

THIS IS FOLMC

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Message from Ari Z. Brooks, Executive Director

As COVID-19 continued to change our world, we witnessed first-hand how Montgomery County Public Libraries was critical to our community beyond the books in its collection. Although all MCPL library branches were closed in March, our community remained active through online programming, digital library resources, and our Rockville Bookstore.

Libraries will help the community recover from this crisis, and they will play an important role in bringing us back together. Library resources keep us healthy, safe, and informed with ideas for sleeping, meditating, staying calm, entertaining children, and providing a trusted source of information. In FY20, FOLMC spent 72 cents out of each dollar donated on funding programs and services, because our mission doesn't change in a crisis—it only grows stronger despite our bookstores being closed and our new telework environment.

We are pleased to present to you our FY20 annual report. Our activities and financials demonstrate our deep commitment to literacy, learning, transparency, and our community, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is FOLMC.

\$172K
DOLLARS
DONATED

3,725
VOLUNTEER
HOURS

COUNTLESS
LIVES
CHANGED

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This is Transformation.

FOLMC sponsors and executes a range of programs that educate, entertain, and enrich curious minds.



LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

Celebrates libraries and recognizes their value in our community. "I love my library because..." postcard collection to show how library patrons use and appreciate libraries



MOSAIC CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

A program for middle school students to express their cultural identity through essays, poetry, and short stories. Winners enjoyed a virtual discussion with author Dhonielle Clayton (pictured)!

Writers: 91 | Middle Schools: 14
Winners: 10 | Honorable Mentions: 12

JUST FOR THE RECORD – A VINYL DAY

A day devoted to the culture of playing, making, collecting and repurposing vinyl records through panel discussions, makerspace, and musical activities. *Delayed due to COVID - went virtual in July 2020*



RECYCLING

Our Bookstores reused, repurposed, or recycled approximately 4,159,353 books in FY20.

BOOKSTORES

Offers thousands of donated items at affordable prices to raise funds that support our mission. Open daily.

Rockville and Wheaton closed March - June; FOLMC pivoted to online sales and mail order book bundles.



LIBRARY AFTER DARK GALA

Due to the pandemic, our awards ceremony recognizing library contributors, donors, and professions became a popular virtual event. Awards went to Eric Carzon, Twinbrook Library, Carol W. Leahy, fundraiser and advocate, and the late Cokie Roberts, award winning broadcast journalist and bestselling author.



All of us at FOLMC were saddened to learn of the passing of performer Bradley Fields, whose "Math Magic" kick-off event during Library Lovers Month earned rave reviews! Mr. Fields was one of the first casualties of the pandemic. Our thoughts are with his family.

This is Change.

Wheaton Library Grand Re-Opening

After being closed for three years, the Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center (11701 Georgia Avenue), underwent a multi-million dollar renovation. We proudly opened the new FOLMC Wheaton Bookstore in September, 2019, welcoming over 10,000 customers on its first day.

It features the same great, high-quality books at affordable prices our customers have grown to love over our many years serving the community.



This is Support.

Financial Support* to Montgomery County Public Libraries



Staff Development and Training (\$30,000)

FOLMC funding pays for supplies, speakers, facilitators, refreshments, and any follow-up sessions.



Urban Libraries Council Partnership (\$12,000)

Membership provides valuable assistance in ensuring that MCPL stays abreast of the latest urban library research techniques, trends, and advocacy.



Volunteer Recognition (\$8,000)

Appreciation events in each branch/unit to recognize the value MCPL's volunteers bring to library services every day.

* This financial support is above and beyond the FOLMC core programs that are held in branches and benefit the patrons all year long.



Library Services Outreach & Education (\$3,100)

The project funds outreach, education, and networking activities related to State Legislative Day and participation in Citizens for Maryland Libraries.



System-Wide Marketing and Special Programs (\$50,450)

The grant funds printing of marketing materials, Go! Kits, 1000 Books before Kindergarten and other ongoing initiatives; focused marketing of MCPL resources such as databases; translation services, and more.



System-Wide Programming (\$30,450)

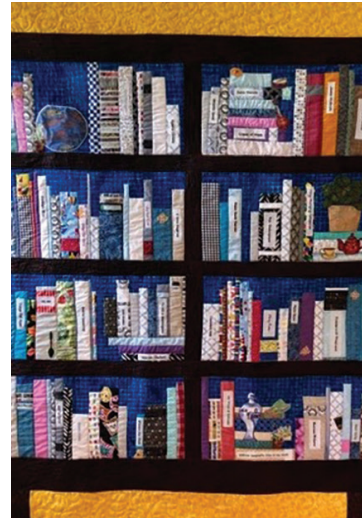
Programming includes educational, awareness, health & wellness, cultural, arts & crafts, and musical programs, STEM programs, workforce & business development programs and financial literacy classes, speakers' fees for the Contemporary Conversations series, author events, writing and reading programs, and programs for the Summer Read & Learn initiative. The grant funds presenters, programming supplies, services, and equipment.

Support Totaling \$134,000

MISSION STATEMENT

To strengthen, promote, and champion Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL), for it to better serve the learning interests and needs of the diverse and changing communities of the County, by

- Raising funds to enhance and supplement library programming, equipment, and services;
- Increasing public awareness of library resources and connecting local communities with their branch libraries;
- Creating volunteer opportunities for County residents to support MCPL;
- Engaging with the County's library support community to address the ongoing needs of the library system, and advocating for MCPL's budget to the County government.



This quilt, inspired by a retired librarian, was the highlight of our Library After Dark auction. Each Friend worked on a different section and fine embroidery tied it together. It was a beautiful emblem of connectedness and community—especially during these difficult times.

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This is Generosity.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, grantors, and sponsors, we raised \$172,489 in contributions to fund programs that benefit the library community. *Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you feel there is an omission, please notify us immediately.*

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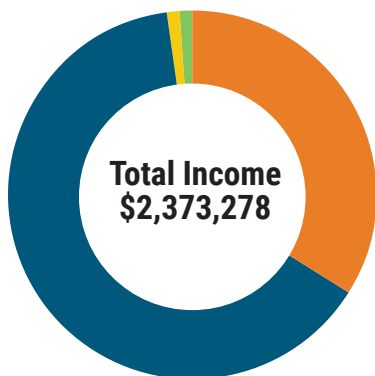
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A special thanks to our almost 2,000 members contributing at all levels of our organization.

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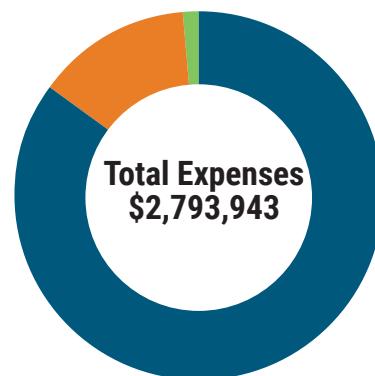


34% Earned Income
\$816,158

64% Contributed Income
\$1,524,644

1% Other Income
\$20,270

> 1% In-Kind
\$12,206



85.2% Program Services
\$2,382,311

13.5% Management & General
\$378,556

1.2% Fundraising
\$33,076

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