

Maryland Public Libraries
Annual Report Requirements

FY2011

System Name, Address and Contact Information

Kent County Public Library

408 High Street

Chestertown, MD 21620

Jacqueline M. Adams, Executive Director

Names of Board Members and Director

Alice Ritchie, President

Richard Kalter, Vice President

Beverly Birkmire, Treasurer

Barbara Macbeth, Secretary

Richard Hawkins

W. Christopher Maxwell

Clayton R. Newell

Jacqueline M. Adams, Executive Director

Elected Officials

County Commissioners

Ronald H. Fithian, President

William Pickrum

Alexander P. Raisin

Annual Statistics for the Fiscal Year

- Total Budget (see **Financial Statements Audit Report pgs. 26-27**)
- Total Budget by source (see **Financial Statements Audit Report pgs. 26-27**)

Other Statistics

- Branches & Bookmobiles **(3)**
- Materials Collection **(49,004)**
- Materials Circulated **(140,838)**
- Registered Borrowers **(13,845)**
- Information Questions Answered **(8,388)**
- Number of Library Visits **(101,658)**
- Number of Programs and Attendance **(231/5,904)**
- Meeting Room Use by Outside Organizations **(148)**
- ILL **(received: 3,051)**
- Personnel **(11.5)**
- Public Access Computers **(28)**

Library Service Highlights

Overview of Library Accomplishments

Adult Programs of Note

- Programs took place approximately once a month and daily during National Library Week. Topics covered included Jazz & Java, Gardening, the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake, writing techniques, and more
- Book Discussions
- Sponsor 4 library book groups and provide assistance to over 10 community book groups
- Film Showings and Discussions
- Monthly film showings of classic films for public viewing and discussion
- Macintosh User's Group, Digital Photography Classes, and Digital Walk-In Clinic
- Programs led and taught on a regular basis by volunteer

Children's Programs of Note

- The ESRL sponsored author visit in April. Illustrator and author, Henry Cole spoke. Local elementary school students, Washington College students, home school students and educators in the Kent County area were invited. There were 130 excited visitors in the library meeting room
- May brought the annual celebration of Children's Book Week in which the famous book character and PBS TV star Curious George visited all three branches of the KCPL. One hundred forty four guests attended the Curious George story time programs
- The meeting room was packed in June for the Rhythms of India program. Lakshmi and Chitra of NYRTA, presented traditional dances and folk tales from India to 140 library patrons
- Baby Story Time was offered weekly, instead of two times/month, due to its popularity. Attendance rose from 339 in fiscal year 09-10 to 671 this year which was over a 50 % increase. This is in addition to the three preschool story times that are offered weekly at each library branch. Preschool story times brought 2,390 children and adults to the KCPL

Electronic Information Initiatives

- Computer Classes
 - Offer free introductory computer classes to patrons
- Databases & eBooks
 - Provided for our patrons through the State Library Resource Center and the Eastern Shore Regional Library

Partnerships

- League of Women Voters
 - Worked together to present "Civil Rights in Chestertown" program which had a great turnout of 90 people
- Kent County Department of Social Services
 - Received Community Partner of the Year Award for our help with the "Job Club" program which helps people with online job search skills
- AARP Tax Preparation
 - Provide a location for the AARP's tax preparation program
- Kent County Board of Elections
 - Provided a location for the early voting initiative
- Display Showcase
 - Partner with community organizations and individuals to provide a display space for timely and relevant subjects
- Chestertown Book Festival
 - Staff volunteered their time to help lead the annual Chestertown Book Festival

- WC-ALL
 - Provided classroom space for Washington College Academy of Lifelong Learning classes
- Maryland Humanities Council OMOB 2011
 - Bought and provided books for and promoted the 2011 One Maryland One Book Initiative
- Galena Dogwood Days Parade
- Participated in a church fair
- Baby Expo.
- Weekly story time at Chestertown Farmer's Market
- Program for Crazy Days in July at Fountain Park
- Chess Club meets weekly in the Children's Department
- Kent County Public Schools
 - KCPL signs a memorandum of understanding with the Judy Center to provide story times two times a month for the Judy Center. We served a total of 221 children during these story times. Children's Librarian serves on the Judy Center Steering Committee. She spoke during a Parent Teacher meeting about the importance of reading to your child
 - Class tours
 - Purchase books that are required for summer reading

FY 2011 Budget

The attached Financial Statements Audit Report and Management Letters contain information on budget issues and provide significant financial highlights for FY 2011.