



Calvert Library Annual Report FY16

2,663
Events

57,938
Event attendees



179,501
Reference
questions answered

143,489
Computer uses

1,091,551
Materials circulated

516,520
People
through our doors



An excellent, modern library that embraces technology with patient and helpful staff. - M. Kelley, Google reviewer

EDUCATION & FUN



- Provides people of all ages with lifelong learning opportunities and the resources they need for personal growth and development.
- Promotes reading.
- Provides informational and entertaining materials.
- Provides timely, accurate responses to questions and promotes information technology.
- Encourages students and teachers to use library resources.
- Serves as a community gathering place.



Carrie Plymire, Director

Annual reports are an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and milestones of the previous year. In addition to all of the impactful events and successes listed on page 3 of this report, we did a particularly good job working on the first goal of our current strategic plan to expand and strengthen partnerships.

One aspect of community partnership is all of the individuals, organizations and businesses who teach classes for the library, enabling us to extend our curriculum beyond what you might expect to see at your public library. For example, Gwyn Novak of No Time to Cook taught tweens how to decorate holiday cookies; Master Kyle of Black Belt Academy walked tweens and adults through self-defense classes; the Astronomy Club of Southern Maryland hosted regular family Astronomy nights at Fairview Branch; Calvert County NAACP partnered with the library on a “Clean Up Your Record” class with State’s Attorney Laura Martin; Calvert Garden Club put on Books in Bloom, creating amazing floral displays in each library location of children’s books; Play-n-Trade of Lusby brought staff and equipment to help us make International Game Day better than ever.

In addition, Calvert Master Gardeners offered monthly courses at several locations; there were exciting insights into history in partnership with Bayside History Museum and the Town of North Beach; Calvert Chamber of Commerce partnered with us on a Cyber Security class; American Chestnut Land Trust partnered on a One Maryland One Book discussion and canoe trip. I’m sure I left things out of that list – it has been a fantastic year!

We also have a great partner in Calvert County Public Schools. While the library is public education for all ages, we have resources and programs that are especially useful for K-12 students and teachers. Librarians also visit classrooms to teach students about library resources, librarians visit every public elementary school for Lunch Bunch a 5th grade book and activity club, and media specialists and teachers signed up 30% of the children who participated in Summer Reading.

Our closest partners are the Friends of Calvert Library and Calvert Library Foundation who provided the library with over \$25,000 in FY16 for programs, equipment, furniture and staff development. Thank you for your support of these wonderful organizations!

Of course, our most important partners are our wonderful customers who keep us busy every day delivering learning opportunities, access to technology, and yes! books to read and listen to, movies to watch and downloadable/streaming materials of all kinds.

Calvert Library: Inspiring Possibility in Calvert County.

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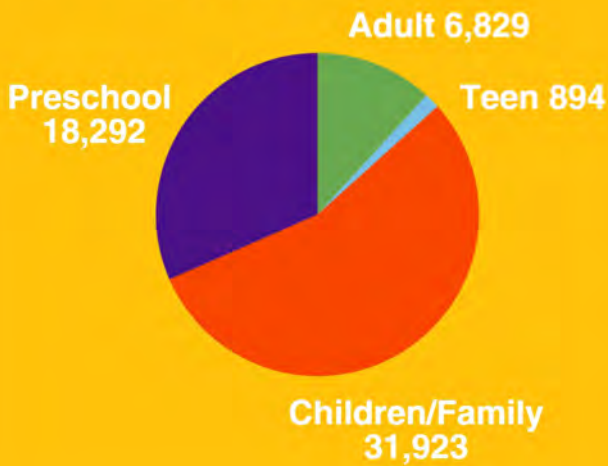
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INSPIRATION

Calvert Library is important because the librarians understand that young children are intelligent and offer programs for them that are unique, fun and brilliant. H. Dailey



EVENTS/CLASSES ATTENDANCE



PEOPLE



5,315 Volunteer hours

101 Volunteers

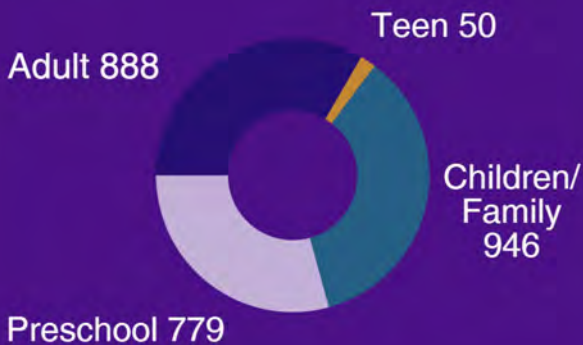
Mobile services visits 125 childcare & homebound locations monthly. That is approximately 3,700 customers every month.

37,032 Active library users

5,206 Uses of library meeting rooms by outside groups



EVENTS/CLASSES



of Events Held per Age Group



INFORMATION & IMAGINATION

Someone just told me about this site for upgrading business skills. I am so excited to be able to use it for free! - L. Stoffel concerning Lynda.com



CCPS partnership librarians visited 8,310 Calvert County students to teach library resources and love of reading



110,810 Database search sessions on Library databases



924 hours of public technology training. 241 hours of staff technology training



CIRCULATED - Physical
655,468 books & magazine
354,100 videos & audio books
1198 eReaders & tablets



115 public internet computers
16 early learning stations



155,060 Reference questions answered

"The Library serves as an educational hub for all age groups in the community." - 2014 customer survey



Digital & ILL

80,785 eBooks,
eAudio, eMags, digital
music, graphic novels,
streaming movies & TV
shows checked out

5,136 items borrowed
from other MD & US
libraries

1,844 passes
borrowed to
Calvert County
museums, parks &
attractions with
our "Check Out
Your Community"
initiative

246,559 physical items
owned by Calvert Library
197,013 books
23,385 audio units
25,696 videos
96 laptops, ebook readers &
other equipment
369 print magazines &
newspapers



Cool things to check out

Digiplayers
eReaders
Video games
Launch pads
Laptops*

*For in-library use

526,502 eBooks,
eAudiobooks,
eMagazines,
eGraphic novels,
streaming movies &
TV shows our
customers have
access to

Summer Reading

4,645 Children & teens
participated

That's 7% more teens
than last year

Did you know there's
adult summer reading
too? 411 people did!

"I love the library. It's the best use of tax
payers money!" Mary (customer)

FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR 2016

INCOME



County	\$3,367,098
State	\$409,632
State Retirement	\$378,395
Fines and Fees	\$141,437
Miscellaneous/Other	\$51,512
Grants	\$29,335
Total	\$4,377,409

EXPENSES



Customer Service	\$1,105,530
Research & Instruction	\$1,946,585
Administration	\$715,434
Materials	\$338,959
Operating	\$208,224
Grants	\$29,335
Capital Outlay	\$25,500
Miscellaneous/Other	\$10,123
Total	\$4,379,690

Support Organizations



\$6,015 in FY16

Imagination Station program expansion
Furniture
Calvert Reads marketing support
Foundation Center subscription
Check Out Your Community marketing



\$21,904 in FY16

Children's events
Teen and tween events
Adult events
Staff development
Memberships/Conferences
Volunteer & employee recognition
Equipment and furniture for branches

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FY16 Accomplishments

- Hosted Welcome Back Week featuring fine forgiveness
- Added automatic renewals and ability to pay with credit cards in the Library.
- Added Rosetta Stone & Lynda.com, making language, business and technology classes available 24/7.
- Hosted an Uncanny Con fandom day with 68 attending.
- Co-hosted Southern MD Acoustic Music Assembly at Annmarie Garden with 300 attending.
- Mobile Services bumped up their participation at community events, updated customer service guidelines and added Storytime Take-Home Cards for parents of their childcare customers.
- Mobile Services received a Sheriff's Salute for teaching parents in the detention center how to reconnect with their children through reading together.
- Visited many Back to School nights and hosted Lunch Bunch (lunch-time book club) at ALL elementary schools.
- Added meaningful volunteer opportunities and improved the volunteer management process.
- Check Out Your Community expanded with 1,836 passes used by Library customers to visit various community attractions.
- Imagination Station set up in PF with enthusiastic approval from the under 5 set (and their parents)!
- With Curiosity Works grant offered classes at the Library and at Barstow Elementary to encourage creativity/problem-solving and purchased creative tools, toys and equipment including a 3D printer, Zoobs, Keva Planks, Magformers, Raspberry pi, Arduino, Sparkfun inventor's kit.
- Participated in National Library Card sign-up month.
- Successful Holiday On the Go to the National Harbor.
- Increased Foundation Center training to support the nonprofit community and others seeking grants.
- Used Beanstack for fun online tracking of summer reading goals and progress.
- New events offered such as Shake It Out music and movement class, community Storytimes, adult coloring and Zentangling and more Manga!
- Received grant for 10 SPLICE laptops pre-loaded with a wide variety of creative software to use for youth classes/events.
- Library TACOS (Teen Advisory Council of Students) had active members representing every high school and homeschoolers.
- Began circulating Launch Pads, child-friendly tablets pre-loaded with educational software.
- Used grant-funded PRIMO Cubettos to introduce the language of coding as early as preschool.
- Fairview used vacated space to create additional customer seating.
- Increased the opportunity to learn computer coding in the Library through drop-in events.
- Offered fun message bags: One Card to Rule Them All, Winter is Coming...Get Books, May the Card Be with You and Book Lovers Never Go to Bed Alone.
- Oral history project started for volunteers to begin collecting community stories.
- In recognition of the importance of early childhood education, we offered more storytimes each week (25/week) and for a longer period of time (35 weeks) than most libraries in the state/country. This helped keep our class size lower so children had the optimal educational experience.

LOCATIONS

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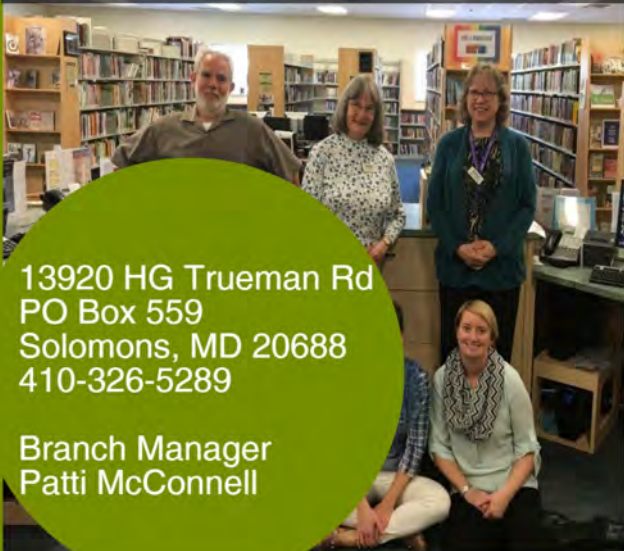
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