

A young child with dark hair and large black-rimmed glasses is sitting at a white table, looking up thoughtfully. Their hands are clasped over an open book. Above them are five glowing lightbulbs of different colors: orange, purple, white, blue, and yellow. The background is a dark green chalkboard.

explore.

learn.

create.

connect.



Foundation
for Baltimore County Public Library

FY16 Annual Report

Mission:

The Foundation for BCPL provides additional resources to enrich the Library's commitment to empower the citizens of Baltimore County to explore, learn, create and connect.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Supporters,

Once again, Foundation for BCPL had an outstanding year in FY16, and we have you to thank for it! From hosting a fun new event to supporting dynamic programming initiatives throughout the library system, the Foundation was, as always, honored to support BCPL this year.

In October, we held a new fundraiser aimed at the millennial audience called A Toast Among Ghosts. Held outside the Reisterstown Branch on a crisp Saturday evening, more than 150 guests enjoyed a live band, tours of the historic Reisterstown Cemetery, food trucks, beer and wine, and even interacted with an Edgar Allan Poe impersonator. We heard nothing but positive feedback and look forward to an even bigger and better event in FY17!

We also sponsored the very first BC Reads, a monthlong, county-wide reading event that focused on one overarching theme. In 2016, the theme was Rise Up!: stories of learning and growing, of rising up through adversity, of connecting with one another. Our sponsorship dollars allowed BCPL to bring in authors of the featured books to give book talks and programs in BCPL branches and even in local schools. This was a fantastic program that allowed many Baltimore County citizens to connect with each other on a new level, and we were honored to be a part of it.

In FY16, the newly renovated and expanded Hereford Branch opened to much fanfare! The Hereford Branch is now home to the first Center of Excellence in the BCPL system. The Hive, a collaborative art and maker space, is funded in part by a sponsorship from the Northern Baltimore County Arts Council, a sponsorship facilitated by the Foundation. We look forward to seeing the creations that come from this fabulous new space, and are happy to have played a part in bringing it to fruition.

We were also pleased to welcome three new Foundation board members in FY16. We are excited to have new ideas and interests represented on the board, and look forward to continued growth in FY17. In addition to the above, we were pleased to support traditional programs and projects such as Summer Reading Club and Taste of the Town. Read more about our activities in FY16 throughout this report.

Simply put, we cannot do what we do without your generous support. We hope that you will continue to think of us in the months and years ahead as we work with Baltimore County Public Library to help the citizens of Baltimore County explore, learn, create and connect.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey W. Smith

President, Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library



EVENTS, PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

BC Reads



The Foundation was proud to sponsor the first ever BC Reads, a monthlong, county-wide reading event that focused on one overarching theme. In 2016, the theme was Rise Up!: stories of learning and growing, of rising up through adversity, of connecting with one another. Five books were chosen to read and discuss, each one in a different genre: adult fiction, adult nonfiction, teen, children's chapter book and children's picture book. Programs were held throughout the system during the month. The Foundation gave \$10,000 to this initiative, which helped pay for author visits and other programs. By all accounts, BC Reads 2016 was a huge success, and we look forward to supporting this again in the future.

Summer Reading Club



For the second consecutive year, the Foundation was pleased to present \$10,000 to BCPL's Summer Reading Club efforts, courtesy of a generous sponsorship from Rosedale Federal Savings & Loan. We are honored by Rosedale Federal's support, which shows a keen understanding of the importance of reading over summer break. Studies have shown time and again that kids who read over the summer start the school year ready to learn; those who don't often succumb to "the summer slide," in which students forget what they have learned the previous school year. In 2016, SRC's theme was "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" Programming encouraged kids to exercise their minds as well as their bodies.

Renovated Hereford Branch – The Hive



In the summer of 2015, the Hereford Branch of BCPL suffered a flood which forced the branch to close and damaged many books and other materials in the collection. As the branch was scheduled to undergo a renovation and expansion in the not-so-distant future, it was decided that the timetable for the construction would be accelerated, and the newly renovated and expanded Hereford Branch opened in June – complete with the very first BCPL Center of Excellence, The Hive. The plan is for each BCPL branch to have a Center of Excellence, which will be dedicated to a specific topic or theme. A tribute to the artistic community surrounding the Hereford Branch, The Hive is a collaborative art and maker space. The Foundation is grateful for the support of the Northern Baltimore County Art Foundation, which has very generously committed to a sponsorship of The Hive.

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A Toast Among Ghosts



On October 10, we hosted the inaugural A Toast Among Ghosts event at the Reisterstown Branch of BCPL. Held outside on a cool fall evening, 150 guests listened to live music, toured the historic Reisterstown Cemetery, sampled fare from food trucks and even mingled with Edgar Allan Poe himself! The event was created to connect with a younger crowd and to help them view BCPL in a new, non-traditional way. All in all, it was a rousing success, and we look forward to doing more events like this in the future!

Taste of the Town



Nearly 350 people attended the 5th Annual Taste of the Town. Held on May 14 at BCPL's Towson Branch, we were happy to be joined by honorary hosts and local authors Gregory and Nicole Priebe, who wrote *Forgotten Maryland Cocktails*. Each couple or guest received a complimentary copy of this part-history, part-recipe book. Guests also sampled delectable dishes from 14 area restaurants and caterers and enjoyed a signature cocktail, courtesy of Papa's Pilar Rum. Live music and an incredible silent auction rounded out the night, and we raised more than \$40,000 to support BCPL programs and activities! Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsor M&T Bank!

FRIENDS OF BCPL

Friends of the Baltimore County Public Library are advocacy and support groups that have been independently formed throughout the years in nine of our branches to provide volunteer and financial support. These membership-based organizations provide volunteerism that leads to positive civic engagement. The work of the Friends groups highlights the fact that libraries are the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all ages to explore, learn, create and connect.

In FY16, Friends groups supported the following:

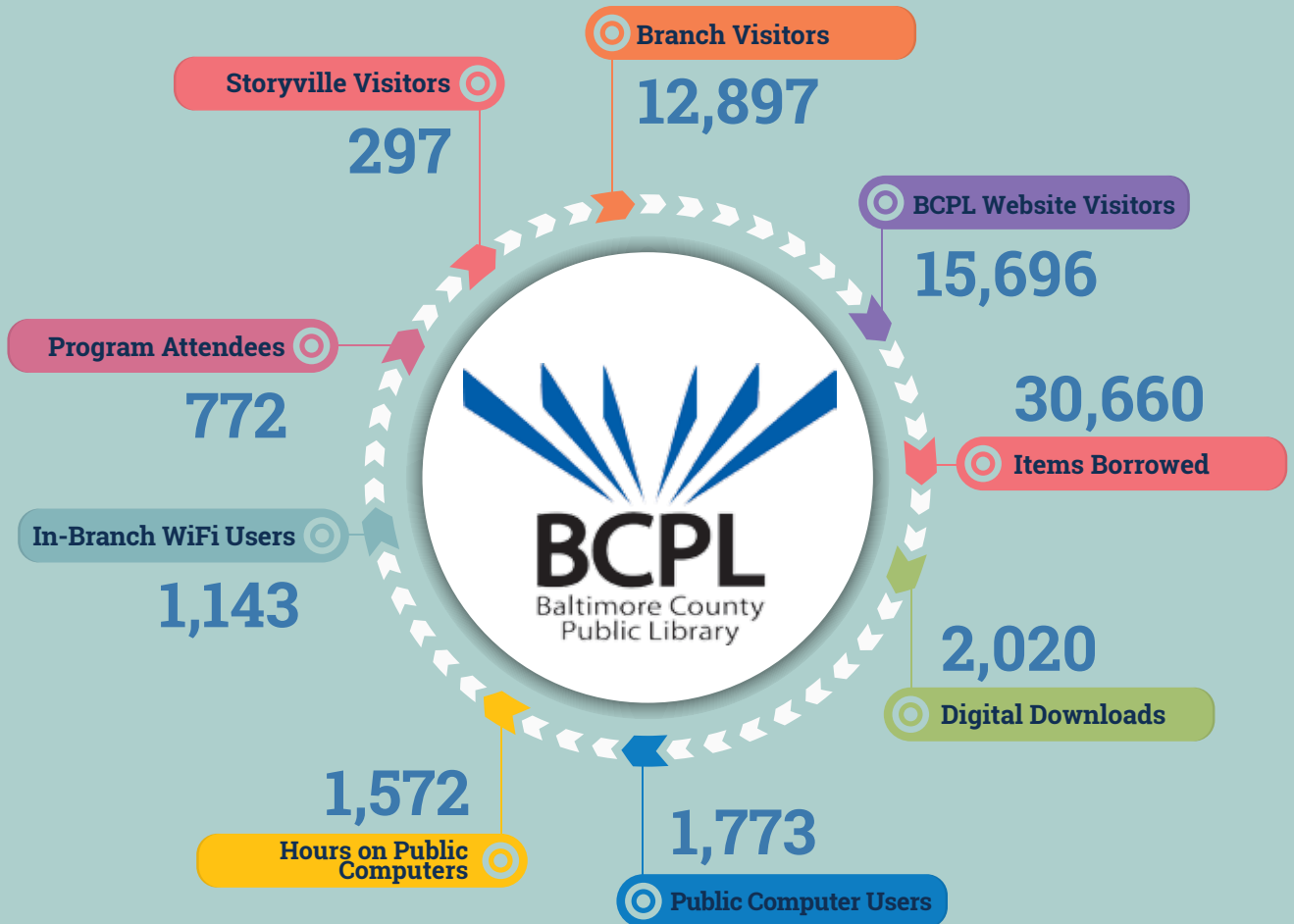
An array of monthly programs, including:

- book discussions
- speaker series
- children's essay contests
- maker programs
- community outreach.

Additional equipment and furniture not included in annual budget.



A TYPICAL DAY AT BCPL...



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
<u>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>				
Contributions	\$91,796	\$28,702	-	\$120,498
Special Event Income	\$36,579	-	-	\$36,579
<i>Library Administrator's Digest</i>				
Subscriptions	\$18,753	-	-	\$18,753
Investment (Loss) Income, Net	(\$14,373)	(\$234)	-	(\$14,607)
Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$12,019	(\$12,019)	-	-
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$144,774	\$16,449	-	\$161,223
<u>PROGRAM EXPENSES</u>				
Grants and Donations	\$41,601	-	-	\$41,601
<i>Library Administrator's Digest</i>	\$10,668	-	-	\$10,668
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$52,269	-	-	\$52,269
<u>SUPPORTING SERVICES</u>				
Fundraising Expenses	\$9,590	-	-	\$9,590
General and Administrative Expenses	\$26,144	-	-	\$26,144
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$35,734	-	-	\$35,734
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$88,003	-	-	\$88,003
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$56,771	\$16,449	-	\$73,220
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$1,034,901	\$145,746	\$11,328	\$1,191,975
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	\$1,091,672	\$162,195	\$11,328	\$1,265,195

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My mother always kept library books in the house, and one rainy Sunday afternoon – this was before television, and we didn't even have a radio – I picked up a book to look at the pictures and discovered I was reading and enjoying what I read.

~ Beverly Cleary





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