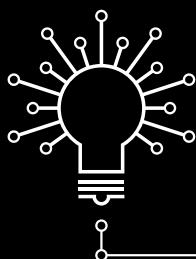


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ANNUAL REPORT 2024



CARROLL COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Infinite Possibilities

Serving Our Community

The library is many things to many people—books, storytimes, meeting spaces, and author programs, but foremost our libraries are at the center of our communities. Our staff take great pride in serving our community and are honored to be at its heart.

One thing I know for sure is that we are a community of readers. We are delighted to report that Carroll County Public Library continues to have the highest circulation per capita of all the library systems in the state of Maryland. This is a position that Carroll County has maintained for the better part of two decades!

On any given day, there are multiple programs held at our locations—from storytimes and dance parties to cooking classes and learning how to use a CNC router. Carroll County leads the state in the number of youth programs offered annually.

But the numbers are just part of the story. Our library has the potential to change lives:

"Coming to the library always feels exciting because the next thing I will learn about is just waiting for me on the shelf. I am thankful for the impact Carroll County libraries have had on my life and the lives of my children."

—Jennifer, Taneytown



Andrea Berstler
Executive Director
Carroll County Public Library

Mission & Core Purpose

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

Our 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

Board of Trustees (2024)

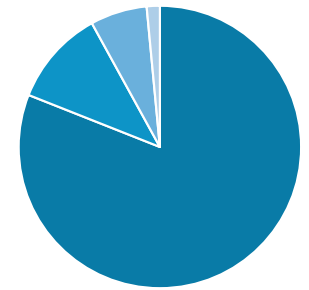
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FY 2024 Statistics at a Glance

Overview

Locations | 7
Mobile Service Vehicles | 3
Visits | 704,582
Information Questions Answered | 116,692
Personnel (Total FTE) | 159.31
County Population | 173,873
Total County Budget | \$542,839,870
Total CCPL Budget | \$12,878,538

Budget by Source



Circulation & Collection

Card Holders | 96,485
Total Circulation | 2,917,861
Adult | 1,855,533
Children's | 1,062,328
Digital Media Circulation | 435,710
Materials Owned | 677,088
Interlibrary Loan & MARINA Transactions
Borrowed | 22,861
Lent | 12,109

Technology

Databases | 27
Public Computers | 113
Computer Sessions | 42,664
Average Computer Session | 61 minutes
WiFi Sessions | 71,110
Average WiFi Session | 235 minutes

Educational Activities

Programs | 5,842
Program Attendance | 145,111
Average Attendance per Program | 25
Summer Reading Registrants | 8,115
Battle of the Books Students | 1,354

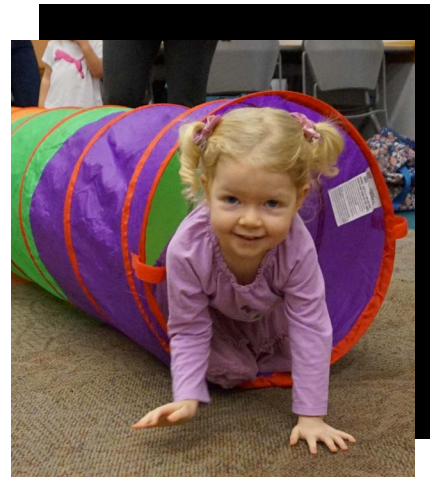
Additional Community Value

Meeting Room Bookings | 12,623
Book Club Materials Requested | 2,597
Student Service Hours | 1,885.25
Total Volunteer Hours | 3,712
County Bill Transactions | 4,209
Passports Processed | 2,796
Passport Photos | 2,374



From Top: Learning to sew at Exploration Commons, and STEM activities with Carroll Community College's new mascot the Lynx.

Front Page: The Power Readers, Hampstead Elementary School.



Above (from top, left to right): Jan Brett attendees, James Patterson and Mike Lupica, Sheriff DeWees with Dr. Ben Carson and Candy Carson, Brad Meltzer and Christopher Eliopoulos, Craig Johnson, and Elle Cosimano.

Next Page (from top, left to right): Fire truck visit at North Carroll; kids fitness at Finksburg; Read to a Dog at Eldersburg; paper flower making at Mount Airy; Touch a Truck event at Taneytown; Avatar meet and greet at Westminster; Early literacy puppet show at Westminster; and John Price's 100th birthday celebration at our Veteran's Book Club.





**EXPLORATION
COMMONS**
AT 50 EAST

Above (from left to right): Governor Wes Moore and cabinet visit to Carroll in January, making bagels, creating gifts for Mother's Day, baking cinnamon rolls for the Boys & Girls Club members, quilt-inspired tea sandwiches partner program with the Carroll County Farm Museum, and making custom laser cut jigsaw puzzles.

**BATTLE of the
BOOKS**

**BATTLE of the
BOOKS** *After Hours*

Battle of the Books: CCPL's signature reading competition continues to encourage kids to read with 1,354 students participating on 156 teams. Our adult version of Battle of the Books, held in partnership with A Likely Story Bookstore, Flood Zone Brewery, and 1623 Brewing Company, had 487 participants over three nights.



Above: *Imposter desserts at Exploration Commons.*

Board of Carroll County Commissioners

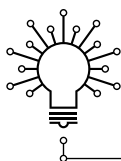
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