

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2016

Mission Statement

The Muncie Public Library (MPL) mission is to provide accessible and innovative services responding to the reading, informational, educational, and enrichment needs of the community. This mission guided the programs, services, collections, and work of MPL throughout 2016.

Programs

A wide variety of programming was offered for all ages in the community, from our youngest customers at the Mother Goose Story Times, to young adults learning to make it on



their own who attended and enjoyed the “Adulting” series, to adults who filled the Meeting Room at Carnegie Library for a presentation about the Underground Railroad in Indiana, to senior citizens who signed up for a special series presented by LifeStream Services to help prevent falls and injuries. Programs were diverse and were based on literacy, technology, creativity, popular culture, vintage films, and more. What’s the most important thing to



know about programs and classes at MPL? *A library card is never needed to attend events, classes, or programs at MPL!*

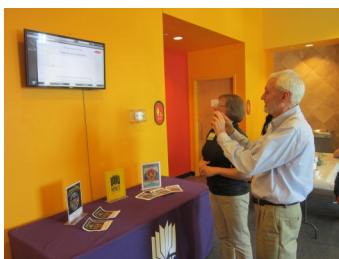
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Go Green with Muncie Public Library

Muncie Public Library formed a Green Committee in 2016 to find ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle within the library and to encourage library customers to do the same.



MPL was inspired to go green by the Solar Carport project at Kennedy Library, which was built with a 2015/2016 Solar Uniting Neighbors (SUN) Grant. The grand opening of the Solar Carport took place during a Solar Fair that featured many eco-minded displays and information plus fun activities for children.

All departments at all MPL branches added recycling containers using the blue bags supplied by Muncie Sanitary District.

The Solar Carport and other green initiatives garnered many awards for MPL including an Oscar Award from Muncie Clean and Beautiful, a Living Lightly Sustainable Muncie Award, and a COTE Green Initiative Award from Ball State University!



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!

Thank You Friends!

Summer Reading Program 2016

MPL continued its popular Summer Reading Program in 2016 with the goal of keeping kids reading all summer long to prevent the “backslide” that can happen during summer break. Kids were encouraged to earn points for every hour



of reading and were rewarded with great prizes from local business sponsors. The 2016 program was a great success. More than 1,644 babies, kids, and teens signed up and read a total of 11,114 hours!

Great Achievers & Early Literacy Program

MPL continued its successful 21st CCLC Great Achievers program to help students from South View Elementary with homework, math, and reading skills. MPL also created a new Early Literacy Program to improve and expand early childhood education opportunities by offering children and their caregivers early literacy sessions at Maring-Hunt Library and at in-home visits. *Photo: Mayor*



Dennis Tyler met with MPL employees Gary Chin and Katie Lehman to discuss early literacy efforts in Muncie.

Bad Art Night

Introduced in 2016, Bad Art Night quickly became a very popular program held in partnership with Cornerstone Center for the Arts. A variety of art and crafting materials



are available and prizes are given for the worst art. It's all in fun and it invites adults and young adults to discover their creativity and to discover more about Cornerstone and MPL!



YLAI Exchange Program

In September, MPL hosted Cesar Gallardo, an exchange student from Honduras, as part of the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI). Cesar learned how non-profits work in the U.S. to help in his important work as founder of Dona Un Libro, Cambia Una Mente, an initiative to build and strengthen libraries in Honduras.

Union Catalog Project

MPL partnered with Muncie Community Schools (MCS) to create a union catalog—a shared catalog that represents the collections of the participating organizations. It will allow MCS students and teachers to more fully and more easily access all of the resources in the school libraries and in the MPL collection. The project was underwritten, in part, by a Quarterly Competitive Grant from the Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County.

Retirement & Library Director Search

MPL Director Ginny Nilles announced in 2016 that she would retire in early 2017 after 22 years of dedicated service to MPL. The MPL Board of Trustees formed a search committee to name a successor. The committee conducted a



community-wide survey to determine the characteristics most valued in MPL's new leader. The position was advertised at the state and national level. A number of qualified and diverse candidates expressed interest.



In December, the MPL Board of Trustees named the new Library Director as Akilah S. Nosakhare, a Muncie native who had experience in public and academic libraries. Her career began at MPL in the early 1980's as part of a grant-funded project. She assumed the duties of MPL Library Director in January of 2017.



Photos: Customers, employees, and community leaders at the retirement party for Ginny Nilles.

Card Count

43,673

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



Library Branches



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



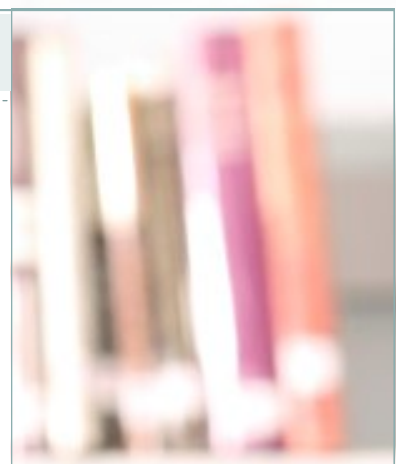
Connection Corner
1824 E. Centennial Ave.
765-747-8216
CC is a high-tech center
with laptops, iPads,
recording studio, meeting
space, and learning
tech for all ages.



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.

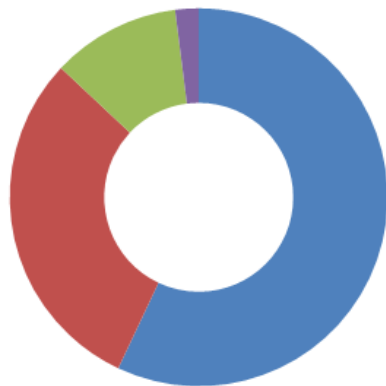


Digital Climbers

Digital Climbers, the technology program that started at Connection Corner, expanded to include the Maker Loft at Maring-Hunt Library. The program challenges kids and teens to master technology skills with 3D printers, computer coding, and other science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) activities. Kids earn badges and small rewards for their accomplishments!

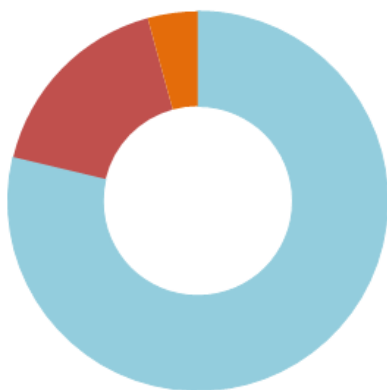
Financial Information

2016 Operating Expenditures



- Personnel 57%, \$2,076,822.52
- Other Services 30%, \$1,090,202.73
- Buildings 11%, \$396,870.10
- Supplies 2%, \$55,469.43

2016 Operating Revenue



- Property Taxes 74%, \$2,799,512.59
- COIT 16%, \$552,835.00
- Other 4%, \$388,794.68

Collections

195,367

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

Circulations

666,378

Includes all circulating items at all branches.



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Looking Forward

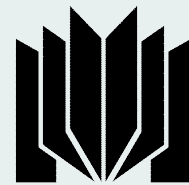
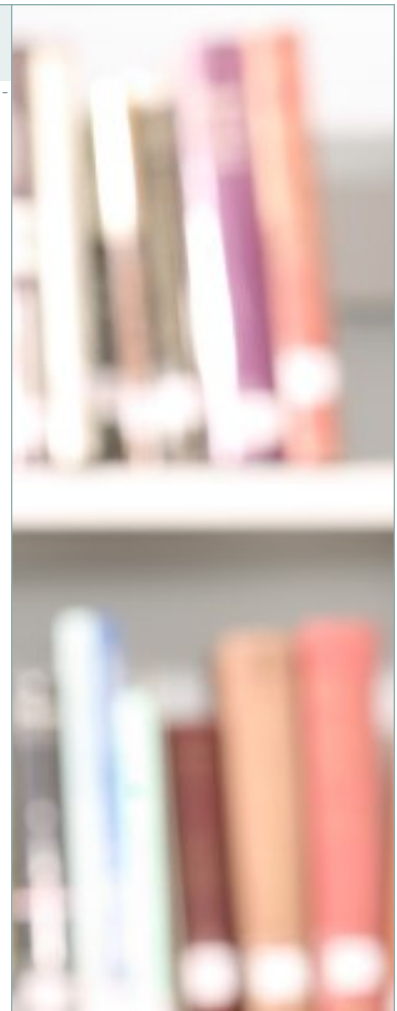
The library of the future is rooted in a historic legacy of community development. Today's library fosters community development through collective organizational efforts at the local level. A philosophy of service informs MPL's innovative



initiatives and binds the library to local organizations with shared goals. We value collaboration with neighborhood associations, local businesses, and other non-profits to meet the educational and informational needs of our customers of all ages and stations of life. The public library embraces its creative mission to support lifelong learning, personal enrichment, and general economic development. I am looking forward to the future. It will be a wonderful opportunity for challenge and growth inspired by collaboration! Together we will succeed!

Sincerely,

Akilah S. Nosakhare, Director
Muncie Public Library



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