



# INSPIRING **Community**

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**Carroll County Public Library | Annual Report 2016**

# YEAR IN REVIEW

LETTER FROM BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Carroll County Public Library had another busy year in FY 2016.

We:

- Added 3D printing at all branches and expanded Sunday hours at the Eldersburg Branch.
- Completed one year of Passport Service at the North Carroll Branch (and added Passport Service at the Eldersburg Branch beginning in October 2016).
- Expanded our digital collections, offering downloading and streaming of books, audio books, music, movies, television shows. We also expanded the Carroll County Times Digital Archive.
- Continued our strong partnerships with Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS), private and homeschoools, Carroll Community College, and McDaniel College to advance our commitment to educational excellence. We continued to play an important role in early childhood learning and family engagement. CCPL staff serve on the Carroll County Early Childhood Consortium and the Leadership Team for Parents as Teachers.
- Expanded Battle of the Books. In the spring of 2016, we held 9 battles with 1,554 students and 208 teams participating.
- Hosted bestselling author Brad Meltzer and American Girl author Valerie Tripp.
- Increased our technology focused educational activities through the opening of the *Exploration Point!* maker space at the Eldersburg Branch, funded by a gift from the estate of Ken Holniker. At all branches, we offered STEM workshops on 3D printing, coding, engineering principles, circuits, and robotics.
- Continued our strong partnerships with local businesses and organizations throughout the county to provide a wide range of engaging activities, including Celebrating America events.

We are proud to serve a community of readers. CCPL is one of the busiest library systems in Maryland, based on circulation, visits, program attendance, and Internet use per capita. We are thankful for the funding we received from Carroll County Government and the State of Maryland to support library service.

## CCPL BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FY 2016

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CCPL Board of Trustees



**LYNN WHEELER**

Executive Director  
Carroll County Public Library

# FISCAL YEAR 2016

## BY THE NUMBERS



Visits | 1+ million  
 Branches | 6 and 3 Mobile Service Vehicles  
 Cardholders | 96,266 (57% of county pop.)  
 Info Transactions | 154,950  
 FTE Employees | 165  
 County Population | 167,564\*  
 CCPL Budget | \$9,732,818  
 Total County Budget | \$507,402,735

### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Number of Activities | 6,834  
 Total Attendance | 177,076  
 Outreach Activities | 2,926  
 Summer Reading Participants | 8,747  
 Battle of the Books Participants | 1,554

### TECHNOLOGY

Public Computers | 108  
 Computer Sessions | 208,998  
 Average Computer Session (mins.) | 38  
 WiFi Sessions | 107,615  
 Average WiFi Session (mins.) | 107

### CIRCULATION/COLLECTION

Circulation | 3.7 million  
 Circs per Capita | 22.62  
 Items Owned | 603,439  
 Databases | 32

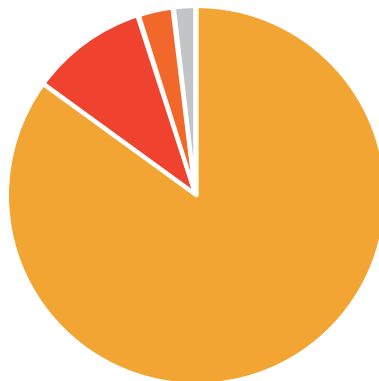
### ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY VALUE

County Bills | 3,177  
 Meeting Room Bookings | 2,738  
 Student Service Hours | 7,719  
 Carroll County Times Digital Archive Visits | 131,169

\*Provided by Maryland State Department of Education



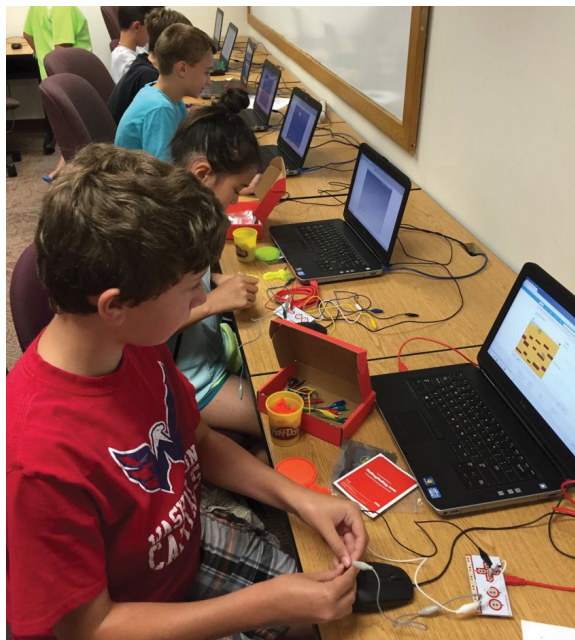
From Top —A young customer discovering momentum with Kodo Kids Baby Swiss Cheese Tower; Delegate Susan Krebs and Friends of CCPL VP Sharon Yingling at Davis Day, Westminster Branch; American Girl author Valerie Tripp presents a writing workshop as part of Celebrating America weekend; Governor Larry Hogan meets a customer at the Finksburg Branch.



### BUDGET FY 16

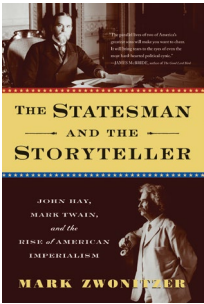
- 85% County
- 10% State
- 3% Fines
- 2% Other

# WINTER



From Top Left, Clockwise — Photos by Kelly Heck of the Carroll County Barn Quilt Trail were on display at many branches this year; Learning about circuits with Makey Makey; Expressing creativity at Perfect Paints night, Taneytown Branch; 3D printing at CCPL; Passport office at North Carroll Branch; Teens and adult coaches designed and built Rube Goldberg machines; TECHsploration CRATES were available at each branch with such STEM activities as Strawbees; and Brad Meltzer delighted young and young-at-heart readers.





From Left, Clockwise — American Girl author Valerie Tripp and author Mark Zwonitzer appeared as part of Celebrating America Weekend; A teen demonstrates robotic skills during the opening for *Exploration Point!*; Participants in the Finksburg area elementary Battle of the Books celebrate a correct answer; Discovering the principles of light with Light Painting; Each winning team of the nine Battle of the Books events receives a custom READ poster. This one was created for Inside a Book, winners of the Eldersburg elementary area Battle of the Books; and the Story Time Superheroes showing some muscle at the Mount Airy area elementary Battle.



# READ

A group of seven children are standing together, wearing medals and costumes, celebrating their victory. They are smiling and looking towards the camera.

**INSIDE A GOOD BOOK**  
First Place Winners - Battle of the Books 2016  
Carrolltowne Elementary with Carroll County Public Library



# SUMMER



From Top Left, Clockwise — Author Kim van Alkemade talking about her bestselling book, *Orphan #8*; Young readers enjoying the Storytime Express; Governor Larry Hogan visits with Finksburg Branch Manager, Heather Owings; Musicians perform in the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park as part of the lunchtime concert series; Using Cubelets robotic modules to create unique machines at Robot Wars in New Windsor; Ted Zaleski interviews bestselling author Daniel Silva at the Carroll Arts Center in July; Author Betsy Lerner reads from her memoir *Bridge Ladies* at a tea at the Eldersburg Branch; Enjoying summer reading at the Mount Airy Branch; Introduction to Violin at the Taneytown Branch; and New Windsor State Bank's Peter Rabbit themed mini golf hole wins best decorated hole.



# AUTUMN



From Top Left, Clockwise — International bestselling author Karin Slaughter at Day for Book Lovers; Students from the Career and Tech Center build reef balls for oyster habitat during the Downtown Westminster Oyster Stroll; Trunk or Treat with Dr. Who at Taneytown Branch; Building with Keva Planks at North Carroll Branch; Mount Airy Branch rabbit storytime; Look for CCPL's new mobile services van on the road!; The Great Pumpkin Patch featured Snow White and the Seven Dwarves; Discovering new worlds with virtual reality during the Tech Stroll; Trivia Night at New York J&P Pizza in Finksburg; A miniature horse from Full Moon Farms delighted kids and adults.





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**FRONT COVER:** Schoolmates embrace at the Battle of the Books for Eldersburg area elementary schools.

**BACK COVER:** The McHale School of Irish Dance perform on stage in the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park at Downtown Westminster's annual Celtic Canter.