

Required Information

System Name- Kent County Public Library System

Address and Contact Information

408 High St. Chestertown, MD 21620

Phone: 410-778-3636

Website: kentcountylibrary.org

Names of Board Members, Director, Elected Officials**KCPL Board of Trustees**

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Annual Statistics for the Fiscal Year:

Total Budget - \$977,098

Total Budget by Source

- Appropriations - \$813,435

- State & Other Grants - \$124,798

- Fees - \$1,540

- Restricted Donations - \$28,128

- Donations - \$7,823

- Misc. - \$1,374

Operating Budget (Local, State and Federal)

- State of Maryland - \$193,962

- Local - \$619,473

- Federal - None

Capital Budget - None

Grants Budget - \$152,926

Total Expenditures (personnel, materials, equipment, other) - \$930,942

Materials Circulated- total and break down by Adult/Children's -

- **Total- 89,189**

- Adult- 74,360

- Children- 14,829

Information (Reference) Questions Answered - 833

Registered Borrowers (Card Holders)- 9,090

Number of Library Visits- 59,525

Number of Programs and Attendance-

- Programs- 131

- Attendance- 3,239

Materials owned- 38,884

ILL (received and loaned)-

- ILL Received- 23,290

- ILL Loaned- 15,016

Personnel (Total FTE)- 10.5

Optional Information

Library Service Highlights (for example):

Programs of Note

October - Making Brains! - A virtual effort in partnership with Washington College where we talked about the science of brains and had a hands on demo that allowed patrons to simulate creating brain matter.

May - 3 Days of Star Wars - Three days of both in person and virtual programming centered around Star Wars! We featured cosplayers, lightsaber making, and Star Wars Trivia.

June - Summer Reading Kickoff Events - Critter Connections provided a hands on mini petting zoo and we handed out Summer Reading bags to all attendees to jumpstart the summer program.

- *Ibram X. Kendi: How to Be An Anti-Racist (collaborative virtual event)*
- *Happiness Hour - Craft Grab Bags & Online Craft Time (occasional series)*
- *Gardening Q&A (8-part fall series with University of Maryland Extension)*
- *Cozy Garden Chat (4-part winter series with University of Maryland Extension)*
- *Reconsidering the Roles of Women on the Chesapeake*
- *African American Read-In*
- *It's a (Virtual) Garden Party*
- *7 Questions with KCPL's Executive Director (series)*
- *Gadgets & Other Things to Help Aging in Place*
- *Wait, Wait! Don't Throw That Out!*
- *Black Wall Street 100 (collaborative virtual event)*

FY21 Partnerships

- *Maryland Libraries Together*
- *University of Maryland Extension*
- *Master Gardeners*
- *Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum*
- *AARP Maryland Speakers Bureau*
- *Washington College Department of Education*
- *Washington College Black Studies Program*
- *Sumner Hall*
- *RiverArts*

Electronic Materials and Access

Users of Public WiFi: 13,586

Added 20 Mobile Hotspots for Circulation

Narrative re: Budget impacts (cuts, additions) on service

- *Public Service hours (Contact and Contactless): 3,321*

- *Had a 10% budget cut which totaled almost \$60K*
- *High Employee turnover as we lost three full-time employees and one part-time employee*
- *Implemented KCPL Cares- a monthly giveaway to help combat Kent County's 12% poverty rate*
- *Held the largest summer reading program in KCPL history hosting over 80 programs in eight weeks and doubling participation by over 400 Kent County residents*