

OUR MISSION IS TO BE FLINT'S GO-TO PLACE TO LEARN FOR LIFE.



Television and movies make transformation look easy. You just step into a phone booth, or twitch your nose, and voilà! You are different.

The truth is that transformation takes a lot of hard work. Your Library has been engaged in that work since 2014, and it is starting to pay dividends. We have focused our attention on three strategic priorities, and we accomplished some significant things this fiscal year:

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY:

helping parents and caregivers prepare children to read, and exposing kids to STEM programming.

- We received a three-year grant to manage the database of monthly book recipients for the *Dolly Parton Imagination Library* on behalf of the Literacy Network.
- We introduced *Tap & Tell: Story Time with iPad Fun*. This combination of storytime and iPad apps exposes kids to digital devices while teaching parents how to leverage screen time for learning.

- We engaged 12,000 children and teens in reading and activities (and okay, prizes!) through our Children's Room and Teen programming.

DIGITAL LEARNING: filling the technology education gap by exposing students to aspects of computer science, and making technology accessible to the public.

- We hired two Digital Learning Specialists, and opened our *Tech StudiOH!*, where students can explore coding, robotics, 3D printing and more.
- We taught community members to use their electronic gadgets like tablets and phones through our free Book an Expert sessions.
- We provided 42,000 hours worth of computer access on our 70 desktop computers, in addition to making Wi-Fi available throughout the building.

COMMUNITY HUB: we want to provide abundant and welcoming space where people can gather for learning, dialogue or entertainment.

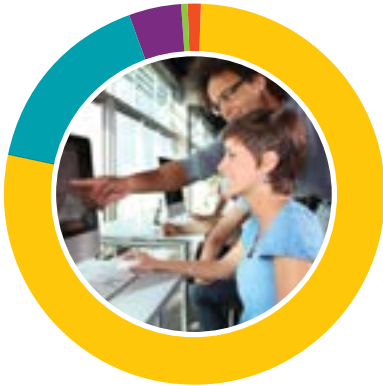
- We hosted 580 groups in our meeting rooms.
- We welcomed 141,400 visitors (575 per day). In addition to browsing for books, they attended free concerts, plays, puppet shows, speaker presentations, holiday celebrations, town hall meetings, author visits and more.
- We partnered with local organizations to provide income tax assistance, a basic needs fair, and Ask a Lawyer sessions.

In addition to all the programming and events going on at the Library, we have also started to think about transforming the physical space. Thanks to a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, we were able to work with a team of architects to assess this 60-year-old building and begin planning a Library that will meet 21st century needs.

We are both excited about and humbled by the challenges that lie in front of us. We sincerely thank our patrons, staff, board and donors for their enthusiastic support of our mission.

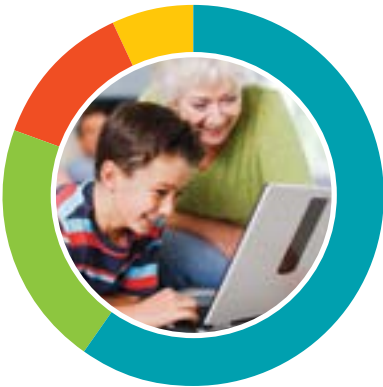
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(for the year ending June 30, 2017)



Revenue

● Property Taxes *	\$3,110,673
● Grants, Memorials and Gifts	904,975
● State Aid and Fines	248,815
● Interest Income	15,583
● Other	57,353
Total Revenue	\$4,337,399



Expenses

● Personnel	\$2,092,693
● Operations	724,097
● Maintenance	437,941
● Grants Expended	239,476
Total Expenses	\$3,494,207



NOTE: Revenue in excess of expenses is assigned for use in FY 18 as follows:

● Grant purposes	\$624,390
● Technology & building maintenance	342,828
● Operations	119,878
Total assigned for use in FY 18	\$1,087,096



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* The Library is funded by a permanent 2 mill property tax. An additional 2.0 mill was approved by voters for 2012-2021.