



Caroline County
Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

FY2022 has been a year of growth and stabilization with the less dangerous yet continued COVID-19 pandemic. Working on rebuilding our team, I am happy to report that we are growing with new and talented staff. We ended the year with 19 FTE employees. The branches have been back open to the public, including in-person programs. On demand curb-side service and Books-By-Mail are now part of our regularly offered services.

The Library continues to manage Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Caroline County. The staff of the Caroline County Public Schools and the Caroline County Commissioners remain to be the largest funders of this program. Nearly 92,000 books have been mailed to our participating children since we began the program in November 2015!

The Library received a FY2022 Maryland State Library capital grant to complete the design plan for renovation of the first floor of the Central Library based on the 2019 Library Space Utilization Feasibility Study. A FY2023 Maryland State Library capital grant application was approved for the construction of the Central Library first floor renovation.

The Board of Library Trustees will be providing the local match with money from their John Hargreaves fund. The Friends of the Library continue to run a capital campaign to raise funds to assist the Board with funding the cost of new furniture, fixtures, and equipment not covered by the capital grant. We hope to see construction begin in late fall - early winter. A FY2024 state library capital grant was submitted for Phase II Central Library Renovation to replace the slate on the roof of the 1995 addition and to replace the 1995 elevator to bring it up to Code and meet ADA requirements. The Caroline County Commissioners plan to provide the local match for the Phase II project.

Our continued thanks to our Board of Library Trustees and Friends of the Library for their support.

We look forward to continuing to work to rebuild our library team, and to completing our Central Library first floor renovation in FY2023, at all times keeping Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the forefront.

Debby Bennett, Executive Director



SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR



Staff held an outside Community Appreciation Day at the Central Library on Sept 18.

For the fourth year, staff partnered with To the Pointe Dance Studio to present Nutcracker Storytime in December, this year back to in-person.



The Library staff were commended for their expertise to set up and run the County's call center in a December 23, 2021 Caroline County Proclamation celebrating one year of COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Our Teen Tough Topics Book Club met throughout the year to discuss topics such as race, mental health, and resiliency by reading selected young adult books on these topics.



**TEEN
TOUGH
TOPICS**
BOOK CLUB



In celebration of Women's History Month, library staff partnered with the Caroline County Branch NAACP on a display of Caroline County African American Women Movers and Shakers.



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In partnership with the Caroline County Council of Arts, the Library hosted the first outdoor literary event at the Chesapeake Culinary Arts Center featuring Emily Dickinson & Walt Whitman.



Library staff partnered with the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center to offer a Día de los Libros celebration in April with cultural crafts, foods and two bilingual storytimes.



Library staff partnered with the Caroline County Recreation & Parks, providing ukulele classes to their After School Program at the Greensboro Elementary School. Students asked for more classes!



Caroline Crafts Take & Make kits continued to be a big hit with our youth, families and adults.

We had an amazing start to our FY22 - FY23 Summer Reading program that felt more like before the pandemic!



CAROLINE COUNTY RESIDENTS...

LOVE TO READ



15,055
Card Holders

113,786
Checkouts

132,117
Library Visits

62,537
Items in Collection

8,835
Items Loaned to other
MD Libraries

1,000+
Books By Mail

883
Items borrowed from
other MD Libraries

904
New Library Cards



LOVE TO WORK



528
People received
job assistance

LOVE TO LEARN

19,727
Reference Questions
19
Staff Members
Answered

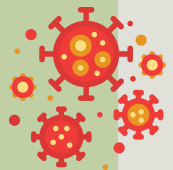


LOVE TO BE SAFE

1,800+
Covid Test Kits



8,000+
KN95 Face Masks



AND...

LOVE TECHNOLOGY

9,850

Public Computer Sessions

92,431

Wi-Fi Uses



19,158

**E-Books & Audiobooks
Checkouts**

7,389

Tech Support Sessions

327

**Laptops & Hotspots
Checkouts**

74,820

Web Page Visits



LOVE TO PARTICIPATE

285

Library Programs

3,649

Program Attendees

728

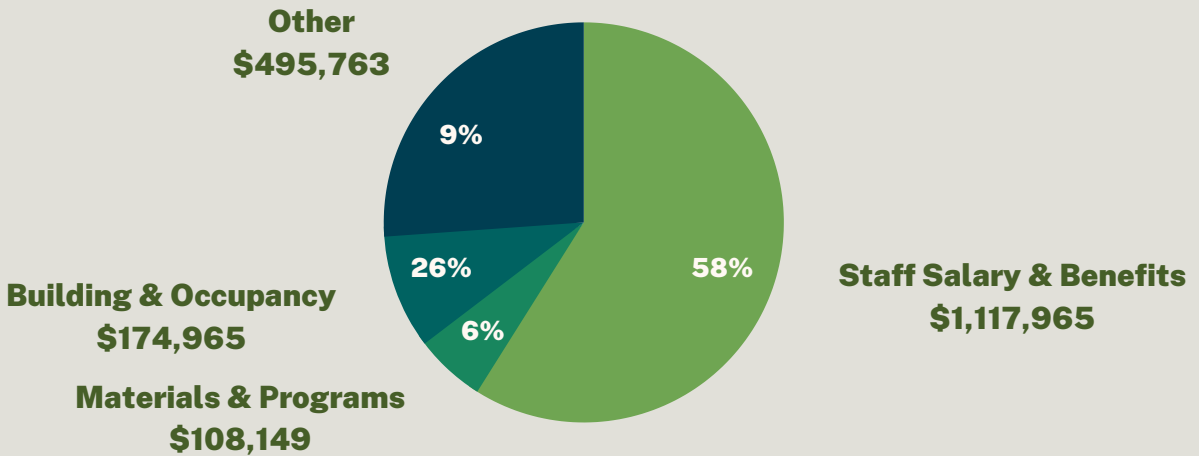
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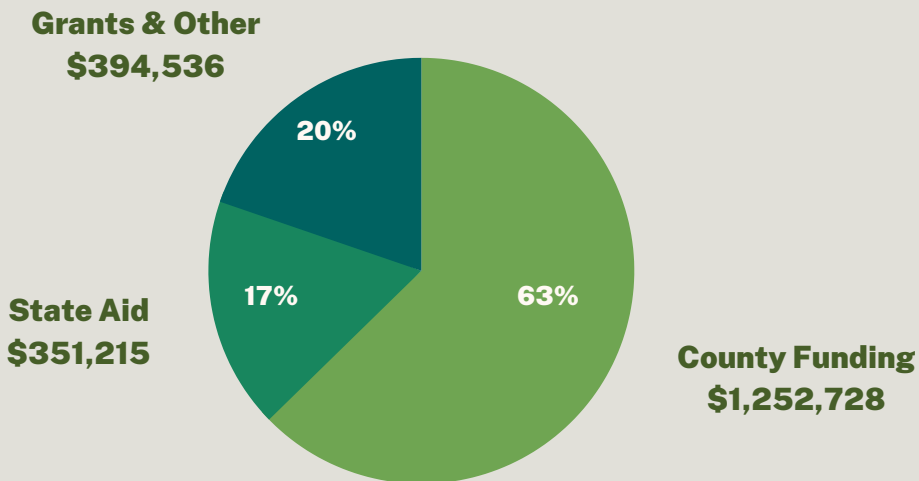
FINANCIAL INFORMATION



FY2022 Expenses \$1,896,842



FY2022 Revenues \$1,998,479



GRANTS & DONATIONS

Eastern Shore Regional Library - programs, collection development, service enhancement, programs, printing, e-rate funds consultant	\$81,873
E-Rate funds for Internet fiber connections for Greensboro & Federalsburg Branches	\$19,152
Caroline County Council of the Arts mini grants, Take & Make items, Story Trail, Community Appreciation Day	\$2,423
Friends of the Caroline County Public Library - staff sunshine committee	\$1,750
Maryland State Library Agency (MSLA) LSTA grant funds for staff development & MLA conference	\$14,500
FY2022 Maryland State Library Capital Grant for Central Library first floor renovation design plan	\$81,349
MSLA FY21 LSTA funding - miscellaneous & books	\$13,900
MSDE PDG-5 grant- multi-lingual materials & programs	\$1,500
Assoc. for Rural & Small Libraries and Libraries Transforming Communities Grant for Teen Tough Topics Book Club	\$982
Caroline Co Health Dept Tobacco grant	\$5,364
Total	\$224,793





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Volunteers provide a great service to the Library. With the continued pandemic, we were unable to use many volunteers. Members of our Board of Library Trustees continued to give their valuable time to attend board meetings, county budget hearings, and were in constant communication with the Library's Executive Director. We cannot forget all the time given by the members of our Friends of the Caroline County Public Library. They volunteered their time meeting and planning ways to fundraise to help the Library, in addition to attending budget hearings to support the Library. The Friends of the Library have worked diligently on their Capital Campaign this year holding several fundraisers, including special appeal mailings, BBQ sales, and their annual "Stay Home and Read" fundraiser in April. Special thanks this year to Federalsburg Branch gardening volunteer, Linda McDonnell for her hours of service taking care of the new native plants at our Federalsburg Branch



THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS, DONORS, AND SPONSORS, WHO HELPED US GO THE EXTRA MILE!

Our Caroline County Commissioners Larry Porter, Wilbur Leavengood, and Dan Franklin continued to be our biggest financial support.

A great portion of funding for new materials, services, and programs continued to be provided through a grant from the Eastern Shore Regional Library. Additionally, ESRL staff provide IT support, our Wi-Fi at all three locations, and professional education and training.

The Maryland State Library Agency provided grant funding for staff development and Maryland Library Association Conference attendance, as well as the purchase of extra materials this year through their Library Service and Technology Act funds.

LSTA grant funds are made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Caroline County Council of Arts provided mini grants to help us with our programs and resources.

We also appreciate the ongoing support from our state legislators of Districts 36 and 37B. A special thanks to Governor Hogan for his continued support of all Maryland public libraries.

And finally, a big thanks to all the individuals and organizations who support the Library through their direct donations and through donations to the Friends of the Library.





HOURS AND LOCATIONS

CENTRAL LIBRARY

100 Market Street
Denton, MD 21629

Telephones: 410-479-1343

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00AM - 6:00PM

Thurs Noon - 8:00PM

Sat 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Central Library hours changed June 1, 2022 from Tuesdays

Noon - 8 pm to 10 am - 6 pm

FEDERALSBURG BRANCH

123 Morris Avenue

Federalsburg, MD 21632

Telephone: 410-754-8397

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10:00AM - 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM - 6:00PM

Tues Noon - 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Jeanne Trice, Branch Manager

NORTH COUNTY BRANCH

Maryland Rural Development Corporation's Community Center

101 Cedar Lane, PO Box 336

Greensboro, Maryland 21639

Telephone: 410-482-2173

Mon - Thurs 10:00AM - 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM - 6:00PM

Angela Faggio, Branch Manager

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