We are proud to serve our community of readers. CCPL is one of the busiest library systems in Maryland, based on circulation, visits, program attendance and Internet use per capita. We are thankful for the funding we received from Carroll County Government and the State of Maryland to support library service.

In FY 2018, we:

- Expanded our digital collections.
- Provided Passport Service at the Eldersburg and North Carroll branches.
- Held 9 Battle of the Books competitions with 1,427 students and 188 teams participating.
- Hosted bestselling authors Andrew Morton, Elizabeth Berg, Brad Meltzer, Melanie Benjamin, Tayari Jones, Lynne Olson, Nicholas Sparks, and Jason Reynolds.
- Partnered with CCPS and NAACP to offer Carroll One Book community read, featuring Mr. Warren Dorsey, subject of the book *In Carrie’s Footprints* by Jack McBride White.
- Expanded the *Carroll County Times* Digital Archive.
- In partnership with the Union Mills Homestead, created an Augmented Reality Exhibit of the Mill and Tannery, which toured the State of Maryland.
- The Board of Library Trustees selected a new Executive Director, Andrea Berstler, to replace retiring director, Lynn Wheeler.

CCPL thanks the community for its support. We celebrated our 60th anniversary of service in 2018. We have a long record of achievement and will make every effort to continue to provide services that meet the current and emerging learning needs and interests of our customers.
FISCAL YEAR 2018
BY THE NUMBERS

Visits | 970,625
Branches | 6 and 3 Mobile Service Vehicles
Cardholders | 95,667
Info Transactions | 162,923
FTE Employees | 164.52
County Population | 167,627*
CCPL Budget | $10,339,566
Total County Budget | $577,320,568

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
Number of Activities | 6,230
Total Attendance | 181,631
Summer Discovery Participants | 7,250
Battle of the Books Participants | 1,427

TECHNOLOGY
Public Computers | 112
Computer Sessions | 165,435
Average Computer Session (mins.) | 44
WiFi Sessions | 95,854
Average WiFi Session (mins.) | 112

CIRCULATION/COLLECTION
Circulation | 3.6 million
Circulation per Capita (est.) | 21.56
Items Owned | 738,777
Databases | 29

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY VALUE
Carroll County Times Digital Archive Visits | 132,876
County Bill Transactions | 3,231
Meeting Room Reservations | 3,069
Passport Applications Processed | 2,419
Student Service Hours | 6,256

*Provided by Maryland State Department of Education

From Top — Young readers on the Storytime Express, Jennifer Franciotti interviews bestselling movelist Nicholas Sparks in front of 1,500 attendees, and customers got the chance to meet our local heroes and go on board a fire truck at the North Carroll Branch.
From Top, Left to Right — Author Elizabeth Berg with her latest novel The Story of Arthur Truluv, quilting demonstration at the Westminster Branch, attendees at the Victorian Holiday Tea, recycled craft program presented by Piney Run Park, Home Depot gingerbread house program, and a winter-themed storytime.
From Top, Left to Right — Penguin Random House Book Fair Kickoff with author Melanie Benjamin, Battle of the Books reading competition with 1,427 student participants, young explorer at Taneytown Branch, special visitors to the library on May the Fourth, author Ben Hatke at the Battle of the Books Kickoff, customers learn about lambs up close and in person, author/athlete Jennifer Pharr Davis speaks about her experiences running on the Appalachian Trail at the Mount Airy Branch, and Monarch Release Party.
SUMMER

From Top, Left to Right — Author/illustrator Michael Mueller with Mirabelle and fans, author Lois Szymanski and Chincoteague ponies program, a young customer models “Libraries Rock” temporary tattoo during Summer Discovery reading program, Christopher James performs in the Mary Lou Dewey Park, members of the Coastal Conservation Association demonstrate the Library’s new collection of fishing rods, and a Robotics Battle.
From Top, Left to Right — Jason Reynolds meets young readers, Stuart Gibbs poses with audience, Union Mills augmented reality exhibit, Meet a Firefighter, acrylic pouring, Bob Coffey’s Musical Instrument Petting Zoo, Day for Book Lovers with Tayari Jones and Lynne Olson, Finksburg Community Garden with Garden Guild members, sweater pin made with laser cutter/engraver at Exploration Point! Makerspace, young customer at Trunk or Treat, and Nicholas Sparks.
FRONT COVER: A young customer builds a play area using STEM components at the North Carroll Branch.

BACK COVER: Brad Meltzer poses with fans who had special “Make History” shirts made for the occasion.