

## 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

### 2015 Board Members

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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  
930 WFMD  
...and many others. Thank you!