

# A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE LIBRARY

2022 Annual Report



#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

"A library is infinity under a roof," writes children's book author Gail Carson Levine. Last year, our community experienced infinity on more than 675,000 unique occasions- attending programs, visiting branches, and accessing the library's virtual services. They also had a hand in creating infinity, by sharing their reading interests to help develop our print and digital collections, volunteering, participating in community service projects, hosting community meetings, launching businesses, tutoring children, conveying their knowledge, and telling their stories. The list of activities that people can pursue in a public library is endless, as reflected in these pages, where you will glimpse a week in the life of the library.

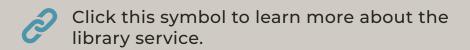
In concert with our mission to Champion Reading, Build Knowledge, and Inspire Curiosity, all of these activities are aimed at improving and enriching the everyday lives of individuals and their communities.

On behalf of our board and staff, we want to thank you for spending the past 52 weeks with us, building a better Cecil County. And to our 4,629 new library cardholders, welcome to infinity!

> Morgan Miller, Executive Director

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Steven Pearson, *Chair* Joanne Morton, *Vice Chair* Phyllis Kilby, *Treasurer*  Tanya Area Ravi Gupta Shirley McCrary-Simmons Jonathan Stauffer



## **MONDAY**



9:15 AM 🔗

A Job Seeker arrives to use a study room for a virtual interview

10:30 ам 🔗

Children and caregivers attend a weekly Family StoryTime in the Children's Room



11 AM 🔗

An aspiring business owner meets with a business librarian to learn how to write a business plan

4 PM 🔗

Library Board of Trustees holds their monthly meeting

## **TUESDAY**

## 11 AM 🔗

A child signs
up for the 1,000
Books Before
Kindergarten,
gets his his first
library card and
visits Our Town early
learning center



## 1<sub>PM</sub>

A class meets in the Digital Media Lab to learn how to use Adobe Illustrator to create graphics

"THANKS SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HELP ME WITH MY PAPER!" - Juanita F. 6:30 pm 🥏

Librarians answer homework questions and show how to access the Student Virtual Library Card

## WEDNESDAY

## 8 AM *?*

The Chamber's non-profit roundtable explores the Foundation Directory to find grant opportunities

## 9 AM

The Bookmobile visits a pre-K class for students to select and keep their own "My Special Book"



10:30 AM

A bag of books is delivered to a homebound senior



3:30 PM 🤌

Teens gather for "Teens Give Back" a monthly community service project meeting

# THURSDAY

### 9 AM

Homeschooling families work on a research project



## 3:30 PM

A family attends a monthly STEAM class in the Idea Lab of the Children's Room

#### 6 PM

A librarian leads an Introduction to Computers class

9 PM 🔗



A lifelong-learner logs into a Linkedin Learning course for professional certification in project management

## **FRIDAY**

## 11 AM 🔗

An adult stops by the library to pick up holds from another county using the Marina Inter-Library Loan system and browses art exhibit



#### 4 PM

Families sign up for all-ages Summer Reading Program



# **SATURDAY**

#### **11** AM

Families arrive for the Children's Book Festival

1 PM 🔗

Families stroll Story Trails at Brantwood and Calvert Park



# SATURDAY

3 pm 🤌

Commuter uses Wi-Fi in the parking lot to download audiobooks for the week



"I TOOK MY VERY FIRST WRITING COURSES THROUGH YOUR ONLINE GALE COURSES. SOON I WAS ATTENDING WRITING CONFERENCE. SINCE THEN I'VE WORKED WITH 5 DIFFERENT PUBLISHERS AND HAVE PUBLISHED 12 NONFICTION CHILDREN'S BOOKS. NOW I TEACH OTHER WRITERS!" - Annette Whipple



Annette Whipple, presenting at the 2022 Children's Book Festival



#### MISSION

Champion Reading. Build Knowledge. Inspire Curiosity.

#### VISION

The Library is the Heart of a thriving Cecil County.

#### ANNUAL LIBRARY IMPACT

256,355 **Materials Owned** 

> 744,298 **Materials Checked Out**

270,176 Children's Materials **Checked Out** 

> 471,494 **Adult Materials Checked Out**

122,030 **Digital Items Checked Out** 

> 987 **Programs**

30,684 **Program Attendees** 

> 233,968 Library Visits

411,920 **Virtual Visits** 

4,629 **New Library** Cards issued

69,082 **Questions Answered** 

162 **Community Meetings** 

2,173 **Community Meeting Attendees** 

96,589 Computer and WiFi Sessions

330 Online Course **Certificates Earned** 

574,082 Minutes of Online Learning

## ORGANIZATIONAL REACH



Library **Branches** 



Outreach Bookmobile



Full-Time



Access to Equivalent Staff Online Learning