Dayton Metro Library is a community commons where people are encouraged to meet, collaborate, learn and create. But our core service remains our Collection – books, movies, and music offered in both physical and digital formats.

Our new and improved buildings mean new, curious visitors – many of whom get a Library Card for the first time (or for the first time since childhood). Many other visitors pass along a lifelong love of the Library to their children and grandchildren.

The numbers are clear. Dayton Metro Library plays an integral role in our community.

2,508,837 VISITORS TO OUR BUILDINGS (2.4% INCREASE OVER 2016)

156,215 NEW PHYSICAL ITEMS AND 22,000 NEW eBooks AND eAUDIOS WERE ADDED TO THE COLLECTION

403,947 ACTIVE DML CARD HOLDERS

5,917,567 TOTAL ITEMS BORROWED

5,198,550 PHYSICAL ITEMS & 719,017 DOWNLOADABLE MEDIA
**READING BUDDIES** are trained volunteers who work one-on-one sharing books with kids who need a bit of reading practice. With undivided attention and books that interest each child, reading and comprehension skills improved.

Susan, a proud Reading Buddy volunteer shared that, “Reading with the little ones is not only rewarding and fun, it’s eye opening. Where else can you get a fresh perspective on ‘plump purple cats’ or ‘talking toilets’ in one afternoon?”

The University of Dayton and the City of Dayton partnered with DML through an AmeriCorps Grant to offer homework support, as well as family engagement and outreach. With support from AmeriCorps members and Library volunteers, **ROCK YOUR HOMEWORK** sessions were held each weekday at the NORTHWEST and MADDEN HILLS Branch Libraries. 165 students attended 1,162 personalized Rock Your Homework sessions.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

242 individuals contributed 6,935 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2017

**REVIEW BUDDY VOLUNTEERS** met with 460 children at 9 different Library locations.

**DIVERSE STORYTIMES** continued to serve as one of DML’s most significant programs. More than 53,000 patrons attended 2,770 storytimes; programs were offered for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers, and children with ASD, as well as dance storytimes and bilingual experiences.

“No one could have told me what the library would mean to my life. Storytime has given purpose to our days; my children have found their best friends there, and we have met an amazing range of librarians. My children learn, have fun and know that the library is their second home.”

– Mary, a mother from the **ELECTRA C. DOREN BRANCH**

The Wright Brothers, by David McCullough, was the Miami Valley’s Big Read book for 2017. DML hosted a dozen book discussions and topical programs to bring the community together. The conclusion of the **BIG READ** on April 16, 2017, coincided with the 150th anniversary of Wilbur Wright’s birth.

DML Local History Librarian Nancy Horlacher received thanks in McCullough’s acknowledgements for the support she provided during the extensive research process for his book.
LIBRARIANS OFFERED 6,243 IN-DEPTH REFERENCE SESSIONS (20+ minutes, one-on-one) to help on topics such as resume building and technology support.

“I’ve been working with an expensive job coach for three months. I got more out of today’s Job Seekers meeting than everything I’ve gotten from working with the coach for three months. And your meeting is free!”

– Denise, Job Seeker, MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH

In 2017, the popular JOB SEEKERS program expanded to the Northwest and Vandalia Branch Libraries, building upon the success of the Miami Township program. Participants at Job Seekers gained professional development, formed meaningful connections, and received valuable career coaching from a variety of experts and presentations.

DML launched “YOUR LIFE'S WORK REIMAGINED,” to support adults who were returning to work after time away, looking for a change, or preparing for a second career or transition. Free programs connected participants to opportunities for business ownership, volunteerism, and new experiences.

Partnerships and programs with SCORE, the Better Business Bureau, The Entrepreneurs Center, the Small Business Development Center, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, and city and county partners connected local small businesses and entrepreneurs to the resources they need through DML’s LAUNCH.

Local business owners Adam and Emily shared, “Every business owner needs to know what the library has to offer. I can’t believe everything you provide, for free.”

A number of programs provided job searching skills, resume writing, and volunteering advice especially for teens. Nearly 150 teens attended career-focused programs held at six Library locations.
With the new **LOVE THEM OUT LOUD** kit, parents learned how to support their little ones during the critical early years of development. Created by DML early literacy experts and our partners, and distributed through doctor’s offices, WIC clinics, and parent educators across the region, **Love Them Out Loud** gift boxes provided hours of learning activities and fun for parents to share with their babies.

**MORE THAN 3,000 KITS** were provided, funded in part with support from the **PNC Foundation**

DML strengthened partnerships with schools to encourage out-of-school learning with the **Summer Challenge**. **3 Easy Steps to 3RD GRADE READING SUCCESS** offered cash incentives to schools that promoted Summer Challenge participation.

Winning schools were:

- **ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL**, Vandalia – most participants
- **BLAIRWOOD ELEMENTARY**, Jefferson Township Local – second-most participants
- **SAVILLE ELEMENTARY**, Mad River Local – random winner among all participating schools

Ten additional participating schools also received cash awards, funded by a grant from the **Vectren Foundation**.

**A PARTNERSHIP FOR TEACHERS**

**FIRST CLUB** brings Children’s Librarians into first grade classrooms to promote reading, visits to the Library and getting a “first” Library Card.

**NEARLY 62% OF ALL AREA FIRST GRADERS** (3,128 children) were able to say that they had their own **Library Card in 2017**

**THE MIDDLE GROUND**

**Designed with middle school students and educators in mind, DML launched **MIDDLE GROUND**, to provide tools and resources to support classroom success.**

- DML’s Teen Librarians met with **153 teachers**, and provided dozens of **Teacher Collections**.
- In 2017, **6,635 educators held Teacher Cards**, extending their classroom’s learning potential.
The annual Summer Challenge is about reading, hands-on learning experiences, inclusivity, and challenging kids to challenge themselves. This year’s theme, “Build a Better World,” connected students to opportunities to learn about art, science, reading, technology, volunteerism and more.

• Children crammed 35.88 YEARS of learning into one summer through participation in Summer Challenge, a 20% increase in reading and early literacy activity hours over 2016.
• 309,977.5 hours were logged.
• 1,406 youth participated in the Baby/Toddler Summer Challenge. (3.5% increase in activities)
• 10,462 children participated in the Pre K-6th Grade Summer Challenge. (23% increase in hours read)
• 1,456 teens participated in the 7-12 Grade Summer Challenge. (15% increase in hours read)
• 356 diverse Library programs and learning experiences attracted 6,157 student attendees during the ten week program!

“YOU AND YOUR TEAM AT THE LIBRARY ROCK! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THE KIDS WHO VISIT IN THE SUMMER HAVE FOOD TO FILL THEIR BELLIES.”
– Lora, Community Partner

In partnership with Dayton Public Schools and the Foodbank, Dayton Metro Library provided free summer lunches or healthy snacks for children age 18 and younger at many area branches. Additionally, Library Outreach Services brought Summer Challenge experiences to 2,806 children at YMCAs, daycares and other meal sites, continuing to foster the connection between healthy minds and nourished bodies.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
"The children’s section is awesome. There are so many books, and I like the way they’re in different sections that are easy to find. I like nonfiction books that have yucky stuff and bugs, and I didn’t used to find those in the children’s section, but I think I will now."

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In November 2012, Montgomery County voters passed a $187 million bond issue to fund new construction and renovations throughout the Dayton Metro Library system.

**MAIN LIBRARY Grand Opening**

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, nearly 7,500 people walked through the doors of the new Main Library for the first time.

“I call it a cathedral to curiosity. What a statement this makes to Dayton about the future of our community.”

– Janet, DAYTON

**SURPRISING SPACES**

The Main Library’s **BASSANI THEATER OFF THIRD and EICHELBERGER FORUM** are new venues for the arts in Dayton. The Eichelberger Forum provided the perfect venue for “On Stage @ The Eichelberger Forum,” a six-week lunchtime music series that gave a mid-day escape to downtown workers and visitors. The Bassani Theater connected patrons to arts experiences with partner organizations, such as Muse Machine, as well as area theaters, dance companies and a variety of musical experiences.

The **Nutcracker Storytime with the Dayton Ballet in the Bassani Theater Off Third** blended dance, music, literacy, creativity, and fun.
Several new Libraries were equipped with OPPORTUNITY SPACES, fostering creative collaborations between the Library and community organizations. In 2017, DML HOSTED 39 PARTNERS including nonprofit organizations, schools and artists in the Opportunity Spaces at Main, Miami Township, New Lebanon, Northwest, and Vandalia.

CONNECT WITH YOUR HISTORY

New technology in the THE DAYTON ROOM allowed patrons to explore our local history and better preserve their own family’s stories. A flatbed scanner supported researchers as they digitized photographs, letters and other flat documents, and a new book scanner safely cradled scrapbooks or journals without damaging old, fragile bindings.

Genealogists especially appreciated the new microfilm scanners, allowing for better access to print, save, or email high-quality images from the Library’s microfilm collection of historical newspapers.

Thinking Money – a museum-quality financial literacy exhibit aimed at teens, tweens, and their parents was at the Northwest Branch Opportunity Space. DML was one of ONLY 50 PUBLIC LIBRARIES across the country selected through a competitive application process, made possible by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and ALA.

Photos and artifacts that celebrated 150 years of the Dayton VA were on display as part of an Opportunity Space partnership at the Northwest Branch Library.
NEW MIAMISBURG BRANCH LIBRARY
OPENED FEBRUARY 20, 2017

- 15,000 square feet – nearly double the previous building size
- Flexible spaces include a community room, quads, group study rooms, a conference room and a dedicated children’s puppet theater
- Local artifacts and historical collection

We are so very lucky to have you. You are good to our school district.
– Miamisburg Middle School teacher

MORE for a Smarter Future PROGRESS:

- Ground was broken for the expanded WEST CARROLLTON and new SOUTHEAST Branches.
- Site selection was announced for the new TROTWOOD Branch.
- 12 works of art were commissioned for three new Branches (SOUTHWEST, WEST CARROLLTON, and WILMINGTON-STROOP) through the ReImagining Works partnership with the Dayton Art Institute.

The Dayton Metro Library’s new buildings are beautiful, state-of-the-art library design, and environmentally responsible. Five new facilities received LEED certification in 2017. LEED standards ensure that buildings are energy efficient, use less water and are built with more sustainable materials.

- NORTHWEST, VANDALIA, NEW LEBANON, and MIAMISBURG received LEED Gold certification.
- BROOKVILLE received LEED Silver certification.
Spanning topics from first kisses to first jobs to family dynamics, area seniors shared their stories through an oral history project, **SENIOR VOICES**. A partnership among DML, Rebuilding Together Dayton and WYSO, the project created an opportunity for the community to honor and respect the experiences of their elders who shared their memories, stories and perspectives for future generations. Senior Voices was supported by a Del Mar Social Innovation Award for Older Adult Programming.

- Nearly **100** older residents shared their stories.
- **34** volunteers, including many older adults, were trained in technology and interviewing skills.
- Stories will **air on WYSO** and will be preserved in the Library’s Dayton Remembers archive.

**AUTHORS & Artists**

- The Main Library’s Eichelberger Forum played host to NY Times Bestselling authors of adult, children and teen books. Kimberla Lawson Roby kicked off the new “About the Book” author series in August, followed by children’s author Jonathan Auxier, and teen author Maggie Stiefvater who attracted **nearly 130 fans** of her paranormal fiction for teens.
- Throughout the year, local author workshops, as well as contests celebrating photography, poetry and fiction supported Dayton’s home-grown talent.
**Thank You**

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**RECEIPTS**

- Public Library Fund: $15,271,478
- Property and Other Local Taxes: $10,167,920
- Other Governmental Grants-In-Aid: $1,701,376
- Fees & Patron Fines: $361,808
- Earnings on Investments: $87,872
  
  **TOTAL RECEIPTS**: $28,156,685

**EXPENDITURES**

- Salaries and Benefits: $19,375,513
- Supplies: $694,979
- Purchased and Contracted Services: $4,727,736
- Books: $2,046,386
- Magazines and Newspapers: $1,062,573
- Audio Visual Materials: $1,299,127
- Capital Outlay: $1,597,622
- Other Expenses: $82,640
  
  **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**: $28,792,224

**DEBT SERVICE FUND**

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**RECEIPTS**

- Property and Other Local Taxes: $9,242,928
- Other Governmental Grants-In Aid: $1,352,148
- Earnings on Investments: $79,291
  
  **TOTAL RECEIPTS**: $10,674,367

**EXPENDITURES**

- Professional Services: $149,990
- Principal Retirement: $5,230,000
- Interest & Financing Fees: $6,397,501
  
  **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**: $10,777,551

**BUILDING AND REPAIR FUND**

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**RECEIPTS**

- Earnings on Investments: $129,788
  
  **TOTAL RECEIPTS**: $239,550

**EXPENDITURES**

- Purchased Services: $90,203
- Capital Outlay: $15,962
  
  **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**: $103,365

**CONSTRUCTION FUND**

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**RECEIPTS**

- Earnings on Investments: $75,898
- Other Receipts: $93,106
  
  **TOTAL RECEIPTS**: $855,004

**EXPENDITURES**

- Professional Services: $8,438,479
- Capital Outlay: $71,724,302
  
  **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**: $80,162,781

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"I am a longtime patron... (The Library) is an integral part of my life, supplying information and entertainment. The library is the biggest bargain for tax dollars that we pay," said Judith, a patron at the Huber Heights Branch Library.

DML acts as a responsible steward of public funds with a $4.32 return for every $1 of public support.

* The State Auditor of Ohio completed a two-year financial audit for the time period 2016-2017, which is available at DaytonMetroLibrary.org.
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In 2017, the DAYTON METRO LIBRARY FOUNDATION hosted The Main Event to commemorate the opening of the new Main Library. The Main Event attracted more than 1400 attendees, who were wowed by spectacular performances and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. In addition, nearly 170 people and organizations became Founding Members of the Foundation’s 1888 SOCIETY. The DML Foundation directly supported its mission to enhance and expand the Library’s excellence, especially in the areas of early childhood literacy, out of school enrichment, career, college and workforce development, and the Library’s facilities. For a recap of the Foundation’s many accomplishments, and to see a complete list of their generous donors, and leadership, please visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Foundation.

The FRIENDS OF THE DAYTON METRO LIBRARY, believe that Libraries are vital to our community. As dedicated volunteers, The Friends strive to enable people of all ages and from all walks of life to engage with information, education and creativity. Their ANNUAL BOOK SALE generated funding to support Library programs that fell outside of the Library’s operating budget, such as incentives for Summer Challenge, and specialty programs for first graders, teens and adults. To learn more about The Friends, or to help with their goals, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Friends.

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