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2015-2016 Highlights:

Clendenin

A focus on themed passive programming helped increase participation by more than 200 percent, with one winter program having 300 participants.

Cross Lanes

Continued to make some physical space improvements (new shelving, cabinetry and water heater) that were long overdue.

Dunbar

Provided 169 outreach storytimes at area daycares, preschools and elementary schools, thus expanding service to our youngest patrons in that area. New seating was added in the public computer area and the outdated furnace was replaced.

Elk Valley

Continued their teen outreach and increased overall attendance with a very successful Teen Cooking Class and the Ultimate Gaming Experience. Attendance at children's classes and events has remained strong.

Glasgow

The number of patron visits and circulation numbers have doubled in recent months and new equipment and upgraded lighting have improved patron access.

Marmet

Received technology equipment updates and expanded services to Home School groups and Head Start program participants. Partnered with the Marmet Summer Park program to include children in library events and register them for library cards.

Riverside

Worked closely with area daycare centers to make them aware of classes and events for children which has increased event attendance. Tutoring rooms are in constant use throughout the school year.

Sissonville

Improved patron access with reorganized materials and new signage. Received equipment and electronic resource upgrades. Started quilting and other craft classes that have been very popular.

St. Albans

Outreach initiatives brought library services and patron registration to groups outside of the library. Added attractive and patron-accessible displays.

Marketing and Development

Helped The Friends of The Library Foundation celebrate their 10th Anniversary of the *A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket* event. Worked with partner organizations to bring back The West Virginia Book Festival featuring headlining authors Neil Gaiman and Jodi Picoult.

Mobile Library

Craft classes at Coonskin Park continue to be very popular during the summer.

Children's Services

KCPL was one of only two libraries in the state to be an official Children's Book Week sponsor. Children's staff coordinated activities and special events related to this week-long observance in April. Systemwide programs included Bright Star Theatre's *The Story of Anne Frank*, Mark Daniel's *A Seussian Celebration*, Amazon John's *Silly Safaris*, and children's author Anna Smucker's *A Delicious Tale*.

Public Services

Renovated the teen and audiovisual department to create Zone 4: Teens, Tech and Entertainment at the Main Library. Worked with Technical Services and Automation to implement new online catalog.

Vision

We envision the Kanawha County Public Library as the people's premier source of information in a community where learning and reading are revered and being well-informed is valued.

Mission

- To provide free and equal access to information
- 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

Our Story Continues . . .

This past year has largely been a year of rebuilding at the Kanawha County Public Library. Funds from the passed library-dedicated levy allowed KCPL to restore Sunday operating hours at Main and, in conjunction with event partners and sponsors, bring the West Virginia Book Festival back to Charleston during the city's FestivALL Fall weekend in October. This year's Book Festival was a smashing success, boasting internationally-acclaimed authors and attracting literature lovers from all over our state and region.



These widespread re-building efforts also included the development of a Long Range Plan, the first in many years, as well as the hiring of staff to fill long-vacant key positions throughout the organization. These and many other efforts have allowed KCPL to "power back up" to full operating capacity after many years of funding uncertainty.



Perhaps one of the most visually evident changes, the completion of the Main Library **Zone 4: Teens, Tech and Entertainment**, has allowed KCPL to expand and improve services to our teen patrons as well as expand technology opportunities for all patrons. Upgrading of technology services and processing speeds, as well as the expansion of online services with the EBSCO Discover Service (EDS), further illustrates KCPL's commitment to



increased use of technology to meet our community's needs.

Below are just some of the many

innovative programs and improvements throughout our system in the past year that have been enthusiastically welcomed and widely-used by our patrons:

- 537 Teacher Collections (totaling almost 14,000 books and other materials) were compiled and distributed to Kanawha County teachers for classroom use.

- Materials support for the county-wide Backpack Literacy program, servicing 81 Kanawha County School Pre-K locations, continued.

- More than 2,400 children participated in the 2015 *Every Hero Has a Story* Summer Library Club, resulting in a 27 percent increase from 2014.



- Attendance at teen events and classes has dramatically increased at several locations and staff are forming new partnerships with area daycares and homeschool groups.



- Several branches have purchased smart TVs and tablets to add a technological component to programming.

- New events and classes featuring crafts, cooking, gardening and artistic expression have been popular with patrons of all ages.

All of these accomplishments -- and many more -- could not be possible at KCPL without the ongoing support from all of our supporters, including the



Kanawha County Commission; the City of Charleston; the Cities of Dunbar and St. Albans, and all of our supporters and patrons throughout the county. We constantly strive to meet the growing needs of our patronage and to be ever-mindful that your support is truly our greatest asset.

The next year brings many challenges to KCPL, including dealing with the aftermath of recent flooding which resulted in the tragic loss of so much, including our Clendenin Branch Library and the temporary loss of operations at our Elk Valley Branch. KCPL will continue to analyze these situations and work to find avenues to provide much-needed service to these areas. Thank you for your ongoing support of these communities as well your always-appreciated support of KCPL.

With many thanks,

Cheryl Crigger Morgan
KCPL Cardholder and President
of the KCPL Board of Directors

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Kanawha County Public Library





734,599
patron visits



- 1,458 children and family events and classes
- 31,447 attended children and family events and classes

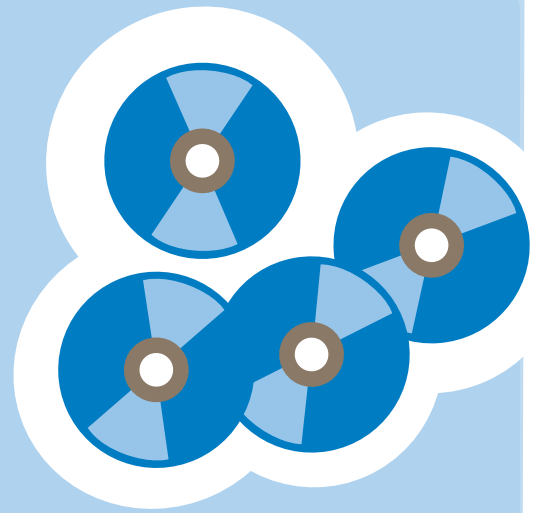
- 1,581 adult and young adult events and classes
- 29,074 attended adult and young adult events and classes



112,384

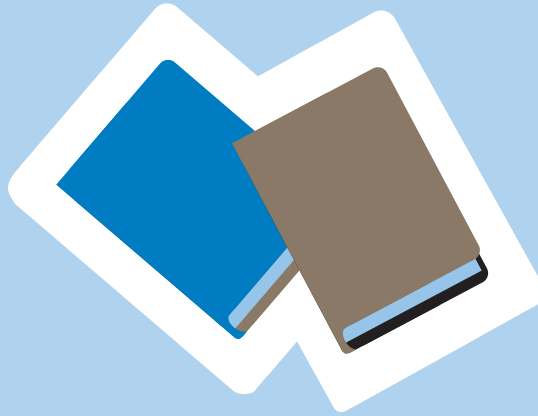
registered patrons

- 9,762 people used KCPL meeting rooms



988,359

items circulated



- 1,494 teen volunteer hours
- 827 adult volunteer hours

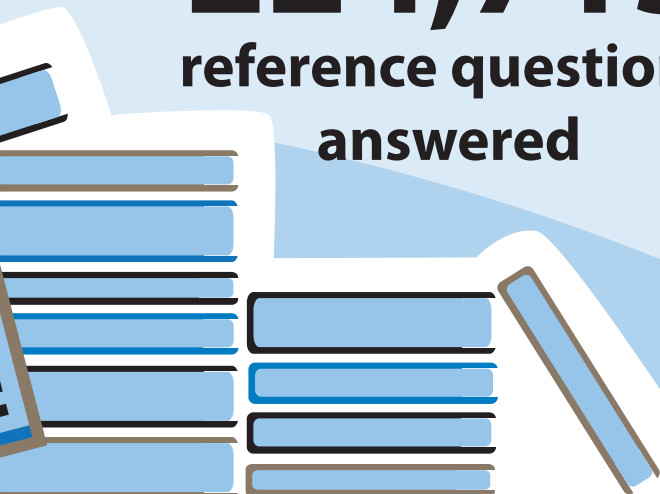
- 113,261 public computer sessions

- 61,833 patron hours on public computers

*That is equal to approximately 7 years!

224,715

reference questions answered



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Serving the Community in Tough Times

On June 23, devastating flooding occurred throughout Kanawha County and other parts of the state. The Clendenin Branch Library was completely destroyed by more than nine feet of water that broke through the front glass entryway and rushed throughout the entire building. All contents inside the building were damaged beyond repair. The ceiling collapsed in several areas and books and other library materials were lodged in the ceiling grid. When the water receded, everything in the library was covered in a thick layer of mud.

The KCPL Board of Directors met in early July to determine the best course of action for the building and its contents. A decision was made to clean out the building and remove all interior building materials, leaving bare floors, walls and support beams. Library officials will continue working with the library's insurance company and FEMA to decide the next steps for the building.

The Elk Valley Branch Library was also affected by the flood although it was not damaged. A bridge washed away at the entrance to the Crossings Mall where the Elk Valley Branch is located. The public is unable to access the library until a new bridge can be built.

To provide library services to the areas affected, KCPL opened the Elk Valley Express Library, a temporary facility located in the previous Elk Valley Branch building. The express library has eight computers, a printer, copier, free Wi-Fi and a limited inventory of materials for children, teens and adults, including books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, and Playaways, as well as Express DVDs and books. The Mobile Library will also be adding an additional stop in the town of Clendenin every Friday.

A notice is posted on the library's website at www.kanawhalibrary.org to keep the public updated on the status of both libraries and library services in the affected areas.



Damaged entrance to Elk Valley Branch Library



Clendenin Branch Library entrance



Clendenin Branch Library interior



Clendenin Branch Library interior



Elk Valley Express Library