

# Muncie Public Library Report to the Community 2018



## Muncie Public Library Mission Statement

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

## Longevity Award

In 2017, Muncie Public Library was named the Library of the Future by the American Library Association and Information Today Publishing. In 2018, MPL was honored for its illustrious past! The Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce recognized MPL for more than 100 years of service to the community. *The Muncie Weekly News*



reported that, "Saturday January 9, 1875 at 8 o'clock," marked the opening of the Muncie Library Reading Room. In 1901, the City of Muncie received \$55,000 from industrialist and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie to build a library.

The foundation for Carnegie Library was laid in 1902, and the date is carved into its cornerstone. The Carnegie Library was dedicated and opened on June 1, 1904. In one form or another, MPL has served the public for more than 143 years! *Photo: Chamber Champions 2018.*

## National Library Week Proclamation

MPL was honored when Mayor Dennis Tyler issued a proclamation encouraging everyone to discover and explore MPL during National



Library Week 2018. Events for the week included library tours, technology demonstrations, and refreshments. *Photo: MPL Assistant Director Beth Kroehler, Mayor Dennis Tyler, and MPL Director*

*Akilah S. Nosakhare at a proclamation ceremony at City Hall.*

## Highlights:

- Awards
- Grants, Gifts & Partnerships
- Circulation
- Cardholders
- The Friends of MPL
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- Leadership
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## Community Partner Award



Connection Corner and the Whitley Community Council (WCC) were recognized for their collaborative work to benefit the community. The BSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology honored both groups with a Community Partner Award.

*Photo: WCC President Frank Scott, Connection Corner Branch Manager Tenisha Harris, BSU Professor Dr. Keisha Warren-Gordon, and WCC Director Ken Hudson.*

## Grants, Gifts & Partnerships 2018

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.

### Community Champions Fund

The Community Champions Fund granted MPL \$6,006 in 2018 to refresh the Early Learning Play Area at Maring-Hunt Library. The money was used to purchase new comfortable seating for adults and



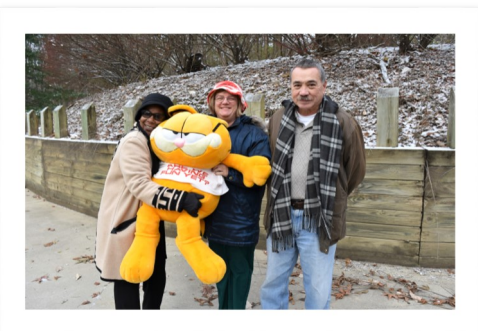
children as well as educational toys. The transformation of the space resulted in an increased use of the area by families and their children. *Top photo: Members of the Community Champions Fund present a grant check to MPL staff and Director. Bottom photo: The refurbished Youth Services area at Maring-Hunt Library.*



### Paws, Inc.

MPL was the lucky recipient of several donations from Paws, Inc. This included Garfield rugs, thousands of Garfield books, and other Garfield collectibles. Many of the

books are available for check out while others will be used for prizes and reading incentives for kids and adults—who also have a soft spot for that huggable, lasagna-loving, Monday-hating feline! *Photos below: MPL Director Akilah S. Nosakhere, Assistant Director Beth Kroehler, and a Paws, Inc. representative; A Garfield book display.*



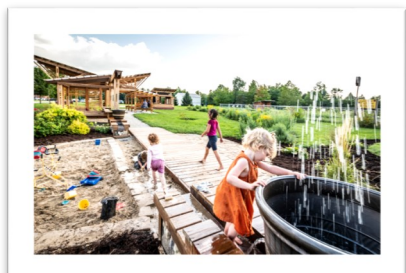
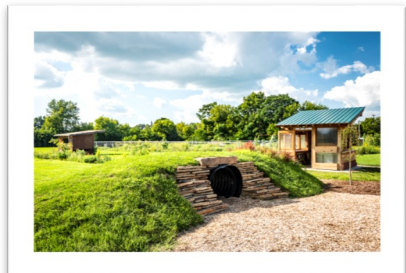


## Gateway to Gardening

The Gateway to Gardening Pavilions at Maring-Hunt Library were expanded throughout 2018 to include play pocket areas, an outdoor kitchen, a bio swale, an education pavilion, and more. The expansion projects were designed and built by BSU students under the leadership of their faculty mentor, Dr. Pam Harwood. The Immersive Learning students presented possibilities to the public during planning charrettes and used the public input to guide the final projects.

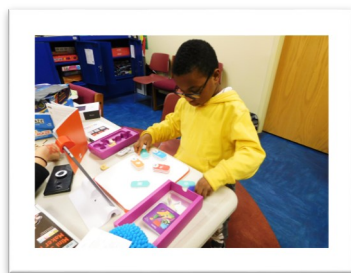
The goal of the Gateway to Gardening Pavilions is to address food insecurity, encourage neighborhood interaction, and provide learning opportunities for area children and adults.

The expansion projects were made possible through the efforts of MPL, Ball State University, Lowe's Community Grants, the 8twelve Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, the Thomas Park Avondale Neighborhood Association, the Urban Gardening Coalition, and many others. *Photos at right from top: Students at a planning charrette; MPL staff and volunteers touring the pavilion; a nature play area; kids enjoying the sand and water play pocket. These beautiful Gateway to Gardening pictures were provided by Chris Bucher Photographs.*



## LSTA Technology Grant

MPL received a \$7,201 Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) grant to extend its award-winning Digital Climbers STEM program to include Kennedy Library. Digital Climbers is a self-guided program for children ages eight and up, that challenges them to master a variety of technology projects. LSTA grants are made possible from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and are administered by the Indiana State Library. *Photos: Digital Climber participants at Kennedy Library.*



## Union Catalog Project Update

MPL and Muncie Community Schools (MCS) worked together to create UCAT, a union catalog that combines the collections of both 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. In 2018, the collections at



Motivate Our Minds (MOMs), an afterschool tutoring center, were

added to the UCAT catalog. MPL and MCS representatives presented the UCAT collaboration at a *Stronger Together* Conference in Omaha, Nebraska and were featured in *Library Journal Magazine*, a national publication. *Photo from left to right: MPL UCAT Coordinator Katherine Mitchell, MCS Media Specialists Rhonda Cowan and Melinda Sheffield, and MPL Assistant Director Beth Kroehler.*

## MPL Film School

The 2018 Summer Film School for teens put professional equipment in the hands of students as they gained video production and editing



experience. The annual film school meets in the idea studio at Maring-



Hunt Library. It culminates with a showcase event and tour at the BSU Teleplex.

The cameras and software in idea studio were made possible by technology grants from the Best Buy Foundation and the George and Frances Ball Foundation. The equipment in idea studio is free for the public to use within the creative space. *Photo: Students at Film School.*

## Collections

**295,314**

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

## Circulations

**615,107**

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

## Card Count

**48,310**

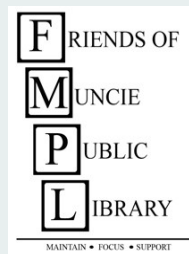
Includes Resident, Non-Resident, Student, PLAC, and Reciprocal Cards.

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



## The Friends

Thank you to the Friends of Muncie Public Library for their volunteer service and fundraising book sales to benefit MPL!



## TeenWorks Really Works!

MPL had a great experience with the young employees of the TeenWorks program. They cleaned shelves, helped prep walls for painting, weeded our community gardens, made a "book" clock for the Maring-Hunt Library lobby, and much more. Thank you to the teens and to this program that helps prepare young adults for their future through hands-on work and job skill sessions!



*Above: Library Assistant Director Beth Kroehler (second row at far left) and Library Director Akilah S. Nosakhere (second row at far right) pose with the TeenWorks employees and their supervisor.*

*Right: Teens at work in the Gateway to Gardening Pavilions at Maring-Hunt Library.*



## New Businesses With Community Spirit!

MPL was thrilled with the community spirit displayed by two new businesses in Muncie. PayLess Super Markets invited MPL to participate in the Community Rewards Program. Shoppers can go online and



register to support a local nonprofit every time they shop. The MPL nonprofit code is W464. If you need help signing up, stop by

any MPL Info Desk for hands-on help.

When shoppers use their card, a percentage is given to the selected nonprofit. Fresh Thyme Farmers Market selected MPL as a recipient of hot dog cart sales during their grand opening celebrations. They also



invited MPL to be a part of the Giving Bag Program. Shoppers can buy a reusable Giving Bag in the store and then go

online to direct \$1 of the purchase to the participating nonprofit of their choice.

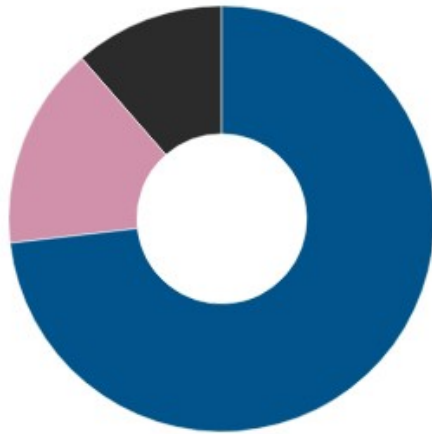
*Below: Maring-Hunt Branch Manager Mary Lou Gentis at a Fresh Thyme event.*





## Muncie Public Library Financial Information 2018

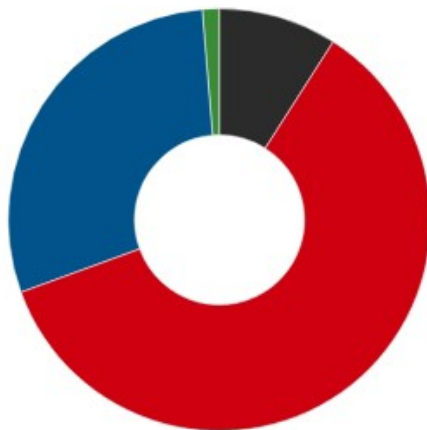
### 2018 Operating Revenue



● Property Taxes	2,870,845.02
● LIT	603,864.00
● Other	448,275.06

Total: 3,922,984.08

### 2018 Operating Expenditures



● Capital Outlays	345,592.26
● Personnel	2,305,818.69
● Other Services	1,117,757.32
● Supplies	49,940.96

Total: 3,819,109.23



## MPL Board of Trustees 2018

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 Mary Louise Buck  
 Marilyn Carey  
 Patrick Ferguson  
 Royce Mitchell  
 Billie Sheppard  
 Daniel Stallings



## Officers 2018

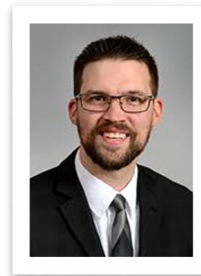
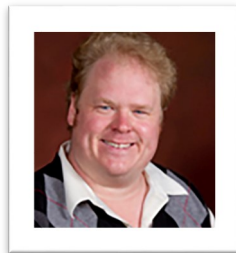
President: Mary Louise Buck  
 Vice-President: Marilyn Carey  
 Secretary: Royce Mitchell

*Top photo: At a retirement event for Nancy Turner, emeriti member, front row: Marilyn Carey, Nancy Turner, and Akilah S. Nosakhare.*

*Second row: Beth Kroehler, Patrick Ferguson, Royce Mitchell, and Daniel Stallings.*

*Middle photo: Daniel Stallings and Mary Louise Buck at a luncheon event.*

*Bottom Photos: Phil Boltz and Patrick Ferguson, new MPL Board of Trustees members.*



## Note from the Director

America's public libraries are stepping up to collaborate with youth service organizations and public schools to meet the educational needs of local communities. MPL's willingness to join forces with area non-profit organizations and neighborhood councils to meet the educational and workforce needs of Muncie, fosters grassroots innovation that can make quite an impact. A review of 2018 events inspires me to pursue even more opportunities to demonstrate why libraries are a vital community resource in public education and workforce development.

**Together we are making it happen in Muncie!**

## 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, 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, laptops, ereaders, ebooks, video production, a sound studio, a 3D printer, computer classes, 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, idea studio tech center, story times, programs, a community meeting room, and the Gateway to Gardening Pavilions.

**Administrative Offices**  
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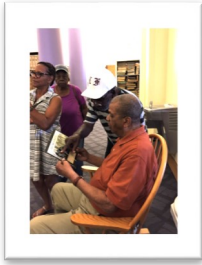
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## African American Collection & Archiving at Carnegie

The Local History and Genealogy collection at Carnegie Library boasts a growing collection of artifacts

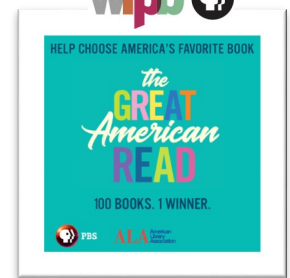
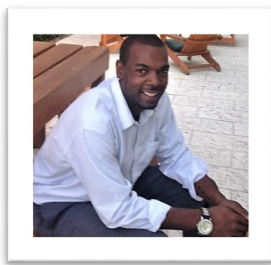


representing the stories of our local African American community.

*Photos: The public was invited to view and help identify the people and places in the African American collection. Also at Carnegie, MPL repurposed compactor shelving from a local business to more efficiently store Carnegie's print resources. Nine local newspapers from the 1800s were digitized in partnership with Ancestry.com.*

## The Great American Read

MPL received a grant to participate and promote The Great American Read, an effort by the Public Broadcast System (PBS) and the American Library Association to encourage everyone to read and to vote for their favorite novel. MPL and local PBS affiliate WIPB-TV hosted several Meet the Author events that were well-attended and engaging. *Photos: Featured authors for The Great American Read, Angela Jackson-Brown, David E. Westbrook, III, and Kurt A. Meyer.*



## Program Highlights

MPL employees staged a radio-play production to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the original radio broadcast of *The War of the Worlds*. Cornerstone Center for the Arts provided the venue and Muncie Civic Theatre assisted with staging advice. Connection Corner hosted its signature Halloween event that attracts a large crowd of children and volunteers for fun, games, and treats. *Photos: MPL employees on the stage; and an employee who bears a striking resemblance to a young Orson Welles; Fall fun at Connection Corner's Halloween Extravaganza.*

