



DAYTON  
METRO  
LIBRARY

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



# 2017 DAYTON METRO LIBRARY STATS

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)

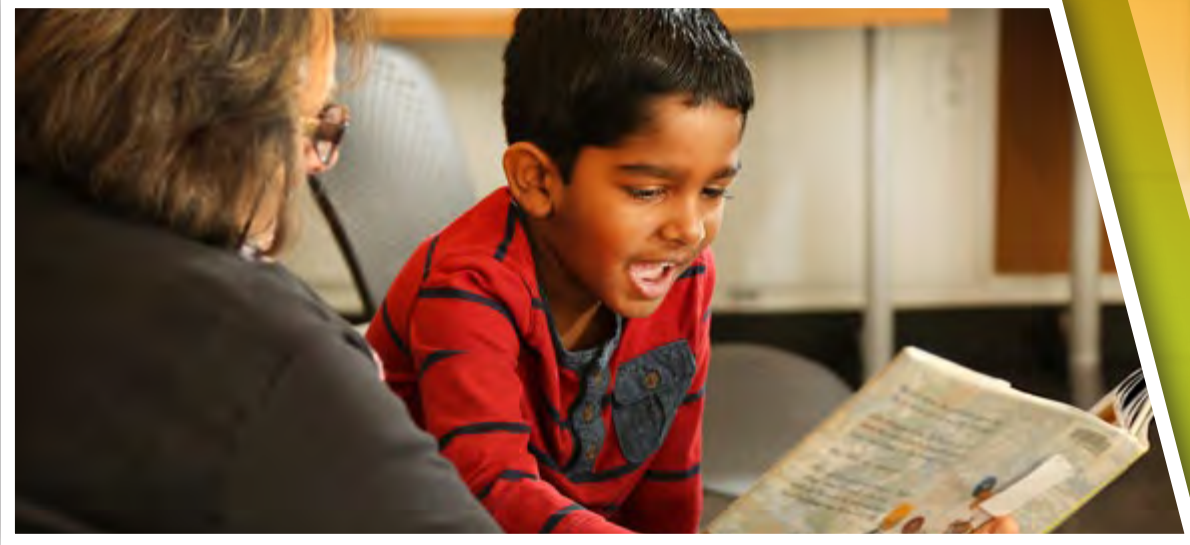
 **156,215** NEW PHYSICAL ITEMS AND  
**22,000** NEW eBOOKS AND eAUDIOS  
WERE ADDED TO THE COLLECTION

 **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 AmeriCorp 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**.

**32 READING BUDDY VOLUNTEERS** met with **460 children at 9 different Library locations**

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

**242** individuals contributed  
**6,935 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2017**



**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, preschoolers, 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 Wilber 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.



## CONNECT ONLINE:



DaytonMetroLibrary.org

CLICKED  
IN WITH

11,595,879

page views in 2017, from

1,610,518 SESSIONS



AN AVERAGE OF

53,246 PATRONS

visited your online branch each month

## CONNECT TO THE NET:

551,114 ONLINE  
SESSIONS

were logged from

592 PUBLIC  
COMPUTERS

- "The difference that a library makes in a free society is it levels the playing field for the have-nots. It gives them access to materials that those who can afford them may take for granted. For example, many can't afford a computer let alone access to the internet. Well, those things are vital in today's world."

– Keith, NORTHWEST BRANCH PATRON

LIBRARIANS  
OFFERED6,243  
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!"

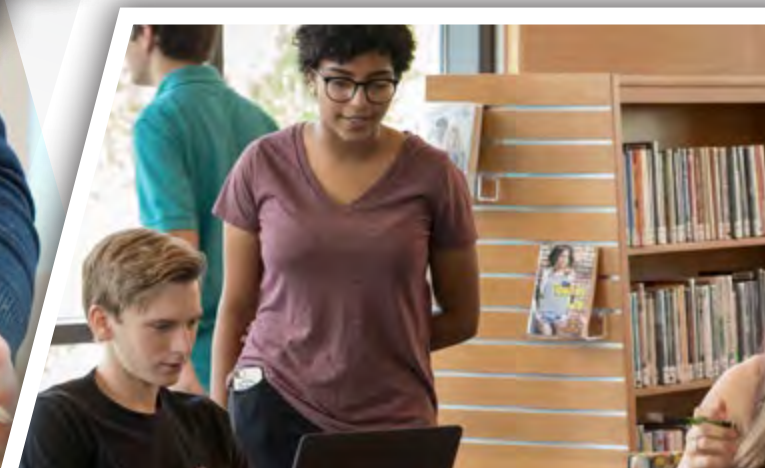
– Denise, Job Seeker,  
MIAMI TOWNSHIP  
BRANCH

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.





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

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**

## 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.

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.

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.







## “BUILD A Better World”

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



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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.



# MAIN LIBRARY

August 5, 2017



**ANASTASIA SHIVERS,**  
RIVERSIDE

"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."



**BETTY MESCHER SCHWENDEMAN,** DAYTON

"I think this library says that Dayton is progressive, that we value education, and we value the community – **because the space is all about community.** I love all the special rooms where you can have impromptu or planned meetings. It certainly appears that it was built with the intention of having everyone use it – and I hope they will."



**T. ROBIN DAKIN,**  
CLAYTON

"My first impression when I walked in was 'Wow!' This library is completely beyond my expectations. **I want this to be the center point of the revitalization of the city of Dayton.**"



**SALLY ALJANABI,** KETTERING  
"We love the library. To me, **it's a great friend you can trust.**"

**CHARISH PAUL,** DAYTON  
"I think it's a wonderful thing for the community that they were willing to **put all the money and resources into such a gorgeous building for everyone to use.**"



**JACKSON PAUL,**  
DAYTON

"I was surprised by the huge building and huge celebration. It blew my expectations out of the water. This library has become something way more than what the old one was. **It tells me Dayton is improving and trying to grow as a city.**"



**DERRICK DAVIS,** DAYTON

"I'm a big fan of architecture, so I really wanted to see the new building. I used to drive by all the time and saw the construction day by day coming out of the ground. I know the shell of the old library was intact, but I'm not sure how they made it seem so much bigger. **It is awesome in here! I've never wanted to read a book more than today, I can tell you that.**"



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.







## 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.



## OPPORTUNITY SPACES

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.

*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.

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*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

## MORE Libraries 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.

LEED®



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.

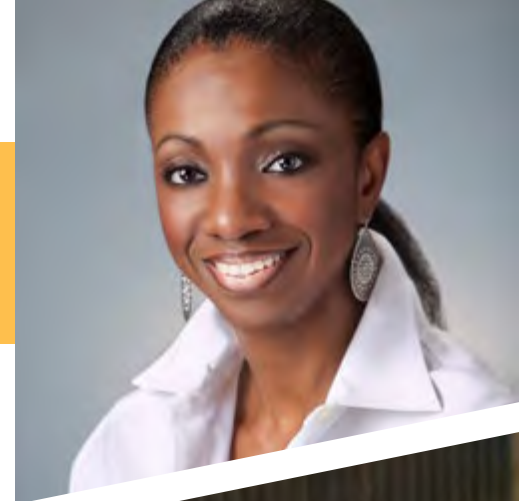




# SENIOR *Voices*

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 Steifvater 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.



## GENERAL FUND

2016

2017

Cash Reserves from Preceding Year	\$11,218,686	\$10,494,072
Obligated Funds from Preceding Year	\$1,481,289	\$1,216,827

## RECEIPTS

Public Library Fund	\$15,271,478	\$15,333,068
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$10,367,920	\$10,373,337
Other Governmental Grants-In-Aid	\$1,701,376	\$1,812,831
Fees & Patron Fines	\$361,308	\$363,214
Earnings on Investments	\$87,872	\$105,227
Services Provided to Other Entities	\$101,175	\$103,546
Contributions, Gifts, Donations	\$182,916	\$377,823
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	\$82,640	\$323,178

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**      **\$28,156,685**   **\$28,792,224**

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Benefits	\$19,375,513	\$20,318,541
Supplies	\$694,979	\$692,388
Purchased and Contracted Services	\$4,727,736	\$5,333,497
Books	\$2,046,136	\$2,778,396
Magazines and Newspapers	\$177,512	\$172,334
Audio Visual Materials	\$1,052,173	\$1,145,652
Online Databases	\$329,127	\$378,306
Capital Outlay	\$1,597,172	\$683,881
Other Expenses	\$139,548	\$165,431

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**      **\$30,139,896**   **\$31,668,426**

Transfers from Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers to Other Funds	\$222,692	\$51,774
Cash Reserves at End of Year	\$10,494,072	\$8,782,923

BUILDING AND  
REPAIR FUND

2016

2017

Cash Reserves from Preceding Year	\$11,047,373	\$11,184,568
Obligated Funds from Previous Year	\$1,010	\$37,825

## RECEIPTS

Earnings on Investments	\$129,788	\$93,847
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	\$109,762	\$10,008
Transfers from Other Funds	\$ -	

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**      **\$239,550**   **\$103,855**

## EXPENDITURES

Purchased Services	\$ -	\$122,475
Professional Services	\$90,203	\$64,320
Capital Outlay	\$13,162	\$ -

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**      **\$103,365**   **\$186,795**

Cash Reserves at End of Year	\$11,184,568	\$11,139,453
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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](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org).*

DEBT SERVICE  
FUND

2016

2017

Cash Reserves from Preceding Year	\$6,899,859	\$5,797,261
Obligated Funds from Previous Year	\$586	\$ -

## RECEIPTS

Property and Other Local Taxes	\$9,242,928	\$9,262,855
Other Governmental Grants-In-Aid	\$1,352,148	\$1,338,517
Earnings on Investments	\$79,291	\$80,021

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**      **\$10,674,367**   **\$10,681,393**

## EXPENDITURES

Professional Services	\$149,990	\$138,790
Principal Retirement	\$5,230,000	\$5,280,000
Interest & Financing Fees	\$6,397,561	\$6,348,499

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**      **\$11,777,551**   **\$11,767,289**

Cash Reserves at End of Year	\$5,797,261	\$4,711,365
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CONSTRUCTION  
FUND

2016

2017

Cash Reserves from Preceding Year	\$92,989,749	\$71,437,741
Obligated Funds from Previous Year	\$57,755,769	\$25,713,913

## RECEIPTS

Earnings on Investments	\$755,898	\$515,128
Other Receipts	\$99,106	\$9,694

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**      **\$855,004**   **\$524,822**

## EXPENDITURES

Professional Services	\$8,438,479	\$6,478,564
Capital Outlay	\$71,724,302	\$35,875,957

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**      **\$80,162,781**   **\$42,354,521**

Cash Reserves at End of Year	\$71,437,741	\$55,321,955
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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](http://DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Foundation).

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