

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 4,636 new library cardholders, welcome to infinity!

Morgan Miller,
Executive Director

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MISSION

Champion Reading.
Build Knowledge.
Inspire Curiosity.
Connect Community.

VISION

The Library is the
Heart of a thriving
Cecil County.

ANNUAL LIBRARY IMPACT

256,437
Materials Owned

854,654
Materials
Checked Out

328,047
Children’s Materials
Checked Out

390,779
Adult Materials
Checked Out

135,828
Digital Items
Checked Out

828
Programs

14,824
Program Attendees

233,968
Library Visits

441,002
Virtual Visits

4,636
New Library
Cards issued

67,256
Questions Answered

369
Community Meetings

5,146
Community Meeting
Attendees

140,230
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



A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE LIBRARY

2023 Annual Report

 Cecil County Public
LIBRARY

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MON.

9:15AM

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

10:30AM

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



11AM

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

4PM

Library Board of Trustees holds their monthly meeting

TUE.

4,636
NEW CARDS
CREATED

11AM

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

1PM

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

6:30PM

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



WED.

8AM

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

9AM

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



10:30AM

A bag of books is delivered to a homebound senior

3:30PM

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

THU.

9AM

Homeschooling families work on a research project

3:30 PM

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

6PM

A librarian leads an Introduction to Computers class

9PM

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

FRI.

11AM

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



4PM

Families sign up for all-ages Summer Reading Program



SAT.

11AM

Families arrive for the Children's Book Festival



1PM

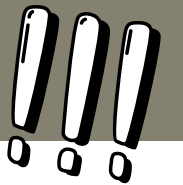
Families stroll Story Trails at Brantwood, Calvert, Conowingo, and Perryville Parks



SUN.

3PM

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



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

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

"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