Required Information
System Name: Kent County Public Library System

Address and Contact Information
408 High St. Chestertown, MD 21620
Phone: 410-778-3636
Website: kentcountylibrary.org

Names of Board Members, Director, Elected Officials
KCPL Board of Trustees
Amy Sine
Peggy McKee
John Murphy
Valerie Overton
Jay Silcox
Judi O’Brien
Erin Counihan

KCPL Executive Director
Arnessa Dowell

Kent County Commissioners
P. Thomas Mason
Ronald H. Fithian
Robert N. Jacob Jr

Annual Statistics for the Fiscal Year:
Total Budget - $1,053,858

Total Budget by Source
- Appropriations - $816,251
- State & Other Grants - $194,852
- Fees - $2,647
- Restricted Donations - $32,592
- Donations - $6,020
- Misc. - $1,513

Operating Budget (Local, State and Federal)
- State of Maryland - $194,852
- Local - $716,399
- Federal - $25,800

Capital Budget - $74,228

Grants Budget - $110,616

Total Expenditures (personnel, materials, equipment, other) - $1,074,749

Materials Circulated- total and break down by Adult/Children's –
- Total- 113,573
- Adult- 93,400
- Children- 20,173

Materials Owned- total and break down by Adult/Children
- Total- 30,887
- Adult- 22,784
- Children- 8,103

Information (Reference) Questions Answered – 4,140
Registered Borrowers (Card Holders)- 9,494
**Number of Library Visits**: 51,603

**Number of Programs and Attendance**:
- Programs: 265
- Attendance: 7,663

**ILL (received and loaned)**:
- ILL Received: 24,452
- ILL Loaned: 23,400

**Personnel (Total FTE)**: 12.75

**Optional Information**
Library Service Highlights (for example):

**Programs of Note**
- Reading with Dogs, Echoes of Nature, Pet Rocks
- Wildlife Adventures, Candy Sushi, Dissect & Draw
- Pizza & Make a Thing Series (Teen monthly program at two locations)
- Polar Express Holiday Party
- Tea Rex Tea Party
- Encanto Sing-a-Long
- Middle & High School Mental Health Fairs (Outreach programs)
- Millington Summer Reading Kickoff (1st ever), Betterton Family Beach Picnic
- Launched 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Paint a Pet Portrait
- Soap Making
- Cat Castles in partnership with local nonprofit The Cat Colloquium
- Basic Leather Working
- Chocolate Making
- Joyful Art Workshop (One Maryland One Book program)
- Share Your Delight Showcase (One Maryland One Book program)
- Big Hurrah Holiday BINGO
- Get Cookbooking! How to Create Your Own Digital Cookbook
- African American Read-In (virtual) in partnership with Sumner Hall; Washington College Department of Education; Washington College Black Studies Program; the Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College; and Chesapeake Heartland: An African American Humanities Project
- Seed Swap in partnership with Maryland Extension
- Global Art Peace Project in partnership with RiverArts
- The Poem as a Container in partnership with Eastern Shore Writers’ Association

**Additional Partnership Initiatives**
- Maryland Libraries Together -- statewide library virtual program partnership
- Kent County Health Department -- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (Sept 2021) and COVID-19 test kit distribution (ongoing)
- Samaritan Group, George's Free General Store at Washington College, Feed the Elderly -- Stock the Shelves food & hygiene supply drive (November 2021)
- Recovery in Motion -- outreach at 8th Annual Backyard Bash (June 2022)
- League of Women Voters of Kent County -- local candidate forum (June 2022)
- Rock Hall and Galena Elementary School Outreach Days

**FY22 Partnerships**

- Maryland Libraries Together
- University of Maryland Extension
- Master Gardeners
- Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
- AARP Maryland Speakers Bureau
- Washington College Department of Education
- Washington College Black Studies Program
- Sumner Hall
- RiverArts

**Electronic Materials and Access**

Users of Public WiFi: 43,331

**Narrative re: Budget impacts (cuts, additions) on service**

- Public Service hours (Contact and Contactless): 3,321
- Saw an increase of 14% to previous year’s budget but still utilized some of the organizations unrestricted reserve fund
- Awarded $25,000 in private donations for Rock Hall
- Relocated and Renovated North County Branch- almost tripling the space from 1800 sq.ft. to 3,500 sq.ft.
- Spent $72,000 renovating staff work area and break room
- Relocated Rock Hall Branch to a more centralized location
- Hired three new full time employees and three part-time employees which aided in the expansion of programming at Rock Hall and North County branches
- Continue to see a steady increase in library card sign ups which increased by 4.4% over previous year