

Muncie Public Library Report to the Community 2022



New Beginnings (and Endings) in 2022

Like all community organizations, Muncie Public Library experienced exciting beginnings and treasured endings in 2022. A grant from the Sherman and Marjorie Zeigler Foundation made a new Health Track possible at Maring-Hunt Library with additional funding to provide a Story Walk feature to be added later. And two longtime staff members at MPL retired after decades-long careers of service to MPL.

Photos above: MPL staff, Board of Trustees members, community leaders, and Great Achievers students celebrate the unveiling of the new MPL Health Track. Above left: Facilities Manager Gary Bartling retired after 49+ years of service. Above right: MPL Assistant Library Director Beth Kroehler retired after 39+ years of service. Photos at right, top: A children's art program at Kennedy Library. Bottom: Katherine Mitchell was named the new Assistant Library Director.



MPL Mission Statement

Muncie Public Library will provide accessible and innovative services responding to the reading, informational, educational, and enrichment needs of the community.



2022 Highlights-Winter

A grant from the Kiwanis Club of Muncie, along with a large donation of sewing notions from Classroom Connections ECI, made possible a new Teen Sewing Club, where young adults learned how to sew and create!

Timely displays at all MPL branches showcased local people and art. Local notable women were included in a Women's History Month display—with one of the honorees stopping by to check out the display. Gunther Cartwright, Professor Emeritus at the Rochester Institute of Technology, presented "I Dream a World" as part of Women's History Month programming at Connection Corner.

Carnegie Library was the setting for the Paul Revere Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution History Awards ceremony. Sara McKinley, MPL Local History & Genealogy Supervisor and a board member of the Delaware County Historical Society, was among the award recipients.



2022 Highlights-Spring

A Community Scan Day to preserve family documents and photos was held in May and was sponsored by Minnetrista Museum & Gardens, BSU Libraries, the Delaware County Historical Society, and MPL.

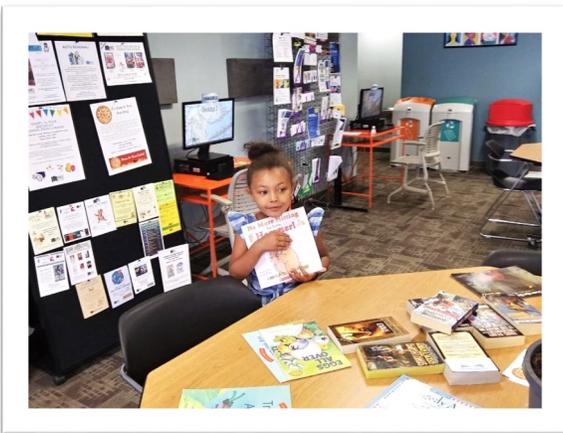
A book bike, made possible by a grant from the Ball Brothers Foundation, debuted at Muncie on the Move, a Muncie-Delaware County Chamber event. The MPL Director, staff members, and MPL Board of Trustees members introduced the bike to the community!

2022 Highlights-Summer

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) launched in June and continued through July. Babies, kids, teens, and adults were encouraged to read during the summer months and to attend events and programs. The



Friends of Muncie Public Library and local businesses (such as the Book Center, shown left) provided many of the prizes and helped promote SRP. More than 650 kids and 100 adults participated.



Connection Corner celebrated its 10-Year Anniversary in July of 2022. This MPL branch serves as a high-tech center with computers and other tech resources for visitors. It is also a popular afterschool gathering place for Longfellow Elementary students, who can get homework help and increase tech skills in the Digital Climbers program.

2022 Highlights-Fall

Maring-Hunt Library received new drop boxes in 2022. The units replaced old, rusted drop boxes that had been in service for decades! The drop boxes promote the 150th Anniversary of MPL, which will take place in 2025. MPL originally opened in 1875 as a reading room located in the Muncie City Building.



Kennedy Library welcomed *New York Times* best-selling mystery author Charles Todd for a Meet the Author event.



Community Partnerships

MPL works with local organizations to secure grants and to deliver quality collaborative programs that meet the needs of the community. Just a few of our 2022 partners included: 8twelve Coalition, AARP Tax Aide, Ball Brothers Foundation, Ball State University-a variety of departments & programs, BY5, the City of Muncie, Classroom Connections ECI, Delaware County Historical Society, Dementia Friends, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Eastern Indiana Works, Heart of Indiana United Way, Indiana Legal Services, Kiwanis Club of Muncie, LifeStream Services, Minnetrista Museum & Gardens, MLK Dream Team, Muncie & Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Muncie Ballet Studio, Muncie Children's Museum, Muncie Community Schools, Muncie Sanitary District, Nature Play Days, Open Door Community Health Services, Paul Revere Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Rising Readers, Sherman and Marjorie Zeigler Foundation, St. Michael School, TeenWorks, and more.



Academic Enrichment at MPL: Ready Readers & Great Achievers

MPL Ready Readers (RR) is an early literacy program that provides free, one-on-one reading and vocabulary tutoring to children ages 1-9. Through a Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant, the program trained additional volunteers and expanded to serve more children. The program also moved to an expanded space within Maring-Hunt Library to accommodate more literacy tutoring sessions. The Ready Readers Program Director and founder Katie Lehman (who has since accepted a position with the Indiana Department of Education) was honored as the 2022 D. Susan Wisely Outstanding Child Worker of the Year by the Indiana Youth Institute. She was honored at a statewide conference where she and MPL Library Director Akilah Nosakhere and Ready Readers Specialist Sidney Barkdull attended a meet and greet with one of the keynote speakers at the event, LeVar Burton, actor, literacy advocate, and longtime host of the PBS show *Reading Rainbows*.



Great Achievers (GA) is the MPL afterschool program for students from South View Elementary. GA is a 21st Century Community Learning Center funded by the Indiana Department of Education. The program helps students at risk of academic failure by providing homework help,



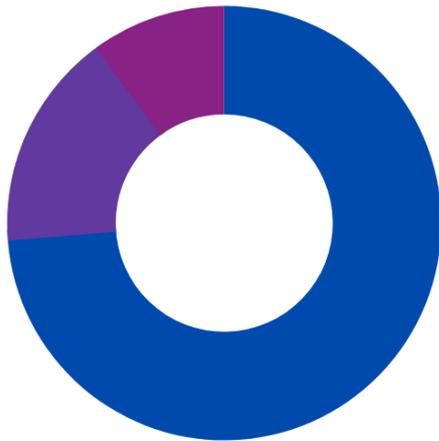
tutoring, and art and other creative activities. It also provides several weeks of learning and play camps during the summer months. The GA Program Coordinator describes the program as, “Great Achievers provides a safe space for children to come afterschool. We provide a snack, academic enrichment, homework help, and busing home- all for free! My personal teaching philosophy is guided by developmentally appropriate practice, community engagement, conversation and justice-based classroom management, and Reggio Emilia and Montessori inspired practices. All of these guiding principles can be found in our program through our C.L.E.A.R. core values, emphasis on

project-based and play-based learning, and focus on the whole child and their development.”

Gabby Sandefer, Great Achievers Program Coordinator, Muncie Public Library
BS Early Childhood Education, Ball State University, 2018

2022 Muncie Public Library Financials

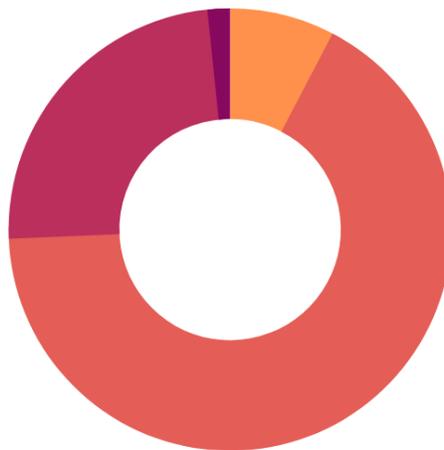
Operating Revenue



● Property Taxes	3,107,367.27
● LIT (Local Income Tax)	684,721.00
● Other	422,911.62

Total: \$4,214,999.89

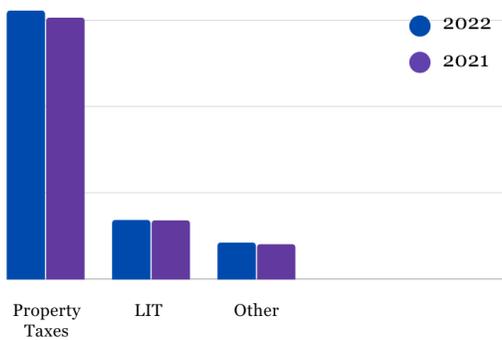
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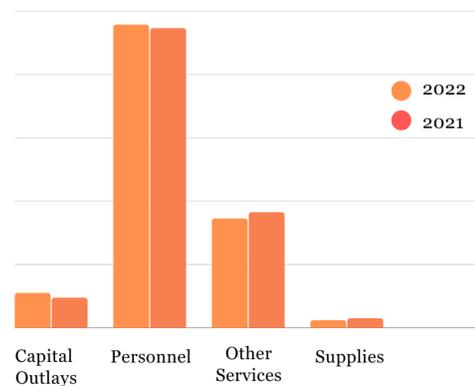
● Capital Outlays	274,867.12
● Personnel	2,393,128.44
● Other Services	861,853.79
● Supplies	58,782.90

Total: \$3,588,632.25

Comparison: 2021 to 2022 Operating Revenue



Comparison: 2021 to 2022 Operating Expenditures





Muncie Public Library Board of Trustees 2022

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Photo above, from left to right: MPL Director Akilah Nosakhere, Board of Trustees members Olon Dotson, Denise King, Billie Sheppard with a young visitor, Mary Louise Buck, and MPL Assistant Director Katherine Mitchell. Not pictured: Board members Traci Lutton, Ren'a Wagner, and Jennifer Warrner.

Note from the Library Director

I hope you have enjoyed this report regarding MPL activities throughout 2022. We thank our partners and donors for another great year. Our excitement is growing as we approach 2025, when we will celebrate MPL's 150th Anniversary!

2022 Statistics

Collections

273,506

Includes all items, print, audio-visual, etc. and all Muncie Community School and MOM items in the shared UCAT catalog.

Circulations

386,733

Includes all circulating items at all branches, and checkouts through the shared catalogs. OverDrive digital checkouts were 82,691 and are included in the circulations total above.

Database Use

97,142

Includes all database checkouts from 14 databases, including Hoopla streaming services.

Card Count

46,603

Includes Resident, Non-Resident, Student, PLAC, Reciprocal cards, and READ cards. The READ Card Project puts special library cards into the hands of students, teachers, and staff at participating organizations.

Card Registrations

4,042

Includes registrations and renewals for all card types.

Door Counts

148,352

Total door counts at all locations. Average per day total: 495 people.



MPL Branches

Carnegie Library

301 E. Jackson Street, Muncie, IN 47305

765-747-8208

Historic Carnegie houses the Local History & Genealogy collection and has public access computers, Wi-Fi access, programs, and a community meeting room.



Connection Corner

1824 E. Centennial Avenue, Muncie IN 47303

765-747-8216

Connection Corner is a high-tech community resource center with Wi-Fi access, public access computers, video production, a sound studio, a 3D printer, programs, tech tutoring help, a community meeting room, and notary service by appointment.



Kennedy Library

1700 W. McGalliard Road, Muncie, IN 47304

765-741-9727

Kennedy Library is a full service library with a large collection of books, digital media downloads, magazines, CDs, DVDs, Wi-Fi access, public access computers, story times, programs, and a community meeting room.



Maring-Hunt Library

2005 S. High Street, Muncie, IN 47302

765-747-8200

Maring-Hunt Library is a full service library with a large collection of books, digital media downloads, magazines, CDs, DVDs, Wi-Fi access, public access computers, a small study room, tech tutoring help, story times, programs, a community meeting room, a Health Track & garden area, and notary service by appointment.



MPL Administration

2005 S. High Street, Muncie, IN 47302

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Website: <https://www.munciepubliclibrary.org>

The Friends of Muncie Public Library

Thank you to the Friends of Muncie Public Library for their volunteer service! The Friends group is a separate 501 (c)(3) dedicated to supporting Muncie Public Library. The group holds book sales to help support programs and services at MPL. Friends memberships are \$15 for individuals, \$5 for students, and \$25 for a family membership. Become a Friend today! Find out more on the MPL website: www.munciepubliclibrary.org

