

Pittsylvania County Public Library 2016 – 2017 Annual Report

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Our Commitment to You #readingisforeveryone

The staff and Board of Trustees of the Pittsylvania County Public Library are committed to providing the best possible library materials and services to the people of Pittsylvania County. This report highlights some of those services and programs. We welcome your feedback and suggestions to further improve our performance (email info@pcplib.org or call Lisa Tuite, Director, at (434) 432-3271).



Building Strong Readers #earlyliteracysupport #communitypartners

Stories, songs, rhymes, and word games introduce children to books and the library, laying a strong foundation for lasting educational success. From our award-winning *Mother Goose on the Loose* early literacy classes to partnering with *Smart Beginnings* for *Wednesdays for Wees* and *Preschool Pals*, we provided thousands of story hours to hundreds of beginning readers.



Little Laundromat Libraries #earlyliteracysupport #libraryoutreach

To reach young readers and their families outside the library, in May 2017 we established free reading resource stations at nine Laundromats throughout the county. These *Little Laundromat Libraries* promote family literacy and reduce “summer slide” by providing books for children and parents to read and share between loads of laundry.



Supporting Student Achievement #lifelonglearning #improvingourfuture

Our homeschool programs, teacher checkout assistance, educational databases, online homework help, and Bookmobile school visits provide ongoing support to public, private, and homeschool students. Students can research, write, format and print reports on our public computers and color printers. We also proctor online tests.



Helping Lifelong Learners #lifelonglearning #improvingourfuture #communitypartners

We coordinated with *Central Virginia Community College* to adapt and create an *Open Educational Resources* page for our website to provide easy access to free continuing educational opportunities and learning support for patrons who are changing careers or exploring new fields.



Reading Programs for All Ages #readingisforeveryone #earlyliteracysupport

Whether it's *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*, our popular summer and winter reading programs, or just relaxed browsing, PCPL offers hundreds of thousands of books in a variety of formats: paperbacks, hardbacks, and audiobooks, as well as eBooks, and e-audiobooks from *Tumblebooks*, *Overdrive*, *Hoopla*, and *OneClick* digital services. If readers tire of the printed word, we also have thousands of movie titles.



Engaging Our Community #communitybuilding #communitypartners

Libraries aren't just for readers. They are also places for the community to share. The Friends of the Library sponsors a three-month *Brown Bag Book Review* series every winter. The thoughtful *Our Civil Rights* discussion series, now in its fourth year, is a collaboration with *History United* and, now, other community groups. In 2016, the topic was *Race and Education*; in 2017 it is *Race and Labor*.



Celebrating Local History #communitybuilding #communitypartners

PCPL joined the *Pittsylvania Historical Society* and *Chatham First* to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Pittsylvania County with a commemorative 250th anniversary library card, our weekly “*Where's William?*” contest that features a 6' foam cutout of William Pitt, First Earl of Chatham, visiting sites around the county, and giveaways and sales of a commemorative T-shirt and William Pitt lapel pins.



Arts & Crafts Programs #communitybuilding #lifelonglearning

The library offers a broad range of arts and crafts programs suited to a wide range of ages and skill levels. Programs are led by our staff or volunteers and supported by our Friends of the Library groups. A community of needleworkers meet at each branch to work together and help each other.



Health & Wellness Programs #health&wellness #communitypartnerships

We have partnered with the Regional Cancer Task Force and other community partners to host author talks, art shows, speaker programs, healthy eating talks, informational brochures and ACA healthcare signups. Gretna and Brosville have regular adult exercise programs.



Community Outreach #libraryoutreach #librariesareforeveryone #communitypartnerships

From Bookmobile visits to festival and parade participation, we reach out to serve the community. Meet your library at a Touch-A-Truck, Chatham Christmas events, back-to-school nights, or at the SOVA Youth Festival, to name just a few examples.



Local History & Genealogy #communitypartnerships #lifelonglearning #localhistory

This year, the library hosted the third annual Finding Our Roots event with History United, the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, regional libraries and historical groups, and the Library of Virginia. The event promotes local and regional resources for history and genealogy.



Building Readers #libraryoutreach #readingisforeveryone #communitypartnerships

The library and our Friends host annual book sales. This year, we initiated a *Free Books for Non-Profits* giveaway to provide reading materials to programs serving families, children, the homeless, and prison populations. We also write a monthly book review for the *Chatham Star Tribune* to introduce our staff and promote new and favorite books.



Growing for the Future #improvingourfuture #communitybuilding #communitypartners

We are working with the community, County, the Board of Supervisors, local foundations and our support groups to move our small Mt. Hermon branch to a new space. The exciting new space will provide room for more books, more readers, and more community programs.

PCPL by the Numbers #librarystatistics #readingisforeveryone

- **34,235 PCPL library card holders** (over 50% of the total County population, but also includes eligible card holders who live outside County borders, such as Danville residents).
- **5,102 active borrowers** in 2016-2017 – **more than 8%** of the total County population.
- **591,384 circulation transactions** in 2016-2017 (includes check ins, checkouts, holds, and renewals). That is 336,321 check-outs – that is 5.5 books per person in the county (and doesn't include digital checkouts!).
- Almost **132,000 physical items** (books, DVDs, books on CD, magazines) available to borrow, plus hundreds of thousands more in digital formats.
- **25,233 participants** in library programs (a **50% increase** over 2016-2017).
- **11,424 books logged during our 8-week Summer Reading Program** (4,328 to kids ages 0-5; 4,521 by kids ages 6-11; 488 by teens; and 2,087 by adults).

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