In 2016-2017, the DML Foundation continued its mission to enhance and expand the work of the Dayton Metro Library, and its efforts have made a significant difference. Here are some of the programs the DML Foundation was empowered to support because of your generosity.

Babies are born ready to learn, but many parents may not know how to take advantage of this critical developmental period. In 2017, the DML Foundation supported the purchase of LOVE THEM OUT LOUD kits, early literacy materials gifted to caregivers in low-opportunity communities. The program is so popular that DML expanded to a toddler kit in 2018, and with additional private support, is planning to launch a Pre-K kit to further support kindergarten preparedness.

“Love Them Out Loud helps parents boost their baby’s brain development and ability to learn language in fun and bonding ways,” says Kathleen Moore, Early Literacy Specialist for the Library. “It’s the gift of early literacy.”

On August 5, 2017, Dayton Metro Library cut the ribbon to officially open the new Main Library. The DML Foundation financially supported the celebration by adding excitement with a street party, specialized performances, and a commemorative booklet.

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

2015 YEAR END BALANCE: $92,249

2016-2017 INCOME:
- GRANTS AND DONATIONS: $780,660
- SPECIAL EVENTS/ THE MAIN EVENT: $247,554

TOTAL SUPPORT: $1,028,214

2016-2017 EXPENSES:
- MANAGEMENT, FUNDRAISING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES: $14,012
- SPECIAL EVENTS/ THE MAIN EVENT: $125,789
- PROGRAMS/DONATIONS TO DAYTON METRO LIBRARY: $292,217

TOTAL EXPENSES: $432,018

2016-2017 NET: $596,196
Inclusion is a priority of the Library and the Foundation, and The Main Event was truly a community effort. With generous “Be Our Guest” sponsors, patrons from all branches of the Library system were invited to attend. The talented artists of Reimagining Works donated pieces to the silent auction. Skilled chefs (and students) from top restaurants and culinary programs offered creative food selections. And—spirited students from DECA offered their arms to help patrons up the grand staircase.

Thank you to all who made it possible, including SPONSORS, DML STAFF, FOUNDATION DIRECTORS and the all-volunteer TEAM 17 who programmed and planned The Main Event.

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THE MAIN EVENT

The Main Event was a once-in-a-lifetime experience! The DML Foundation hosted this sold-out event to pull back the curtain on the Main Library and provide a first-peek at how the library has changed. On April 22, 2017, 1,400 guests explored the (still under-construction) building, while they enjoyed great food, drinks, entertainment and fun. People are still buzzing about their favorite part, but the three story tower around the grand staircase is a moment that all will remember.

As a special “thank you” to those who made donations by December 2017, names were incorporated into the new design of the library’s atrium. A special wall unveiling, to share the story of the Foundation and the good work of Dayton Metro Library was hosted on September 27, 2017.
DML’s beautiful new facilities are destinations for information, access, education, and community-building. Generous donors have elevated our spaces to empower the Library to serve in a new ways.

The Jack W. and Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation and the addition of the Dayton Foundation helped transition the Main Library’s Forum into an asset for arts and community engagement. With enhanced technology and comfortable seating, DML hosted multiple musical performances, author visits, town halls and election forums, among many other exciting events.

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