



# 2013

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# EDUCATE, ENLIGHTEN, ENTERTAIN



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# EDUCATE



## Supporting Young Learners

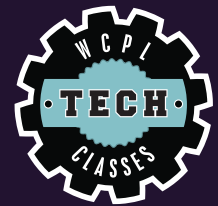
Washington-Centerville Public Library works hard to support the formal education of students. New state mandates like the Common Core and 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee make it even more imperative that children develop early literacy skills and have access to opportunities to grow their reading skills. In 2013, the Library worked closely with Centerville City Schools to coordinate efforts to ensure students succeed in school. Some of these efforts included:

- A finely tuned Summer Reading Program that encourages daily reading, in keeping with expectations during the school year.
- A newly implemented Kindergarten Storytime to reinforce skills learned during the school day and support those students just beginning their academic careers.
- More library programs emphasizing science and math to support STEM learning.
- Continuation of literacy programs like Tail Waggin Tutors and Sensory Storytime that support the special needs of some readers.

## Building Life and Job Skills

Teens and adults also benefit from the Library's commitment to education. Teens have opportunities to grow academic and social skills as well as pursue hobbies at a variety of programs including teen book discussions and writing groups. Adults enjoy free access to hundreds of hands-on Tech Classes that help build computer skills to make them more employable. Some opportunities available in 2013 included:

- A Job Skills Workshop and Job Fair that taught teens resume writing and interviewing skills and then connected them with local businesses looking to hire teens this summer.
- New Tech Classes like Linked In, Advanced Excel and Microsoft Publisher.
- A Teen Advisory Board that gives teens the opportunity to gain community service hours by assisting the Library in planning teen programs and contests.



# ENLIGHTEN

## Satisfying Curiosity

The Library is a playground for the curious and in 2013, citizens had more than 1200 opportunities to attend a library program or exhibit. Over 80,000 citizens took advantage of Library programs like:

- The nationally travelling exhibit, Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, that delighted citizens of all ages during its six-weeks stay. Corresponding scholar programs and events for kids and teens rounded out this remembrance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.
- Boutique programs like book discussions for adults, teens and kids as well as a Teen Writing group cater to specific interests.
- Speakers Bureau programs that “take the library on the road” serve a need for community groups looking for interesting speakers.



# ENTERTAIN

## Offering Affordable Entertainment

In 2013, patrons checked out nearly 2.4 million items, 3% more than the year before. Providing a high quality variety of materials and making them easy to access is top priority for Washington-Centerville Public Library. A dynamic collection of print and digital formats, combined with full service websites and patron-friendly policies contributed to this increase in check-outs. Some exciting additions in 2013 included:

- SearchOhio, a service that gives Washington-Centerville Public Library patrons access to an additional 80 million items from other public and academic libraries.
- Zinio eMagazines that give patrons the ability to download a digital version of their favorite magazine and keep it forever.
- Self-serve holds at Centerville Library, enabling patrons to expedite their Library visit by collecting their held materials without waiting at the checkout desk.
- Holds on movies and lower overdue fines on most items!



# INFRASTRUCTURE

## Spending Wisely

Thanks to the voters of Centerville/Washington Township, the Library received its first year of income from the 2012 Operating Levy. With the additional income came a continued responsibility to be excellent stewards of public tax dollars. Conscientious staff, as well as sound fiscal planning strategies, enabled the Library to hold the line in nearly every category of spending year over year. The only area of increased spending was on the purchase of new library materials! Total expenditures increased by only 1% in 2013, but the Library was still able to make these improvements:

- New colorful banners at Centerville Library to help patrons locate key services were purchased thanks to a private donation.
- New tables, safer chairs and alphabet tables adorn the children's room as a result of support from private donors and the Friends of Washington-Centerville Public Library.
- Summer Reading Club prizes, new tablets for patron instruction, comfortable seating and a power cube, and supplies for public programs were funded by nearly \$9,000 in grants from the Friends of WCPL.

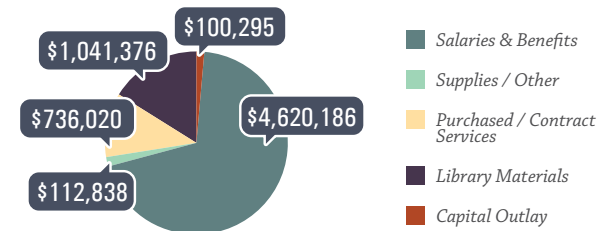
## Planning for the Future

The Library is always looking to improve the patron experience via new services, library materials and facilities enhancements. In 2013, exciting progress was made that will pave the way for a safer and expanded Woodbourne Library. The Woodbourne Library rear driveway project is slated for construction in 2014 and plans are underway to investigate how to best use the former McDonalds property, purchased by the Library in 2013, to expand Woodbourne Library. In addition, the Library created a new long range plan that identifies four key endeavors the Library will commit to over the next three years:

- Cultivate imagination
- Embrace learning
- Grow Literacies
- Shape Infrastructure



## 2013 TOTAL EXPENDITURES





# 2013 BY THE NUMBERS

2,354,423 Items checked out, including:

1,276,470 books (*print and audio*)

922,440 movies, music & games

160,131 eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMusic, and eZines

912,926 Online Library Visits (*to library websites*)

741,195 In Person Library Visits (*Centerville and Woodbourne Libraries*)

233,595 Questions Answered

111,597 Computer Station/Wifi Users

82,140 Library Cardholders

81,143 Program Attendees

6,492 Open Hours







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