKEYSVILLE

Circulation by Branch: **1,467,676**
Visitors to Branch: **452,608**
Public Computer Use: **56,074**

ESSEX

Circulation by Branch: **355,742**
Visitors to Branch: **228,909**
Public Computer Use: **70,203**

HEREFORD

Circulation by Branch: **276,081**
Visitors to Branch: **104,788**
Public Computer Use: **9,372**

LANSDOWNE

Circulation by Branch: **61,028**
Visitors to Branch: **81,168**
Public Computer Use: **25,877**

LIBRARY ON THE GO

Circulation by Branch: **110,995**
Visitors to Branch: **59,093**
Public Computer Use: **N/A**

LOCH RAVEN

Circulation by Branch: **93,017**
Visitors to Branch: **79,038**
Public Computer Use: **21,993**

NORTH POINT

Circulation by Branch: **534,212**
Visitors to Branch: **258,454**
Public Computer Use: **57,471**

OWINGS MILLS (Opened March 2013)

Circulation by Branch: **162,027**
Visitors to Branch: **63,992**
Public Computer Use: **6,175**

PARKVILLE

Circulation by Branch: **631,555**
Visitors to Branch: **204,325**
Public Computer Use: **40,825**

PERRY HALL

Circulation by Branch: **696,673**
Visitors to Branch: **229,857**
Public Computer Use: **36,252**

PIKESVILLE

Circulation by Branch: **1,416,708**
Visitors to Branch: **443,652**
Public Computer Use: **60,436**

RANDALLSTOWN

Circulation by Branch: **445,323**
Visitors to Branch: **314,599**
Public Computer Use: **71,945**

REISTERSTOWN

Circulation by Branch: **535,515**
Visitors to Branch: **204,951**
Public Computer Use: **32,163**

ROSEDALE

Circulation by Branch: **338,003**
Visitors to Branch: **246,421**
Public Computer Use: **44,440**

SOLLERS POINT

Circulation by Branch: **25,502**
Visitors to Branch: **54,264**
Public Computer Use: **15,317**

TOWSON

Circulation by Branch: **1,091,909**
Visitors to Branch: **475,495**
Public Computer Use: **67,013**

WHITE MARSH

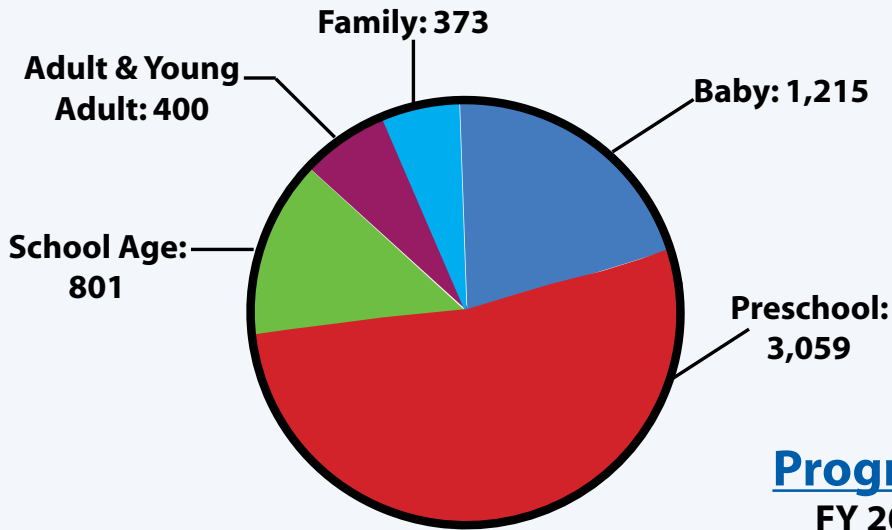
Circulation by Branch: **561,599**
Visitors to Branch: **272,462**
Public Computer Use: **50,653**

WOODLAWN

Circulation by Branch: **369,327**
Visitors to Branch: **330,899**
Public Computer Use: **79,781**

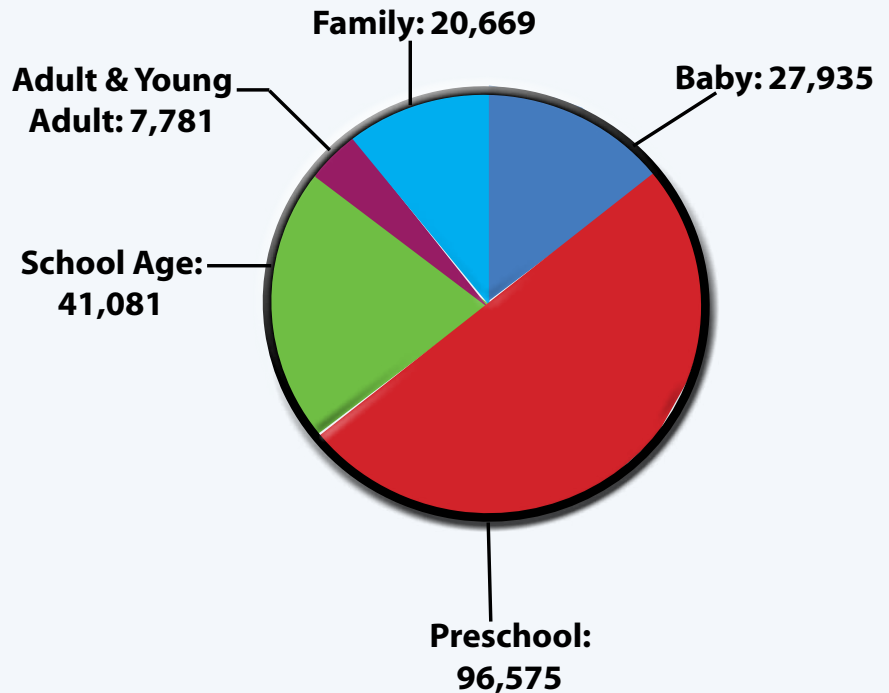
Number of Programs

FY 2013 (6,184 Total)



Program Attendance

FY 2013 (210,580 Total)





**North Point:
LEGO Fun**



**Arbutus:
Stuffed Animal Sleep-over Program**



**Towson:
Summer Reading
Club Circus**



**Cockeysville:
Snowglobe
Program**

Our Newest Branch – **OWINGS MILLS**



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Kevin Kamenetz

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The Foundation for Baltimore
County Public Library
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013





OUR MISSION:

The Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library mobilizes resources to support the library's commitment to a superior public library system where opportunities for literacy, reading enrichment and lifelong learning are available to all.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



The Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library proudly continued to support and augment the services, both present and future, of the Baltimore County Public Library in the 2013 fiscal year.

The second annual special fundraising event, Taste of the Town, was another success, with over 300 in attendance and almost \$100,000 raised in donations and proceeds. Twenty restaurants participated, offering delectable tastings at the Perry Hall Branch against a backdrop of live music, and local celebrity chef John Shields acted as our honorary host. A spirited round of bidding in the silent auction ensured that the event was not only about good food and a good time, but also raised funds to support early childhood literacy projects at BCPL.

The Foundation for BCPL also continued our successful quarterly direct mail campaigns and our ongoing Love Your Library campaigns. These continuing programs, combined with the proceeds from Taste of the Town, help fund vital BCPL programs like My First Library Card, Summer Reading Club and Storyville, while still providing support for branch projects.

Of course, while we are grateful for all the hard work of those involved with the Foundation, none of this would be possible without our generous donors. Many thanks to everyone who gave selflessly so that we can continue to mobilize resources to support the library's commitment to a superior public library system, where opportunities for literacy, reading enrichment and lifelong learning are available to all.

Jeffrey W. Smith
Board President

MAJOR INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR BCPL

Storyville is an interactive early literacy learning center designed specifically for children ages birth to 5 and their caregivers. Located in the Rosedale and Woodlawn branches of the Baltimore County Public Library, Storyville was made possible by funds raised by the Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library. The child-sized village includes developmentally appropriate books and activities for children ages birth to 5. The environments and activities in Storyville are specifically designed for caregivers to help their young children enter school ready to learn.

Read Rover Plus supports BCPL's mission to foster a lifelong love of reading in children. This is accomplished through monthly visits to licensed day care providers. Each month Read Rover Plus staff perform a story time and help providers to check out materials. The story time programs incorporate pre-reading skills which prepare the children for entering school. Also, our storytellers model successful techniques during the programs to teach day care providers important early literacy skills that they can then share with the children and their parents. Picture books, teacher resources, easy non-fiction, concept books, materials are

books, teacher resources, easy CDs, DVDs and storytelling all available for checkout to further support this goal.



My First Library Card is a program that provides library cards for children ages birth through kindergarten in all library branches, and through cooperation with various pre-school programs and Baltimore County Public Schools. The Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library purchases backpacks that are given to children the first time they use their card.

Teen programs at BCPL are designed to engage teens with their peers and library staff while providing a safe environment for learning and socializing. Programs range from educational – including writing workshops and tutoring sessions – to entertaining – including open mic nights and video game contests.

General library support allows us to meet the library needs as they arise. These donations give the library the flexibility to respond to emerging needs that were not identified prior to the county budget process or to special opportunities that arise after the budget year begins.

Foundation for BCPL Endowment for Children's Literacy. In 2011, the Foundation for BCPL received its largest bequest ever, a \$475,000 gift from the estate of former BCPL employee Margaret "Peggy" Peterson. This generous donation became the initial contribution to the Foundation for BCPL Fund for Children's Literacy. Disbursements from this fund will go towards supporting and enhancing the early childhood literacy efforts at BCPL. In honor of Peggy Peterson, the Peterson Circle was founded to recognize those who have chosen to make a lasting commitment to the Foundation with a provision in their will or estate plan.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – Year Ended June 30, 2013

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
<i>Library Administrator's Digest</i> Subscriptions	\$28,425	-	-	\$28,425
Contributions	\$34,300	\$17,942	\$11,328	\$63,570
Investment Income, Net	\$42,553	\$612	-	\$43,165
Special Event Income, Net Expenditures of \$50,850	\$40,520	-	-	\$40,520
Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$33,802	(\$33,802)	-	-
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$179,600	(\$15,248)	\$11,328	\$175,680
PROGRAM EXPENSES				
Grants and Donations	\$40,301	-	-	\$40,301
<i>Library Administrator's Digest</i>	\$10,384	-	-	\$10,384
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$50,685	-	-	\$50,685
SUPPORTING SERVICES				
Fundraising Expenses	\$7,727	-	-	\$7,727
General and Administrative Expenses	\$32,393	-	-	\$32,393
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$40,120	-	-	\$40,120
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$90,805	-	-	\$90,805
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$88,795	(\$15,248)	\$11,328	\$84,875
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$732,506	\$158,819	-	\$891,325
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	\$821,301	\$143,571	\$11,328	\$976,200

The Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library is extremely grateful to our friends for their outstanding commitment in supporting our mission between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.

\$5,000 and up

Anonymous
Better World Books
Ingram Content Group
M&T Bank

\$2,500 to \$4,999

3M Library Systems
Baker & Taylor, Inc.
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\$1,000 to \$2,499

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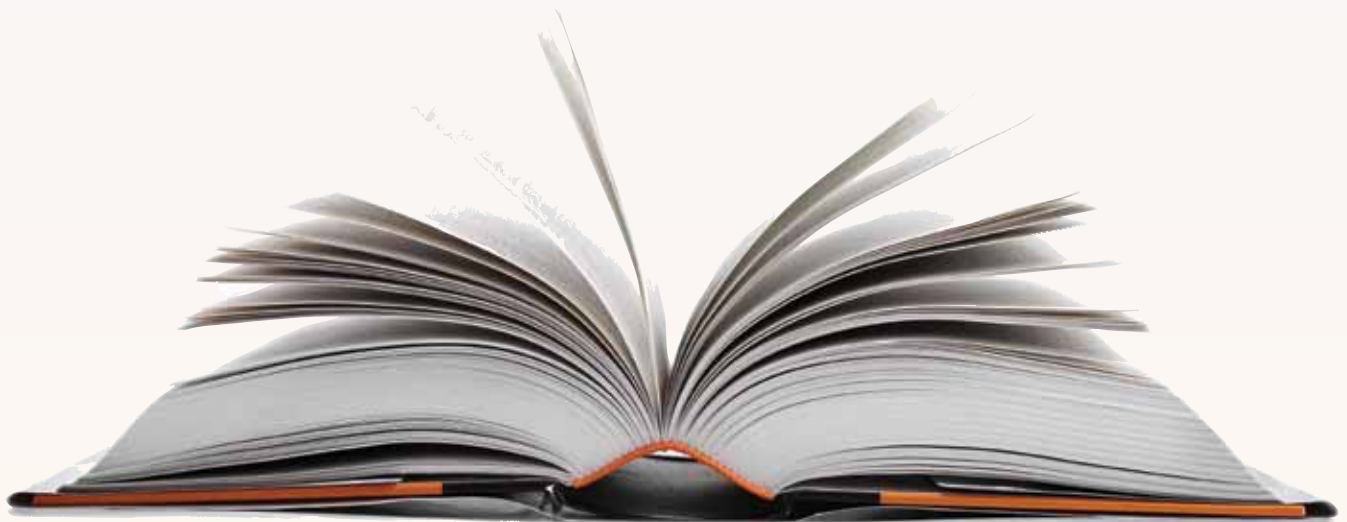
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