



FCPL ANNUAL REPORT FY15

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FCPL Branches

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

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.

Cheryl G. Smith
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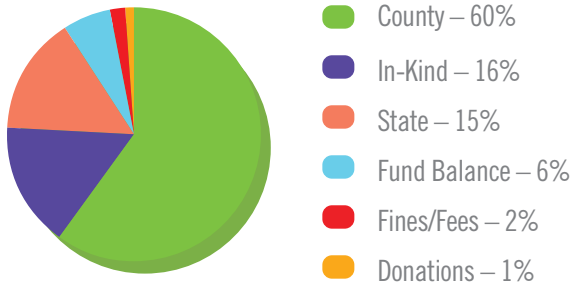
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Mission Statement

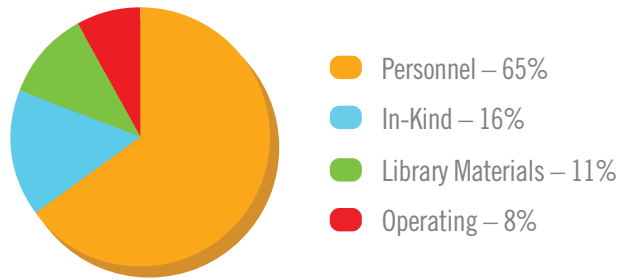
We believe that a free and accessible Public Library is fundamental to a democratic society. The Public Library will provide facilities and an environment which connects people to ideas, experiences and information. Frederick County Public Libraries will meet the current and changing information needs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

Total Operating Budget FY15

BUDGETED REVENUE FY15

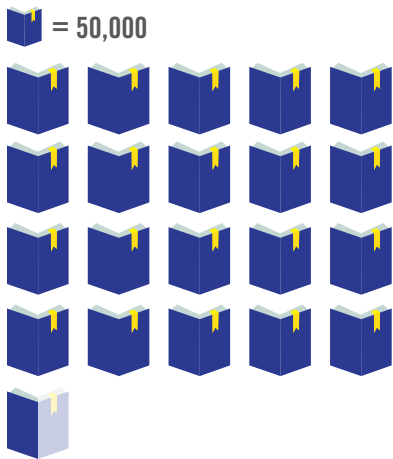


BUDGETED EXPENDITURES FY15

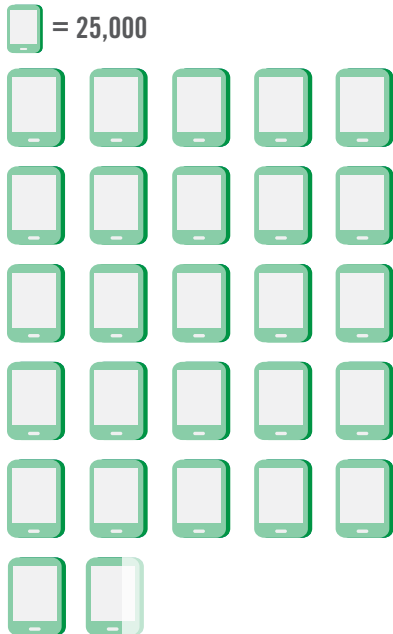


LIBRARY VISITS

PHYSICAL BRANCH VISITS



VIRTUAL BRANCH VISITS



NEW LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED

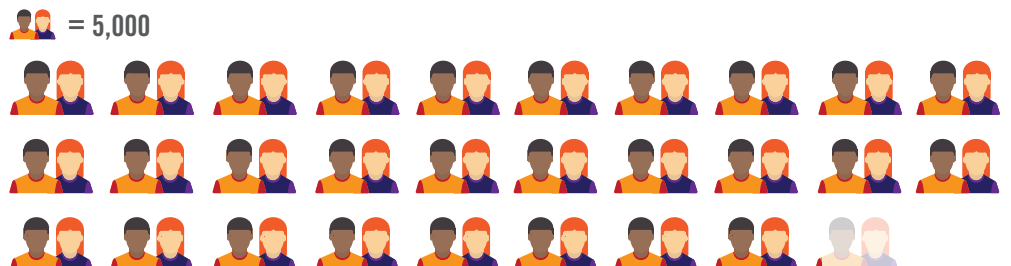


BOOKS & MEDIA DONATIONS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION



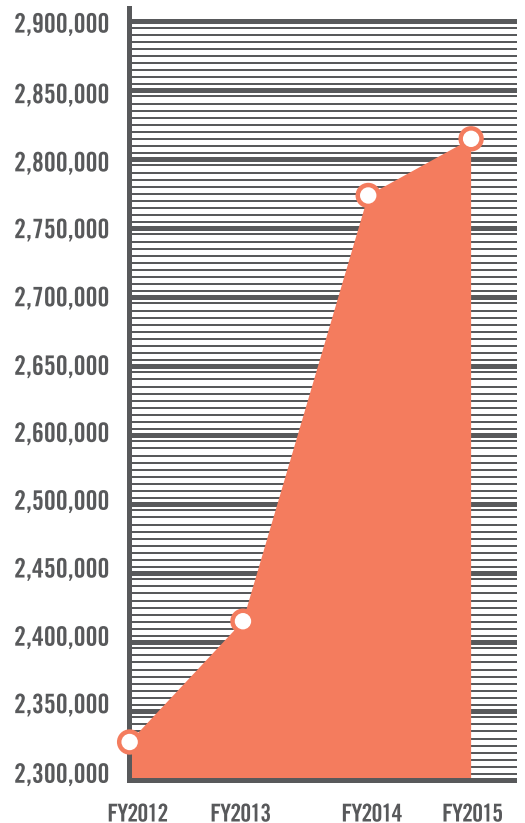
Total = 1,931

TOTAL REGISTERED PATRONS




Total = 140,809

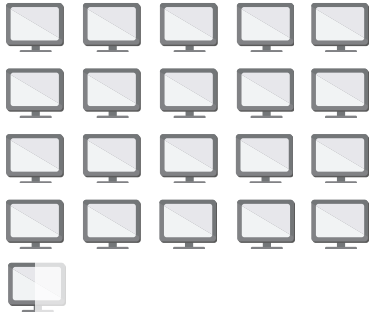
CIRCULATION



Total Circulation = 2,824,404


TOTAL HOURS OF COMPUTER USAGE BY PATRONS

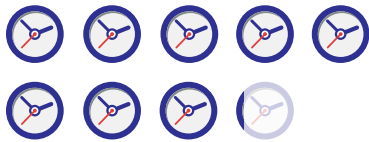
 = 10,000



Total = 205,034


LIBRARY VOLUNTEER HOURS

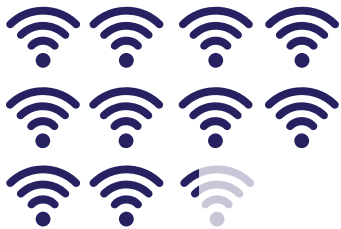
 = 1,000



Total = 8,056

WIFI USAGE (USERS)


 = 10,000



Total = 100,220

MEETING ROOM EVENTS

TOTAL MEETING ROOM EVENTS = 1,458

 = 2,500

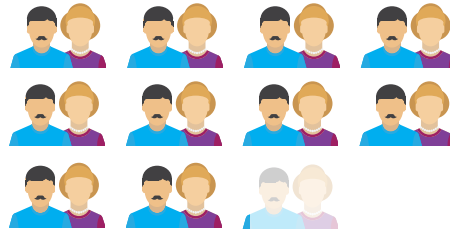


Total Attendance = 23,862

PROGRAMS

ADULT PROGRAMS TOTAL = 171

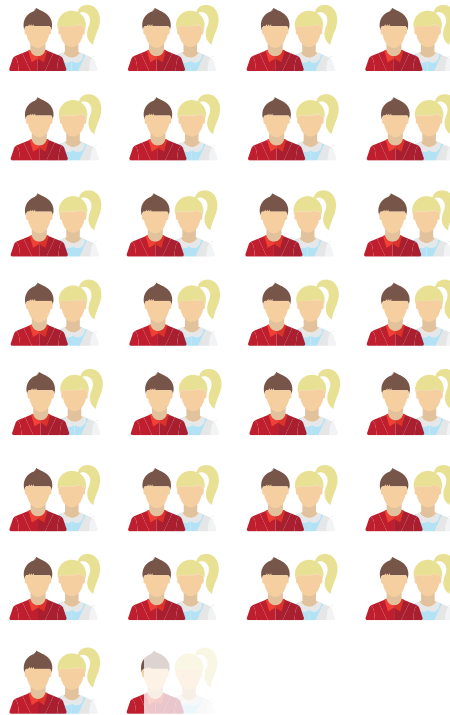
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Total Attendance = 10,004

CHILD & TEEN PROGRAM TOTAL = 5,316

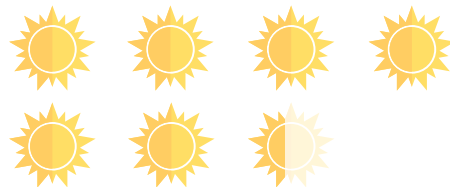
 = 5,000



Total Attendance = 145,762

SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

 = 1,000



Total = 6,423

Summer Reading Program Completion
Rate: 39.9% (*70% increase over 2014)

CORPORATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community partners play a crucial role in the success of FCPL's programs and exhibits. We gratefully acknowledge this past year's partners:

- Aushman Family Foundation
- The C. Burr Artz Trust
- Community Association Services, Inc
- The Community Foundation of Frederick County
- Curious Iguana
- Frederick Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
- The Dancing Bear
- 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
- The Frederick News-Post
- Living Grace Lutheran Church
- Maryland Humanities Council
- Maryland Military Historical Society
- Maryland Public Television
- Natelli Communities
- Plamondon Hospitality
- PNC Bank
- Tourism Council of Frederick County
- United Way of Frederick County, MD
- Villages of Urbana
- Weinberg Center for the Arts
- Westview Promenade
- WFMD Radio

... and many others. Thank you!