

## **Required Information**

**System Name-** Kent County Public Library System

### **Address and Contact Information**

408 High St. Chestertown, MD 21620

Phone: 410-778-3636

Website: kentcountylibrary.org

### **Names of Board Members, Director, Elected Officials**

#### **KCPL Board of Trustees**

Amy Sine

Peggy McKee

John Murphy

Valerie Overton

Jay Silcox

Judi O'Brien

Erin Counihan

#### **KCPL Executive Director**

Arnessa Dowell

#### **Kent County Commissioners**

P. Thomas Mason

Ronald H. Fithian

Robert N. Jacob Jr

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

**Total Budget** - \$1,053,858

#### **Total Budget by Source**

- Appropriations - \$816,251

- State & Other Grants - \$194,852

- Fees - \$2,647

- Restricted Donations - \$32,592

- Donations - \$6,020

- Misc. - \$1,513

#### **Operating Budget (Local, State and Federal)**

- State of Maryland - \$194,852

- Local - \$716,399

- Federal - \$25,800

**Capital Budget** - \$74,228

**Grants Budget** - \$110,616

**Total Expenditures (personnel, materials, equipment, other)** - \$1,074,749

#### **Materials Circulated- total and break down by Adult/Children's -**

- **Total- 113,573**

- Adult- 93,400

- Children- 20,173

#### **Materials Owned- total and break down by Adult/Children**

- **Total- 30,887**

- Adult- 22,784

- Children- 8,103

**Information (Reference) Questions Answered** - 4,140

**Registered Borrowers (Card Holders)-** 9,494

**Number of Library Visits-** 51, 603  
**Number of Programs and Attendance-**

- Programs- 265
- Attendance- 7,663

**ILL (received and loaned)-**

- ILL Received- 24,452
- ILL Loaned- 23,400

**Personnel (Total FTE)-** 12.75

### **Optional Information**

*Library Service Highlights (for example):*

#### **Programs of Note**

- *Reading with Dogs, Echoes of Nature, Pet Rocks*
- *Wildlife Adventures, Candy Sushi, Dissect & Draw*
- *Pizza & Make a Thing Series (Teen monthly program at two locations)*
- *Polar Express Holiday Party*
- *Tea Rex Tea Party*
- *Encanto Sing-a-Long*
- *Middle & High School Mental Health Fairs (Outreach programs)*
- *Millington Summer Reading Kickoff (1st ever), Betterton Family Beach Picnic*
- *Launched 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*
- *Paint a Pet Portrait*
- *Soap Making*
- *Cat Castles in partnership with local nonprofit The Cat Colloquium*
- *Basic Leather Working*
- *Chocolate Making*
- *Joyful Art Workshop (One Maryland One Book program)*
- *Share Your Delight Showcase (One Maryland One Book program)*
- *Big Hurrah Holiday BINGO*
- *Get Cookbooking! How to Create Your Own Digital Cookbook*
- *African American Read-In (virtual) in partnership with Sumner Hall; Washington College Department of Education; Washington College Black Studies Program; the Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College; and Chesapeake Heartland: An African American Humanities Project*
- *Seed Swap in partnership with Maryland Extension*
- *Global Art Peace Project in partnership with RiverArts*
- *The Poem as a Container in partnership with Eastern Shore Writers' Association*
  
- **Additional Partnership Initiatives**
- *Maryland Libraries Together -- statewide library virtual program partnership*
- *Kent County Health Department -- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (Sept 2021) and COVID-19 test kit distribution (ongoing)*

- Samaritan Group, George's Free General Store at Washington College, Feed the Elderly -- Stock the Shelves food & hygiene supply drive (November 2021)
- Recovery in Motion -- outreach at 8th Annual Backyard Bash (June 2022)
- League of Women Voters of Kent County -- local candidate forum (June 2022)
- Rock Hall and Galena Elementary School Outreach Days

### ***FY22 Partnerships***

- *Maryland Libraries Together*
- *University of Maryland Extension*
- *Master Gardeners*
- *Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum*
- *AARP Maryland Speakers Bureau*
- *Washington College Department of Education*
- *Washington College Black Studies Program*
- *Sumner Hall*
- *RiverArts*

### ***Electronic Materials and Access***

*Users of Public WiFi: 43, 331*

### ***Narrative re: Budget impacts (cuts, additions) on service***

- *Public Service hours (Contact and Contactless): 3,321*
- *Saw an increase of 14% to previous year's budget but still utilized some of the organizations unrestricted reserve fund*
- *Awarded \$25,000 in private donations for Rock Hall*
- *Relocated and Renovated North County Branch- almost tripling the space from 1800 sq.ft. to 3,500 sq.ft.*
- *Spent \$72, 000 renovating staff work area and break room*
- *Relocated Rock Hall Branch to a more centralized location*
- *Hired three new full time employees and three part-time employees which aided in the expansion of programming at Rock Hall and North County branches*
- *Continue to see a steady increase in library card sign ups which increased by 4.4% over previous year*