Our Mission

The Kirkwood Public Library inspires a lifelong commitment to learning and creativity, for a more prosperous and connected community.

Our Vision

We envision a Kirkwood in which our community members have the resources, space, and inspiration to pursue a life of learning and creating. KPL is a hub – a go-to resource for community members and a place where community life happens. We are recognized as a leader among community libraries.

Our Values

- Enjoyment - We want to wow our patrons.
- Ownership - Our library is representative of the community we serve.
- Innovation - KPL never stops innovating.
- Engagement - We create space for community conversations and actively contribute to civic dialogue.
- Learning - We inspire our patrons to be lifelong learners.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Thank you for your service!
297 Programs / 11,147 Attendees
Children

67 Programs / 436 Attendees
Teens

115 Programs / 2,187 Attendees
Adults

Outreach Attendance
Children 8,279
Teen 634
Adult 2,264

Busiest Times
1. Saturdays 4-5 PM
2. Saturdays 11am - Noon
3. Fridays 4-5 PM
4. Saturdays 3-4 PM
5. Tuesdays 11am - Noon
6. Sundays 4-5 PM

Library Visitors 214,238

A special thank you to the Friends of Kirkwood Public Library for their extremely generous donation of $30,000 in fiscal year 2016 for the library. These gifts helped to fund many programs including Summer Reading, Music in the Library and outreach programs to area schools and camps as well as several staff training opportunities. They also gave $3,200 to the Endowment.
TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A wide variety of technology upgrades were implemented with the goal of easing and enhancing our patron’s use of the Library, including a new online catalog to aid in locating materials, new self-check machines to aid in checking out those materials, a completely new website to aid online Library access, and a 3D printer to offer new and exciting services.

A new space for teen patrons that gives them a special and inclusive place to be in the Library, where they can browse materials that are all geared toward teens. The space also offers access to computers, video game consoles, and acts as a great hang out space where teens can be themselves. A new combined workroom space that promotes more inter-department staff interactions, and more cross-training of staff, resulting in a more knowledgeable staff better able to fully assist patrons. An office for management that allows for meeting space, thereby keeping other areas open for patron use.

The creation of Early Literacy iPad kits connect young children to a digital learning experience that promotes reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing; the building blocks of early literacy development, through the use of 58+ preloaded apps. The iPads check out for three weeks, are included in a durable case geared to the use of young children, a charging cord, and a list of recommended apps if parents want to continue to have their children explore on their own device.
This year marked the launch of our Digital Archives - an online repository of photos and documents chronicling the history of the City of Kirkwood. We created this resource in order to preserve the cultural heritage of Kirkwood and connect its citizens to their past. The collection contains over 430 items that have been digitized and cataloged for the use of the public. The collection is free and accessible to anyone, anywhere as long as they have an internet connection.

Two Candidate Forums for the 2016 Kirkwood City Council election were assembled by the Engage the Community Committee to forward the strategic priority of civic engagement. The Library teamed with the League of Women Voters, Robinson Elementary and community partners to facilitate and spread word about the events, which were attended by over 375 community members.
Top Circulating Items

**Adult DVDs**
- The Imitation Game
- Jurassic World
- The Theory of Everything
- Trainwreck
- The Martian

**Picture Books**
- The Duckling Gets a Cookie?
- The Day the Crayons Came Home
- Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses
- If I Ran the Zoo
- The Day the Crayons Quit

**Juvenile DVDs**
- The Lego Movie
- Big Hero 6
- Despicable Me 2
- The Little Mermaid
- Toy Story

**Beginning Reader (Series)**
- Star Wars
- Batman
- Splat the Cat
- Fancy Nancy
- Pinkalicious

**Adult Fiction**
- The Girl on the Train
- All the Light We Cannot See
- Go Set a Watchman
- Rogue Lawyer
- The Nightingale
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

Revenue
- Property Taxes $2,120,079
- Fees and Fines $103,463
- Grants and Gifts $385,994
- Investment Income $24,485
- Other Incomes $23,145
- Total $2,608,196

Expenses
- Personnel $1,103,255
- Library Materials $349,709
- Administrative Services $123,403
- Utilities and Services $196,837
- Consortium $39,051
- Capital Outlay $106,199
- Debt Service $459,713
- Total $2,378,167

Grants & Gifts
- Edward Chase Garvey Foundation
- Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation
- YALSA Dollar General Grant
- LSTA Grants for Summer Reading, Technology and In-Service Day

Grants this fiscal year include funds to support technology, summer reading, programs, teen interns, usability improvement and professional development.

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90 YEARS
THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!