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EMPOWERING
INDIVIDUALS

STRENGTHENING
COMMUNITY



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FY 2015



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Calvert Library has closed the books on another exciting year of service to the community. Our excellent staff provided access to information, stimulated the imagination and provided inspiration to almost half a million visitors at our four locations...and that was before we started counting our online visits!



60,000+ attended classes and events at the four Calvert Library locations in FY15. These covered a broad range of topics of interest to our community. Many children's, tween and teen programs were STEM focused and drew curious minds eager to engage with one another and technology.

Calvert Library continued to play an integral role in preparing children for success in school. Over 21,000 preschool age children and their caregivers attended storytime classes at the library where they talk, sing, read, write, and play, preparing them to learn to read for themselves. We expanded

opportunities for creative play by installing Imagination Stations at Calvert Library Prince Frederick and at Twin Beaches Branch.

We're proud of our many strong community partnerships which enable us to extend our reach into the community. Friends of Calvert Library and Calvert Library Foundation provided the library with over \$50,000 for programs, equipment, furniture and staff development. Thank you for your support of these fantastic organizations!

I extend thanks to our partners and to all of our wonderful customers who make it such a pleasure to deliver learning opportunities, access to technology, and yes! reading and viewing materials to the citizens of Calvert County throughout the year.

Carrie Plymire
Director, Calvert Library



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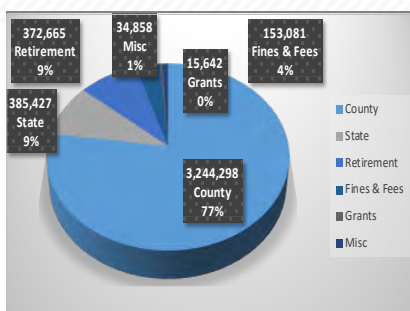
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STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic planning process began in March of 2015. It was designed to be inclusive and engaging. A volunteer consultant guided the process which began by convening focus groups with staff at each branch as well as with the Board of Library Trustees. Staff and leaders had opportunities to voice their assessment of the current state of the library and to articulate ideas for future direction. In addition, more than half of the staff participated in one of five data collection teams. The teams collected community information, assessed customer needs via a survey, conducted focus groups, benchmarked other library systems and analyzed current library programming. Our consultant compiled all of the data and feedback and helped the library identify three main goals and two organizational competencies to guide the library through 2018. Below are the Vision, Mission and Values that were developed during the planning process. To see our goals and objectives, visit us online at <http://calvert.lib.md.us/pdfs/StrategicPlan16-18.pdf>

VISION AND MISSION

Calvert Library's vision is to Inspire Possibility.

Calvert Library mission is to serve as a gateway to information, imagination, and inspiration. We:

- Empower individuals by facilitating lifelong learning and
 - Strengthen our community by providing opportunities for connection to one another and the world
- Values

Calvert Library has adopted the following core values that drive both internal operations and relationships with customers and partners:

- We embrace change, take risks and learn from mistakes.
- We collaborate within our library locations, our community, our region and our state.
- We value individual creativity and diversity.
- We learn and facilitate the learning of others as a means to empower and transform lives.
- We engage and build community.

I GIVE BACK

With the help of our volunteers, we know that we "inspire possibility" through the high-quality services, resources, events, classes and support we provide our community.



I TALENTED PEOPLE

The level of service we aim for would not be possible without the contribution of time and talent from our volunteers.



I CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS

Each of our volunteers assist staff members, advocate for the library, contribute to the success of library events and classes and bring new talents to the organization.



I COMMUNITY INFLUENCE

Volunteers also contribute greatly to the positive image the community holds of Calvert Library.

I THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Everyone at Calvert Library would like to thank each of our volunteers for the time and dedication they give each day.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

FRIENDS

Membership dues, donations and support of Friends events all helped to raise money that enabled our library to obtain the resources for additional programming, to buy much needed equipment, to have enough supplies to support children's programs and to support the library staff. Last year, the Friends held one indoor book sale and two outdoor sidewalk book sales. We sponsored two Pub Quiz events, one in the spring and one in the fall. Throughout the year, the Friends Store stayed open. The used books are always a big seller. We stock a wide variety of books in excellent condition. Not only do we stock books in the Friends store – we have many new items from games to puzzles to special keepsakes including items made by hand and donated by Friends members and groups that support the Calvert Library. Remember ~ we can't do it without you! Our thanks to everyone who patronized our book sales, our store, joined the Friends for the first time, renewed memberships, attended events and volunteered their time.

\$1,500

■ SPRING PUB QUIZ //

The Spring Pub Quiz was a great success! We had a full house and raised over \$1,500 to support the library. Thanks to all competitors, library staff and volunteers!

\$2,200

■ SIDEWALK SALE //

Saturday, May 16, turned out to be a beautiful day for outside shopping! Our sidewalk book sales always draw a crowd and when the weather is good, a BIG crowd! Our sales were just under \$2,200.

Friends of Calvert Library Board of Directors

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Donated \$20,668.55 in FY15

Children's programming
Teen | Tween programming
Adult programming
Staff development
Professional dues
Volunteer & employee recognition
Equipment and furniture for branches

FOUNDATION

CALVERT LIBRARY FOUNDATION Helping to make the difference between the Library being good and being great.

The Calvert Library Foundation had a successful year in 2015. In addition our participation in the Combined Federal Campaign, we held one of our recurring major fund generating events in this calendar year; the Gala Art Auction. This event generated approximately \$9,000 for the Library.

The Board of Directors had three members resign due to conflicts with work and family commitments. We are actively working to replace these them. With that said, all present and past Directors are to be commended for their generous gifts of time and talent to enhance the quality of Library services for the citizens of Calvert County.

The Foundation maintains a healthy financial posture to meet the needs of the Library. The Board completed a review of its investment portfolio and a gift acceptance

and investment policy. All requests by the Director of the Library were funded, amounting to \$38,785.13. Our annual tax filings and registration were completed, filed in a timely manner, and accepted by state and federal authorities.

I would like to express the Board of Directors' appreciation for the superb service of the Library Director, Ms. Carrie Plymire. I would like to recognize and thank the entire staff of the Library system for their dedication and hard work. The Foundation Directors are privileged to support the invaluable service to the community provided by these professionals. We look forward to a long and successful relationship.



// Scott K Deacon
President

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Donated \$38,785.13 in FY15

Imagination Station for Twin Beaches Branch

Science Expo squishy circuit giveaway supplies

Calvert Library Prince Frederick Imagination Station

Shelving for Twin Beaches Branch

Collection Development software (Collection HQ)

Leadership Southern Maryland tuition for Director

Legos™

CALVERT LIBRARY PRINCE FREDERICK

Lots of exciting things in FY15 at Calvert Library, Prince Frederick!



// Marcia Hammett

Branch Manager
Calvert Library
Prince Frederick

This spring Calvert Library, Prince Frederick was turned into a wonderland with displays, exhibits, artwork, and programs in celebration of *Alice in Wonderland's* 150th birthday. The Children's Department was transformed with an Imagination Station, funded by the Calvert Library Foundation. The Imagination Station is a market complete with cash register and all types of play food, trucks, blocks, and toys, and is a great place for interactive

and imaginative play. It encourages pretend cooperative play which develops thinking, language, social, and emotional skills.

We charged "Full STEAM Ahead" with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math activities and events for children. From computer coding and library labs to kitchen chemistry and Pi Day of the Century, 3/14/15, we had a blast exploring all things STEAM related! This year we brought Minecraft to the library with our own Minecraft server. Experts, including Calvert librarians, agree that there is an immense amount of educational value in Minecraft. The game requires you to think outside the box and learn how to function in a different world. Minecraft technology transforms learning by bridging the gap between different types of learners. Through Minecraft, children acquire cognitive thinking, math and reading skills and resourcefulness.





For Veterans Day we hosted the Twin Beach Players *Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra USO Show: Vietnam*. The show, which was sponsored by the Calvert Arts Council, attracted over 50 people. In the spring we hosted a History of Gospel program with Performances by Gospel Sisters of Prince Frederick and Men's Gospel Choir of Brooks United Methodist Church. There were over 100 community members in attendance!

Highland fans united to hear what Jefferson Patterson Park conservator Sara Rivers-Cofield had to share about the historical accuracy of the popular TV show, *Outlander*. Our accompanying display was tweeted about by the costume designer for the Starz series!

We had so much fun with our customers this year. We're looking forward to continuing to Inspire Possibilities next year!

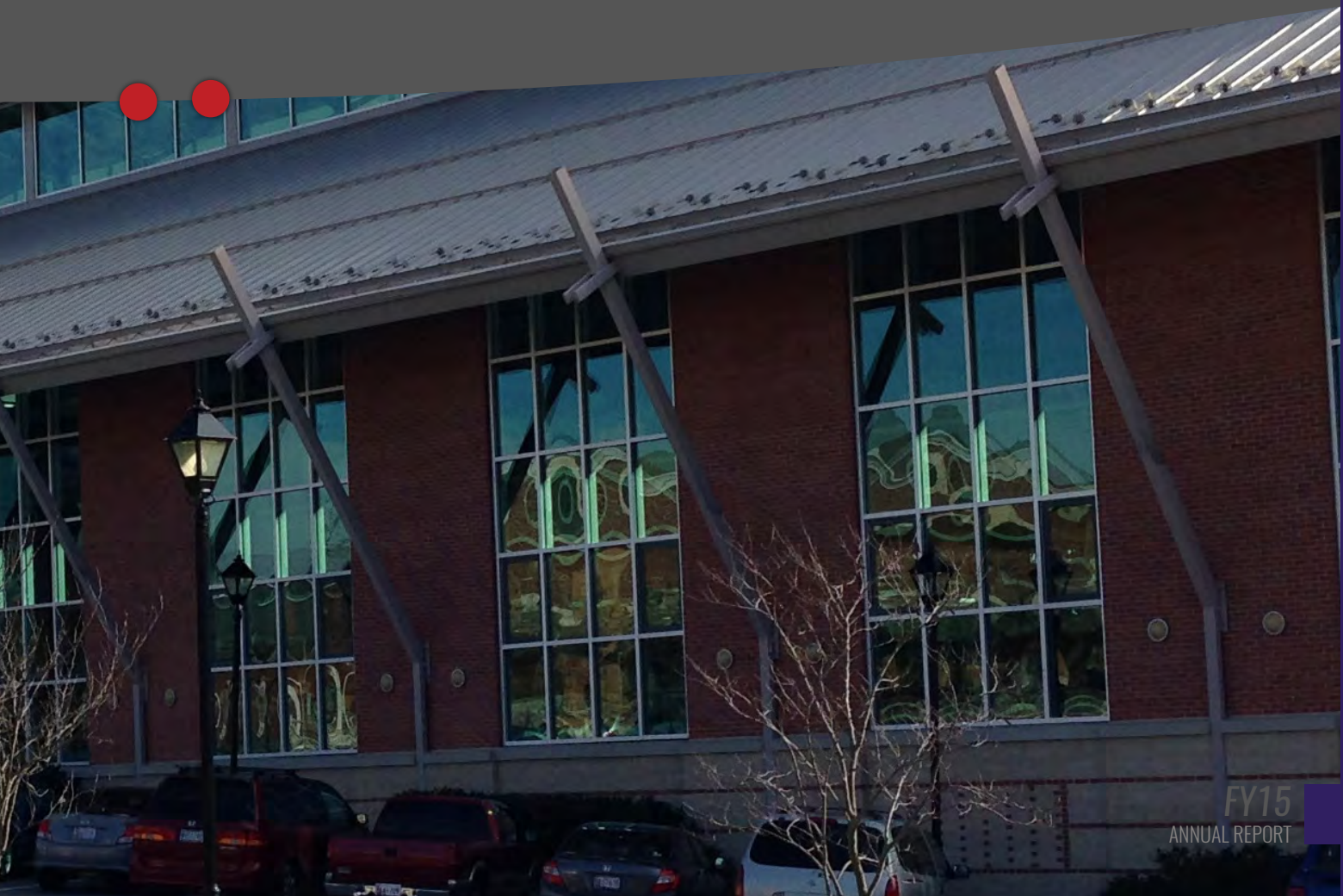


Nadia Hashimi

Best-selling author, Nadia Hashimi discussed her award-winning novel, *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell* in May at Calvert Library Prince Frederick.



Lots of activities for grown ups, pre-k and everywhere between. Super friendly staff always available to help whether in person or online! - Stephanie B (customer)

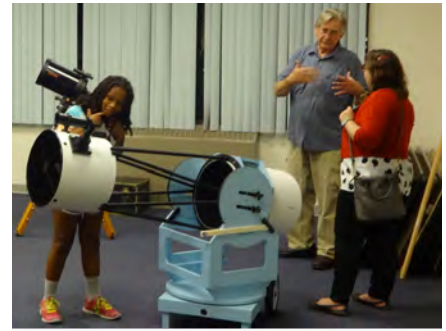




GINGERBREAD WORKSHOPS //



TEENS LOVE FAIRVIEW//



ASTRONOMY CLUB //

FAIRVIEW

OUR NORTHERN MOST BRANCH



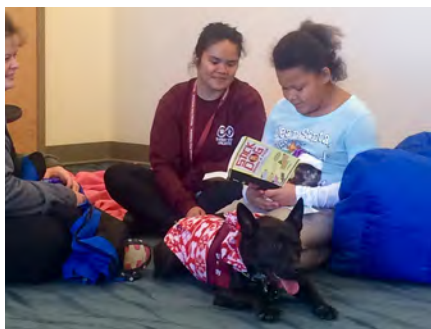
// Lisa Tassa

Fairview
Branch Manager

Calvert Library Fairview Branch had an exciting 2015. We continue to offer great service to our customers, whether they are just passing through and using our Wi-fi, borrowing materials, or needing more in-depth assistance with projects and computers.

The branch held numerous programs and activities including: Lunch Bunch, Astronomy Nights, Gingerbread House Workshop, Family Nights (Lego, Snap Circuits and Coding), book discussions, storytimes, Summer Fun, and drop-in activities such as Minecraft and teen coloring. We helped our customers with one-to-one computer training, genealogy research, and job searches.

Customers love the cozy, homey feel of Fairview; it's an integral part of the community. Often the most rewarding part of our day is to see familiar faces walk through the door and know that we help brighten their day; they certainly brighten ours.



READING TO A DOG //



AMAZING LIBRARIANS //



BOOK BUFFET //

SOUTHERN



“Calvert Library continues to keep pace with technology for the benefit of the customers and provides fun and educational events for all ages.” JR. M via Yelp

This past fiscal year has been a flurry of incredible events at Calvert Library Southern Branch. From “Calling all Sassenachs” where many indulged in an evening of *Outlander* inspired trivia, food and merriment to a community seed swap to exchange native plants, edibles, herbs, annuals and perennials. We had Peeps-o-rama for the Tween/Teens to explore their inner Peep and put together a Peeptastic creation! And how about our fantastic Book Buffet for families to come and dine together while reading and discussing a selected title.

The Southern branch has had many more events that need to be mentioned so I will begrudgingly only state a few more! Paws to Read – Children got a chance to read to trained therapy dogs, helping them expand their reading abilities by sharing their favorite stories. Shake It Out – parents and children get to shake it out to music which promotes much needed social, emotional and physical skills. Books and Toys – what better way to discuss a book with other parents than a bookclub specifically for parents/guardians with their children! Adults get to discuss a predetermined book while the kids get to play! The best of both worlds! Song Circle – Are you a singer, musician, or just love to listen to music? Here is your chance to trade songs, learn from your fellow musicians or try new things. Everyone takes turns in choosing and leading songs – it’s a sing-along and jam session that explores a range of folk and acoustic music styles. Needless to say, we have had a busy and successful year.



// PATTI
MCCONNELL
Southern
Branch Manager



LIBRARIANS BY THE BAY //



LEGO FUN FOR ALL //



STEM FUN //

TWIN BEACHES

THE LIBRARY BY THE CHESAPEAKE BAY



// JOAN KILMON

**TWIN BEACHES
BRANCH MANAGER**

Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch reached out to the community every month to many interest groups. With the current craze for Minecraft, all computers were filled one Friday evening a month so enthusiasts could play and learn uninterrupted. Tween and Teen manga fans filled drawing classes monthly. Children's events continued to excel in content and attendance – whether in-house or off-site. Lego Mania grew to twice a month with special thanks to the Calvert Library Foundation for the purchase of more Legos! Summer Storytimes were held all around the Twin Beaches and had an average of 82 participants each week!

Twin Beaches Branch staff took 800 books and magazines to the “library cart” at Chesapeake Beach Water Park. Calvert Conversations expanded to include “meets-up” at local historic sites. Twin Beaches Branch is home base for planning the very successful On the Go events including taking three busloads of library customers to the Washington, DC Cherry Blossom Festival. Unique events included “An Evening of Russian Poetry” where poems were recited in English and Russian to an appreciative gathering. 2015 was filled with fun events besides the day-to-day operations of the littlest library by the Bay!



THE NEW SUV WRAP //



CUSTOMER LOVE //

OUTREACH

CALVERT LIBRARY MOBILE SERVICES



A smiling Asbury customer responded to the question, “What is putting that beautiful smile on your face today?”: “I just love seeing how happy your visit makes the residents! It makes me happy.”

Calvert Library Mobile Services was delighted to have a new wrap put on the SUV. To provide better service to their customers, a circulating collection was added to Mobile Services department. Calvert Library Outreach was happy to welcome Lisa Wieland to the department. Lisa was previously a Public Services Librarian at Calvert Library Prince Frederick. Lisa and Rachel serve:

- 39 homebound citizens
- 29 family childcare centers
- 18 large childcare centers
- 5 social services locations
- 9 senior living locations
- and 5 schools every 3 weeks!

CHILDREN & TWEENS


"A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure." - Author Lilian Jackson Braun

// BEVERLY IZZI
YOUTH SERVICES
COORDINATOR

High points in the Calvert Library Children's Department include the addition of two more Imagination Stations. These interactive play areas were added to the Twin Beaches Branch and Calvert Library Prince Frederick and highlight the importance of play in a child's development. Our partnership with Calvert County Head Start brings 3 year olds and their families to the library to participate in Storytime, parent training and socialization time. Our strengthened partnership with Calvert County Public Schools brought an increase in summer reading registration of 114% the previous year!



WHAT DO TWINS DO?



October 2014—Got Your Back: Self Defense for Tweens
 Kyle Webber of Black Belt Academy of Prince Frederick taught participants about situational awareness, escape strategies, assertiveness training, and basic striking techniques.

November 2014—Make It Snappy: Snap Circuits
 Join in fun with a STEM based theme. Our presenter Nick Clark, will teach at explaining how and why the circuits we built work.

December 2014—Craft On
 Create tape wallets, superhero ornaments, and more.

2015 Edition
 Register, here!

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Get Your Craft On \$5, duct tape v

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December 2014—**Get Your Craft On**—Zipper bracelets, duct tape wallets, superhero ornaments and zipper figures.

January 2015—**Drama Tweens: Opera Edition**—Fullman, professional singer, helped tweens with the game "Coding" Georgetown University

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Guest presenter, Lynn Tallman, professional's
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March 2015—Breaking and Making (Coding)
Guest presenter Garrison LeMasters of Georgetown University led the
tweens in practicing their coding skills using the game “Brick Breaker.”
April 2015—Blackout Poetry
Tweens learned about and created blackout poetry.

INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES...

TEENS & ADULTS



WHAT THE TEENS DID

- MAKER CAMP – Aug 5
- TEEN MOVIE NIGHT – *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* Aug 11
- TOTALLY T.A.C.O.S – monthly
- WHAT'S YOUR STORY: Teen Writers Workshop
- OMOB event – Sep 25/Oct 8/Oct 23
- HEAD GAMES: *The Global Concussion Crisis Film and Discussion* (Adult & Teen) – Sep 29
- AAHH! SCARY MOVIE NIGHT! – Oct 16
- MANGA OTAKU COSPLAY NIGHT – Oct 28

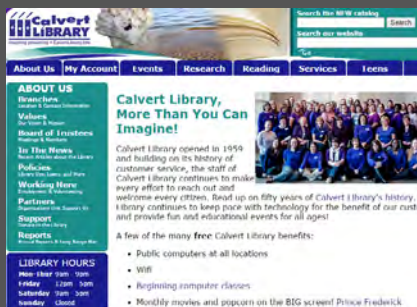
- PINTSY CRAFT NIGHT – Nov 20
- MANGA OTAKU CREATORS NIGHT – monthly
- TEEN OPEN MIC – Jan 15
- CULTURE NIGHT FOR TEENS – Feb 19
- HACKERSPACE – Mar 19
- FANDOM NIGHT FOR TEENS – Apr 16
- PEEPS-O-RAMA – Apr 25
- AN EVENING OF MINECRAFT – Jun 12
- PIZZA WITH A SIDE OF BOOKS – Jun 23



ADULTS

In FY2015, whether we were gathering for garden tips, rounding up writers, joining the job search, making mad music, arranging for agile aging, hearing about health issues or creating cool crafts... it was all just a starting point for connection, expansion and inspiration. Many joined Calvert Library for a class, a meetup, a concert or just to work a puzzle. One of our fellow public libraries (Kitsap Regional Library) said it well, so we're borrowing it!

"Let's make some noise and try new things. Let's open our minds and expand our horizons. Let's question the answers and get to the bottom of things, together." Let Calvert Library be your guide to following up and following through—maybe even following your dreams. Calvert library is your space to think, learn and wonder aloud. We're a space that's always open, even when our doors are closed. Come for information and leave with inspiration. That's when the real magic happens. Because if we can all find a bit of inspiration every day, we're bound to change our world, one remarkable little idea at a time.



CONNECTIONS

23,205 wifi uses

464,612 website hits

1,548,885 website page views



TECHNOLOGY

746 hours of tech training to the public

443 hours of staff technology training

113 public internet computers

16 early learning stations



REFERENCE

120,252 search sessions on databases

10,632 digital articles were accessed

155060 reference questions answered

FISCAL YEAR 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

2,348



EVENTS & CLASSES //

ADULT: 786

TEEN: 40

CHILDREN/FAMILY: 418

PRESCHOOL: 1,104

60,440



EVENT ATTENDANCE //

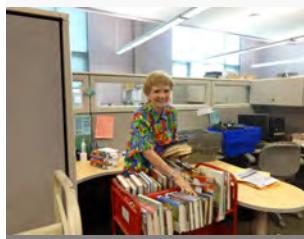
ADULT: 11,717

TEEN: 1,462

CHILDREN/FAMILY: 25,830

PRESCHOOL: 21,431

5,846



VOLUNTEER HOURS //

5,846 HOURS

95 VOLUNTEERS

491,865

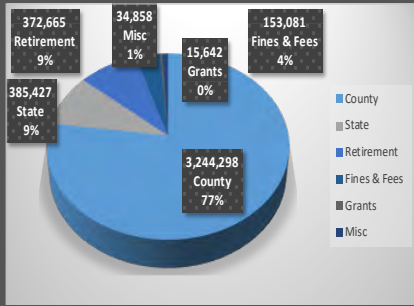


VISITING CUSTOMERS //

491,865 CUSTOMERS
VISITED CALVERT LIBRARY
LOCATIONS

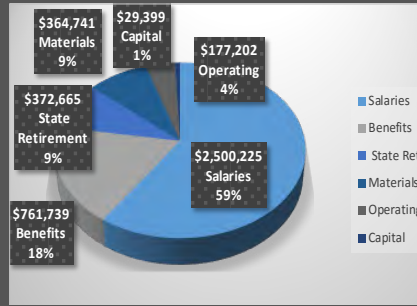
66,179 CARD HOLDERS

281,789 WEBSITE USERS



INCOME \$4,205,971

County	\$3,244,298
State	\$385,427
Retirement	\$372,665
Fines & Fees	\$153,081
Grants	\$15,642
Misc	\$34,858



EXPENDITURES \$4,205,971

Salaries	\$2,500,225
Benefits	\$761,739
State Retirement	\$372,665
Materials	\$364,741
Operating	\$177,202
Capital	\$29,399



COLLECTION

197,013 books
23,385 audio units
25,696 videos
96 laptops and ebook readers and other equipment
369 subscriptions

& FINANCIALS

4,996



MEETING ROOMS//

Calvert Library meeting and study rooms were used this fiscal year.

1,119,633 | 246,559 | 4,676



CIRCULATION//

- 603,333 physical books & magazines
- 453,439 videos & audio books
- 6,786 digital magazines through Zinio
- 990 eReaders & laptops
- 61,871 ebooks, eaudio, emags & digital articles
- 5,057 items borrowed from libraries outside of Southern MD
- 1,408 passes were borrowed from Check Out Your Community



500 BY FIVE & SUMMER READING //

500 by Five
87 completers – they've read 62,092 books!

Summer Reading
4,718 children and teens signed up for summer reading (104% increase over 2014)



CLASS PARTNERSHIP //

Visited 4,676 students in Calvert schools to teach them about library resources and encourage a love of reading

LOCATIONS

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Branch Manager
Lisa Tassa

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Branch Manager
Patti McConnell

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Joanie Kilmon