



Cecil County Public Library **2019 Annual Report**

Mission

Champion Reading.
Build Knowledge.
Inspire Curiosity.

Vision

The Library is the
Heart of a thriving
Cecil County.



Groundbreaking for the new North East Branch Library.

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“Our libraries are an economic growth engine, a source of lifelong learning, a resource for our veterans, a place to start a small business, or to gain job skills. Libraries are a vital center for the community.”

- Brig. Gen. Kennard R. Wiggins, Jr.,
President

2019 Highlights

Hundreds of community members and elected officials gathered in early May to celebrate **the groundbreaking for the new North East Branch Library**, expected to open next winter.

“We are certain this library will not only enrich and make better the lives of our citizens, but will also be a place of learning for decades to come.”

- Alan McCarthy,
County Executive



Cecil County is reading more than ever! Last year, **the community read or listened to 694,825 books** - that's more than 6 books per citizen.

Beloved bookmobile driver Arne Anderson, or “Mr. Arne,” was awarded the **Maryland Library Association's President's Award for Customer Service**.



“Arne delivers much more than just books. His bookmobile is full of compassion, care, empathy, encouragement, laughter, friendship and love. His smile and enthusiasm for his work are contagious and inspirational for everyone within his touch.”

- Raymond “Chick” Hamm,
Executive Vice President, PNC Bank



2019 Highlights



The Friends Foundation of CCPL launched their first community campaign, “**Raising the 21st Century Child**” to enhance learning spaces for children, teens, and families at the new North East Branch Library.

“Part of my educational philosophy and goal is to provide a feast of ideas for my children, and the Cecil County Public Library is a major part of that.”

- Christina M.,
Library User and Parent



In Summer, we launched the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program with a special, fine-free library card. We’re already seeing our first finishers.

Thanks to the generosity of partner Delmarva Power, elementary-aged children and their families can now check out **STEM Exploration kits** for take-home learning.



With the support of Cecil County Public Schools, the **SPARK Summer Reading Outreach program** was extended to all 1,225 6th graders in Cecil County. By summer’s end, they had read 5,000 books!



Annual Library Impact

263,538

Collection Size with

988,052

Materials Circulated

19,262

People Attended

1,121

Library Programs

413,170

Library Branch Visits

445,810

Virtual Branch Visits

236,521

Computer and
WiFi Sessions

34,114

People Served through

845

Outreach Events

5,757

People Attended

574

Community Meetings in the Library

115,767

Questions Answered

5,398

New Library Card Holders

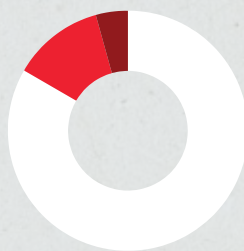
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Resources Accessed through
the Library's Online Databases

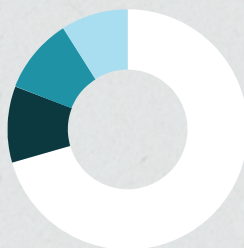
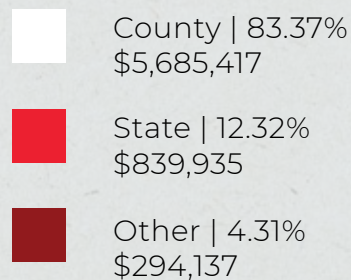
Organizational Reach



FY19 Financials



Revenue by Source



Actual Expenditures: \$6,204,859

