



A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE LIBRARY

2022 Annual Report



Cecil County Public
LIBRARY

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

“A library is infinity under a roof,” writes children’s book author Gail Carson Levine. Last year, our community experienced infinity on more than 675,000 unique occasions- attending programs, visiting branches, and accessing the library’s virtual services. They also had a hand in creating infinity, by sharing their reading interests to help develop our print and digital collections, volunteering, participating in community service projects, hosting community meetings, launching businesses, tutoring children, conveying their knowledge, and telling their stories. The list of activities that people can pursue in a public library is endless, as reflected in these pages, where you will glimpse a week in the life of the library.

In concert with our mission to Champion Reading, Build Knowledge, and Inspire Curiosity, all of these activities are aimed at improving and enriching the everyday lives of individuals and their communities.

On behalf of our board and staff, we want to thank you for spending the past 52 weeks with us, building a better Cecil County. And to our 4,629 new library cardholders, welcome to infinity!

Morgan Miller,
Executive Director

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Joanne Morton, *Vice Chair*
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Ravi Gupta
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Jonathan Stauffer



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MONDAY



9:15 AM 

A Job Seeker arrives to use a study room for a virtual interview

10:30 AM 

Children and caregivers attend a weekly Family StoryTime in the Children's Room



11 AM 

An aspiring business owner meets with a business librarian to learn how to write a business plan

4 PM 

Library Board of Trustees holds their monthly meeting

TUESDAY

11 AM 

A child signs up for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, gets his his first library card and visits Our Town early learning center



1 PM

A class meets in the Digital Media Lab to learn how to use Adobe Illustrator to create graphics

6:30 PM 

Librarians answer homework questions and show how to access the Student Virtual Library Card

"THANKS SO MUCH
FOR TAKING THE
TIME TO HELP ME
WITH MY PAPER!"
- Juanita F.

WEDNESDAY

8 AM 

The Chamber's non-profit roundtable explores the Foundation Directory to find grant opportunities

9 AM

The Bookmobile visits a pre-K class for students to select and keep their own "My Special Book"



10:30 AM

A bag of books is delivered to a homebound senior



3:30 PM 

Teens gather for "Teens Give Back" a monthly community service project meeting

THURSDAY

9 AM

Homeschooling families work on a research project

4,629
New Cards
Created



3:30 PM

A family attends a monthly STEAM class in the Idea Lab of the Children's Room

6 PM

A librarian leads an Introduction to Computers class

9 PM 

A lifelong-learner logs into a LinkedIn Learning course for professional certification in project management



FRIDAY

11 AM 

An adult stops by the library to pick up holds from another county using the Marina Inter-Library Loan system and browses art exhibit



4 PM

Families sign up for all-ages Summer Reading Program



"IT'S A SUMMER
TRADITION IN MY
FAMILY'S HOUSE!"

SATURDAY

11 AM

Families arrive for the Children's Book Festival



1 PM 

Families stroll Story Trails at Brantwood and Calvert Park



SATURDAY

3 PM 

Commuter uses Wi-Fi in the parking lot to download audiobooks for the week



"I TOOK MY VERY FIRST WRITING COURSES THROUGH YOUR ONLINE GALE COURSES. SOON I WAS ATTENDING WRITING CONFERENCE. SINCE THEN I'VE WORKED WITH 5 DIFFERENT PUBLISHERS AND HAVE PUBLISHED 12 NONFICTION CHILDREN'S BOOKS. NOW I TEACH OTHER WRITERS!"

- Annette Whipple



Annette Whipple, presenting at the 2022 Children's Book Festival



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MISSION

Champion Reading.
Build Knowledge.
Inspire Curiosity.

VISION

The Library is the
Heart of a thriving
Cecil County.

ANNUAL LIBRARY IMPACT

256,355

Materials Owned

744,298

Materials
Checked Out

270,176

Children's Materials
Checked Out

471,494

Adult Materials
Checked Out

122,030

Digital Items
Checked Out

987

Programs

30,684

Program Attendees

233,968

Library Visits

411,920

Virtual Visits

4,629

New Library
Cards issued

69,082

Questions Answered

162

Community Meetings

2,173

Community Meeting
Attendees

96,589

Computer and WiFi
Sessions

330

Online Course
Certificates Earned

574,082

Minutes of Online
Learning

ORGANIZATIONAL REACH



Library
Branches



Outreach
Bookmobile



Full-Time
Equivalent Staff



Access to
Online Learning