

**Maryland Public Libraries**  
**Annual Report Requirements**

**FY2012**

**System Name, Address and Contact Information**

Kent County Public Library

408 High Street

Chestertown, MD 21620

Jacqueline M. Adams, Executive Director

**Names of Board Members and Director**

Alice Ritchie, President

Richard Kalter, Vice President

Beverly Birkmire, Treasurer

Barbara Macbeth, Secretary

Richard Hawkins

W. Christopher Maxwell

Clayton R. Newell

Jacqueline M. Adams, Library Director

**Elected Officials**

**County Commissioners**

Ronald H. Fithian, President

William Pickrum

William A. Short

### **Annual Statistics for the Fiscal Year**

- Total Budget (see **Financial Statements Audit Report pgs. 26-28**)
- Total Budget by source (see **Financial Statements Audit Report pgs. 26-28**)

### **Other Statistics**

- Branches & Bookmobiles **(3)**
- Materials Collection **(49,623)**
- Materials Circulated **(148,259)**
- Registered Borrowers **(15,093)**
- Information Questions Answered **(9,674)**
- Number of Library Visits **(120, 094)**
- Number of Programs/Attendance **(400/8,826)**
- Meeting Room Use by Outside Organizations **(647)**
- ILL (received: ) **(2,977)**
- Personnel **(11.5)**
- Public Access Computers **(33)**

### **Library Service Highlights**

The first six months of FY2012 marked the beginning of a yearlong celebration of the Kent County Public Library's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This occasion prompted the creation of a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo that is displayed on large banner at all locations. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme was incorporated into all major events and as many programs as possible beginning with a Love your Library fundraising initiative, ceremonies and placing of plaques at previous library locations. Events are continuing into FY 2013

### **Children's Programming Highlights**

As a result of working closely with the Kent County Public Schools, Vera Shade, Head of Children and Youth Services received the 2012 "Friend of Education" award.

Children's programs were offered monthly in fiscal year 2012. We served 5,522 patrons at youth programs

- The Eastern Shore Regional Library sponsored the Newberry award winning author Jack Gantos for a visit in April. There were 230 excited visitors in the Rock Hall auditorium. This was the highest attendance recorded for a Children’s program in seven years. Library Board members, local Grade 5 elementary school students, Washington College students, home school students and educators and administrators in the Kent County area were invited
- KCPL sponsored a student essay contest in conjunction with the Jack Gantos visit. The three winners were given \$50 gift certificates in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- KCPL celebrated Children’s Book Week in May by featuring the famous book character and PBS TV star, Curious George. George visited all three branches of the KCPL. One hundred forty six guests attended the Curious George story time programs
- June kicked off the 2012 “Dream Big” summer reading program in which 56 programs were offered throughout June, July and August. 2,041 people attended Children’s programs in June, July, and August, 344 children registered for the Summer Reading Game

### **Teen Programming Highlights**

- September 2011, Annie Woodall, Children and Youth Associates, launched the first KCPL regular program for teens. Initiated in response to a request from teen patrons who wanted to start a manga club, the program started as a monthly event. By January 2012, the program was being offered twice a month and had attracted a core group of regulars. The program's informal structure provided teens with a space to draw, discuss manga and anime, and engage in a variety of creative projects. Continued regular attendance and positive feedback from the teens kept the program going throughout the year.
- June 2012, KCPL initiated a teen volunteer program at the Chestertown branch. Four teens saw the application process through and became volunteers, giving 81 hours of service. The teens helped with re-shelving materials, keeping the children's area neat and clean, preparing craft projects, setting up program space, preparing summer reading materials, and other tasks.

### **Adult Programming Highlights**

We served served 2,625 patrons at adult programs

- In keeping with the library’s mission to provide relevant community programs and service, KCPL initiated a monthly art wall exhibit that begins with a “First Friday” art reception given by the participating artists. 679 community members attended the reception in FY 2012
- Initiated a KCPL Writer’s Group that meets twice a month
- National Library Week (April 2012) events:
  - Novelist by Peter Manseau
  - Courageous Women of Maryland by Katherine Kenny

- A living history performance about Pearl S. Buck
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz & Java “Concert in the Stacks”
- Novels, a Nation & the Poetic Word: a Conversation on Ireland with Washington College Professors
- Monthly programs included: Jazz & Java, Gardening, the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake, writing techniques, and more
- KCPL continued to sponsor 4 library book groups and provide assistance to over 10 community book groups
- Weekly films of classic films for public viewing and discussion
- Macintosh User’s Group, Digital Photography Classes, and Digital Walk-In Clinic

### **Partnerships**

- League of Women Voters
- Judy Center of Kent County
- Kent County Public Schools: Class tours and book purchases for required summer reading
- Chestertown Rotary
- SCORE
- Pepco
- Kent County Department of Social Services
- AARP Tax Preparation
- Kent County Board of Elections
- Partnered with community organizations and individuals to provide displays for timely and relevant subjects including
- Chestertown Book Festival
- Tea Party Parade
- Galena Dogwood Days Parade
- Rock Hall July 4 Parade
- Weekly story time at Chestertown Farmer’s Market
- Program for Crazy Days in July at Fountain Park
- Chess Club meets weekly in the Children’s Department

### **FY 2012 Budget**

The attached Financial Statements Audit Report and Management Letters contain information on budget issues and provide significant financial highlights for FY 2012.