



# Muncie Public Library Report to the Community 2019

## Muncie Public Library Mission Statement

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

## MPL Core Values

**MUNCIE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Core Values of Muncie Public Library**

- Treat all people with respect and courtesy.
- Be proactive and responsive to community needs.
- Be prudent and responsible stewards of resources.
- Operate effectively and efficiently.
- Support innovation and flexibility in planning and operation.
- Provide a comfortable, nurturing and stimulating environment for learning.

*My Life. My Library.*



## Shared Catalog Statistics

Muncie Public Library is in a shared catalog agreement with Muncie Community Schools and Motivate our Minds. Numbers represent the total statistics of this shared UCAT Catalog.

## Collections

**288,418**

Includes all items, print, audio-visual, etc.

## Circulations

**552,183**

Includes all circulating items.

## Card Count

**49,262**

Includes Resident, Non-Resident, Student, PLAC, and Reciprocal Cards. The UCAT Catalog Project included the creation of a special card issued to every MCS student and MCS & MOM teacher!



## The Power of Partnerships

MPL values collaboration with neighborhood associations, local businesses, schools, and other non-profits in our community. MPL also seeks out grant and funding opportunities to enhance the programs and services offered to the community. In 2019, MPL partnered with, benefitted from, presented at, participated with, and shared resources with a large number of community partners, always with the unified goal of creating a better community for everyone!

*The images below illustrate many, but not all, of the MPL partnerships during 2019.*





## Academic Enrichment: Great Achievers & Ready Readers

**Great Achievers**, the MPL afterschool program for students at South View Elementary, continued its success in helping students at risk of academic failure to succeed and thrive through homework help, tutoring, and positive experiences. Activities include field trips and art and dance activities hosted by visiting partner organizations. The GA program is helped tremendously by Ball State University Student Voluntary Services volunteers who assist the



students with hands-on homework help. Great Achievers and South View Elementary continue to work together closely to serve the students, creating a team dynamic so that both entities can provide the best learning experience for the students to grow academically and socially. The GA program is a 21st Century Community Learning Center funded primarily through the US Department of Education.

*Photo shows GA students enjoying a dance activity.*

### Great Achiever 2019 Statistics

50 students enrolled in the program.

Volunteers gave approximately 345 hours of time to the program.

**MPL Ready Readers** is an early literacy program that provides free one-on-one reading tutoring to children ages 1-9. Children learn and practice skills through different age appropriate games and activities. The program staff work closely with parents and caregivers to schedule sessions either at Maring-Hunt Library or in the child's home. Parents and caregivers are an important part of the program and receive free materials to help continue their child's learning.

### Ready Readers 2019 Statistics

1,095 individual sessions were held.

548 hours were spent working on reading skills.

8 students graduated from the program by improving

their reading skills to grade or age level. *Photos show two of the proud students who graduated from the Ready Readers program.*



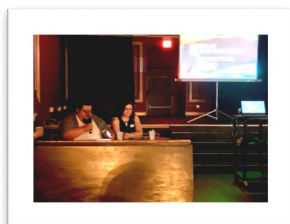
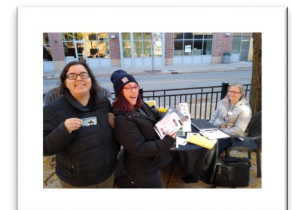
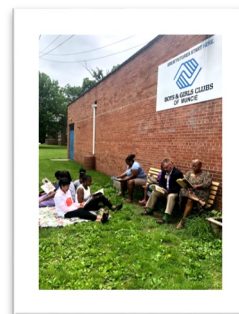
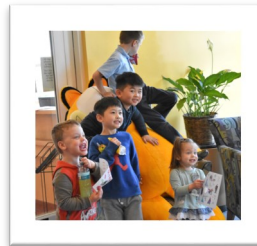
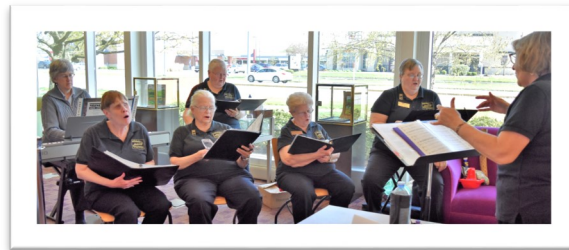


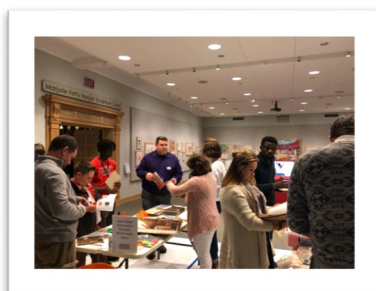
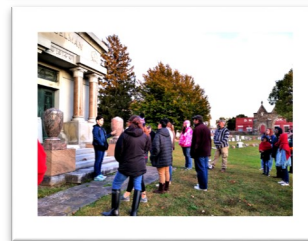
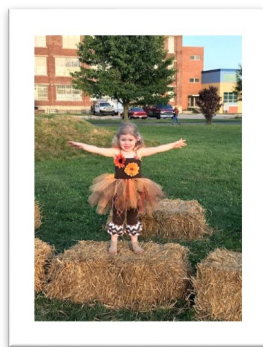
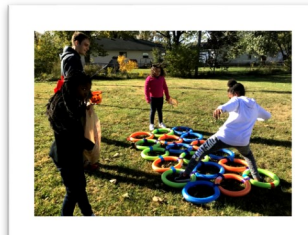
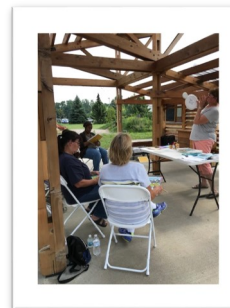
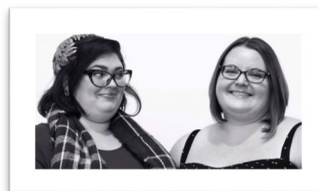
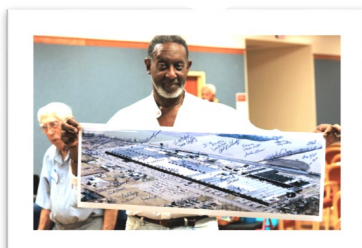
## Program Highlights

MPL held hundreds of programs for all ages throughout 2019. Programs featured a lively mayoral candidates town hall meeting, summer reading initiatives for adults and children, music, visiting authors, historical presentations, computer training, movie showings, a Human Library, genealogy fairs, craft programs, book clubs, a knitting and stitching effort to help keep people warm, a board game reading challenge, Anime clubs, a film club, story times for babies and children, thoughtful discussions, and so much more! MPL programs are always free and everyone is welcome! *List and photos show just some of the wide range of programs at MPL.*

- Library-opoly
- Spring Fest
- Mayoral Town Hall
- Genealogy Fair
- MPL Film School
- Summer Reading Program
- Yes We Care! Reading Everywhere!
- Music For All
- The History of the Mark III Tap Room
- Pop Up Library!
- Book Signings
- Parent's Night Out
- Scarecrow Festival
- The Talking Library
- Fall Fest
- Adult Spelling Bee
- Warner Gear Reunion & Digital Display
- Grave Digger's Tale
- Stitch Against the Cold

Library-opoly

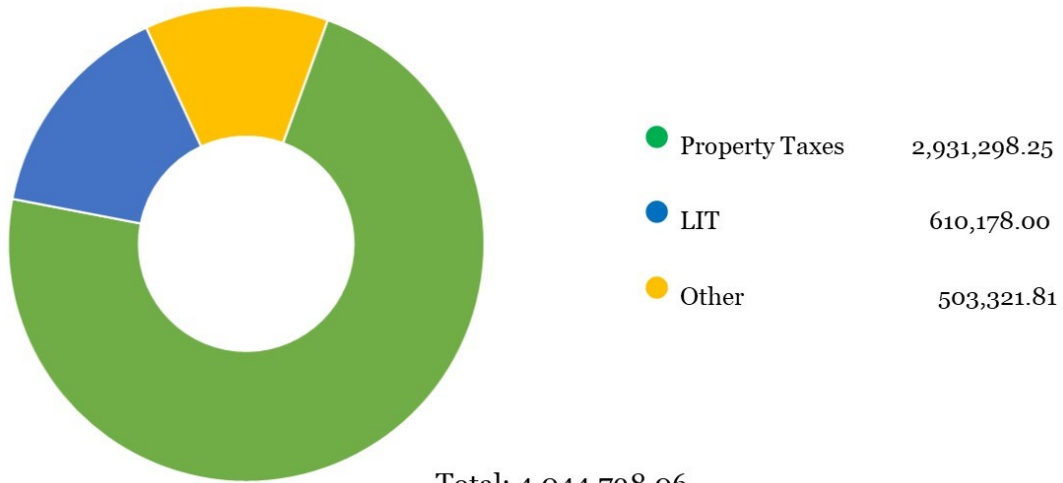




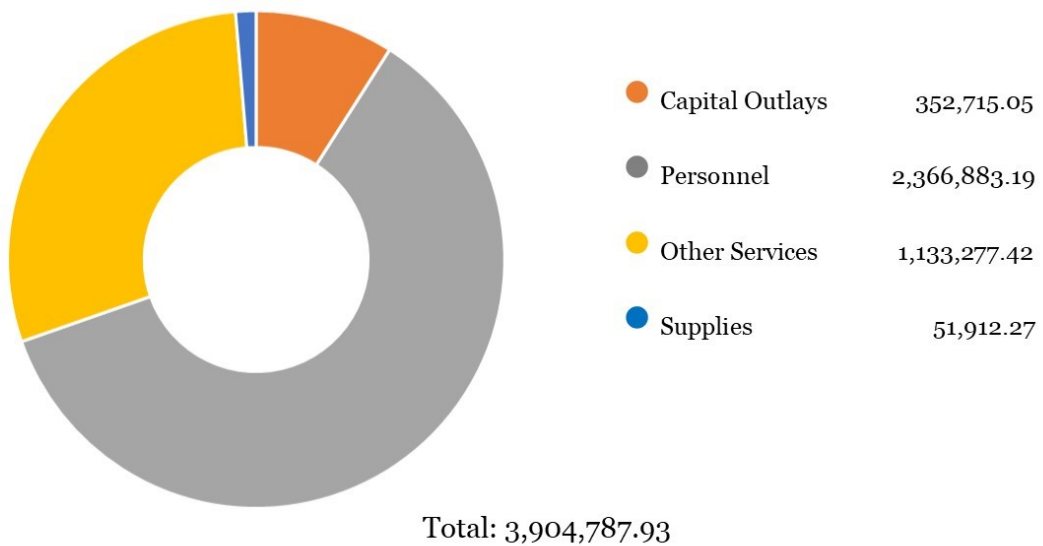


## Muncie Public Library Financial Information 2019

### 2019 Operating Revenue



### 2019 Operating Expenditures



## MPL Board of Trustees 2019

Phil Boltz

Mary Louise Buck

Marilyn Carey

Patrick Ferguson

Traci Lutton

Royce Mitchell

Billie Sheppard



## Officers 2019

President: Mary Louise Buck

Vice-President: Billie Sheppard

Secretary: Daniel Stallings

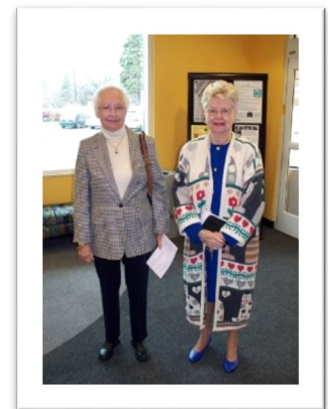
*Photo at left shows new Board of Trustees member Traci Lutton (left) with MPL Assistant Library Director Beth Kroehler (right) at a brief swearing in ceremony.*

## Remembering Marilyn Carey

Marilyn Carey retired from the MPL Board of Trustees in June of 2019 after many years of dedicated service.

MPL celebrated Marilyn's 90th birthday in August with a special tribute video that featured messages from Marilyn's friends, colleagues, and community leaders. Marilyn loved the video birthday card and was humbled that so many people and organizations participated. Many shared special stories of their work with Marilyn and thanked her for her positive impact on the Muncie community. Marilyn passed away on September 21, 2019.

Muncie Public Library Director Akilah Nosakhere, shared the following sentiment, "Our public libraries, our public schools, and our civic life are forever enriched by Marilyn's sincere contributions, contagious laughter, and wonderful wit." *Photo shows Marilyn Carey (right) and her sister, Patricia Styles (left) at the Kennedy Library Grand Reopening in 2008. Marilyn and Patricia passed away just days apart in September of 2019.*



## Note from the Library Director

We've all heard that a picture is worth a thousand words. There may be some doubt about that in a world where "photoshop" has become a verb, but for the most part, it is still true. That's why MPL can't help but feel proud of the collage of logos found in this report that represents many of the community groups MPL had the privilege of working with throughout 2019. When making public presentations about MPL, we often share this collage image. Participants are always struck by the sheer number of partnerships and collaborations enjoyed by MPL, all with the goal of improving our community.

There's a slogan that is popular among librarians, "Better libraries help build better communities." At MPL, we know that through the power of partnerships, this is more than just a slogan; it is a truism that guides our organization in all that we do. Thank you for your support!

*Akilah S. Nosakhere*

## MPL Branches

### Carnegie Library

301 E. Jackson Street  
765-747-8208

Historic Carnegie houses the Local History & Genealogy collection and has a computer lab, wireless access, programs, and a community meeting room.



### Connection Corner

1824 E. Centennial Avenue  
765-747-8216

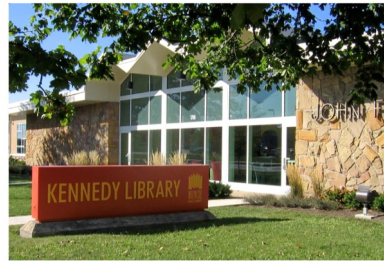
Connection Corner is a high tech community resource center with wireless access, a computer lab, laptops, ebooks, video production, a sound studio, a 3D printer, computer classes, programs, and a community meeting room.



### Kennedy Library

1700 W. McGalliard Road  
765-741-9727

Kennedy Library is a full service library with a large collection of books, digital media downloads, magazines, CD's, DVD's, wireless access, an open computer lab, story times, programs, and a community meeting room.



### Maring-Hunt Library

2005 S. High Street  
765-747-8200

Maring-Hunt Library is a full service library with a large collection of books, digital media downloads, magazines, CD's, DVD's, wireless access, an open computer lab, a small study room, idea studio tech center, story times, programs, a community meeting room, and the Gateway to Gardening Pavilions.



### Administrative Offices

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### The Friends of Muncie Public Library

Thank you to the Friends of Muncie Public Library for their volunteer service and fundraising book sales to benefit MPL! Friends memberships are \$15 for individuals, \$5 for students, and \$25 for a family membership. Become a Friend today!

