

Maryland Public Libraries
Annual Report Requirements

FY2014

System Name, Address and Contact Information

Kent County Public Library

408 High Street

Chestertown, MD 21620

Jacqueline M. Adams, Library Director

Names of Board Members and Director

Richard Kalter, President

Barbara Macbeth, Vice President

Beverly Birkmire, Treasurer

Wendy Costa, Secretary

Joseph Harding

Harry Packard

Clayton R. Newell

Jacqueline M. Adams, Library Director

Elected Officials: County Commissioners

Ronald H. Fithian, President

William Pickrum

William A. Short

Annual Statistics for the Fiscal Year

- Total Budget **(see Attached Audit)**
- Total Budget by source **(See attached Audit)**

Other Statistics

- Branches & Bookmobiles **(4)**
- Materials Collection, including electronic books **(50,962)**
- Materials Circulated **(136,257)**
- Registered Borrowers **(13,728)**
- Information Questions Answered **(8,825)**
- Number of Library Visits **(88,225)**
- Number of Programs/Attendance **(406/7818)**
- ILL (received:) **(3,904)**
- Personnel **(14.0)**
- Public Access Computers **(42)**

Library Highlights

The KCPL Board of Trustees approved a three-year Strategic Long Range plan on October 7, 2013. KCPL developed new Vision and Mission Statements and established four major goals:

- Energize the collection based on community preferences
- Excel in technical support of the community
- Enhance library spaces
- Expand outreach so the Community will better use and value library services

KCPL received a \$93,000 State Capital Grant to renovate the restrooms and install a new circulation desk. The Foundation for the Kent County Library hired Globus Designs to create a redesign plan to coordinate with these renovations.

The Children's Department Implemented the grant received on behalf of the Kent County Public Library Foundation from the PNC Foundation to create an Early Literacy Center for parents, and early child care providers for Kent County Title I families to improve school readiness. KCPL conducted two very successful Parent Cafés.

The Chestertown Branch continued to be open on four holidays that it was previously closed to provide added hours of library service to the community and to serve as a holiday destination for appropriate programs and services.

Trustee membership remained constant and their engagement remained high. One member of the Board of Trustees was appointed to replace a member whose term had expired.

The community in the form of the municipalities, the Friends, the Foundation and the general community continued their support.

Library Service Highlights

Children's and Teens Highlights

KCPL served 4,140 patrons at 176 youth classes/events

There was great attendance at: Polar Express, Cat in the Hat, Curious George, Books in Motion, and a huge turnout for Rita Williams-Garcia,

Summer activities in July 2014 included: Didgeridoo Down Under, Jack and the Beanstalk, Turtles Dig into Reading, Dinosaur, Uncle Peter, and the Bubble Lady with nearly 600 participants!

June kicked off the 2014 Summer Reading with Let's get Fizzy and Slime Time

KCPL is slowly building momentum with Teens: in addition to the annual afternoon of Pysanka, a Ukrainian batik technique for decorating eggs, KCPL started a Teen Book Club and helped a local youth group not only read the book *Yummy* but coordinate a mock trial that took place in the County Courthouse.

Adult Highlights

KCPL served 3,602 patrons at 230 adult classes/events

Technology Classes

Digital Drop in twice a month at Chestertown and as needed at other branches

“Computer Connection” Classes twice a month that included: Introduction to the Internet, Introduction to E-Mail, and Introduction to Word

“One on one” technology appointments with knowledgeable staff

Excellent turnouts for the FOL annual author event featuring Henry Wiencek

Other events/classes included:

One Maryland One Book DishBem Dance Group and book discussions

Toy Trains & Model Railroad exhibit

Early 20th Century African American Success

Special National Library Week Programs: Earthen Pyramids, Potpourri of Prose and Poetry

Successful ongoing classes/opportunities

Needlecrafters

Monthly art exhibits by local artists

Four KCPL sponsored book groups and assistance provided to over 10 community book groups

Monthly display case exhibits by local organizations

Weekly films of classic films for public viewing and discussion

Two Writers Groups

Partnerships: KCPL is very proud of our relationship with our community partners:

- AmeriCorps
- Bayside HOYAS: Book club for middle school/high school students
- Chestertown Initiative
- Kent County Chamber of Commerce: hosted a “Business after Hours”
- Sassafras River Business Council : hosted a yearly meeting at the North County Branch
- League of Women Voters annual African American Month presentations
- Judy Center of Kent County
- Kent County Public Schools: Class tours and book purchases for required summer reading
- Chestertown Rotary Club
- Board of Elections: Chestertown Library was a designated polling place
- SCORE
- Pepco hearings
- Kent County Department of Social Services
- AARP Tax Preparation
- Partnered with community organizations and individuals to provide a displays for timely and relevant subjects
- Chestertown Book Festival
- Galena Dogwood Days Parade
- Rock Hall July 4 Parade
- Story time at Chestertown Farmer’s Market
- Chess Club meets weekly in the Children’s Department
- University of Maryland Water Clinic

FY 2014 Budget

The attached Financial Statements Audit Report and Management Letters contain information on budget issues and provide significant financial highlights for FY 2014.