We officially opened the Michael Kusalaba Library on February 14 with great fanfare and more than 1000 of our neighbors in attendance. “MK” was built on the site of the former West Library (which opened nearly 90 years prior) and features PLYMC’s first makerspace and sound studio in addition to traditional library resources. This trend will continue with our next library, which will be located inside the Campbell School’s Cultural, Literacy, Workforce Community Center (CLWCC) and have a focus on STEM programming for K-6th grade. The CLWCC groundbreaking was held July 20 with representatives from all the partner institutions in attendance.

We also gave some TLC to our existing buildings this year. Austintown Library was painted, underwent roofing work, and got a new parking lot. Struthers Library received a facelift outside and improvements inside which included a new Teen Study area, updated furniture, and a technology bar for the kids.

Towards the end of the year, the Library held public input sessions on the biggest project of the century (so far) – renovating Main Library. Many people offered their thoughts, both in person and online, and the response was an overwhelmingly positive, “Let’s do this!” We expect to hire an architect and start developing the project in 2019.
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### What Does It Cost to run the Library?

$14.7 million in 2018*

(From the Financial Report – General Fund Expenses)

- **Collection & Services**
  - Programming: $6.8M, 121.4 FTE (46%)
  - Building & Vehicle Maintenance: $3.7M, 31.1 FTE (25%)
  - Administration: $2.1M, 12 FTE (14%)
  - Technology: $1.6M, 13.65 FTE (11%)

- **Building & Vehicle Maintenance Administration**
  - Technology: $.5M, 6 FTE (3%)

*Does not include encumbered balance and balance forward.

**FTE: Full-Time Equivalent**

### Where Does the Money Come From?

$18.9 million in 2018*

(From the Financial Report – General Fund Receipts)

- **Other Income** - fines, fees, rentals, etc.: $.6 million
- **State Taxes - Public Library Fund**: 8.4 million
- **Local Taxes - Plymc Levy**: 8.8 million
- **Other Gov. Dollars**: 1.1 million

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### How Do We Use Your Donations?

$2 million in 2018*

(From the Financial Report – Library Foundation Receipts)

- Trust Investments: 40%
- Earmarked for 2019: 17%
- Audit Fees: 17%
- Events: 15%
- Advocacy: 4%
- Marketing: 4%
- Other Books & Programs: 2%

### How Are We Preparing for the Future?

$37.5 million in 2018*

(*From the Financial Report – Balances Forward in the Building & Repair and Technology Funds)

- **Branch Library Renovation**: $5.1 Million
- **General Reserve**: $6.2 Million
- **Project Contingency**: $2.5 Million
- **Main Library**: $21 Million
- **Maintenance Plan**: $2 Million
- **Technology Reserve**: $.7 Million
- **Summer Reading Books & Programs**: 17%
- **Events**: 15%
- **Marketing**: 4%
- **Advocacy**: 2%
- **Other Books & Programs**: 2%
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2018 LIBRARY STATISTICS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS
- DR. DAVID RITCHIE, President
- CAROLE S. WEIMER, Vice President
- MARK J. MROFCHAK, Fiscal Officer*
- TINA McBANE, Deputy Fiscal Officer*
  *Non-Voting
- AIMEE FIFAREK, Executive Director*

TRUSTEES
- RICHARD ATKINSON
- ALEX BENYO
- ALEXA SWEENEY BLACKANN
- TIMOTHY BRESNAHAN
- DELORES CRAWFORD
- TERRY DIMASCIO
- THOMAS M. FROST
- JAMES J. MEEHAN
- JUDITH SCHMUTZ
- RONALD STROLLO
- JAMIE VIANO
- JOHN H. YERIAN III
- RALPH T. MEACHAM
  Mahoning County Auditor
  (Non-Voting)
- THE HONORABLE
- JAMAI TITO BROWN
  Mayor, City of Youngstown
  (Non-Voting)

LIBRARY LOCATIONS
- MAIN LIBRARY
- AUSTINTOWN
- BOARDMAN
- BROWNLEE WOODS
- CAMPBELL EXPRESS
- CANTFIELD
- EAST
- GREENFORD
- MICHAEL KUSALABA BRANCH
- NEWPORT
- POLAND
- SEBRING
- SPRINGFIELD
- STRUTHERS
- TRI-LAKES
- SPECIAL DELIVERY
- OH WOW! EXPRESS (CLOSED)
- POP-UP LIBRARY MOBILE SERVICE

MAIN LIBRARY
305 Wick Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44503
Phone: 330-744-8636

WHO IS PLYMC?

POPULATION SERVED
229,796
CARDHOLDERS
103,300
SPECIAL DELIVERY
Library-by-Mail Patrons
594
LIBRARIES
15
STAFF:
  Full Time
  Part Time
  143
  52

WHAT YOU CAN READ, WATCH & DOWNLOAD FROM PLYMC

BOOKS IN ALL LIBRARIES
554,066
E-BOOKS
49,338
AUDIO E-BOOKS
9,665
BOOKS ON CD
22,120
DVDs
79,231
MUSIC CDs
20,021
PERIODICAL & NEWSPAPER TITLES
256

HOW YOU ARE USING THE LIBRARY

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING
  Number of Programs
  2,101
  Children Reached Through School Visits
  and Programming
  75,119
  Summer Discovery Registrants
  3,455

TEEN PROGRAMMING
  Number of Programs
  776
  Teens Reached Through School Visits
  and Programming
  15,546
  Summer Discovery Registrants
  669

ADULT PROGRAMMING
  Number of Programs
  2,429
  Adults Reached Through Programming
  19,264
  Summer Discovery Registrants
  1,369

DOOR COUNTS (visitors)
952,262
REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED
252,916
CIRCULATION
1,691,149
SEARCH OHIO USE
  Borrowed Items
  70,338
  Loaned Items
  18,588

TECHNOLOGY @ THE LIBRARY

PUBLIC COMPUTERS
329
WiFi SESSIONS
248,972
COMPUTER SESSIONS
164,974
WEBSITE ACTIVITY
858,730
## GENERAL FUND 12/31/18

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