“The strength is in our wide reach...
but the heart of the Library is revealed in the personal connections developed.”

Our Mission:
The Dayton Metro Library informs, inspires, and enriches our community by linking individuals to information needed for personal success.

We provide access to a world of imagination and culture.

We offer convenient and comfortable spaces that enhance exploration.

We facilitate civic participation.
2014 was an exciting year here at Dayton Metro Library and one of transition; we saw growth in both our programs and our facilities. On behalf of our trustees, I’m pleased to share this annual report to feature a few of the ways the Library is serving our community.

The strength of Dayton Metro Library is in our wide reach across Montgomery County with the Main Library, 20 Branches and Outreach Services. This report showcases the significance of our reach through system-wide programs, such as our Summer Reading Challenge, Incentive Books and Be a Reading Hero.

But the heart of our Library is revealed in the personal connections developed. We know what’s most important to you is what’s happening at YOUR Library to meet YOUR needs. Our Branch staff translates these big programs into services that resonate with each unique neighborhood.

We work to ensure a welcoming environment while designing educational activities for children, answers for adults, and resources for the community.

Our Trustees offer organizational oversight, our Friends of the Library provide support for important initiatives, and our Foundation Directors work to ensure continuous enhancements for the Library. Their dedication and work is highlighted in these pages.

Most importantly – THANK YOU – for your participation as an active user of the Library. Whether you visit us to attend community meetings, storytimes or educational programs, to pick up books and magazines, to access databases and research tools or visit our virtual library to download music, magazines or books – thank you for being part of the Dayton Metro Library.

Enjoy the report!

Tim Kambitsch
TOTAL VISITORS: **2,964,851** (over 8,500 per day)

**ENSURING COMPUTER ACCESS**
- 550,654 online sessions logged with our 349 public access computers
- 700 computer classes, one-on-one sessions, and open labs served 2,287 patrons

**LIBRARY CIRCULATION**

*Physical Resources:*
Books, Periodicals, DVDs, Music & Audiobooks

- Over 5.3M items borrowed

*Digital Resources:*
- OverDrive (eBooks): 384,126
- Zinio (magazines): 27,021
- Hoopla (movies, television, music): 26,629

**IN-BRANCH PROGRAMS**
- **Youth:** 6,958 programs served 118,705 children
  1,114 programs served 18,504 teens
- **Adult:** 2,012 programs served 12,060 adults

**OUTREACH SERVICES**
- **Bookmobile:** 401 stops and 1,725 classes
- **Lobby Stop:** 245 stops to patrons
  (+ 45 additional Summer Reading Club visits)
THE COLLECTION
At any given time, approximately 23% of the Library’s Collection is checked out to our patrons.

Physical Collection
- Print Materials: 1,002,309
- Print Subscriptions: 2,235
- DVDs: 108,147
- Music & Audiobooks: 109,290

Digital Collection
- Downloadable eBooks: 75,661
- Downloadable Music & Audiobooks: 222,766
- Downloadable Films & TV Shows: 16,977
- Online Research Databases: 58
- Online Magazines & Newspapers: 300

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN
Registered Cardholders: 267,624
Youth: 66,905

New Cardholders in 2014: 21,647
Employees in 2014: 523

- DML patrons visit one of our buildings 5.6 times per year on average - 30% above the national average.
- In 2014, DML patrons borrowed 12.6 items per capita, 65% higher than the national average of 7.6 items per capita.
- Two out of every three residents has a library card - one third of those use the library at least once a month.

Each year, approximately 300,000 items from the Dayton Metro Library collection are loaned long-term to classroom teachers. We’re providing the resources for education in-branch and out in the community.

Over 5.7 million total items checked out in 2014
A true example of community collaboration, Be A Reading Hero partnered our Libraries with 22 different community agencies including local fire and police departments.

This literacy and safety collaboration connected first responders with children and families at the Library for free programs, such as storytimes with police officers and firefighters, career talks with first responders, and home safety presentations.

As part of the Reading Hero initiative, the Library assembled Cruiser Bags for first responders to use in the field. These bags contained small toys, stickers and books intended to provide comfort and distractions to children during stressful or emergency situations.

Sheriff Plummer said: “The Library’s role as a community center makes it the perfect location for first responders to meet and build relationships with the people they serve.”

Thanks to G4S, AAA-Allied Group and Dayton Children’s for supporting this program.
In 2014, the Dayton Metro Library purchased more than 8,500 new books to give to children who may not have books of their own.

61% of inner city homes have no books or reading materials available (U.S. Department of Education). We work with partners across the county to help give children books of their own and a chance to overcome the challenges associated with lack of resources.

Thanks to support from the Mathile Family Foundation, in 2014 the Dayton Metro Library continued an important program that introduces children to their local library. Children who visited our Bookmobile were given a coupon that they then could take into their Library Branch to receive two free books to keep. This creates a bridge from the Bookmobile to the Branch. By visiting the Branch and selecting their books, they discover the potential role of the Library in their everyday lives.

“In my interactions with the students, I know it’s making a difference in creating lifelong readers. A child ran up to me at one of our Bookmobile visits and proudly showed me her books as she said, ‘See, Miss Kim? I went to the Library and got my very own books.’”

- Kim Bautz, Outreach Services Manager

Incentive Books through the 2014 Summer Reading Challenge

More than 700 toddlers received board books as a prize in the Early Literacy Summer Reading Challenge. This included toddlers at daycares and preschools as well as young patrons who visited our Branches. School-aged children who read 30 hours could choose a book of their own as a prize. In 2014, 2,600 children achieved that goal; they loved the books and were so excited to pick out one to keep as their own.

“These are books they can keep, treasure, and read again and again. For a child, owning books can be the key to a future of literacy, understanding and academic success. We want to help parents create a learning environment at home, so their children are ready to learn when they start school.”

- Kathleen Moore, Early Literacy Specialist
In 2014, 15,885 infants, children, teens and adults participated in DML’s STEM-themed Summer Reading Club; that’s a 32% increase over 2013. In addition to encouraging self-guided reading activities, the Library provided exciting programming that brought science and technology to life for thousands of participants.

**MiniBots** was an active program for children birth-3 years. Children and their caregivers were given an interactive board game to guide them through 10 weeks of summer fun as they completed activities that develop early literacy skills.

**Fizz Boom Read!** prepared children for success by developing reading and language skills. Kids in pre-K through grade 6 enjoyed programs and simple science experiments that helped demonstrate the joy of discovery.

**SPARK a Reaction** One of the top programs was teen librarian Fred Kirchner’s “Secrets of the Microworld Lab,” which encouraged tweens to explore what their world looks like magnified. Bones, leaves and bits of comic books were put under the microscope to discover their similarities and what makes them different.

A diverse collection of STEM programs included: Reptile Biology, Grossology, Kitchen Science, Big Trebuchet Launch, Forensic Crime Science, LEGO Robotics, Tween Science Squad, Tween Build, Stop Motion Animation, and more!
Party in the Park
On August 9, 2014, we welcomed approximately 3,500 attendees to the Main Library to celebrate the more than 235,000 hours of summer reading by children and teens. Dozens of indoor and outdoor stations included physical activities, storytimes, science labs, technology zoos, global exploration, engineering experiments, and more.

Serving the Underserved
Children who may be unable to get a traditional Library Card (due to family fines or a lack of parental consent) received a special, no-strings attached Summer Card so they could participate in the Summer Reading Club. 2,223 children and teens checked out 8,288 items over the summer with their new Summer Cards. The Library brought books and services to many students with our Lobby Stop and temporary YMCA Library sites; through this program 948 young readers logged over 6,636 hours reading!

Thanks to our Summer Reading Club Sponsors and Partners:
Time Warner Cable, Connect a Million Minds
George B. Quatman Foundation, Fifth-Third Bank Trustee
Vectren Foundation | Ohio Virtual Academy
Friends of the Dayton Metro Library
Miller Family Foundation | ReadySetSoar
ThinkTV | Meijer and the many community partners who provided incentives to encourage our summer readers.
In 2014, our in-branch programs incorporated science, arts, storytimes, physical activities and imagination to encourage the development and growth of 118,705 children.

Learning happens inside and out at Dayton Metro Library.

In 2014, a continued partnership with Five Rivers MetroParks encouraged kids to “Get Outside and Read.” Through this program children explored their world, learned respect for nature and enjoyed storytimes.
Teen Scene: The Library is a resource for teens during a critical time in their development. Whether we’re providing a welcoming “third place” away from home and school, a quiet study area for homework, research support for an important project or the advanced technology, connectivity and access teens demand, Dayton Metro Library is dedicated to helping teens learn more about themselves, their potential, and their world.

In 2014, teens visited the Library to play video games, dress like their favorite comic characters and compete in rocket launch competitions.

This “foot-in-the-door” strategy welcomes teens at every level.
In 2014, the Dayton Metro Library continued our partnership to combat summer slide by hosting the National Summer Day of Learning to great success.

Dayton Metro Library, the Greater Dayton RTA, ReadySetSoar and several summer program providers including the Dakota Center, Wesley Community Center, Mini University and the YMCA celebrated National Summer Day of Learning with the launch of the Library’s Summer Card—a special library card that overcomes familial barriers to connect more students to the resources available at the Library.

200 children and teens from schools all across Dayton converged upon the Library for music, reading, puzzles, contests and fun. Community leaders read aloud to the children and motivated them to continue learning over the summer.
YOUTH SUCCEEDING

Through support from PNC, Passport to Kindergarten is encouraging parents and caregivers to support early literacy. Our early literacy specialist trained more than 1,000 parents, caregivers and volunteers in the AWESome reading technique to encourage a love of reading in young children.

AWESome readers:

Ask questions of the children, Wait for a response, and Expand on the answer.
The Library takes seriously our role as a community commons – a place for education, meeting and culture-sharing. Many special events brought people together for fun and learning in 2014.

**Artistic Experiences:** The Human Race Theatre Co. presented a shortened, modern version of *Othello*.

Our **Poetry Contest** broke previous records with 226 participants vying for cash prizes in three age categories.

**Photography Contests** and **AniMangaCon** gave teens a creative outlet.

**Banned Books Week** at East Branch brought community leaders together to shine a spotlight on censorship.

**The Big Read:** Dayton Metro Library brought back the Big Read for the Miami Valley by partnering with 13 area libraries to host more than 50 programs focusing on the compelling memoir, *Wild*.

**Welcome Dayton:** As a resource for all Daytonians, DML offered immigrant-friendly services including 50+ Take It and Read locations across the region with materials in multiple languages and bilingual storytimes for children.
In 2012, Montgomery County voters let us know that the community needed “Libraries for a Smarter Future.” In 2014, we took the **first visible steps in our facilities plan**. Community meetings were hosted to collect feedback about design elements for new Branches, and groundbreakings were held at the Electra C. Doren, Northwest, Miami Township Branches, as well as the Main Library. Keep an eye on our Facilities page online to keep up with the progress.

The **Library logo** changed in 2014. What do you see when you look at our new logo?

- The open pages of a book?
- The angle of the new Library’s roof?
- An arrow pointing the way to discovery?
- The varied shapes, sizes, and colors that represent our diverse communities?

There’s all that -- and more!

The design of **our new website** is all about helping patrons find what they need quickly. You’ll find recommendations for readers, movie buffs and music lovers, quick access to our most in-demand resources and an easy search option to discover programs for all ages.
Library staff work daily to meet the needs of adults striving for success. Beyond classes, we are proud to offer one-on-one training sessions, when requested.

700 computer classes or one-on-one technology learning sessions served approximately 2,287 people in 2014. While some classes covered topics such as advanced office services, web design or computer programming, other lessons took a basic approach for beginners.

Adults enjoyed group classes on entertaining topics, opportunities to meet authors, book clubs, delving into family history and special interest social clubs. Ongoing classes led by our Nonprofit Specialist empowered grassroots community leaders.

As an important partner for community initiatives, Dayton Metro Library offers services for adults seeking support, education and entertainment; people explore and excel from every entry point.

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Branch Manager Sharon Taste shared, “One patron needed help to navigate housing authority requirements. With no computer at home, he counted on the Library to meet his needs. We worked together to get a free email account, fill out the forms online and create the online presence needed. The Library is in the community to help all residents succeed.”
Getting Trained:

- We partnered with the Miami Valley Career Technology Center to provide **GED training** to help Montgomery County residents outside the traditional school system gain the credentials they need for better chances at employment.

- Dayton Metro Library offered training to increase digital literacy and basic computer skills at all of our locations. We provided one-on-one assistance in basics such as creating an email account, plus instruction in everything from how to use a mouse to building websites.

- Library patrons who lack access to high speed internet were able to utilize computers in our libraries to submit online job applications, often the only way to submit applications to many employers in the service industries.

Landing the Job: DML partnered with The Job Center (Ohio Means Jobs) to provide resume writing instruction. Additionally, resume creation software is available on all public computers.

Branching Out: Our Small Business Specialist offered networking sessions, Lunch and Learn professional development opportunities and one-on-one support to meet the needs of entrepreneurs and small businesses. Partners include the Small Business Development Center, Montgomery County Office of Economic Development, Wright Brothers Institute, SCORE and The Entrepreneurs Center.

Assistant Manager Jeff Fortescue shared, “Online access is vital for success, but many people can only access the Web through their smartphone. One patron needed help in applying for a job. By visiting the Main Library, he was able to access our resume building software, search for many jobs available in the region and submit applications online. These are steps not possible when you rely only on your smartphone.”
For over four decades, Dayton Metro Library has offered Homebound Delivery to bring the resources of the Library to seniors who are unable to visit a Branch. Beyond bringing books, CDs, DVDs and magazines to these patrons, we continue our mobile laptop lab to provide technology training.

In 2014, through the support of the Del Mar Healthcare Fund of The Dayton Foundation, our technology outreach was enhanced greatly through the launch of Expanding Connectivity. With the purchase of 80 iPads - and 4G connectivity for each device - Library staff was empowered to offer services, training and equipment to battle social isolation. Older adults living at home or residential care facilities could check out iPads for up to six weeks, plus they received training on how to create email accounts and social media pages to stay connected to their family and friends. The technology also empowered patrons to access Library resources - like our OverDrive, Hoopla and Zinio accounts - from the comfort of their own homes.

“There was an overwhelming sense of gratitude for both the training and the opportunity to borrow an iPad among participants. From our patrons: “I never realized that the Dayton Library was so accessible; it’s great!” Another shared, “this has exceeded anything I had anticipated.”

“Supporting our older adults – whether they can come into their Branch or we bring the Library to them – is a major focus of the Library. With 50+ social clubs, knitting circles, important health discussions, opportunities for older adults to explore STEM, tinkering and ‘making’ and the Lifelong Library Advisory Council, we’re dedicated to meeting the needs of older adults across the community.”

- Julie Buchanan, Older Adult Specialist
Continuing our focus on Lifelong Learning, DML was pleased to offer a Creative Aging Program at the Wilmington-Stroop Branch in 2014. With funding from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, supported by Lifetime Arts, Inc., the AARP Foundation, Westchester Library and the American Library Association, the multi-week program taught seniors a new artistic skill while encouraging creative expression, critical thinking and enhanced socialization - plus, it was lots of fun!

18.4% of Montgomery County residents are age 62 or older. DML offers comprehensive services to meet the needs of this active population.
DML took a significant step forward with the launch of the **Dayton Metro Library Foundation** to support the Library’s long-term sustainability. Across the nation, 79% of public libraries have an affiliated foundation; in 2014, DML joined their ranks. Through the leadership of their volunteer board, the Foundation provides opportunities for individuals, foundations and corporations to support strategic initiatives of the Library.

In late 2014, the Dayton Metro Library Foundation was established as a 501c3 organization with the mission to enhance and expand the Dayton Metro Library through financial support.

**The DML Foundation:**
- Enables the Library to pilot innovative, value-added programs and partnerships.
- Helps the Library anticipate and address critical, contemporary community needs.
- Supports the Library’s evolution as a learning destination.
- Leverages the new facilities’ potential with powerful learning opportunities.
- Ensures that all citizens have access to the Libraries with a focus on inclusiveness and outreach.

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- Mollie Hauser, Emeritus
The DML Foundation is pleased to report total income in 2014 of $45,595. This includes individual and business donations, plus a transfer from a fund housed at The Dayton Foundation established in anticipation of the launch of the DML Foundation. At year end, the DML Foundation had an unreserved general fund balance of $45,392.

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In 2014, the Friends of the Dayton Metro Library hosted two booksales. With 7 semi-trailers of books, DVDs, CDs and magazines for sale – the events were a great success! The Friends of the Dayton Metro Library generously donated more than $40,000 in 2014 to support the Library. These funds contributed to important services and activities such as:

- Our Volunteer Program
- Summer Reading Club
- The Big Read
- Branch Enhancements
- Special Events and Contests
- and more!

The Friends of the Library are vital to helping connect volunteers to engaging opportunities at the Library. In 2014, 54 outstanding volunteers each contributed at least 50+ hours of work. All volunteers in 2014 contributed a total 8,519 hours of volunteer time. Thanks to all the volunteers who make a difference for the Library!
“Dayton Metro Library promotes a First Grade Library Card campaign each year. First graders’ worlds are expanding as they learn to read, and it’s the perfect time for them to get a Library Card of their own. Our Friends of the Library make a big difference in helping us encourage kids to get their cards by sponsoring parties for classrooms with 100% participation. It’s a great partnership!”

- Carol Macmann, Manager, New Lebanon Branch Library
### General Fund

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#### Receipts

- Public Library Fund: $14,397,412, $14,118,987
- Property and Other Local Taxes: 10,646,235, 10,662,141
- Other Governmental Grants-In-Aid: 1,989,465, 1,976,677
- Fees & Patron Fines: 555,622, 538,793
- Earnings on Investments: 42,236, 52,896
- Services Provided to Other Entities: 108,075, 115,059
- Contributions, Gifts, Donations: 1,387,213, 197,487
- Other Miscellaneous Receipts: 126,246, 133,928

#### Total Receipts

- 2013: $29,252,504
- 2014: $27,795,968

#### Expenditures

- Salaries and Benefits: $18,157,617, $18,921,440
- Supplies: 349,695, 418,413
- Purchased and Contracted Services: 4,153,301, 4,422,715
- Books: 2,312,744, 2,348,553
- Magazines and Newspapers: 221,463, 206,445
- Audio Visual Materials: 1,032,719, 985,617
- Online Databases: 290,609, 411,512
- Capital Outlay: 395,242, 513,135
- Other Expenses: 90,416, 133,003

#### Total Expenditures

- 2013: $27,003,806
- 2014: $28,360,833

#### Transfers to Other Funds

- 2013: 2,765,056
- 2014: 181,077

#### Cash Reserves at End of Year

- 2013: $10,545,277
- 2014: $10,739,310

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### Building & Repair Fund

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#### Receipts

- Earnings on Investments: $4,934, $96,110
- Transfers from Other Funds: -

#### Total Receipts

- 2013: $4,934
- 2014: $96,110

#### Expenditures

- Professional Services: $339,212, $51,993
- Capital Outlay: 260,637, -
- Transfer to other Funds: -

#### Total Expenditures

- 2013: $599,849
- 2014: $51,993

#### Cash Reserves at End of Year

- 2013: $10,889,820
- 2014: $11,021,099

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A return on investment study supported by the Ohio Library Council found that **every dollar spent by the Dayton Metro Library returned over four dollars** in economic benefit.
Thank you to the **Dayton Metro Library Board of Trustees** whose oversight helped ensure fiscal responsibility while the Library expanded and enhanced programming and facilities to meet the needs of the community.

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While the Dayton Metro Library receives the majority of its support from the Public Library Fund through the State of Ohio and the citizens of Montgomery County, many generous donors make tax deductible gifts to the Library to support:

- Special projects and programs
- Branch enhancements
- Adopt-A-Book honor plates
- And more!

**OUR GENEROUS DONORS**

**THANK YOU** to all who help us expand our capacity to make a difference in the community!

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