Message from the Executive Director & the Board of Trustees President

Welcome to our annual report! What a great opportunity to look back over the last 12 months and see how many wonderful things we have to celebrate!

• We opened a new location, Exploration Commons at 50 East. This state-of-the-art facility provides space for collaborative learning, economic and workforce development, and limitless possibilities. In the first 6 months, EC hosted 286 programs and received 21,585 visits!

• We launched the first Battle of the Books After Hours event. Sixty-three teams of adults enjoyed the battle competitions held over two nights at 1623 Brewing Company.

• We celebrated our inaugural Light of Carroll Awards, shining a light on the extraordinary works of selflessness and giving that are a hallmark of Carroll County.

• By securing a grant, CCPL was able to provide over 200 Chromebooks to our community, to ensure that our students are able to stay connected and continuing learning both in person and digitally.

• But the best part was that we got to see you all again! Our locations are open, our mobile services are back on the road, our programs are once again in person, and our staff are delighted to provide assistance, support, and learning opportunities face to face.

While the word “library” often evokes visions of books and story times, what really makes a library are the people. It is each of you, coming together to learn something new, creating a shared memory, and allowing us to be part of your story. After all, what could be better than to be part of a great story?

Andrea Berstler
Executive Director
Carroll County Public Library

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“The library is my sanctuary. It is home. It is a blessing. It is a place of quiet discovery to any time or place to which I wish to go. It is a peek into lives, fictional or real. Books take me on glorious adventures. I still, at 82, have a feeling of awe and comfort as I enter our library.”

— Claire Rosenfeld, CCPL Customer

FY 2022 Statistics at a Glance

Overview
Locations | 7
Mobile Service Vehicles | 3
Visits | 528,808
Information Questions Answered | 107,429
Personnel (Total FTE) | 159.73
County Population | 168,447
Total County Budget | $681,635,278
Total CCPL Budget | $11,467,578

Circulation & Collection
Card Holders | 88,328
Total Circulation | 2,699,370
  Adult | 1,035,320
  Children’s | 664,152
Digital Media Circulation | 351,719
Materials Owned | 673,690
Interlibrary Loan & MARINA Transactions
  Borrowed | 22,809
  Lent | 11,868

Technology
Databases | 27
Public Computers | 114
Computer Sessions | 32,008
Average Computer Session | 49 minutes
WiFi Sessions | 56,853
Average WiFi Session | 141 minutes

Educational Activities
Programs | 3,730
Program Attendance | 93,451
Average Attendance per Program | 25
Summer Reading Registrants | 8,338
Battle of the Books Students | 1,130

Additional Community Value
Meeting Room Bookings | 6,544
Book Club Materials Requested | 1,867
Student Service Hours | 2,705
Total Volunteer Hours | 3,334
County Bill Transactions | 3,005

FY 2022 NOTES
Statistical comparisons to FY 2021 are difficult due to post pandemic changes in the way services are used. The construction project at Exploration Commons influenced the level of services at the Westminster Branch for several weeks of the fiscal year.

Above: Our staff at CCPL are vital to our success. We build community!
Above (from top left): Family Bingo at Taneytown Branch; Mr. Jon performs at Eldersburg Branch; John Gallagher author visit; Leister Park Story Stroll; Justine the Hedgehog visits at Mount Airy Branch; and Plein Air Painting at Finksburg Branch.

Next Page (from top left): Storytime at North Carroll Branch; Ballet in the park at Westminster Branch; Yoga for Kids at Mount Airy Branch; Harry Potter Palooza at Eldersburg Branch; Luis Garay performs at Finksburg Branch; Reading to Goats at Taneytown Branch; and Light of Carroll Awards with Youth Award winner Makenzie Greenwood.
Exploration Commons at 50 East: Carroll County Public Library opened Exploration Commons at 50 East on 12/18/2021. Since opening, 370 customers earned certifications to use equipment independently (12/18/2021 - 11/1/2022), and the space presented 286 programs for 3,926 attendees. Explore more at explorationcommons.carr.org.

Battle of the Books: We celebrated 10 years of Battle of the Books with 163 teams and 1,130 students competing. This was the first year we offered a Battle of the Books After Hours for adults. The program was an immediate success and we added an additional night for a total of 63 competing teams.
Mission and Core Purpose

Join us to experience lifelong learning through impactful programs, resources, and services.

Core Values

These core values guide CCPL’s daily work and long range planning. In addition, these values exemplify the standards to which each of us continually strives:

- We treat everyone equally and with respect
- We meet each other with humor and kindness
- We build community
- We are risk-takers and leaders
- We inspire curiosity
- We embrace challenges and learn from mistakes

We use our Core Values to guide us in all areas of the work we perform. We have developed a Customer Service Statement to communicate how these values translate into service our customers can expect during every visit to the library and in each interaction with our staff.

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