

St. Mary's County Library 2017 Annual Report

Statistics

- Nearly 1.5 million items were circulated, including adult, teens and children's books and audiobooks
- More than 30,000 people attended over 1,100 programs.
- 35,696 Active Library Cardholders
- 84,857 Computer Uses
- 84,018 eContent items were checked out through Hoopla, Overdrive and Zinio (eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, music, etc.)
- 49,427 WiFi uses
- Over 600,000 Visitors came to St. Mary's County Library
- 40 volunteers worked 2,209 hours. In addition, 96 Summer Reading volunteers worked 1,777 hours

St. Mary's County Library 2017 Success Story

Our Vision for St. Mary's:

- A literate and diverse community that values opportunity and education for all.

Our Mission:

- We share resources and information to promote reading, inspire learning, and connect our community.

Library Successes

- New website launched and logo was updated
- 969 respondents for our customer survey with high satisfaction ratings
- Continued development of SimplyE app for St. Mary's County Library

- Completely clean audit for FY2017
- New Leonardtown Library design met budget and went out for bid
- Awarded \$500,000 grant from the State of Maryland Capital Funds for the New Leonardtown Library
- A Little Free Library was set up at the St. Mary's County Health Department in Fall, 2017. To date over 200 books have been given out and Health Department staff report many families reading together while they wait
- Funding was secured through the Charlotte Hall and Leonardtown Rotaries for two new Little Free Libraries to be placed at the Colton's Point Museum and Piney Point Lighthouse and Museum.
- \$25,000 state grant was awarded to St. Mary's County Library to use for mobile hotspots
- An Emerging Technology Team was created to track and implement new trends
- Enhanced parking lot lighting was installed at all three branches
- A Little Free Pantry was set up at Lexington Park Library by the MOM's Club
- Books on the Bus launched with Dynard Elementary School
- Partnership with SMCPS to provide free lunches throughout the summer to over 700 children and their families
- Introduced 84 VOX books in Fall, 2017 which were checked out 313 times by the end of 2017
- Taught 5 GED/ESL classes about library services
- Community Youth Mapping project to discover the needs of youth in St. Mary's County was hosted at Lexington Park Library
- Partnerships with Walden Behavioral Health, Health Connections, and the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services to have informational sessions in the library foyers
- Over 32,000 questions were answered, including help with job searching and applications, consumer and financial health, and recommendations for great reads