Our Mission

The Dayton Metro Library informs, inspires and enriches our community.

Thank you to the Dayton Metro Library Board of Trustees whose oversight helped ensure fiscal responsibility while the Library expanded and enhanced programming, and upgraded facilities to meet the needs of the community.

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While 2014 was a year of transition for the Dayton Metro Library, 2015 was a year of new beginnings. In January, the beautifully remodeled Electa C. Doren Branch re-opened. In June, Technical Services and other administrative departments moved into the new Operations Center. The expanded and renovated Miami Township Branch celebrated its grand re-opening in November. In addition to these completed projects, construction continued or began at five other libraries, and plans took shape for more. It’s exciting to watch the progress as the Libraries for a Smarter Future project unfolds.

Along with new facilities, 2015 brought opportunities for innovative programs and services. Library patrons could print their own 3D items, and wireless printing technology was added at every location. Maker Kits and Finch Robots provided hands-on experimentation for all ages. For our youngest patrons, the new Toddler Text Tips service offered convenient suggestions for simple, everyday teaching experiences. And for the young at heart, the Creative Aging classes gave seniors the chance to pursue artistic outlets with a trained teaching artist.

In 2015, the Summer Reading Club became the Summer Challenge to reflect our commitment to experiential learning that keeps youth engaged while they’re out of school. Then, in the fall, we invited all ages to “Check Out the Arts,” partnering with many quality arts organizations in the Miami Valley to offer an unprecedented variety of arts experiences at our neighborhood Branches.

In 2015, our goals from the previous strategic plan were coming to fruition, and it was time to begin planning for the future of the Library. The Board of Trustees hosted many conversations to determine the changing role of the Library and to validate our mission. Hours of discussion and committee work helped lead to a new strategic plan, Strategies for Impact: 2016-2018.

The Board of Trustees and I are proud of these innovations, as we remain steadfast in our long-standing focus to inform, inspire and enrich the community. Thank you for being a part of the Dayton Metro Library – as a visitor, a supporter, a volunteer, a leader, a partner – we are grateful for all you do.

Tim Kambitsch
ELECTRA C. DOREN
The newly-remodeled Electra C. Doren Branch opened in January in the Old North Dayton community.

Bilingual storytimes are popular for Turkish-speaking parents and their American-born children who want to experience learning together at this Library.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP
In November, our Miami Township Branch – extensively renovated and expanded to almost twice its original size – opened to the public.

The Miami Township Branch is home to the DML Job Seekers program, which provides valuable connections, professional development and career coaching. Area professionals gather to utilize the meeting space, technology and online resources.

FACILITIES

Thanks to an anonymous bequest, the Dayton Metro Library, in partnership with the Dayton Art Institute, launched ReImagining Works, an initiative to install original art, commissioned from local artists, in each new or newly remodeled library. Darren Kall designed beautiful metalwork panels celebrating the heritage of Old North Dayton for the fenced reading patio at the Electra C. Doren Branch Library.

Stefan Chinoi’s sculptures are both visually interesting and practical; he installed an artistic cluster of benches for patrons at the Miami Township Branch to enjoy and admire.
SUMMER CHALLENGE

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Sometimes it’s the simple things that can make a difference. Toddler Text Tips, launched in the summer, offer easy suggestions for parents to incorporate early learning activities into daily routines with their child. These tips can help prepare a child for a lifetime of learning.

Hundreds of parents signed up to participate.

LAUNCH OF FELIX AND FIONA

In first grade, children are learning to read, gaining independence, taking on new responsibilities and exploring the broader world; it is an ideal age to get a Library Card. DML's First Club introduced characters Felix and Fiona, “first graders” who experience the same “firsts” many children their age experience: going to school, riding a bike, making choices – and getting a Library Card! Felix and Fiona are the faces of First Club, appearing on an interactive display board for classroom presentations and starring in their own picture book, The Awesome, Amazing, Wonderful Book of First Grade Firsts.

- First Club enrollment ended in December 2015 with 3,182 Library Cards issued. Now, 64% of all first graders in the Dayton Metro Library service area have their own Library Card.
- 51 of the 240 classes in the Library service area had 100% participation – up from 31 classes in 2014 – earning a classroom party with their local librarian.

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- Little Sidekicks, our infant/toddler program that encouraged parents and caregivers to complete activities and stories with children birth to age 3, had 1,295 youth completing 21,021 activities, including reading.
- Every Hero Has a Story taught children in preschool through 6th grade to be the hero of their own story. The Library welcomed 12,768 children who read 184,609 hours.
- UnMask!, the teen challenge, enrolled 1,487 youth participants who logged 37,966 hours of reading.
- Adults weren’t left out of the Summer Challenge; 2,701 participants ages 18 and up got in on the action with Escape the Ordinary.
- Special Outreach: YMCA site participation more than doubled with librarians visiting 681 readers who logged more than 9,000 hours.

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Teens had a blast learning to code and honing their skills with FINCH ROBOTS. BirdBrain Technologies made 40 of the small robots available for Library programs through 2015. Students could practice writing code on a laptop to instruct the robot in various tasks. With light, temperature and obstacle sensors, accelerometers, motors and buzzers, the little robots offered both skill building and fun for 375 engaged teens.

The “maker” movement arrived at DML in the form of nine MAKER KITS, each with all the tools and materials needed to experiment and create in a wide variety of subject areas. All ages enjoyed getting hands-on, with approximately 70 guided programs, open “make times” for families, and “Hang Out and Make” clubs for teens. From circuits to lasers to textiles, Maker Kits offered new learning opportunities for all ages. The themed kits were made possible by Time Warner Cable’s Connect A Million Minds.

3D PRINTERS
A gentle new hum could be heard at the Ft. McKinley, Huber Heights, Miamisburg, Vandalia and Wilmington-Stroop Branch Libraries with the arrival of 3D printers. 3D printing is being used in innovative ways in the fields of medicine, manufacturing, automotive and so much more. Patrons design their own creations and print them in hard plastic at their Library.

WIRELESS PRINTING
In 2015, convenient wireless printing was introduced at all DML locations. Patrons could print on the go directly from their tablet, laptop or smartphone, inside the Library or remotely from virtually anywhere.

“Our robotics programs are not only fun, they could spark a young person’s interest to pursue a career in coding.”
- Fred Kirchner, Teen Services Librarian

“With Dayton’s rich history of invention, our Library is the perfect place to grow a new generation of makers.”
- Cara House, Manager, Wilmington-Stroop Branch
Over 100 free programs, productions and performances were offered at Dayton Metro Libraries by 30 partnering artists and arts organizations through the Check Out the Arts initiative in September - December. With support from the George B. Quatman Fund of Fifth-Third Bank and the Ohio Arts Council, the Library ensured access to arts and cultural experiences for the whole community.

Working with Learn to Earn Dayton and many area schools, DML enhanced outreach to middle and high-school students. Teen Specialists visited schools during “power lunches” to promote the eCard, homework help resources and Career Cruising – new software that encourages teens to explore their own potential and career interests.

The Urban Libraries Council recognized Dayton Metro Library as the Top Innovator of 2015 in the Collections Division for its work supporting and celebrating local authors. The DML Local Author collection includes mainstream fiction, bestsellers by local authors, books as classroom assignments, poetry, music and film. The Local Author and Artist Event continues to celebrate the collective creativity in Montgomery County. Congratulations to Jean Gaffney and Jennifer Spillman who accepted the honor at the Innovations Celebration as part of the ULC Annual Forum.

“The Library is a great place to connect people with the arts, because we strive to encourage discovery, learning, collaboration and experimentation. It’s all possible with Check Out the Arts.”

- Chuck Duritsch, External Relations Manager

The Rosie Project was the Big Read title for 2015. The Big Read brings together 13 area libraries in a partnership to encourage reading and community discussions. Building on the themes of The Rosie Project, the Library joined Autism Speaks and multiple community-based organizations to host conversations about autism. At the same time, the Library launched our Sensory Kits - filled with helpful tools to help children (and adults) on the spectrum enjoy a healthy, happy time at the Library.
Dayton Metro Library encourages discovery and creativity at every age, and you’re never too old to explore new opportunities. Beyond the 500 DML programs that served the interests of diverse adults across the community, dozens of classes and workshops in 2015 were designed specifically to serve adults 55+.

In partnership with the Ohio Arts Council, DML hosted “Drawn Together by Art,” a Creative Aging Workshop at our Trotwood Branch Library. Participants, led by teaching artist Teresa Olivarria, learned the basics of drawing in various media, then exhibited their work. Creative Aging in America’s Libraries is supported by a National Leadership Grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, in collaboration with Lifetime Arts, Inc., AARP Foundation, American Library Association and Westchester Library System.

Expanding Connectivity, a program for older adults through our Outreach Services Department, tackled social isolation and cognitive decline among older adults unable to utilize traditional Library services. By making 80 internet-enabled iPads available for checkout to seniors in residential facilities, and providing one-on-one and group training classes, seniors were empowered to connect to each other, their families and Library resources.

The Library provided homebound seniors 4G connectivity with built-in data, equipment and training, and we saw an increase in Library Card registrations and greater access to online resources. Seniors learned how to set up email accounts, take selfies and create Facebook pages. Participants noted that they felt more comfortable using technology independently after training, but beyond that—they felt more engaged and connected to their family and friends. Expanding Connectivity was supported by the Del Mar Healthcare Fund of The Dayton Foundation.

“Participants have the opportunity to learn from a professional teaching artist while also collaborating with fellow participants who share a passion for lifelong learning.”
—Julie Buchanan, Older Adult Services Librarian
Even as the Dayton Metro Library adds services to meet the most critical needs of the Miami Valley, literacy, in-branch programming and computer access will always be central to our mission. In 2015, the numbers demonstrated why the Library’s core mission remains relevant and vital.

**COMPUTER ACCESS**

DML provided 346 public computers, 618 computer classes (spanning topics from Mouse Basics and Adult GED Preparation to Advanced Photoshop) and 493,250 sessions of independent online access.

**CIRCULATION STATISTICS**

Over 6 million items borrowed, a 10% increase from 2014

**PHYSICAL COLLECTION**

- Adult: 3,616,847
- Children’s: 1,773,662
- Young Adult: 184,275

**DIGITAL COLLECTION**

Providing access from any location

- OverDrive (books): 450,776
- Zinio (magazines): 21,838
- Hoopla (music/video): 33,156

**2015 BY THE NUMBERS**

- **2,722,985** VISITORS CAME THROUGH OUR DOORS
- **221,892** patrons of all ages attended nearly 9,000 programs
- **283,938** adults & **70,493** youth REGISTERED CARDHOLDERS
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In 2015, Dayton Metro Library staff shared their professional expertise with more than 5,700 personalized, one-on-one sessions. Sessions are at least 20 minutes and offer in-depth support on a topic. Sessions may cover (but are not limited to):

- General Internet Searching
- Setting Up an Email Account
- Using Microsoft Office
- Searching for a job
- Searching the Library Catalog
- Learning About Maker Kits
- Exploring Local History or Family Genealogy
- Setting Up Personal Electronic Devices

ONE-ON-ONE
A FOCUS ON PERSONAL SERVICE

Dayton Metro Library was responsible for 486 jobs and approximately $19 million in annual payroll within Montgomery County. We employed:

- 43 managers
- 70 professional staff
- 170 technical/support
- 203 substitutes/aides
- 103 of DML staff hold an advanced library degree

NEW BEGINNINGS
ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

As the role of the Library in the community continues to evolve, so does Dayton Metro Library’s organizational structure. Three big changes in 2015 empowered the Library team to work together more effectively:

- The position of Deputy Director was filled by Rachel Gut, long-time DML librarian who most recently served as the Outreach Services Manager. In this role, Ms. Gut ensures that the public service staff delivers on the promise of the Library’s strategic plan, mission and vision.

- Staff members and community leaders dedicated significant time in 2015 to conversations, workshops and feedback forums as we worked together to determine the future of the Library in the creation of the 2016 strategic plan. While we’re excited for the completion of the Libraries for a Smarter Future construction plan, we know that the Library is about more than buildings. To better leverage these fantastic new spaces, new staff-led committees focused on programming, customer service, workforce and diversity to help guide DML into the future.

- By creating a Volunteer Services Manager position, DML was able to more effectively provide opportunities for community members to share their time and talents. Volunteers are serving as greeters, computer helpers, homebound delivery helpers, mascots, Maker Kit tutors, homework helpers, bilingual Talk Table partners and Reading Buddies, among many other opportunities. Since the expanded program launched in September 2015, 145 volunteers contributed 3,596 hours of service.

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

- Tim Kambitsch, Executive Director
### Fiscal Responsibility

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The Dayton Metro Library received an unqualified audit for the year ending December 31, 2015, from the Ohio Auditor of State, prepared by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

"Montgomery County citizens put their trust in the Dayton Metro Library to be fiscally responsible, forward-thinking and accessible, even as the needs of the community evolve and change."

- Jeanne Holihan, President of the DML Board of Trustees
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20 Wilmington Place, in memory of Margaret M. Neyerland

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
The Friends of the Dayton Metro Library continued its support of DML and its mission, hosting two successful booksales in 2015, and using the funds raised to support the Summer Challenge, the First Club campaign, Citizens for Good Libraries and a variety of Library activities throughout the year.

More than eight semi-trucks full of weeded Library materials and donations were offered at the sales in April and October. The October sale featured a big screen projection of the OSU football game, with special incentives tied to the team’s performance. The April sale was one of the largest and most successful to date.

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2015 DONATIONS TO THE FOUNDATION = $67,128
2015 DONATIONS FROM THE FOUNDATION TO THE DAYTON METRO LIBRARY = $20,000
2015 ORGANIZATIONAL EXPENSES = $5,099

2014, the DML Foundation was registered as a nonprofit and began accepting donations to support the mission and strategic vision of the Library. As its first full year of operations, 2015 saw increased donor involvement and the opportunity to enhance the Library’s excellence.

The Dayton Metro Library makes every effort to correctly reflect the names of our generous donors. If any errors have been made, please accept our apologies and help us correct our records by calling the Dayton Metro Library Foundation at 937-496-8516.

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OUR PROMISE:
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