

WORCESTER COUNTY LIBRARY

FY 25 ANNUAL REPORT

Worcester County Library
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The mission of the Worcester County Library is to encourage a love of reading, provide free access to information, and offer programs to serve and connect our communities.

Board Members:

- Jocelyn Briddell
- Sandra Buchanan, Vice President
- Kathryn Culbertson
- Nancy Howard
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Annual Statistics

Revenues

Worcester County	\$3,742,732
Grants	\$191,964
State Aid	\$197,150
State payment for Pensions	\$330,730
User Fees and Charges	\$23,717
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$1,573
Total Revenue	\$4,487,866

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$2,340,081
Benefits – Insurance	\$507,157
Benefits – Social Security	\$170,374
Benefits – Retirement	\$212,823
Pension Contribution OPEB	\$168,739
MSRS on behalf of Library	\$330,730
Administrative (& Advertising)	\$14,905
Travel & Training	\$3,376
Books & Materials	\$251,934
Program Expense	\$21,764
Facilities	\$309,344
Equipment Maintenance	\$36,751
Other (Vehicle Operating/Insurance)	\$2,652
Capital Equipment	\$0
Grant Expenses	\$117,236
Total Expenditures	\$4,487,866

Materials Circulated = 329,848 (Children's = 111,021)

Digital Checkouts = 141,430

Reference Questions = 93,018

Library Visits = 292,024

Meeting Room Reservations = 2,502 (Study Room Use: 1,561)

Program Attendance = 28,398 (Youth Programs = 681 / Youth Attendance = 15,387 / Adult Programs = 775 / Adult Attendance = 7,951 / General Interest Programs = 142 / General Interest Attendance = 5060)

Materials owned = 164,668

ILL Received = 1,893 / ILL Loaned = 4,254

Personnel (Total FTE) = 46

Library Service Highlights:

- Carlos Caceres, longtime volunteer at the Ocean City Branch received a Worcester County Volunteer Spirit award, August 2024
- Snow Hill Library Renovation plans continued throughout the year
- Snow Hill Library Branch Manager Brittney Herz established a proxy writing program with County Jail, programs were held throughout the year
- “Wonderbook” materials added to children’s collection
- Over 1,000 people visited the Berlin Branch Haunted Library program, October 2024
- Friends of the Ocean Pines Library held a nonfiction author panel, October 2024
- Pocomoke Library opened a temporary branch location, November 2024
- Pocomoke Library Groundbreaking, January 2025 (substantial completion projected for April 2026)
- Romanian Library Corner established at the Ocean City and Berlin branches, January 2025
- Hobby Fair held at the Berlin Branch, March 2025
- New Strategic Plan adopted, March 2025
- Staff Day at Enoch Pratt Free Library, April 2025
- Produced three local history videos for upcoming MD 250 anniversary
- Cooking Up Health Grant in partnership with the Worcester County Health Department, helped to establish mobile kitchens and seed libraries in Berlin, Pocomoke, and Snow Hill library branches

Future Plans / Needs:

- Snow Hill Library Building Improvements, HVAC replacement (Phase 2 of project)
- Updated restrooms for the Ocean Pines branch



Carlos Caceres, Ocean City branch volunteer, receives a Worcester County Volunteer Spirit award



Romanian Corner, Ocean City Library, photos by Emil Moldoveanu