

# Annual Report 2018

At Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL), our mission is to facilitate the public's freedom to explore, to invent, and to transform.

We strive to connect people to ideas and to one another, helping to foster individual and community growth.

In addition to an expansive and diverse print collection, each of our eight libraries provide public access to WiFi; unique indoor and outdoor spaces for gathering; quiet areas for studying; and community and educational enrichment through programs and events.

This past year has been one of excitement and growth for FCPL. A few highlights:

- Since its opening in March, our new Walkersville Library has seen a record-breaking number of visitors.
- Plans and construction continue for the newest addition to FCPL, the Myersville Community Library, which is on track to open in summer of 2019.
- We also said goodbye to our director, Darrell Batson, who retired after nearly 20 years leading FCPL. In his time with Frederick County, Batson made significant contributions, starting first with expanding FCPL's system and creating strong partnerships with the community.
- It was another stellar year for our annual Summer Challenge program, with increased participation from customers of all ages and incredible support from local businesses and organizations.

The accompanying annual report provides a snapshot of our year; it highlights just a few of our statistics and offers insight to our services and growth. As you'll see, FCPL continues to thrive because of you and your support. Thank you for embracing our libraries. We're looking forward to the year ahead.

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## FCPL Branches

- Brunswick Public Library
- C. Burr Artz Public Library
- Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks
- Emmitsburg Branch Library
- Middletown Branch Library

- Urbana Regional Library
- Thurmont Regional Library
- Walkersville Branch Library
  - Two bookmobiles
  - Frederick County Detention Center Library

Total Operating Budget FY18 = \$15,478,127

#### *Budgeted Revenues FY18*

- 60% County
- 14% In-Kind
- 15% State
- 7% Fund Balance
- 2% Fines/Fees
- 1% Donations
- 1% Miscellaneous

#### *Budgeted Expenditures FY18*

- 65% Personnel
- 14% In-Kind
- 12% Library Materials
- 9% Operating

#### *Library Visits*

- Total Library Visits - 2,087,668
- Total Virtual Branch Visits - 1,002,903
- New Library cards issued - 9,908
- Total Circulation - 2,982,724
- WiFi & Computer Users - 348,449
- Total Library Volunteer Hours - 8,237

#### *Meeting Rooms*

- Total Attendance for Meeting Room - 32,990

#### *Programs*

- Total Participants - Summer Reading Program - 12,435
- Total Minutes Read: 3,230,247 or
  - 53,837 hours
  - 2,243 days
  - 320 weeks
  - 6.2 years

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