

Harford County Public Library & The Harford County Public Library Foundation

Annual Report 2014

In May and June, librarians traveled to 60 schools and visited 852 classes, building excitement and anticipation for the Summer Reading Program and discussing books and Library offerings with 26,943 students. More than 17,330 children and teens participated in the Summer Reading Program by reading 100,270 books! STEM initiatives also continued to expand with the addition of a 3D printer at the Abingdon Library and a Science Club at the Whiteford Library. We are proud to note that the Library is a designated stop for many *New York Times* bestselling authors, and we were delighted to host "Ironman" Cal Ripken, Jr. as one of our not-to-be-missed author nights.

The future is exciting as we break ground for the new Havre de Grace Library. The new 19,000 square foot facility will be 2.5 story building with an interactive children's early learning center (Schooner Cove), a business center, expanded meeting rooms, and more. Furthermore, a new Strategic plan will be launched this year, providing the Library with direction and guidance for the next 3-5 years, and coming soon in December 2014, will be the ribbon cutting for the new Innovation Lab at the Abingdon Library.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Library Staff, I want to thank everyone who celebrated with us this year, including the Library Foundation, the Harford County Public Library Friends Groups. Library sponsors, residents of Harford County, Harford County Government, elected officials, the business community, and the Harford County education community for their amazing support.

The Harford County Public Library is a dynamic economic force within the community providing education initiatives, technology resources, STEM and STREAM activities, and business support. Everyone is welcome from birth to the golden years!

As Walter Cronkite was quoted, "Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

Mary Hastler, Chief Executive Officer
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Not pictured: Billy Boniface, County Council President (top and bottom); Rebecca Bowers (bottom)

In 2014, Harford County Public Library continued to bridge the digital divide.

It is essential that every child has access to mobile technology and the opportunity to develop technology-handling skills. *Little Leapers 3.5* offers children ages 3 to 5 the opportunity to explore apps using an iPad mini developing critical digital literacy skills. Each iPad mini is loaded with over 25 children's apps that nurture young minds in engaging in STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, mathematics) concepts. The Morris A. Mechanic Foundation, Inc. provided \$10,000 toward the development of *Little Leapers 3.5* at the Harford County Public Library.

"Little Leapers 3.5 provides access to technology tools and interactive media experiences for every child. We are proud to provide this opportunity to children throughout Harford County, including those who may not otherwise have a chance to explore it."

– Mary Hastler, Chief Executive Officer

Little Leapers 3.5 is an extension of the highly successful *Little Leapers* program which was launched in 2013. *Little Leapers* kits introduce children ages birth to 5 to pre- and early literacy concepts and STREAM topics. Both *Little Leapers* and *Little Leapers 3.5* provide a foundation for our youngest customers to develop essential school readiness skills during critical Pre-K years.

iPads are also being used as a tool for sharing early literacy activities with children and their caregivers through the *Opening the Gift* program. Children are exposed to digital versions of books and are recorded as they participate in musical activities. These interactive experiences enhance the early learning process such as auditory discrimination. Licensed daycare providers receive step-by-step instructions on accessing the Children's Digital Library through the Library website as well as early learning apps.

Storytimes are enriched with the addition of Apple TV and whiteboard technology. Interactive presentations enable children and parents to create content using this new technology and engage in songs and rhymes. Sensory Story Time, a class offering stories, songs and activities, was launched this year to assist families who have sensory integration challenges. Targeted to children ages 2 to 8, these programs include sibling participation and family conversation following the session. Margaret Polischek and Karen Hagerman were honored for their work in developing the Sensory Story Time at the Annual Harford County Champions for Children and Youth Awards Ceremony.

Library trainers teach internet classes and more to the senior population at the Harford County McFaul and Veronica "Roni" Chenoweth Activity Senior Centers. Seniors learn the history of the internet, information privacy, digital security, the cloud, and how to use services such as Facebook, Skype and Twitter to stay in touch with family and friends. They also explore the Library's eBooks offerings and enroll in Library online classes and study a variety of subjects.





The Whiteford Library Science Club, for children grades 3-8, studied and cared for bluegill sunfish. They learned how nitrites get into the watershed and how the fish are used to monitor toxins in municipal water supplies and at Aberdeen Proving Ground to monitor the quality of effluent going into the Bay. The bluegills had 3,500 visitors between October and June and then were released into the Dublin Dell pond after growing from 2 cm to 13 cm. The bluegills were provided through a partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

3-D printing at the Library continues to amaze and delight. This new technology allows users to draw objects on a computer through computer-aided design (CAD) and print a 3-D life-size version!

"I believe that 3-D printing will change the world. I want to get kids interested because they will be the ones using this technology on a day-to-day basis."

-Dr. Drew Wilkenson, U.S Army Research Laboratory

Art and technology merged as teens designed and built spinning, glowing, hypnotic kinetic sculptures in a special FutureFab –Teens Robot Art and Electronics Lab. The sculptures were made from LED motors and everyday materials!

Aberdeen was overrun by superheroes, zombies and more at Comic Com 2013. For two days, more than 250 teens enjoyed special appearances by award-winning horror and thriller writer, Jonathan Mayberry and cartoonist, Steve Ogden. In addition, to superheroes and zombies, there was a TARDIS in residence and teens engaged in FutureMakers.

Teens had the opportunity to discover and explore their own creativity during "Ignite Creativity," a series of workshops that included haiku, watercolor and clay, while adults explored their inner artists by dabbling in acrylic painting lead by a local artist. "Kids Create Art," a monthly workshop in which children studied the artwork of masters such as Peter Max, Andy Warhol and Picasso, provided the opportunity for art enrichment and the inspiration to create their own pieces.

Students at several elementary schools displayed their artwork at the Library this year. More than 1,000 family and friends flocked to see the impressive creations.

Budding authors and film makers had opportunities to be creative at the Library. *Book This!*, a short story teen contest, elicited 22 entries and teen librarians and local authors chose the winning submissions that were included in a published book. Teens also created and submitted short videos showcasing a favorite book, similar to a movie trailer, as part of *Film This!* The finalist videos were viewed and the winners were announced at a premiere party.

This year more than 17,336 children and teens participated in the Summer Reading Program, *Fizz Boom READ* reading more than 100,000 books. Many families and children enjoyed several special presentations and dozens of activities and events and represented the library in the Independence Day Parades. Thank you to our generous sponsors Ripken Baseball/Susquehanna Bank, Jones Junction, Rosedale Federal Savings & Loan Association, Walmart, Wegmans, HAR-CO Credit Union, Huether-McClelland Foundation, Advanced Eye Care, The Aegis, APGFCU, Aberdeen Rotary Club, Darlington Friends of HCPL, Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry, Berardino Family Trust, and the Friends of the Harford County Public Library who made the program possible. The summer was filled with robots, wildlife adventures, mad scientists and even an interactive story theatre.

New this year was the opportunity for student artists to create, draw, paint, color or sketch demonstrating what they love about reading, the summertime, the library, or any other passion. More than 100 submissions were received from students throughout the county. The artwork was featured on the Library's website and Facebook pages, and many branches used these vibrant pieces to create eye-catching displays. A number of these works of art were highlighted in the summer issue of *Headlines & Happenings* and five students were chosen to be featured on the Harford Cable Network's show "KidSTVNews."

Make Reading Your Winter Sport! The Winter Reading Program for high school teens and adults achieved Olympic worthy results with more than 7,000 participants. A big thank you for the generous support of the Harford County Public Library Friends of the Library, Harford County Public Library Foundation and Advanced Eye Care.

Over 600 Library guests were entertained and educated by historical figures at Harford County Public Library. In character and costume presentations were "given by" Rachel Carson, Georgia O'Keefe, Emily Dickinson, Dowager Countess of Grantham, Amelia Earhart, Harriet Tubman, Frieda Kahlo, and Benjamin Franklin!





Value of Select Library Services *

Quantity	Library Services	Retail Value	Value of Services
959,818	Adult Books Borrowed	\$ 20.00	\$19,196,360
953,391	Childrens Books Borrowed	20.00	19,067,820
260,800	Digital Materials Borrowed	20.00	5,216,000
1,229,316	DVDs Borrowed	4.00	4,917,264
172,494	Music CDs Borrowed	15.00	2,587,410
109,895	Audiobooks on CD Borrowed	35.00	3,846,325
34,218	Playaways Borrowed	65.00	2,224,170
2,262	Little Leaper Kits Borrowed	189.00	427,518
2,605	LEAP Kits Borrowed	110.00	286,550
487	LSC Kits Borrowed	150.00	73,050
18,687	LSC Toys Borrowed	25.00	467,175
1,589	American Girl Dolls Borrowed	147.00	233,583
47,216	Magazines Borrowed	3.76	177,532
28,197	Interlibrary Loans	25.00	704,925
478	Meeting Room Use	100.00	47,800
36,592	Adult Program Attendees	16.00	585,472
170,234	Kids/Teen Program Attendees	15.78	2,686,293
432,919	Hours of Computer Use	12.60	5,454,779
859,728	Database Searches	6.83	5,871,942
453,549	Customer Queries Answered	7.00	3,174,843
Total Value			\$77,246,811

*The values used above are based on the estimated retail value of the materials or services.

Four library branches opened on Sundays from October

through April when Jarrettsville joined Aberdeen, Abingdon, Bel Air with Sunday hours. Sunday events were a big hit with a variety of topics, speakers and activities including local, historical fiction author Erika Robuck.

American Girl dolls became an instant hit at the Library. Ten American Girls – Kaya, Molly, Marie-Grace, Rebecca, Kit, Saige, Julie, Josefina, Addy and Caroline - are bringing history alive in a fun way for children in Harford County! Each doll kit includes a doll, book, accessories and writing journal for the child to record their adventures!

I had so much fun with Kaya! She got to go to church with me and after lunch she played with my friend Emma and met all my American Girl dolls. She also had a great time on Halloween.

– Emily, American Girl doll borrower

For more than 65 years, the Library has shared its love of reading and provided access to information in the community. The Pre-K *Sharing the Gift*, a volunteer based program that visits licensed day care centers and conducts story time activities, is now in its 40th year. *Opening the Gift*, a Pre-K program that visits in-home daycare providers, just celebrated its 35th anniversary, and *Partners in Reading*, a volunteer based program, works in partnership with Harford County Public Schools to provide one-on-one reading assistance within the elementary schools.

Book Groups To Go has it all packaged for you. Ten copies of a selected title along with a moderator's guide come together in a sturdy, canvas bag!

The Library expanded its outreach services this year. The Rolling Reader traditionally visits after-school programs and expanded service to Pre-K. Fifteen Pre-K story times are now held each week which is a 50% increase from last year, and circulation of materials has increased by 27%. The best news is that the Rolling Reader now serves children starting at birth up to age 8.

“My son and I experienced the Rolling Reader for the first time at the Target Lights On Event. My son signed up for his first library card and encouraged me to get a library card as well. I now visit the Abingdon Library. Thank you all for the work you do! “

– Randy Acosta





The Silver Reader continues to bring books, technology, resources and joy to the senior community. Visiting senior housing, senior centers, assisted living communities, and long-term care and adult medical day care locations, the Silver Reader provides traditional library resources, plus assistance with technology including the use of iPad minis.

"The residents are so grateful for your visits and those who rarely come to the Center's activities will come see the "library ladies." A new face and fun attitude is a nice relief from the same old routines. They are learning, remembering and having fun!"

– Lea, Hart Heritage Estates Assisted Living Communities

In October, the Bel Air Library received official designation from the United States State Department as a Passport Acceptance Facility. For the first nine months in operation, 2,822 Passports were processed and 1,650 photos taken, which generated \$90,000 in new revenue.

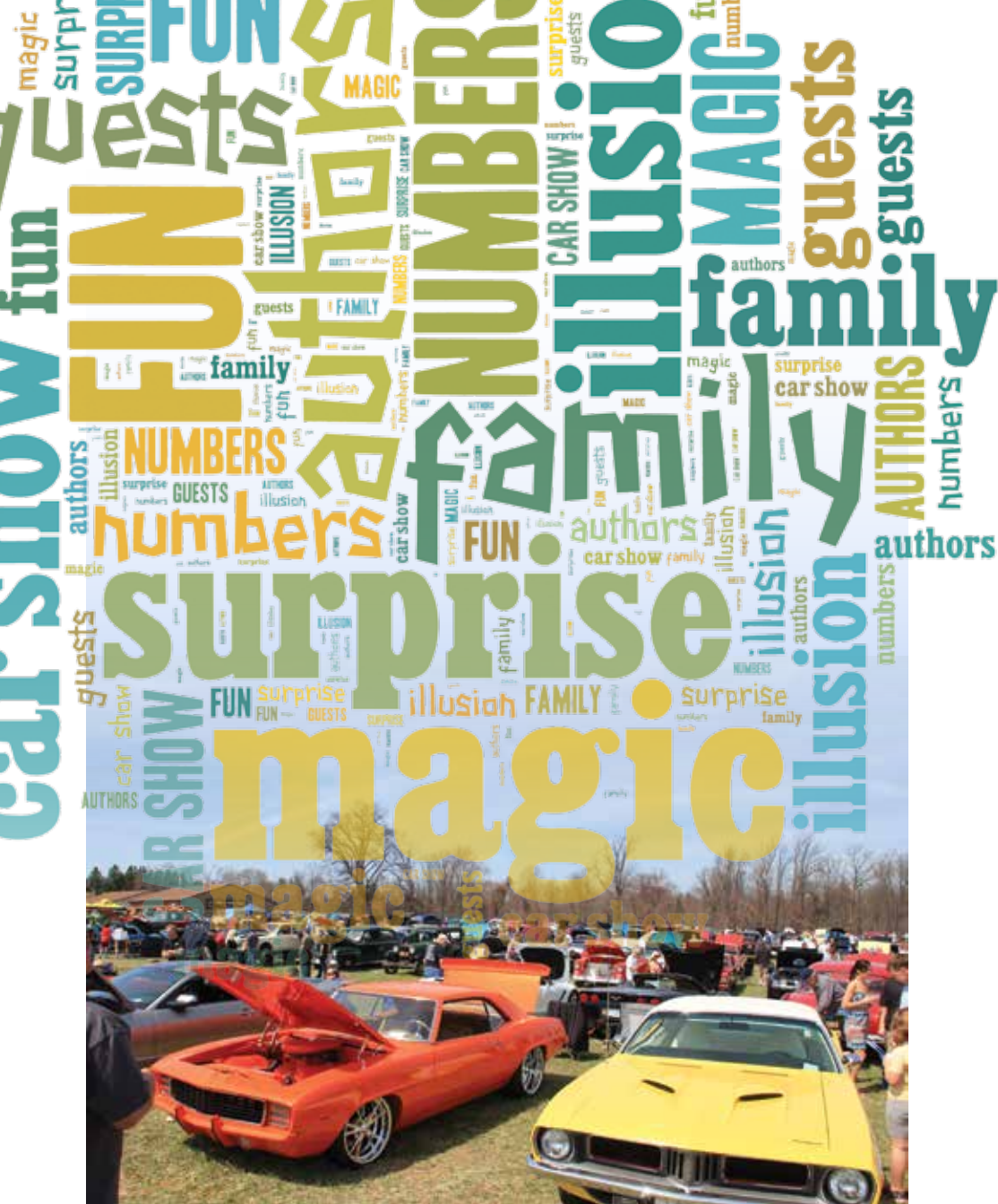
Get healthy! Stay healthy! Harford County Public Library partnered with Harford County Government for Healthy Harford Day, an event that showcased everything healthy from exercise classes, tips from nutritionists, and gardening advice. Held in September at the Farmer's Market this was a "one-stop shop" to learn about nutrition, exercise and more from several organizations including the Library! Participants registered through the Library website to take the Healthy Harford Challenge and to be recognized as a Healthy Harford Family.

Library volunteers continue to do amazing things and are integral to the success of our organization. From helping to shelve DVDs and books, working behind the scenes to process materials, assisting customers with computer related questions, registering children in the Summer Reading program – our volunteers work in every branch of the Library including Administration, as well as reaching out to daycare centers and elementary schools. Last year 1,233 volunteers worked 29,848 hours, which is the equivalent of over 15 full time staff – a value of \$290,122!

Harford County Public Library is fortunate to have 11 Friends groups supporting each of our branches. Friends' officers work closely with branch staff to provide support and assistance at the branch level. They generously donated over \$30,000 to provide quality programs including the Summer Reading Program, and many other programs and events. The Library Friends also partnered with the Foundation to sponsor the Winter Reading Program and donated over \$14,000 in equipment and furnishing to enhance Library public spaces. These groups also speak to the community to advocate for positive legislation and funding. Friends really do make a difference!

Harford County Public Library meets its customers wherever they are...virtually! All the Library branches reached out this year on Facebook and other social media. Join the chatter and like, share, and comment!





There is so much for all the family and community to experience at Harford County Public Library.

With a trick of the eye – and the mind – spring was full of illusion and ruses! *Now You See It: Illusion and Camouflage in Nature*, a juried art exhibition, opened to the public during National Library Week at the Jarrettsville Library. Close to 100 community members submitted a total of 244 photographs that were judged by a group of professional photographers. The finalists were invited to a reception where the winners were announced and the exhibition was on display for throughout the spring for the community to enjoy.

Illusions continued with *More Than Numbers: The Magic of Math* – an exhibition that explored the use of math in everyday life, from fighting crime to winning a basketball game; and *A Trick of the Eye: The Science of Optical Illusions* – a display of common and not so common visual illusions and explanations of why and how they happen. Math Whiz, Ethan Brown, entertained all at an event sponsored by Wegmans, with his concepts of the Magic Square.

To kick off National Library Week, 2,000 spectators raced to Jarrettsville for the third annual *Romancing the Chrome Car Show* on April 12, 2014. The Harford County Public Library Foundation, in partnership with the Jarrettsville Lions Club, hosted over 230 show cars and raised more than \$13,000.

“Another success for Romancing the Chrome! Seeing the community celebrate our passion together, while helping vital organizations is an indescribable feeling. I was thrilled to be a part of such a worthwhile event. Beautiful cars on a gorgeous day, benefiting two important organizations in my county... what could top that?”
 – Zach Maskell, Car Culture Reporter for MPT’s *MotorWeek*

The Foundation was pleased to have many new and returning sponsors including Keene Dodge, Mr. Tire, Harford Sanitation/Waste Industries, Jack’s Small Engines, WXCY, Caswell Testing and Water Systems, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Atlantic Tractor, Carl’s Door Service, MediaWise, and APG Federal Credit Union. The show was recognized in *AAA World Magazine*, *Harford Magazine*, *Baltimore’s Child* and numerous other publications, and attracted the attention of MPT’s *MotorWeek*, Car Culture Reporter, Zach Maskell, who attended the event as a celebrity judge.





Be our guest! Be our guest! Be our guest! Harford County Public Library invited all to meet an array of authors and speakers, and to participate in a variety of programs.

In the fall, King Peggelene Bartels, author of the One Maryland One Book selection *King Peggy: An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny, and the Inspiring Story of How She Changed an African Village*, spoke to an engaged audience of her journey as a king, a role unfamiliar to women in Africa. Held in partnership with the Harford Community College and Harford County Community Services and sponsored by The Maryland Humanities Council, guests of all ages were enthralled with her story. The Sankofa Dance Theatre, an African dance troupe, presented dancing, drumming, and storytelling from East Africa as part of the One Maryland One book initiative.

Gerry Sandusky, the Voice of the Ravens, shared his story and inspiration for his book *Forgotten Sundays* in June. Growing up in the NFL as the son of the Baltimore Colt's coach, John Sandusky, he emphasized to his "fans" at the Library the importance of living your life, finding your legacy, and embracing it. As Gerry says it "Live a life of legacy not a life of luxury." And with a personality as big as the room, guests were equally thrilled to meet Gerry afterwards for book signing, conversation and picture taking!

Each of the Illusions Exhibitions was kicked off by high caliber guests. Environmentalist and renowned nature writer including a *National Geographic* contributor, Tom Horton, kicked off *Now You See It Illusion and Camouflage in Nature*. And Charles Belfour, a local architect, used his skills as a basis for his novel, *The Paris Architect*, in which camouflage and illusion are themes woven throughout the story about the secret hiding places for Jews during World War II.

Erica Robuck, local, historical fiction author, spoke to a full house at the Abingdon Library about her recent novel *Call Me Zelda*. She shared how she researched and wrote the story of F. Scott Fitzgerald's wife and her stay at a Baltimore psychiatric hospital in the early 1930's.

"What a great event! We feel very fortunate to have been able to attend. Cal was amazing and I think his book should be given to all parents who have children in sports!"
– Stacey Malone Bowen, attendee

The Harford County Public Library Foundation held not one but two *A Night Out @ the Library* events in the spring! A grand slam is how you would describe the evening with author and baseball legend, Cal Ripken Jr. (pictured right) and co-author and award-winning sports columnist Kevin Cowherd. They captivated the audience with their discussion of *Squeeze Play*, the newest book in Cal's children's book series. The event sold out in 24 hours! Proceeds from the night benefited the Library's Summer Reading Program.





Lisa Scottoline, author of 21 novels, including her latest, *Accused*, has more than 30 million copies of her books in print. Named a PW Innovator by Publisher's Weekly, Scottoline's books have landed on best-seller lists at *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *The Washington Post* and *The Los Angeles Times*. On May 29th, Lisa Scottoline wowed the audience with her joy, wit, and laughter! She shared stories of her family, life, dogs and insight into her loving and comical family dynamic. She gave Library guests an amazing *Night Out @ the Library!* Funds raised from the Ripken and Scottoline events will be used toward the Havre de Grace Library building project.

"I love books. They connect us all to one another." – Lisa Scottoline

Ava Marie, meteorologist with WBAL TV News, spoke to an audience of over 200 about how she got started in her career in forecasting the weather. Children and adults alike were truly captivated with Ava Marie's presentation which included a copy of her first weather report at the age of 7, background on her education, and how meteorologists predict the weather.

In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the Library hosted two authors. Joe Balkoski, author of 6 books on D-Day including *Our Tortured Souls: The 29th Infantry Division in the Rhineland*, and considered one of the world's leading authorities on the D-Day invasion of Normandy, spoke to a crowd at the Joppa Library in May. Wil Hylton, literary journalist and author of *Vanished: The Sixty-Year Search for the Missing Men of World War II*, spoke in June at the Bel Air Library.

Baltimore mystery writer, Sujata Massey, also joined the ranks of authors visiting the Library. Her latest novel, *The Sleeping Dictionary*, is described as an engrossing tale of love, espionage, betrayal and survival, and historical fiction at its best. This program was supported by the Harford County Cultural Arts Board.

Harford County Public Library was pleased to welcome Sgt. Harry Quinton, USAF and one of the first African American pilots who served with distinction in World War II. Belonging to the Tidewater Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Quinton captivated an audience of over 130. His stories of outright racism and disregard for the integrity of the African-Americans who served in World War II were captivating. The presentation ended with a standing ovation. The crowd was enthralled and many stood in line over an hour after the program was over for a personal conversation with Sgt. Quinton, his autograph and picture.

75 attendees! 12 presenters! 15 sessions! 1 perfect writing day! The Library's first *Just Write* Writers Conference was held at the Bel Air Library and included a stellar line-up of workshop leaders and topics. Bestselling mystery writer Marcia Talley presented "Look Ma, I've been Kindled", teaching participants how to get their work into e-book form and what it takes to be a bestselling author. Gregory Frost, fiction workshop director for Swarthmore College and writer of best-selling fantasy, science fiction, and thrillers, presented "The Engine of Desire: Creating 4-D Characters," guiding attendees through the creation of believable characters. Tom Coyne, golf enthusiast who turned his pastime into bestselling books and TV shows, talked about writing what you know – the things you do and the things you've lived – and writing it well in "Down With Navel-gazing: Writing Memoir That Works." Attendees also had opportunities to engage in casual conversation with the presenters and have their manuscripts critiqued.

Your ebook, your way! Authors can now take charge in getting their works self-published digitally through Smashwords. Once an author's work is complete it can be published for free and made available to a worldwide audience including public libraries. Start writing!









Let’s Celebrate! With so much to be grateful where do we start... .. the record-breaking gala... the longevity of the Harford County Public Library system ...the innovator award...the amazing staff...well, let’s get started!

It Happened in the Library: An Evening in the Stacks, the ninth annual Library Foundation Gala, was held on November 2 and this much anticipated event sold out early in the fall! The clue-themed ball engaged the community and attracted outstanding media coverage. The advertising campaign starred Colonel Mustard, portrayed by Harford County Executive David R. Craig; Mr. Green, Billy Boniface, President of the Harford County Council; Senator Plum, State Senator Barry Glassman; Ms. White, Mary F. Chance, Director of Administration for Harford County Government; Dr. Peacock, Nicole Funk, Senior Vice President of Booz Allen Hamilton; Ms. Scarlet, Mary Hastler, Chief Executive Officer of the Harford County Public Library; and Harford County Sheriff Jesse Bane. More than \$100,000 net of expenses was raised to benefit Harford County Public Library.

The extremely popular BackYard Crashers auction item, a custom yard makeover was purchased by Craig and Terri Ward and raised \$32,000. Picture Perfect Patios, Nature Unlimited, EP Henry, Ivy Hill Land Services, GW Stephens and Associates, Town Security/Audio Extreme, Maryland Paving Inc., Lawnscape, and Heston’s Mulch combined to create the exceptional package.

“The evening was a magical night for the library. The theme, the food, the drinks, the music, and the auction items were all outstanding!” - Dave Patzer, Library Foundation President.

Congratulations to the Edgewood Library for serving the community for 50 years! A celebration was held in December and as staff and customers looked on, County Councilman Dion Guthrie read a proclamation from the County Council, recognizing the contribution of the Edgewood Library to the community. Refreshments were served and the Library mascot, Tales, greeted guests. The Edgewood Library officially opened on December 15, 1963, providing a 3,200 square foot facility. Today the expanded building represents a collaborative effort between Harford County Public Library and Harford Community College.

The Abingdon Library celebrated its 10th anniversary with 10 days of special events and programs, culminating with a cake-cutting and the annual Friends spring community yard sale.

Opening the Gift, a Harford County Public Library outreach reading program that provides free monthly story time experiences to children in licensed home daycares, celebrated its 35th anniversary.





Seeing Stars! Harford County Public Library was once again selected as a 4-star library by *Library Journal*. Each year the Library Journal rates the libraries across the country evaluating by merit in public service, circulation, customer visits, program attendance and internet usage.

Applause! Harford County Public Library received a 2013 Innovator of the Year Award from *The Daily Record* for the creation of *Little Leapers*, a collection of pre- and early literacy kits that focus on fostering and developing pre- and early literacy skills through STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math) topics. The Innovator Award recognizes Marylanders and Maryland-based companies for their innovative spirit – for creating new products, programs, services or processes that have helped their companies, industries or communities.

“Innovators are on the cutting edge and make a huge difference in people’s lives, in the economy and in the success of our region.”

- Suzanne Fischer-Huettner,
Publisher, *The Daily Record*

Gold, silver and bronze medal winners! Two Pages at the Bel Air Library, Sharon Neary and Audrey Fung, participated in the Special Olympics this year. Sharon won two gold medals and a bronze medal in swimming, and Audrey won a silver medal in softball.

The “Success at Work” award went to Josh Wingerd. Given by the ARC Northern Chesapeake Region, Josh received this honor for his outstanding work as a Page at the Edgewood Library.

The behind-the-scenes work of Harford County Public Library staff members is recognized each year with the prestigious Roenna Fahrney Recognition Award. The award, established in 1994, is presented to an individual or team who has been nominated by their peers. The award embodies the “service to the community” spirit demonstrated by Ms. Roenna Fahrney, Library Director from 1957 to 1978. Library staff who received a milestone years-of-service award or attained a significant educational achievement were also recognized. The awards were given out at the annual Staff In-Service Day event.

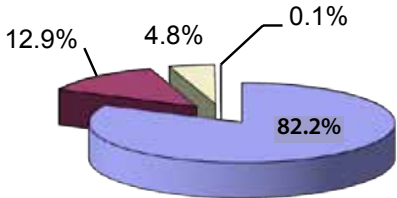
Award and Service recognition goes to Louise LeTendre, Harford County Public Library Board of Trustees and Chair, who was awarded the Davis McCarn Technology Award from the Citizens for Maryland Libraries. Ms. LeTendre was honored for her 10 years of service on the Harford County Public Library Board of Trustees.

Library Board member and Administrative Judge, District Court of Maryland, Harford County, Hon. Susan H. Hazlett received a Top 100 Maryland Women of the Year award. This award is given each year by *The Daily Record* and recognizes outstanding achievement by women demonstrated through professional accomplishments, community leadership and mentoring.

Harford County Public Library: FY 2014 Financial & Statistical Statement

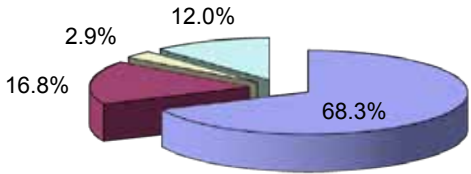
Circulation*	4,129,644
eBook Circulation	260,800
Collection Size	940,751
Information Questions	453,549
Programs	4,230
Program Attendance	206,826
Website Page Views	10,889,908
Walk-in Customers	1,839,017
Volunteer Hours	29,848
Meeting Room Use:	
Number of Groups	478
Number of People	11,016
Interlibrary Loan - Received	14,905
Interlibrary Loan - Loaned	13,292
Full Time Equivalent Personnel	242.32
Public Access Computers	351

*includes all digital products



FY 2014 Revenue

County	\$16,158,310	State	\$2,541,735
Library	\$946,793	Federal/Grants	\$18,235

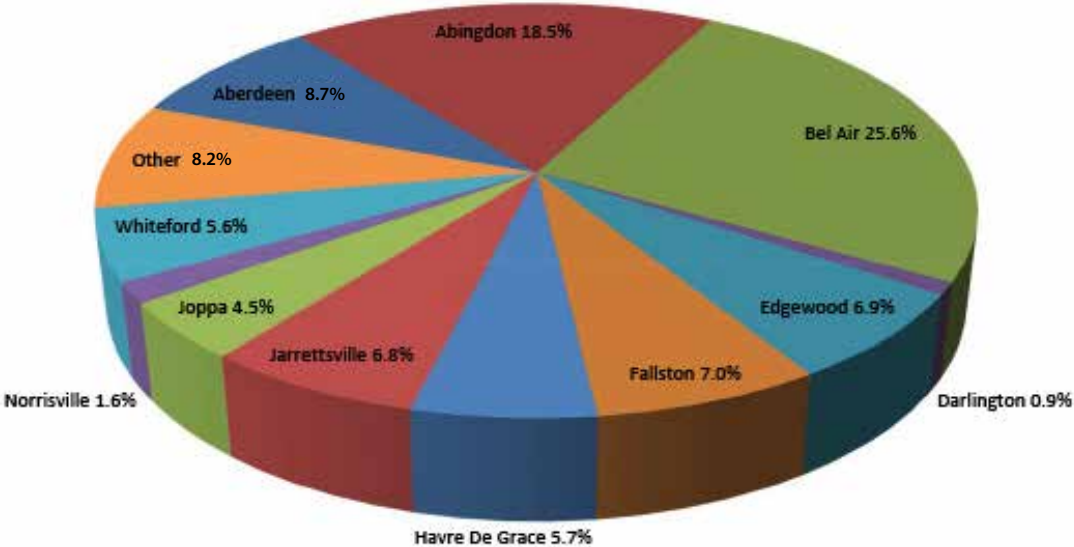


FY 2014 Expenditures

Personnel	\$13,113,514	Materials	\$3,231,358
Equipment	\$564,648	Other	\$2,301,715

Note: Numbers are from the Audited Financial Statements

Circulation by Branch FY 2014



Harford County Public Library Foundation



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"Around here we don't look backwards for very long. ...We keep moving forward opening doors and doing new things." -Walt Disney

As I look back at the numerous accomplishments of the Foundation, I am awed by the tremendous support and dedication of our library staff, board members, volunteers, donors and corporate sponsors. Together we have developed ground-breaking initiatives for our youngest customers; cultivated an array of entrepreneurial, job seeker, and non-profit resources; provided vital funding for the Summer and Winter Reading Programs, and the Silver Reader; and made significant investments in the Havre de Grace Library Building Campaign.

The Library's Annual Gala, *It Happened in the Library: An Evening in the Stacks* was record-breaking in sponsorship, attendance, promotion and net proceeds. The spirited marketing campaign which started

Foundation FY 2014 Statement of Activities

Support and Revenue

Contributions	\$ 96,815
Gala Event Revenue	\$ 98,686
Other Event Revenue	\$ 40,717
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 16,207
Interest Income	\$ 195
Total Revenue	\$252,620

Program Expenses

Donations to HCPL	\$ 73,579
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Supporting Services

Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,348
Other Event Expenses	\$ 29,289
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Other	\$ 55,181

Total Supporting Services	\$102,025
Total Expenses*	\$175,604
Change in Net Assets	\$ 77,016
NET ASSETS – Beginning of Year	\$184,328
NET ASSETS – End of Year	\$261,344

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Colonel Mustard, portrayed by Harford County Executive David R. Craig; Billy Boniface President of the Harford County Council as Mr. Green; State Senator Barry Glassman as Senator Plum; Mary F. Chance, Director of Administration for Harford County Government as Ms. White; Nicole Funk, Senior Vice President of Booz Allen Hamilton, as Dr. Peacock; Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County

Public Library as Ms. Scarlet; and Harford County Sheriff Jesse Bane.

Gala proceeds exceeded \$100,000, net of related expenses. Notably, the 2014 BackYard Crashers Package, a custom yard makeover, raised \$32,000. Picture Perfect Patios, Nature Unlimited, EP Henry, Ivy Hill Land Services, GW Stephens and Associates, Town Security/Audio Extreme, Maryland Paving Inc., Lawnscape, and Heston's Mulch combined to create this year's exceptional make over package.

In December, the Foundation pledged to raise \$350,000 for the Havre de Grace Library Building Campaign, kicking-off the effort with a \$50,000 contribution. The Huether-McClelland Foundation generously contributed an additional \$25,000. Numerous individuals, businesses and organizations have shared their support for the project collectively raising \$100,000.

In 2014, The Morris A. Mechanic Foundation, Inc. offered substantial support for the implementation of *Little Leapers 3.5*, an early literacy digital initiative. Building on the Library's *Little Leaper* success, this innovative program targets the growing digital divide by providing children ages 4 to 8 access to iPad Minis loaded with stimulating apps.

Additionally, the Foundation enhanced their partnership with the Jarrettsville Lions Club through the coordination of two acclaimed events: the Twilight Market in October, which attracted nearly 600 individuals; and the 3rd Annual *Romancing the Chrome Car Show*, which raised more than \$13,000, net of related expenses, and drew more than 2,000 spectators.

Furthermore, the Foundation held two successful *Night Out* events at the Abingdon Library. In March, author and baseball legend, Cal Ripken Jr., and co-author and award-winning sports columnist Kevin Cowherd,

captivated the audience with their discussion of *Squeeze Play*, the newest book in Cal's children's series. And in May, nearly 150 people laughed their way through *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Scottoline's animated book talk.

As we begin the new year I am thrilled by the exciting endeavors ahead. We are preparing for our most sensational Gala yet; we are planning and designing an extraordinary renovation and expansion of our Havre de Grace Library, with ground breaking scheduled for this Fall, and remarkable new resources and programs are under development for all branch libraries within our system. The Foundation is

committed to supporting the Library as it pioneers new ways to engage customers and enhance the Library experience.

In closing, I'd like to express the Foundation's profound gratitude for the board members, volunteers, donors, corporate sponsors, and staff who make these accomplishments possible. With such incredible dedication and support, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

On behalf of everyone at the Foundation, *thank you!*

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