

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

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KCPL Executive Director

Arnessa Dowell

Kent County Commissioners

Albert H. Nickerson

Ronald H. Fithian

John F. Price

Annual Statistics for the Fiscal Year:

Total Budget - \$1,090,038

Total Budget by Source

- Appropriations - \$721,399

- State & Other Grants - \$231,803

- Fees - \$5,312

- Restricted Donations - \$50,157

- Donations - \$7,818

- Misc. - \$4,359

Operating Budget (Local, State and Federal)

- State of Maryland - \$198,903

- Local - \$721,399

- Federal - \$32,900

Capital Budget - \$0

Grants Budget - \$127,916

Total Expenditures (personnel, materials, equipment, other) - \$1,081,118.00

Materials Circulated- total and break down by Adult/Children's -

- **Total- 143,963**

- Adult- 123,558

- Children- 26,069

Materials Owned- total and break down by Adult/Children

- **Total- 34,807**

- Adult- 23,602

- Children- 11,205

Information (Reference) Questions Answered - 1,931

Registered Borrowers (Card Holders)- 10,202

Number of Library Visits- 65,752
Number of Programs and Attendance-

- Programs- 381
- Attendance- 4,766

ILL (received and loaned)-

- ILL Received- 22,601
- ILL Loaned- 17,393

Personnel (Total FTE)- 14.00

Optional Information

Library Service Highlights (for example):

FY23 Partnerships

- *University of Maryland Extension*
- *Shore Medical Center Chestertown, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health - Mobile Wellness Team → ongoing October 2022-June 2023*
- *Kent County 4-H*
- *Maryland Department of Labor*
- *Upper Shore Job Center*
- *Sumner Hall*
- *Washington College Department of Education*
- *Washington College Black Studies Program*
- *Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College*
- *Chesapeake Heartland: An African American Humanities Project*
- *Kent Cultural Alliance*
- *NAMI Kent & Queen Anne's*
- *Maryland Department of Transportation*
- *Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company; Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company; Galena Volunteer Fire Company*
- *Massey Aerodrome*

FY23 Featured Community Initiatives & Outreach Events

- *Saturday in the Park!*
 - *Town of Chestertown*
- *Library Card Sign-Up Month*
 - *Chestertown First Friday*
 - *Chestertown Farmers Market*
 - *Galena Open-Air Market*
- *Storywalk*
 - *Town of Galena*
 - *Town of Rock Hall*
- *Rock Hall Fall Fest*
 - *Rock Hall Main Street*
- *Kent County Health & Wellness Expo*
 - *Homeports*
- *Getting to Know Your Community: KCPL*
 - *presented as part of a series at Heron Point (senior living community)*

FY23 Featured Programs

- *Maryland Dove: Tales & Legends (presented by Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum)*

- *Love Maps: Knowing Your Partners Inner World (presented by University of Maryland Extension)*
- *Self-Care Toolkits*
- *Painted Pottery Ornaments*
- *STEM Fest*
- *Apple Fest*
- *Holiday Gingerbread Houses*
- *Snack Around the World*
- *Art Supply Swap*
- *Early Birds & Ducks in Water (presented by Foreman's Branch Bird Observatory at Washington College)*
- *Celebrating 45 Years of Service (retirement celebrations for branch manager)*
- *Happiness Hour: Let's Get Spicy (presented by The Spicerie)*
- *Organize Your Health (presented by Shore Medical Center Chestertown, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health - Mobile Wellness Team)*
- *Seed Swap (in partnership with Maryland Extension)*

Electronic Materials and Access

Users of Public WiFi: 27,677

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

Quarter 1 (July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022):

- *Faced flat funding challenge from Commissioners, leading to reserve fund utilization.*
- *Successfully secured \$21,000 from LSTA funds for study pods in North County and Chestertown.*

Quarter 2 (October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022):

- *Received \$27,000 from Kent County Library Foundation to revamp the website.*

Quarter 3 (January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023):

- *Secured \$29,000 from Local Management Board for technology initiatives for local teens.*

Quarter 4 (April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023):

- *Sent entire staff to MLA conference for professional development.*
- *Completed 85% of FY 23 action items.*
- *Commissioners granted 6% budget increase, earmarked for staff salaries.*

Looking Forward to Fiscal Year 2024:

- **Spaces (S):** *Allocate funds for accessibility upgrades in library spaces.*
- **Advocacy (A):** *Continue outreach campaigns to raise awareness about the library's role.*
- **Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (I):** *Invest in training and resources for inclusivity.*
- **Literacy (L):** *Expand efforts in early childhood, adult, and digital literacy.*

Rock Hall Branch Enhancement:

- *Allocate \$25,000 for modular improvements.*
- *Two-year contract in place and anticipation of moving to a municipal-owned building.*

Website and Rebranding:

- *Continue efforts to revamp and rebrand the library's website for improved digital presence.*
- *Allocate resources to enhance accessibility and user experience on the website.*