



State of the Library, March 2017

By the Numbers

- Borrowing of books, ebooks, audiobooks, and other materials remains strong.
 - 601,900 items borrowed in 2016.
 - Bowling Green 452,645
 - Walbridge 41,026
 - Bookmobile 24,856
 - WC Jail Library 20,302
 - Ebooks/Etc. 63,072
 - Since 2002, borrowing has increased 36% (441,573 in 2002).
 - Use of digital items increased 30% over 2015.
- Total of 22,500 cardholders (3,988 children).
 - 5,068 account purged (after 3 years of inactivity).
 - 2,619 accounts created.
- 1,431 programs and events attended by 27,672 people (up 11%).
 - 283 adult programs; 4,173 attendees.
 - 1148 youth programs; 23,499 attendees.
- 22,364 items added to the collections.
- 184,577 total items in the collections (not counting eBooks).
- 102,700 questions answered by the staff.
- 2,599 Facebook fans (up 15%).
- Foot traffic into the buildings averaged 4,547 visitors per week (up 13% over 2014).

• 2016 Revenue

Source:	Amount:	Percentage:
State Public Library Fund	\$1,407,788	53.3%
Local Levy	\$ 999,959	37.9%
Fines, Fees, Misc.	\$ 77,406	2.9%
Foundation & Friends	\$ 155,052	5.9%
Loan	<u>\$ 600,000</u>	
Total	\$3,240,205	

• 2016 Expenditures:

Category:	Amount:	Percentage:
Personnel	\$1,372,712	49.2%
Supplies	\$ 33,187	1.2%
Services	\$ 794,768	28.5%
New Books, Etc.	\$ 408,370	14.6%
FFE & Technology	\$ 104,694	3.7%
Debt Services	\$ 65,242	2.3%
Other	<u>\$ 13,153</u>	0.5%
Total	\$2,792,126	

- 0.8 mill, 5-year levy passed in November 2010 with 58% approval.
- Levy RENEWED for 6 years in November 2014 with 70% approval.
- Levy currently accounts for nearly 38% of library revenue.
- The current levy will next be on the ballot in November 2020.
- State funding temporarily increased for two years in July 2015 from 1.66% to 1.70% of General Revenue. This increase may end in July 2017.
- As the state's economy improves and state revenues grow, so does support for libraries. As state General Revenue decreases or is cut, so does support for libraries.
- In 2016, state funding accounted for nearly 53% of total revenue for the library.

