

Muncie Public Library



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2017

Muncie Public Library Mission Statement

Provide accessible and innovative services responding to the reading, informational, educational, and enrichment needs of the community.

Library of the Future

Muncie Public Library was named the 2017 Library of the Future by the American Library Association and Information Today



Publishing, Inc. This national honor was given to MPL based on the innovative *Digital Climbers* program which motivates and inspires children ages eight and older to experiment with hands-on activities, allowing them to master skill sets in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM).

Library Director Akilah Nosakhare and employees Stuart Cotton, Dan

Allen, and Rebecca Parker attended the ALA Conference in Chicago on June 25, 2017 to accept the award. MPL was featured in a



January 2018 issue of *Computers in Libraries* magazine.

Top photo: Stuart Cotton with a Digital Climber. Bottom photo: Backstage at the ALA Conference.

Highlights:

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Partnerships & Collaborations

MPL values collaboration with neighborhood associations, local businesses, schools, and other non-profits in our community to meet the educational and informational needs of our customers of all ages and stations of life. MPL also seeks out grant and funding opportunities to enhance the programs and services offered to the community.

Maring-Hunt Community Garden Project

In partnership with Ball State University, MPL celebrated the grand opening of the Gateway to Gardening Pavilion at Maring-Hunt Library. *(See photos below.)* The project included neighborhood input sessions (charrettes) design concepts, and finally, the construction of a beautiful pavilion to be enjoyed by the community! The project was made possible by a BSU Immersive Learning Project grant, and was designed and built by BSU students and their faculty mentor, Dr. Pam Harwood. Additional grants from a number of funders will be used to expand the project in the future.



The 2017 Solar Eclipse

MPL was a participating partner with NASA to provide safety glasses and safe viewing instructions for the 2017 Solar Eclipse. The Muncie Astronomy Club was also a local partner for the event. More than 2,000 pairs of safety glasses were given away and more than 600 people attended the viewing parties and live-streaming events at all MPL branches. *(See photos at right.)*



Commitment to the Environment

Muncie Public Library formed a Green Committee in 2016 and their work continues to guide MPL in environmental matters. MPL celebrated World Environment Day on Monday, June 5, 2017. Participants were encouraged to plant a seed, meet Mr. Blue, the Muncie Sanitary District mascot, and find out how to reduce, reuse, and recycle to help the environment. The event was included on the World Environment Day global map!

Thanks to a partnership with the Muncie Sanitary District, all MPL branches gave away free reusable tote bags until the supplies ran out. Single-use plastic bags have been discontinued at MPL and customers are encouraged to use and reuse the green tote bags or their own favorite tote bags for their library materials.



Top photo: MPL employee Sara McKinley and MSD employee Jason Donati display the reusable tote bags. Bottom photo: Young customers with Mr. Blue.

A Mary Shelley Salon & Tea

MPL celebrated the upcoming 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. The Carnegie Library event included a silent auction, Victorian trivia, a string quartet, and a formal tea served by MPL's Maria Early and her family. She and her family were dressed in beautiful and authentic Victorian clothes. *Above photo: Maria Early and family. Right photo: Guests at the formal tea.*



Union Catalog Project

MPL and Muncie Community Schools (MCS) worked together to create a union catalog—a shared catalog that represents the collections of the participating organizations. It allows MCS students and teachers to more fully and more easily access all of the resources in the school libraries and in the MPL collection. All collections at all MCS schools were added to the Union Catalog during 2017, and work began on extending the project to include Motivate Our Minds, an afterschool tutoring center.

Great Achievers

The 21st CCLC grant was renewed for the successful Great Achievers program to help students from South View Elementary with homework, math, and reading skills. More than 50 students in grades 1-5 met four days per week throughout the Muncie Community Schools academic year.

Early Literacy at MPL

The Early Literacy Program (ELP) at MPL grew to serve a capacity number of children. ELP improves and expands early childhood education opportunities by offering children and their caregivers



early literacy sessions at the library and at in-home visits. *Photo: The first “graduate” of the ELP program at MPL. This student improved his reading skills by several grade levels and is now reading at grade level and is on track for academic success!*

Card Count

42,886

Includes Resident, Non-Resident, Student, PLAC, and Reciprocal Cards.

The Union Catalog Project included the creation of a special card issued to every MCS student!



Library Branches



Carnegie Library
301 E. Jackson St.
765-747-8208
CA houses a computer lab, meeting space, and the Local History & Genealogy Collection.



Connection Corner
1824 E. Centennial Ave.
765-747-8216
CC is a high-tech center with laptops, iPads, recording studio, meeting space, and learning tech for all ages.



Kennedy Library
1700 W. McGalliard Rd.
765-741-9727
KB is a full service library with books, eResources, computer labs, meeting space, and more.



Maring-Hunt Library
2005 S. High St.
765-747-8200
M-H is a full service library with books, eResources, meeting space, computer labs, Maker Loft high-tech area, a community garden, and more.

A Reverse Exchange Program

In 2016, MPL hosted Cesar Gallardo, an exchange student from Honduras, as part of the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative



(YLAI). Cesar learned about nonprofits to help in his work as founder of Dona Un Libro, Cambia Una Mente, an initiative to build

and strengthen libraries in Honduras.

In 2017, MPL's Katherine Mitchell turned the tables and visited Cesar in Honduras. She taught the organizers of fledgling libraries about the basics in library cataloging and book mending.

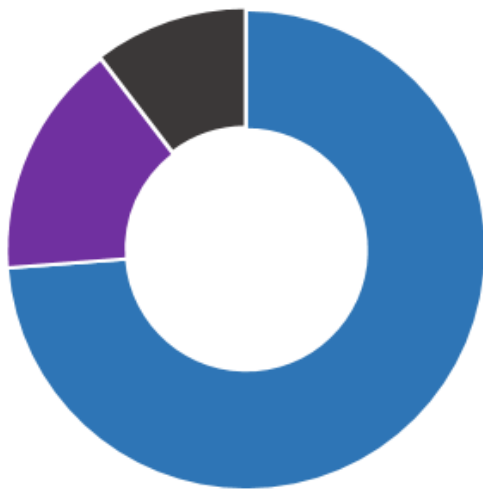


The Friends of Muncie Public Library is a dedicated group of volunteers who hold book sales throughout the year to benefit programs and services at MPL! Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Consider joining the Friends.

Thank You Friends!

Financial Information

2017 Operating Revenue

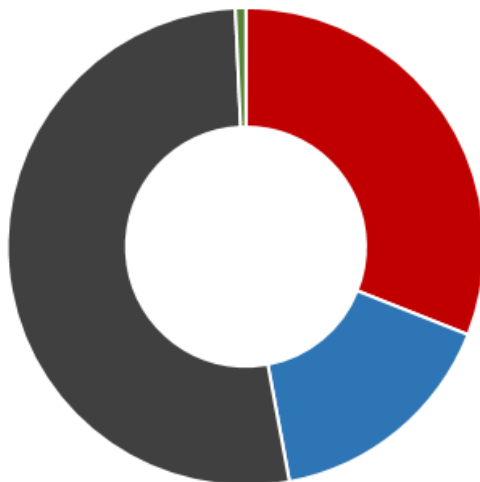


Property Taxes
\$2,713,421.74

LIT
\$581,349.00

Other
\$381,930.48

2017 Operating Expenditures



Capital Outlays
\$3,695,480.52

Personnel
\$2,194,068.20

Other Services
\$1,138,747.71

Supplies
\$50,366.64

Collections

286,285

Includes all items, print, audio-visual, etc. and all Muncie Community School items in the shared catalog

Circulations

679,375

Includes all circulating items at all branches plus item checkouts through the shared catalog

Board of Trustees 2017

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David Walker

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Officers 2017

President: Daniel Stallings Vice-President: Joanne Baierwalter

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Top photo from left to right: Beth Kroehler, Akilah Nosakhere, Mary Louise Buck, Joanne Baierwalter, Nancy Turner, Billie Sheppard, Royce Mitchell, Daniel Stallings, Marilyn Carey. Not pictured: David Walker. Bottom photo: Akilah Nosakhere.

What's Next for MPL?

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, the success of Muncie Public Library and of our community relies on the partnerships and collaborations taking place for our greater good. Today's library fosters community development through collective organizational efforts. A philosophy of service guides MPL's initiatives and binds the library to local organizations with shared goals. In fact, the spirit of working together has never been stronger! A review of the activities of the past year



reveals that MPL collaborated with more than 50 local, state, national, and international organizations to deliver innovative programming, services, and resources to our community. This shared enthusiasm for working together ensures that our community will continue to be better, and grow stronger in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Akilah S. Nosakhere, Director
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More MPL Highlights

MPL programs entertained and informed thousands of participants throughout 2017.

The *Bats in the Library* program at Kennedy Library attracted more than 100 children and adults who learned about bats, saw one up close, and created bat crafts.



MPL hosted several participants of the *Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program* (PAYLP) for high school students, a program sponsored by the U.S Department of State and implemented by Meridian International Center, a Washington, DC based non-profit institution.



Heroes of Color at Connection Corner celebrated diversity and super heroes. With the help of costumes and green screen technology, everyone had super powers, even our MPL Library Director!

