

Allegany County Library System

Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report



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ACLS libraries closed on March 14, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and staff quickly adapted services to meet the needs of the community. Library staff removed fine blocks on using digital collections and databases, moved story times into local parks and online with over 1,500 live attendees, and migrated to a temporary Sidewalk Service model to get 62,800 library books, movies, and more materials into the hands of the community.

Successful Reopening in March 2021

Despite the success of the modified services and programs, library staff were dedicated and worked tirelessly to safely reopen the libraries and restore services that only exist in the buildings like public computer access and browsing through collections.



Reaching Patrons in new Ways

From the new ACLS reader's advisory podcast, Let's Get Lit, to launching a brand new print publication and reading classic holiday stories on the radio, Allegany County Library System staff found new and creative channels to reach patrons while building access was limited.

Joining the conversation: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Following PGCMLS's virtual visit with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, the ACLS staff felt the local community wanted to continue discussing these important topics on race in America. In the fall of 2020, library staff hosted a series of virtual book discussions on "Stamped From the Beginning" by Dr. Kendi. The series was well attended and received positive response from the community. Staff members Ali Cline and Courtney McKay-Jensen, were honored with the MLA's 2021 Outstanding Paraprofessional Award for their work in arranging and moderating the wildly successful series.

Chromebooks and Hotspot Partnerships

By partnering with the City of Cumberland and the Western Maryland Regional Library, the Allegany County Library System began loaning Chromebooks and WiFi Hotspots in April 2021. The program provides much needed internet access in underserved communities, further closing the digital divide in the area.

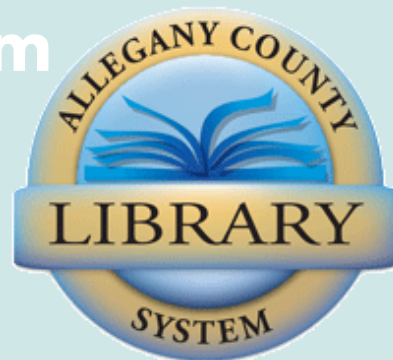


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Financials*

Total Operating Budget
\$2,074,565

Total Operating Expenditures
\$2,060,487

Revenue by Source:

State Appropriations.....	\$859,262
County Appropriations.....	\$966,545
Fees for Service.....	\$8,958
Operating Grants, Gifts, and Misc.....	\$239,800

Expenditures by Source:

Salaries and Payroll Taxes.....	\$1,180,906
Health Insurance.....	\$236,315
Circulating Material.....	\$211,765
Utilities & Repairs.....	\$169,340
Contracted Services.....	\$102,477
Staff Dev. and Memberships.....	\$21,124
Other Expenses.....	\$138,560

Capital Revenue.....\$832,856

Capital Expenditures.....\$871,740

* Unaudited financial data

Services



Personnel (Total FTE)
29



Material Owned
1,278,766



Material Circulated
200,416



Number of Programs
271

Program Attendance
5,233



Circulation

Adult Print Circulation.....	71,864
Children's and Teen Print Circulation.....	33,533
Electronic Material Circulation.....	51,263
Audio and Video Circulation.....	31,782
Interlibrary Loan Circulation.....	11,676
Periodical Circulation.....	298

Other Statistics

Information Questions Answered.....	31,240
Registered Borrowers.....	72,183
Number of Library Visits.....	24,266