

2017 - 2018 Annual Report



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2017-2018 Highlights:

Clendenin

Closed for most of the year due to flood damage. Clendenin, Elk Valley and other staff worked together to open a temporary library in the former Clendenin Middle School on May 30.

Cross Lanes

Staff coordinated another successful systemwide Star Party event at Camp Virgil Tate. Added a large TV above the circulation desk that promotes programs and events. A new color copier/scanner was added for the public. Physical space improvements included two new work stations and new storage space.

Dunbar

Partnered with the City of Dunbar in a summer community outreach event and a Halloween party. Increased community use of the meeting room and created a new knitting group program. Shelving was expanded to meet patron needs. Light fixtures were replaced with energy efficient lighting and a new phone system was installed. A new bike rack was added outside the building.

Elk Valley

After being in a temporary location while a new bridge to the Crossings Mall was being built, the Elk Valley Branch returned to the mall on August 1. New patrons from the temporary location are now attending programs at the Mall location. Program attendance is strong. The Dino Party and Rock Painting Summer Library kick-off events each had about 100 patrons attending. New lettering that can be seen from the interstate was added to the side of the building.

Glasgow

New equipment and upgraded lighting have improved patron access and energy efficiency. Regular storytimes have been added to the event schedule.

Marmet

Materials rearranged for better patron access. The Marmet Elementary Pre-K class visits monthly for programming. New lighting and signage have been added.

Riverside

Improved collection visibility and access. New adult craft classes added to the programming schedule have been very popular.

Sissonville

The community garden continues to be popular and a great source for library programs on gardening. Two hands-on programs, Sushi Making and Tree of Life Pendants were well attended by adults and teens. Upgrades to the building included new items for the Teen Area, a large TV screen used to promote library events and services, and a new color printer for patron use. The Solar Eclipse event, Winter Reading program, Halloween Party and Holiday Open House each had several hundred adults, teens and children attending.

St. Albans

Increased funding from the City of St. Albans allowed the restoration of Saturday hours. The branch was selected to participate in Project BUILD, a grant funded program to foster an interest in engineering to children in the second through fifth grades. The Advisory Board funded upgraded lighting and a new LED exterior sign to promote library events. The Teen Advisory Board continues to be a success.

Marketing and Development

Promoted library services, events and classes. Planned the West Virginia Book Festival and other community events throughout the year.

Mobile Library

Expanded schedule to provide service to those impacted by the flooding in Clendenin. Increased Coonskin Park storytime and craft programs to a weekly schedule during the summer.

Children's Services

Worked with the St. Albans Branch to implement the Project BUILD program. Continued collaborations with numerous community organizations including Kanawha County Schools, Step by Step, WVU Extension Service and Energy Express. Provided teacher collections to Kanawha County teachers, homeschool educators and community groups. The Summer Library Club event, Dakota and Friends Dino Party was held at eight locations and was attended by nearly 1,000 people.

Public Services and Popular Materials

Increased participation in the Adult Summer and Winter Reading programs. Continued providing world-class service to all patrons in the county.

Tech Services

Added 53,030 new items to the collection and added 6,167 eBooks and eAudiobooks via WV Deli, distributed 9,997 magazines, periodicals and other serials. Fulfilled 1,103 inter-library loan requests.

Cover images (top left to center): R. L. Stine, A Royal Event, Henry Winkler, Naomi Frazier, Joel Mitchell, A Royal Event, West Virginia Book Festival children's costume parade

Reimagine Your Library

This year has been an exciting time for Kanawha County Public Library! Great things are happening and we hope that you will visit your local library to see all of the wonderful services and programs we have for you.

On November 14, the Library Board announced plans to renovate and expand the current Main Library building in the heart of Charleston's downtown historic district. That same day, the Reimagine Your Library campaign was launched to raise funds for the long-awaited Main Library project.



The renovation will honor the classic structure of the existing building exterior while adding modern, light-filled glass additions that will increase public space, provide improved patron accessibility and add 20,000 square feet to the building. A proposed third floor walkway will connect the library to a large public parking garage. A ground-level main entrance and multiple meeting spaces that can accommodate groups from 2 to 200 will also be added.

The year began and ended with exciting news about the two branch libraries that were affected by the devastating flooding that occurred in 2016. On August 1, the Elk Valley Branch Library returned to the Crossings Mall after bridge access to the mall was restored. The branch had been operating in a temporary location for months after the flood.

The Clendenin Branch Library building was completely destroyed by the flood, and the area was serviced by the Mobile Library

while plans were being made to restore service to the town. Thanks to the Kanawha County Commission and 25045: A New Clendenin, space in the former Clendenin



Middle School was remodeled to create



a temporary library for the community. On May 30, the Clendenin Branch Library reopened at its new location. An open house attended by city and

county officials welcomed the library in June.

The 2017 West Virginia Book Festival saw record-breaking attendance for headlining author, R. L. Stine. After his presentation, Mr. Stine met with fans for four hours, signing books and other memorabilia, and posing for hundreds of photos with the audience. Henry Winkler was also a crowd favorite who kept his promise of "staying until I have a chance to meet with each and every one of you" to the audience. The event also hosted bestselling authors Joe Hill and Nicola Yoon. Writing workshops, West Virginia authors, activities for children, the KCPL annual used book sale and a literary marketplace rounded out the weekend. Book lovers came from nine other states and 127 West Virginia towns to attend this free, two-day event.

One of the highlights of the year was a visit to the Children's Department at the Main Library by Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, in February. Dr. Hayden and West Virginia Senator, Shelley Moore Capito were welcomed by library staff and children from the YWCA Mel Wolf Center and 1st Presbyterian Preschool. Dr. Hayden and Senator Capito read stories to the children and presented the library with a donation of books from the Library of Congress.



The Main Library Children's Department partnered with the Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau to welcome contestants from the International Pageants program during their stay in Charleston. This "Royal Event" program brought dozens of children to the library who spent the morning meeting with pageant contestants and

participating in activities such as wand making, reading, searching for buried treasure and taking pictures in the photo booth.



Systemwide programs included Summer Library Clubs, a Star Party at Camp Virgil Tate, Harry Potter Book Night events and Solar Eclipse viewing parties. KCPL provided hundreds of viewing glasses for the solar eclipse on August 21. Patrons were invited to watch the eclipse at the library and participate in crafts and other activities. A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) SCRATCH coding program was made possible by a partnership with the West Virginia Library Commission.

Attendance at adult and teen programs had a nearly 20 percent increase this year and usage of the library system's meeting rooms increased by more than 20 percent. A new system was added this year that allows patrons to pay fines and fees by credit card, making it more convenient for them to manage their account.

A special promotion sponsored by The Friends of The Library during Library Card Sign-Up Month added 617 new KCPL cardholders, and during a time when it is mistakenly believed that library usage is down, KCPL library circulation increased, with patrons checking out 10,000 more items this year as compared to check outs from the year before.

KCPL continues to participate in community events and has increased partnerships to help promote library services and programs. We appreciate the support of our patrons, staff, volunteers, community groups, businesses and government agencies. Library services are for everyone in our community and they make our home a better place to live. We are grateful for the privilege of serving all of the citizens of Kanawha County.



Monika Jaensson, KCPL Board President



2017 - 2018

Community Report 1,375
events and classes
for children and families

34,522 attended events and classes for children and families

718,988 patrons visited KCPL



104,028 registered patrons



970,585 items circulated





1,365
events and classes
for adults
and young adults

23,747
attended events
and classes for adults
and young adults

1,665 teen volunteer hours 742 adult volunteer hours

8,056 people used KCPL meeting rooms



Black Face Sheep, Celtic Calling Weekend

98,740 public computer sessions

227,020

reference questions answered



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The Friends of The Library hosted the 12th annual A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket Auction on Saturday, April 28. More than 250 people attended the event which rasied more than \$32,000 to support the Kanawha County Public Library.





In June, The Friends volunteered at the Kiwanis Club of West Charleston's annual Corporate Regatta. The Friends sponsored a "yacht" and helped at the event. Participants raced against other competitors as they propelled their "yachts" across the Main Library fountain using supersoaker water guns.



A portion of the proceeds from the regatta support the Kanawha County Public Library's Summer Library Club.







Construction of the renovated and expanded Main Library building will begin in 2019 and is expected to be finished in 18 to 24 months. A capital campaign to raise the remaining funds needed began in early 2018. For more information on the campaign and to find out how you can support this exciting project, visit www.reimagineyourlibrary.com



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- To provide citizens with job training and career development information that will prepare them for a competitive job market
- To enrich individual and family lives through satisfying educational, recreational and cultural experiences
- To enable patrons to access new information technology
- To provide opportunities for lifelong learning
- To serve as the center of community life
- To use available resources efficiently
- To seek additional resources

2017-2018 Kanawha County Public Library Budget

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Levying Authorities	\$6,883,067	85.0%	Salaries/Benefits	\$5,171,945	63.5%
State Grants	\$933,797	11.5%	Materials	\$1,171,200	14.5%
Other	\$300,852	03.5%	Other	\$1,774,571	22.0%
Total	\$8,117,716	100%	Total	\$8,117,716	100%

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