Good Things on the Horizon

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County
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The year 2015 was filled with new services and opportunities to connect people to the materials they need and want to inspire them and enrich their lives.

The year saw PLYMC Executive Director Heidi M. Daniel receive the honor of “2015 Ohio Librarian of the Year” by the Ohio Library Council (OLC), the statewide professional association representing the interests of Ohio’s public libraries, Trustees, Friends and staff members.

On learning of the award, Ms. Daniel was quick to recognize others for this honor: “I’m surprised, honored and grateful. To me the award is really a reflection of the incredible work of my team and our great community. No one does notable work alone and I recognize all the amazing people around me, both at the library and in our community, who made this type of award possible.”

The Ohio Library Council website notes that this award “Honors a librarian whose recent accomplishments have impacted the library profession and/or library service to the community.”

Best-Selling Author Louise Penny visited PLYMC for the annual Literary Society fundraising event - and posed for a READ poster while she was here!

David Catrow, children’s author and illustrator, spoke to several hundred kids and adults who received a special invitation to a Summer Discovery Breakfast for completing the summer program!

Best-selling historical fiction author Paula McClain visited the new Canfield Library and treated a standing-room only crowd to a bird’s eye view of how her novels come to life.

The YOLO Center in our Main Library provides hands-on activities with a STEM focus thanks to a of $20,765 funded under the “Sparks! Ignition Grants” by The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant covers coordinated learning spaces at two places, the Library and partner organization OH WOW! The Roger and Gloria Jones Children’s Center for Science and Technology. Participants can interact with hands-on activities and technology in a lab space in the Main Library, and with designated exhibits at OH WOW!

The Library received a $1.68 million gift from The Michael Kusalaba Fund of The Youngstown Foundation. The donation is for the construction of a new branch to replace the aging West Library on Mahoning Avenue. The new library will bear his name. The siblings of Michael Kusalaba, advisors to the Fund, donated the money in his memory honoring his wish to create a legacy that expressed his passion for the Youngstown area for generations to come. His family recalled that as children they lived on the West Side and walked to the library almost every day and it played an important role in their lives.

As I reflect on 2015, I realize that Mahoning County’s libraries get better and stronger each year. As libraries continue to grow and to adapt to the ever-changing information needs of our society, the Mahoning County system stays on top of the trends.

This year, our whole library system was honored when Heidi Daniel was chosen Ohio Library Council’s “Ohio Librarian of the Year.” It was a well-deserved honor.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to reaffirm our commitment to continuing to provide quality library service that meets the needs of the wide demographic range of people we serve.
2015 Financial Report

GENERAL FUND 12/31/15
Encumbered Balance Forward $323,578.96
Balance Forward 4,295,866.89

RECEIPTS
Public Library Fund 8,166,189.45
Property Tax 9,409,155.21
State Grants in Aid 1,426,246.39
Federal Grants in Aid 59,641.13
Patron Fines and Fees 181,824.29
Interest Income 33,533.63
Rental/Lease Income 39,234.72
Miscellaneous 73,724.93
TOTAL RECEIPTS and BALANCES $24,008,995.60

EXPENSES
Salaries and Benefits $8,512,595.92
Supplies 529,556.12
Purchased and Contracted Services 2,232,100.66
Library Materials 1,793,382.85
Equipment 8,680.80
Other Objects 70,919.00
Transfers to Other Funds 5,978,150.00
Encumbered Balance Forward, 12/31/15 437,649.54
Balance Forward, 12/31/15 4,445,960.71
TOTAL EXPENSES and BALANCES $24,008,995.60

BUILDING and REPAIR FUND 12/31/15
Encumbered Balance Forward $3,883,591.93
Balance Forward 24,390,267.81

RECEIPTS
Interest Income 134,512.62
Contributions 164,149.10
Transfers From Other Funds 5,758,150.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS and BALANCES $34,330,671.46

EXPENSES
Investment/Banking Fees $11,408.92
New Buildings 3,654,019.62
Building Improvements 676,803.29
Equipment 376,023.59
Encumbered Balance Forward, 12/31/15 763,176.06
Balance Forward, 12/31/15 28,849,239.98
TOTAL EXPENSES and BALANCE $34,330,671.46

LIBRARY FOUNDATION 12/31/15
Balance Forward $513,545.74

RECEIPTS
Distributions from Trust Funds 85,055.45
Gifts and Miscellaneous 83,374.53
Interest and Investment Income 1,375.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS and BALANCES $683,350.72

EXPENSES
Books and Related Purchases $207,591.30
Marketing Costs 4,653.68
Miscellaneous 1,265.00
Balance Forward, 12/31/15 469,840.74
TOTAL EXPENSES and BALANCE $978,324.95

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FUND 12/31/15
Encumbered Balance Forward $13,464.78
Balance Forward 744,749.51

RECEIPTS
Interest Income 110.66
Transfers From Other Funds 220,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS and BALANCES $978,324.95

Why do you♥your Library?
Library staff asked customers to fill out a heart-shaped form titled "I love my library because..." Here are some of their library-loving responses:

The staff is wonderful!
It helps me learn new things (child)
It helps me grow my business.
I can read better. (child patron)
They love me. They help me with my homework! (student)
The librarians are so friendly. They help me find the book that I need for school. Thanks!
It keeps kids safe and educated.
The staff are nice and they do a lot of activities.
We get to read books and earn prizes and get to use the web anytime we want.
It is a community treasure!
All my favorite books are here.
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Library Locations

- MAIN LIBRARY
- AUSTINTOWN
- BOARDMAN
- BROWNLEE WOODS
- CAMPBELL
- CANFIELD
- EAST
- GREENFORD
- NEWPORT
- POLAND
- SEBRING
- SPRINGFIELD
- STRUTHERS
- TRI-LAKES
- WEST
- SPECIAL DELIVERY

STAFF:  
Full Time 135  
Part Time 52

LIBRARIES 15

POPULATION SERVED 233,204

REGISTERED BORROWERS 101,548

BOOKS and PAPERBACKS IN ALL LIBRARIES 656,802

E-BOOKS 17,832

AUDIO E-BOOKS 6,521

BOOKS ON CD 14,757

DVDs 59,109

MUSIC CDs 22,433

PERIODICAL TITLES 313

NEWSPAPER TITLES 32

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING
  Number of Programs 2,151
  Children Reached Through School Visits and Programming 73,744
  Summer Discovery Registrants 4,799

TEEN PROGRAMMING
  Number of Programs 522
  Teens Reached Through School Visits and Programming 20,078
  Summer Discovery Registrants 606

ADULT PROGRAMMING
  Number of Programs 1,952
  Adults Reached Programming 17,055
  Summer Discovery Registrants 1,746

SPECIAL DELIVERY
  Library-by-Mail Patrons 669

CIRCULATION TOTAL 1,549,094

SEARCH OHIO CIRCULATION
  Borrowed Items 82,880
  Loaned Items 20,047

DOOR COUNTS (visitors) 966,204

REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED 245,432

WEBSITE ACTIVITY (User sessions)
  LibraryVisit.org 1,024,910

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