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2016-2017 Highlights:

Clendenin

Closed during the 2016-17 fiscal year due to flood damage.

Cross Lanes

Staff coordinated another successful systemwide Star Party event at Camp Virgil Tate. Added a second Early Literacy Computer for older children, a white board for teen programming and a color copier for patrons. Physical space improvements included a new air conditioning unit and gates for the circulation desk.

Dunbar

Partnered with the City of Dunbar in community outreach events and provided 151 school and daycare outreach storytimes. Offered monthly technology workshops for the public and the 4th annual Seed and Plant Exchange program. New paint and children's area furniture were added.

Elk Valley

After access to the Crossings Mall location was lost due to flood damage, staff worked together to open the Elk Valley Express Library to provide library service to patrons in the northern part of the county. Events and classes were held at the temporary location and staff continued to provide outreach services to local schools and daycares. The Elk Valley and Clendenin advisory boards hosted a holiday open house for the community. The children's Silly Safari event during spring break and a holiday decoration exchange were very popular.

Glasgow

New equipment and upgraded lighting have improved patron access and energy efficiency.

Marmet

Provided weekly programs at the George Buckley Community Center during the Marmet Summer Park program. Updated equipment in the building.

Riverside

Active homeschool program includes a monthly homeschool day. Adult art programs have become very popular. Added new furniture for programming and, with the help of young patrons, planted flowers in front of the building.

Sissonville

Increased number of events and classes for all ages. Popular events included the Winter Reading Club, Family Movie Nights, Yoga for Beginners, local author presentations and a CPR certification course. Teen event attendance has increased, a teen book club was added and the popular community garden continued. Displays were enhanced, and new equipment and materials for patrons were added.

St. Albans

Recruited teen advisory board to provide teen programming suggestions. The 14-member board hosted several popular teen events throughout the year. Installed a smart television to promote library events and services to patrons. There was a 65% attendance increase at the Open Doors movie events for special needs audiences and a 35% increase in attendance at the St. Albans Writes author programs. Staff attend History Wednesdays in St. Albans to provide subject specific materials and promote library services, events and library card registration. The branch provides outreach to area schools and promotes events through the local chamber of commerce.

Marketing and Development

Worked with the Friends of The Library Foundation to plan the annual A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket silent auction, which raised more than \$37,000 to support the library. Promoted library services, events and classes, resulting in increased media coverage, event attendance and registered patrons. Supported and participated in community events throughout Kanawha County.

Mobile Library

Expanded schedule to provide service to those impacted by the flooding in Clendenin and Elk Valley. Provided a venue for the Clendenin Summer Library Club kickoff and continued to offer regular storytimes and other events at Coonskin Park.

Children's Services

Significantly increased outreach through participation at every Kanawha County Schools Preschool Application Fair, school site visits and providing Summer Reading Club promotional materials to every school, preschool and daycare in Kanawha County. Outreach to adults working with children included participating in the first ever Social Emotional Institute, presenting to the Head Start Parent Council, hosting staff members from Step By Step, Inc. for a half day training session, and participating in Energy Express Mentor training.

Public Services

Began magazine circulation at the Main Library. More than 2,000 patrons participated in the Winter Reading Club.

Tech Services

Added 72,180 new items to the collection, distributed 10,330 magazines, periodicals and other serials. Fulfilled 1,406 inter-library loan requests.

Cover images (top left to center): Stephen Coonts, Drum 'n' Fun event, Maggie Stiefvater, Naomi Frazier, Sarah Mitchell and Bryson, Sandra Brown, KCPL Mobile Library

Building Excitement

This fiscal year began with the challenges of responding to the devastating flooding that occurred on June 23, 2016. The Clendenin Branch Library was completely destroyed and access to the Elk Valley Branch Library was lost when the bridge to the Crossings Mall was washed away.

The library board and staff worked together to quickly restore library services to the upper Kanawha Valley. Struggling with the aftermath of the flooding, the community needed internet access, computers and a safe, air conditioned space to get away for a few hours.

In less than a week, library staff accomplished the task of reopening the previous Elk Valley Library location. Elk Valley Express has served the community for more than a year, providing much needed library services and programs. The mobile library also added new stops in Clendenin to provide more access to library materials.

The Friends of The Library Foundation sponsored the Mobile Gaming Truck and distributed free books at flood relief stations and at the YMCA summer camp for children affected by the flood. Working with the Kanawha County School system, a school supply drive was held at all KCPL locations, providing school supplies for students at flood-affected schools. The library also hosted two Operation Photo Rescue events, an all-day volunteer led program that restores flood and disaster damaged photos for free.

In late July of this year, a new bridge to the Crossings Mall was completed and once again library staff jumped into action, this time making the move back to the Crossings Mall location.

In spite of these ongoing challenges, Kanawha County Public Library saw a 4 percent increase in library cardholders and a substantial increase in attendance at events and classes for children and families. The Get in the Game, READ! Summer Library Clubs challenged all ages to read more



during the summer and helped students prevent the “summer slide” and maintain reading levels over the summer. For the 2017 program, staff worked together to implement a new user-friendly online registration and book log software program called Beanstack.

The West Virginia Book Festival hosted acclaimed authors Erik Larson, Sandra Brown, Patrick Rothfuss, J. D. Vance and West Virginia’s own Stephen Coonts. Teen author Maggie Stiefvater, children’s author Matt de la Peña and West Virginia authors Julia Keller, Tony Breeden, Sarah Sullivan and Stan Bumgardner rounded out the weekend’s presentations. Other activities included writing workshops, a Pearl Buck panel discussion, the Marketplace and the children’s Word Play area. KCPL partnered with Kanawha County Schools on a “My Neighborhood” art contest inspired by Matt de la Peña’s picture book, *Last Stop on Market Street*. The submissions were displayed during the Book Festival weekend at the Charleston Civic Center.

Working with team members throughout the system, Children’s Services successfully launched the library’s newest early literacy initiative, Project OWL (Open Worlds of Learning). Project OWL allows parents to check out bags of children’s board books with a special OWL card. The bags also include information on early literacy to help parents start their children on the path to lifelong reading.

A focus on community partnerships continued with the Library’s participation in FestivALL, FestivALL Fall, Celtic Calling and many other events. During the month of March, programs were held at branches in conjunction with the Children’s Theatre of Charleston’s production of *Cinderella*. KCPL staff also created a *Cinderella*-inspired booklist that was distributed at each performance.



The library also collaborated with the Clay Center to provide books, sponsored by The Friends of The Library Foundation, for reading nooks in the Center’s new My Town exhibit.

KCPL celebrated Black History Month with a performance of Henry’s Freedom Box, a History Alive Harriet Tubman event and a meet the author program with Calvin Ramsey, author of *Ruth and the Green Book*.

This year saw the return of the Sunday Jams series, a community favorite. Patrons were also able to participate in the worldwide Harry Potter Book Night, Yuri’s Night Star Party and a series of monthly grant writing workshops. Several locations hosted a West Virginia Humanities Council Bill of Rights exhibit.

KCPL staff continued to contribute regular columns for the Charleston Gazette-Mail Book Team page and the library made national news when Dr. Michael Kelly returned a copy of *So You Want to Be a Doctor*, a book he checked out as a child in the 1970s. The Main Library in Charleston was also selected as one of the filming locations for an episode of The Travel Channel’s *The Dead Files*, scheduled to air on Sept. 9, 2017.

The board and staff of the library, with architects and many other advisors, have worked diligently over the past year in hopes of having a ‘revised’ Main Library in Charleston, one better suited for serving the citizens of Kanawha County. It’s an exciting time for the library!

It’s been a year of challenges, but thanks to all of the patrons, volunteers, staff and community members who support KCPL, it’s also been a year of many successes. We truly appreciate you and all of our patrons for your dedication to the mission and vision of Kanawha County Public Library. With your help, we can continue to provide vital library services to the people of Kanawha County.

Monika Jaensson,
KCPL Board President

Alan Engelbert,
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2016 - 2017 Community Report



728,176
patrons visited KCPL

**1,425 events
and classes for
children and families**

**34,835 attended
events and classes for
children and families**

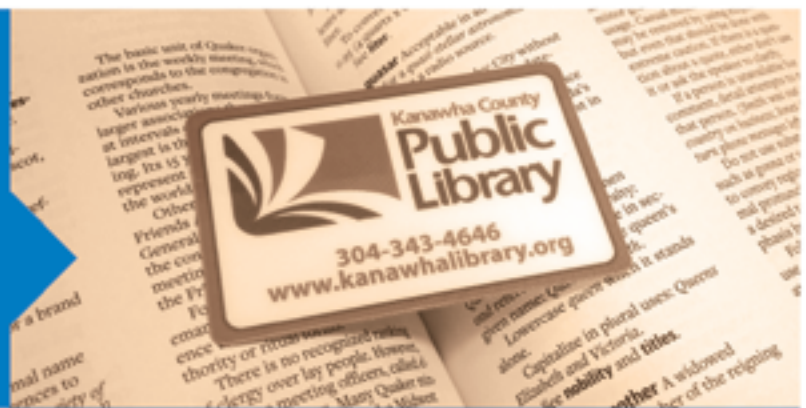


**1,479 events
and classes for adults
and young adults**

**20,077 attended
events and classes for
adults and young adults**



116,801
registered patrons



960,389
items circulated

1,312 teen volunteer hours

558 adult volunteer hours

103,927 public computer sessions

61,068 patron hours on public computers



220,634
reference questions answered

6,602 people used KCPL meeting rooms



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Left: Construction crews prepare the roadway leading up to the new bridge.

Below: The Elk Valley Branch Library is reopened and ready to serve patrons in northern Kanawha County.

Elk Valley Branch

A year after the devastating flood, construction crews put the finishing touches on the new bridge for the Crossings Mall in Elkview, and the Elk Valley Branch Library reopened a week later on August 1.



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

2016-2017 Kanawha County Public Library Budget

Income			Expenditures		
Levying Authorities	\$6,840,028	85.0%	Salaries/Benefits	\$5,107,646	63.5%
State Grants	\$933,797	11.6%	Materials	\$1,171,200	14.5%
Other	\$272,115	03.4%	Other	\$1,767,094	22.0%
Total	\$8,045,940	100%	Total	\$8,045,940	100%

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