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THERE WAS SOMETHING TO ENJOY IN every aspect of the library this past year as the community celebrated Harford County Public Library's 65th anniversary. This year's Annual Report of Harford County Public Library and the Harford County Public Library Foundation commemorates the many accomplishments and milestones achieved during this very special year. So much has been made possible with the collaboration and engagement of the Harford County community and the enthusiasm of Library supporters throughout the county.

As we said a fond farewell to staff whose contributions to the public library world would fill a set of encyclopedias, we welcomed new staff members who brought in fresh ideas that will take us into the future with great enthusiasm. Harford County Public Library continued to achieve on a national level with a second designation as a Library Journal Star Library and we broke past records in summer reading and winter reading program registrations. There were headlining visits by noted authors, stories shared as we took the library on the road, and several anniversary milestones achieved. It has truly been a banner year at Harford County Public Library!

The most valuable asset of a public library is its community and Harford County Public Library is fortunate to be located in a county of avid public library users. Harford County Public Library is your source for reading, research, entertainment, community gatherings, and technology. It is a place where headlines are made and wonderful things happen for the entire community.

Mary Hastler, Director, Harford County Public Library

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65 Years Serving the Community













THE LIBRARY TAKES THE STORY ON THE ROAD

Harford County Public Library takes its story on the road and new formats make it possible for customers to virtually experience the library and all its rich resources. For the past 10 years, children have been able to use their library cards and choose their own books on the Rolling Reader. During the school year, the Rolling Reader visits after-school centers and during the summer, visits many community sites.

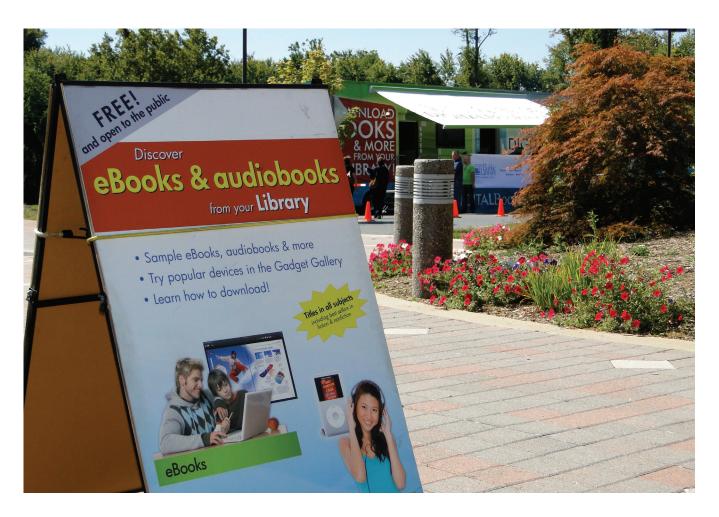
The Silver Reader travels to senior centers, nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Harford County bringing books, DVDs and computers to seniors. During the past year, 152 visitors became new Silver Reader customers, many of whom received library cards for the very first time. Both the Silver Reader and Rolling Reader have been frequent attractions at many community outreach events during the past year. The Opening the Gift and Sharing the Gift programs bring pre and early literacy programs to our youngest customers in licensed day care and nursery school settings. Pre-literacy activities and story times such as Diaper Gang, help promote the development of school readiness skills and promote the love of reading.

The Harford County Public Library STEM initiative, LEAP: Learning, Explore and Play—Science is Fun take home kits provide the opportunity for youth to explore many science themes and gain hands-onexperience. The library has been hard at work at expanding the four walls of the library virtually!









DIGITAL EXPERIENCE



THE PUBLIC GETS A DIGITAL EXPERIENCE

The Digital Bookmobile National Tour, provided by OverDrive, Inc., made a stop at the Abingdon Library in September. Readers of all ages learned how to remotely download digital books from the Library's collection through interactive demonstrations. Bestsellers and new releases are available for free to library customers to download to their account. Participants were also able to visit a Gadget Gallery featuring the latest eReader devices.

Harford County Public Library, through the Maryland Digital eLibrary, supports over 15 types of eReader devices including the popular Kindle and Nook. Customers can download eBooks for free through the library website from the comfort of their home. The collection of titles includes best sellers and award winning literature.

Harford County Public Library also launched the Children's Digital Library giving children access to their own eBooks through Tumblebooks®, Scholastics Bookflix and Trueflix, and the International Children's Digital Library. Children can view these collections at home or while visiting the library.

FROM NEAR AND FAR







COMMUNITY SUPPORT FROM NEAR AND FAR

Harford County Public Library recognizes the importance of fostering science, technology, engineering, and mathematical (STEM) talent and has developed the free, educational LEAP programming and take-home kits to enhance interest and competence in these fields. Sponsorship support from the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council to expand the number of take-home LEAP kits, and from SAIC which funds science related programs, make STEM learning a reality at Harford County Public Library.

Plans are underway to develop an early literacy area in the Children's Department of the Bel Air Library and the Harford County Public Library Foundation campaign is making this possible. The Library Foundation is nearing the goal of raising \$50,000, through the very generous support of the Greater Bel Air Community Foundation, the Bel Air Friends of the Library, the Morris A. Mechanic Foundation, and many others.

Family literacy is supported through the Families Read and Succeed literacy program. An award of \$49,735 was given by the Maryland Family Literacy Initiative funded through The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. Harford County Public Library was the only library-led initiative in the State to receive funding.

VISIT THE LIBRARY



SPECIAL GUESTS VISIT THE LIBRARY

Information and knowledge found in libraries is brought to life with visits from the authors who write the books, the performers who create the music, and the artists who draw the illustrations.

Authors who visited the library this year include Newbery Honor and Fisher Children's Book Award winner Jane Conly; RITA award-winning and New York Times best-selling authors, Mary Jo Putney and Tracy Anne Warren; and Harford County's own Jennifer Vido and Joseph Cassilly. Other notable visitors included an appearance by Mark Twain (Branson, Missouri entertainer, Dave Ehlert); Audie Award winner and Recorded Books superstar, Johnny Heller; Warren Capps, the Senior Game Designer at Breakaway, Ltd.; and wildlife photographer Irene Hinke-Sacilotto.

Top: Cornelia Nixon, author of the Michael Shaara Prize winning novel, "Jarrettsville," stands among descendants of the two families depicted in her novel at the 5th Annual Night Out @ the Library at the Jarrettsville Library. Ms. Nixon holds a replica Colt Six Shooter that Martha Jane Cairnes used to shoot Nicholas McComas. Pictured left to right: Howard McComas III, Judy McComas, Holly Kimble McComas, Howard McComas IV, Cornelia Nixon, George Cairnes, Mary Cairnes, John Cairnes



Above: Cartoonist Paul Merklein visited the Havre de Grace Library and received some help from a young artist in drawing one of his Great Big Faces.

MILESTONES ARE











MILESTONES ARE REACHED AS RECORDS BREAK

This was a year of celebratory anniversaries:

Jarrettsville Library - 5 years Silver Reader - 5 years Rolling Reader - 10 years Joppa Library - 30 years Whiteford Library - 30 years Bel Air Library - 50 years Havre de Grace Library - 50 years Harford County Public Library - 65 years! Record numbers of people turned out for events at the library. More than 18,600 children and teens participated in the Summer Reading Program with 122,000 books read.

Important fundraising dollars were increased beyond expectation. Both of the Foundation's signature events, A Night Out @ the Library and the annual gala, were a huge success. This year's Mad Hatter's Ball raised more than \$135,000.

Above: County Executive David Craig and Library Director Mary Hastler join guests at the Mad Hatter's Ball: An Evening in the Stacks, the 6th annual gala held at the Abingdon Library.

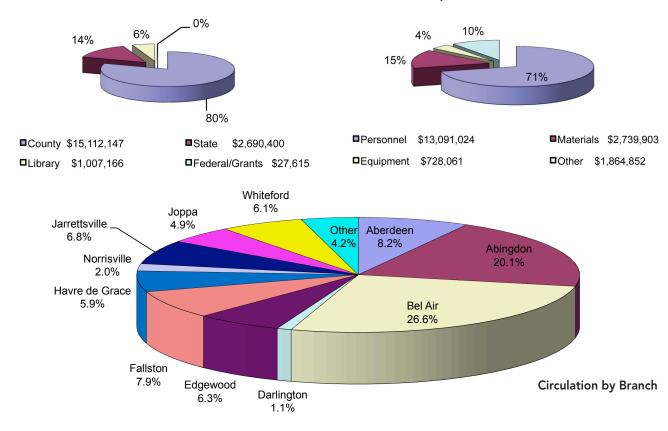
Opposite page, top left: Teens enjoyed having the Aberdeen Library to themselves for a night of games, music and fun at a special afterhours lock-in.

Opposite page, top right: The Havre de Grace Library received help from special Star Wars themed visitors at their 50th anniversary celebration in December.

HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY For the year ended June 30, 2011 FY11 FINANCIAL & STATISTICAL REPORT

Collection Size: 1,025,022 Registered E	Borrowers: 163,129	
		FY 11
Circulation		4,814,696
Information Questions		572,271
Programs		3,279
Program Attendance		165,290
Virtual Visits to Library		7,580,450
Walk-in Customers		1,994,495
Volunteer Hours		34,758
Meeting Room Use by Outside Organizations:	Number of Groups Number of People	353 6,893
Interlibrary Loan - Received		13,710
Interlibrary Loan - Loaned		10,568
Full Time Equivalent Personnel		239.04
Public Access Computers		351

FY 2011 Revenue Total: \$18,837,328



FY 2011 Expenditures Total: \$18,423,840

FOUNDATION FY11 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2011
Support and Revenue	
Contributions	\$93,866
Gala Event Revenue	92,314
Other Event Revenue	9,443
In-Kind Contributions	62,152
Interest Income	333
Total Revenue	260,597
Program Expenses	
Donations to HCPL	85,742
Supporting Services	
Fundraising Expenses	13,558
Gala Event Expenses	44,029
Other Event Expenses	3,851
In-Kind Expenses	62,152
Other	38,973
Total Supporting Services	162,563
Total Expenses	248,305
Change in Net Assets	12,292
NET ASSETS – Beginning of Year	142,369
NET ASSETS – End of Year	\$154,661

For the year ended June 30, 2011







FOR THE LIBRARY

A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE LIBRARY



Amber C. Shrodes became the Foundation Director in March 2011.

The HCPL Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, was established in 2000 to augment the financial resources of the Harford County Public Library, promote awareness of its services, and facilitate its development as a creative environment within the county that encourages the acquisition of knowledge and the love of reading.

A viable example of a public-private partnership in action, the Foundation's Board of Directors represent a diverse cross section of the community and share a commitment to improving the quality of life in Harford County. Together they combine public and private resources to support a premiere library system recognized for delivering innovative services.



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