In 2018-2019, The Dayton Metro Library Foundation extended its support to the Library in new and important ways. With this Impact Statement, you’ll learn more about a few of the valued programs that were possible because of your generosity.

The Dayton Metro Library Foundation enhances the Library’s excellence, investing in projects that expand strategic partnerships and facilitate nimble responses to community needs.
The middle school grades are a critical period of development, as students begin to **seriously consider their career options and their path to success**. The Library is uniquely qualified to serve as a safe and creative space, outside school and outside home, where students can explore and find their potential path.

Dayton Metro Library served as a lead convener, blending their role as a trusted educational partner with their excellent workforce development resources in the creation of **Career Adventures**.

**Career Adventures Day**, hosted at Main Library in the fall, welcomed hundreds of students from across the region to explore and experience real-world careers in multiple fields. Designed in 2019, this program supports school systems with their state-mandated requirement to provide meaningful career awareness activities, while engaging kids with a 21st century hands-on approach to exploration.

Meeting the need for technology that keeps our kids competitive, the Library also sought the opportunity to purchase augmented reality and robotics equipment to be blended into programming. Donations to the campaign helped the Library reach more students and make a broader impact; the DML Foundation raised more than $50,000 to strengthen this program in 2020 and beyond.

**Storybook Dollhouse**

The Library designed Opportunity Spaces at many of the new facilities to serve as destinations for high quality, hands-on learning experiences. In 2018, DML Foundation helped bring this vision to life by funding the creation of the one-of-a-kind, interactive **Storybook Dollhouse Traveling Exhibit**.

With more than 50 hidden references to children’s stories, nursery rhymes and fairy tales, it has been displayed at all branches and brought joy to families and individuals of all ages. The **Storybook Dollhouse Traveling Exhibit** added to the excitement by replicating the small rooms within the dollhouse into large, life-sized areas for learning and exploration.

**Career Adventures Camp** is a free, week-long day camp that provides in-depth, hands-on experiences for middle schoolers, as well as programs to introduce soft skills and resources. In 2019, students built self-awareness, learned about potential careers, and developed a plan for reaching their goals.

**STORYBOOK DOLLHOUSE**

Children find the **Gingerbread Man popping out of the oven in the dollhouse**, and then visit the **kid-sized kitchen** to create their own imaginary treats.

Special thanks to **Fifth Third Foundation**, **The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce**, **Levin Porter Architects** and **Cox Media Group** for dedicated grants to support these projects.
Research shows that from birth through third grade, children focus on learning to read. The focus of education changes from fourth grade onward, when children read to learn. This shift means that reading proficiency by the end of third grade is vital. In fact, studies have shown that third grade reading proficiency is the single greatest indicator in determining high school graduation success.

The Dayton Metro Library created the framework for Felix & Fiona as a priority project to support third grade reading, but they couldn’t do it alone. With over $25,000 raised from the DML Foundation’s 2018 annual campaign, plus grant funding from the Ohio Arts Council, Frank M. Tait Foundation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, and State Library of Ohio, the Library launched a multi-media literacy project to support area third graders.

The heart of this project is the book – *Felix & Fiona: The BIG Stink and Other Adventures* – an original chapter book that follows best friends Felix and Fiona as they navigate the friendships, fun, challenges, and triumphs of third grade. The book was designed to delight third graders, while meeting educational standards that blend into the third-grade curriculum.

The final chapter of *The BIG Stink,* was adapted to a 15-minute staged musical presented at branches and schools. The project continues as a core part of DML’s school outreach and engagement.

In 2019, a partnership with the Vandalia-Butler Fund (a component fund of The Dayton Foundation) helped the DML Foundation distribute 157 Love Them Out Loud baby and toddler gift boxes to four daycares and preschools in the Vandalia Community.

Generous support from CareSource Foundation, The Rotary Club of Dayton Ohio, and the Viva Herriman Fund has also ensured that Love Them Out Loud kits are available to more low-income families all across the region.

DID YOU KNOW?

*The DML Foundation was proud to sponsor a special Conscious Discipline program to empower parents and teach children to manage emotions. Serving families from our most disadvantaged communities, participants were given new collections of books to enhance their home libraries.*
With the support of private donations and grant awards secured through the Foundation, the Library extended their support of New Americans. The New Americans program provides greater service to immigrants, international students and other non-native English speakers. New American resources now include world languages book collections, referrals to local organizations, educational resources for literacy, legal workshops, online learning platforms, volunteer-led language conversation practice, outreach at naturalization ceremonies, cultural partnerships and translation services.

In 2019, DML Foundation supported the creation of the Trace Your Roots Traveling Exhibit. Trace Your Roots blends educational elements, interactive activities, and Library resources to help participants relate to the challenges of assimilation in America, discover their own family’s journey to the country, and create a better connection for all people in our community.

Special thanks to The Dayton Foundation and Ellen and Jeff Ireland for their support of these programs.

On Saturday, June 1, 2019, DML hosted the Grand Opening Celebration for the Wilmington-Stroop Branch Library. A generous gift from the family of former librarian Ruey-Hwa Chow enhanced the Community Room, and a grant from the Community Foundation for Kettering Fund of The Dayton Foundation allowed for expanded technology programming with a mobile laptop lab.

To mark the occasion, the DML Foundation provided entertainment at the event, creating a sense of vibrancy and fun. Due to the “Under Construction” condition of the parking lot and the busyness of the street, DMLF’s donation also covered the cost of valet parking for all guests, helping the Library go above and beyond to guarantee the safety of its patrons.

A donation from the Foundation, made possible by an anonymous donor, transformed an under-utilized space at the Northwest Branch Library to a new Conference Room, complete with mobile laptop storage, A/V enhancements, whiteboards, and more. The new Conference Room B serves as the destination for the popular “Rock Your Homework” program, and is also available for free, public use.
The Adult Career Path and Learning Expo brought together informative presenters, professional career coaches, and a vast array of exhibitors to help adults explore their career options, enhance job skills, and position themselves for professional advancement. The DML Foundation helped to fund this important program, with support from CareSource Foundation.

The Grand Opening of the new Southeast Branch Library was worthy of a significant community celebration, so in August 2019, the DML Foundation threw a party to remember. A NOVEL NIGHT connected popular books with exciting activities, delicious drinks, and tempting tastes. Generous sponsors and silent auction donors helped keep ticket prices low for hundreds of attendees, while raising nearly $20,000 to support the DML Foundation. Thank you!

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DML Foundation supports the Library's annual Summer Challenge, encouraging kids to keep their brains active by reading all summer long. The following gifts helped make the Summer Challenge a great success: Vectren Foundation ensured increased student engagement through the It's Elementary program; the Virginia W. Kettering Foundation funded the launch of a new online platform for encouragement, digital badging, and reading tracking; State Library of Ohio, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, supported special learning experiences; and many, many local partners supported with in-kind gifts and prizes. DML Foundation was proud to participate in the Library's Party in the Park, celebrating the reading success of all area children.

DID YOU KNOW?

DML Foundation funded a dedicated collection of books to help expand services to teens in residence at the three county juvenile detention facilities. Teen Services Librarian Steve Moser supports language arts classes and delivers quality programming to more than 1,000 kids in these facilities every year. Steve was recently recognized with a special award from the Juvenile Court System for his outstanding service. The new collection of high-interest topics will help Steve better serve the youth in these facilities.

TOUR DE GEM AT COOPER PARK

The Dayton Metro Library Foundation participated in the inaugural Tour de Gem, a large-scale fundraising bike ride. Team members accepted donations from hundreds of generous individuals with the goal of turning Cooper Park into a family-friendly destination with new play equipment and bench seating, adding to the “sparkle” of Dayton as the Gem City.

Thanks to riders: Josh Ashworth, Beverly Barnes, Becky Calfe, Megan Cooper, Karen Findlay, Dani Gustavich, Allison Knight, Noelle Landis, Brielle Maynor, Aaron Smith & Elijah Stephens.
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WHAT A HOOT!

DML Foundation co-hosted An Evening with Mike Peters, the Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist. This casual event welcomed members of The 1888 Society to enjoy lite fare, meet Mike, and get the first look at the “What a Hoot!” exhibit at the Main Library’s Opportunity Space.
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