

FY2016 Report to the Community

Discover, Explore, Experience a lifetime of learning at Boone County Public Library is our mission statement. We attempt to meet that mission by offering exceptional service and lifelong learning opportunities through our spaces, collections and events. Over the last several years, we have seen a change in how Boone County uses the Library.

While physical books, movies and audio CDs are still popular, more and more people are turning to us for their digital needs. This past year, circulation of our eMaterials (eBooks, eAudiobooks, Streaming video, music, and databases) increased 40%, from 217,489 items checked out to 362,273 items. While we saw a 52% decrease in the number of people using our public computers over the last three years, the number of people bringing their own devices into the Library to use our free Wi-Fi has increased by 71%.

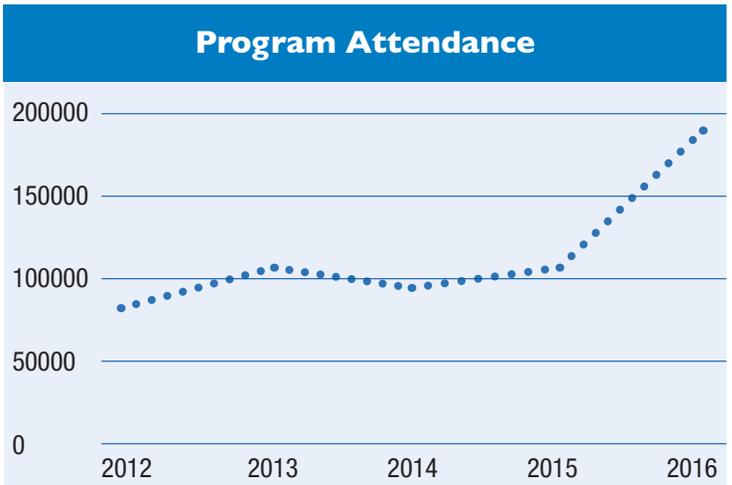
Three years ago, we began decreasing the number of programs we offered. We wanted to make a change from smaller programs to larger, targeted programs that better meet the community's needs. This has worked. This year 181,809 children, teens and adults attended programs at all of BCPL's locations, an increase

of 45% over the three years.

We also tried a new concept by bringing in nationally recognized traveling exhibits such as the Robot Zoo. We were able to plan programs and school field trips around the exhibit. Kids and adults marveled at the robotic animals in the Library, while they learned STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts about robots and animals. During the five months the Robot Zoo was installed at the Main Library, 252 school groups and a total of 90,610 people visited the exhibit.

Anne Frank: A History for Today, another traveling exhibit hosted by BCPL, was installed for three weeks to coincide with a Holocaust survivor speaking at the Main Library. In 2015, BCPL offered a Holocaust survivor program which was attended by 865 people. Because of the popularity of the event, we hosted two Holocaust survivor lectures in 2016. The exhibit itself saw 3,000 visitors. The two 2016 lectures had a combined attendance of 1,124.

The Main Library and the Scheben, Florence and Walton Branches all have meeting rooms available for community groups to use. Over the last five years we



have seen a 68% increase (from 551 groups in 2012 to 1,745 groups in 2016) in the number of unique groups booking the rooms. We have also seen an 80% increase in the number of meetings held in those rooms. We have gone from 1,646 meetings in 2012 to 8,094 meetings in 2016.

In FY2016, for every one dollar in taxes, the citizens of Boone County received approximately \$5.32 in value. What does the Library cost you? You pay 5.2 cents for every one hundred dollars of your property's value, in taxes to the Library. The taxes you would pay for an \$174,200 home (the average

value of a home in Boone County according to census.gov) would be \$90.58 per year. That's just \$7.55 a month and covers everyone who lives in your home. Figure out how much you pay and the value of the Library services you use: www.bcpl.org/about/calculators/

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