



Community + Opportunity

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Branches in Accident, Friendsville, Grantsville, and Kitzmiller

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE RUTH ENLOW LIBRARY OF GARRETT COUNTY

To the residents of Garrett County, Maryland, The Ruth Enlow Library will be the PEOPLE, whose helpfulness, courtesy and expertise will ensure access to the MATERIALS of appropriate level and format through the SERVICES designed to meet the informational, recreational, educational, and cultural needs of the community.

CODE OF SERVICE

- Citizens using the library are entitled to easily accessible library collections in a safe, clean, organized and appropriate environment staffed with friendly, courteous people.
- Each member of the public is to be welcomed courteously and will receive the best possible service while using the library and its resources.
- Service to the public takes precedence over the library's internal paperwork and internal communications.
- Information given to the public will be based on verifiable, current sources, clearly communicated and given in a timely manner.

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

People often think of public libraries as just places to store and borrow books, but the real work of public libraries is expanding access and opportunities. Our new motto (community + opportunity) and logo celebrate the important role our libraries play in connecting our patrons with opportunities to improve and expand their lives and the lives of their families and neighbors. In the past year, we maintained our vigorous focus on increasing access to library services, developing and reaching new audiences, and improving and enhancing library facilities.

We offered additional programs during FY 2016, increasing the number from 355 to 431. Accordingly, our program attendance increased by 1,466 people, from 6,409 to 7,875. Our adult events included harp concerts, gardening classes taught by University of Maryland Extension, book discussion groups, and participation in the One Maryland One Book project again. The 2015 OMOB selection - *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown – proved to be immensely popular.

Our STEM activities with children increased as well. We participated in the Maryland STEM Festival in November, offering events at all branches. Children enjoyed the opportunity to create Stop-motion Lego movies and build with Duplo blocks. We added a LEGO Club that meets monthly at the Oakland Library, and for the first time, we held a Summer Reading Club Kick-off event at the Oakland and Grantsville libraries in June.

We are proud that our libraries remain a vital and integral part of the Garrett County community. The staff of the Ruth Enlow Library looks forward to continuing to provide excellent library service to Garrett County residents.

OUR PLAN FOR GARRETT COUNTY'S LIBRARIES 2014 – 2017

THRIVING LIBRARIES IN THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Everyone in Garrett County will have access to well-staffed, safe, functional facilities and the information they need to succeed in life.



STIMULATE IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY

Everyone in Garrett County will have materials and services that provide pleasurable and stimulating reading, viewing, and listening experiences.



CONNECT TO THE ONLINE WORLD

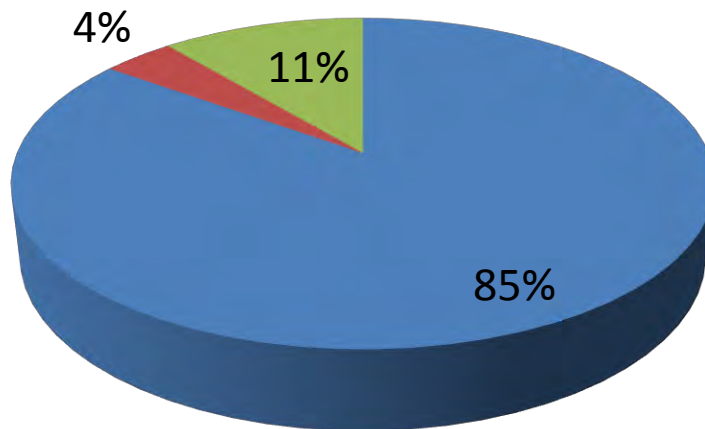
Everyone in Garrett County will have free high-speed access to the online world and access to the resources and materials that they need for success.



NUMBER OF PROGRAMS: 431 FY 2016

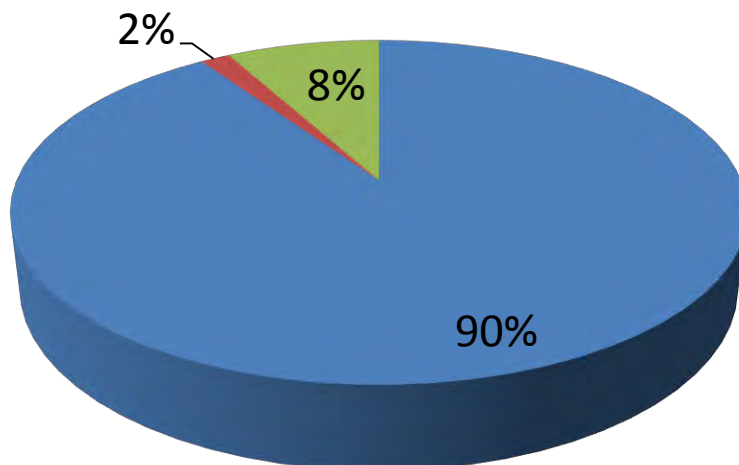
Programs

■ Child 0 -12 yrs: 366 ■ Teen/YA: 17 ■ Adult: 48



Program Attendance: 7,875

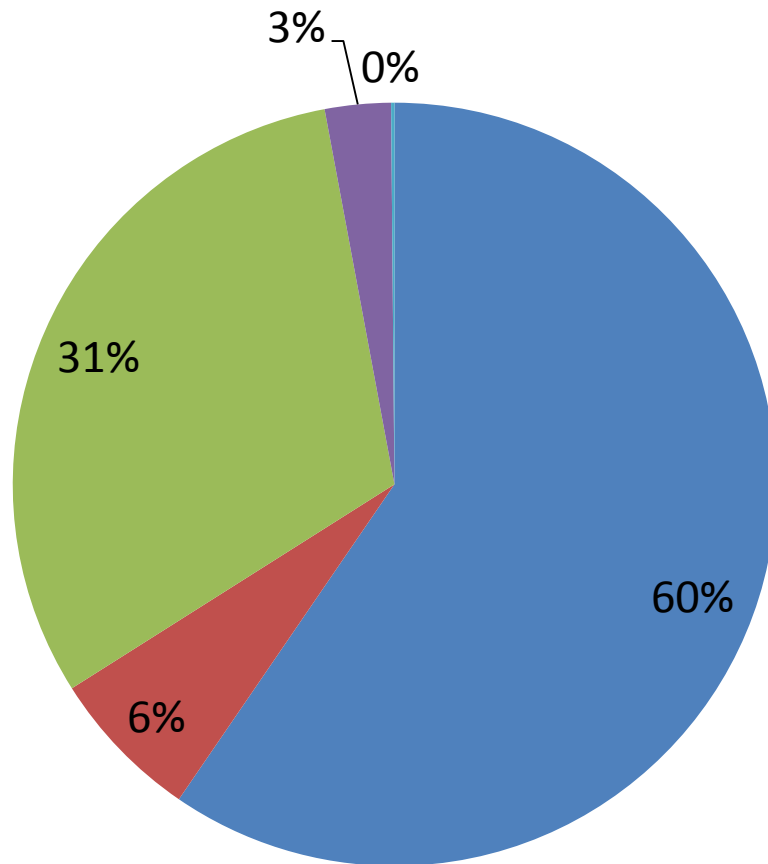
■ Child 0 - 12 years: 7,122 ■ Teen/YA: 122 ■ Adult: 631



MATERIALS COLLECTION: 110,893 ITEMS

Total Circulations: 242,766

■ Books: 144,574 ■ Audio: 15,715 ■ Visual: 75,361
■ Magazines: 6,775 ■ Other: 341



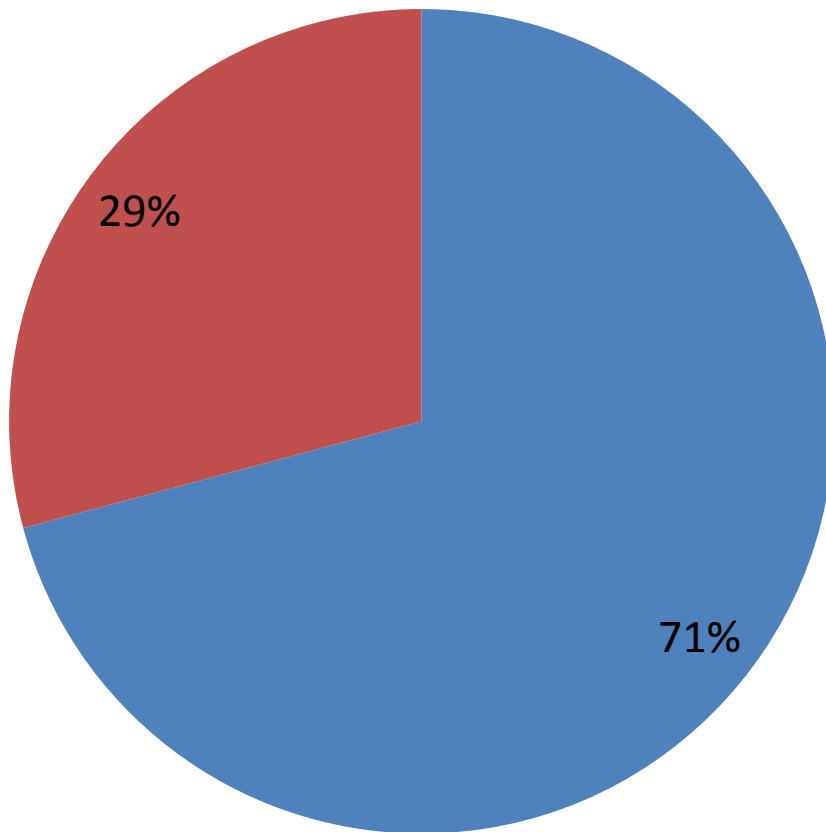
Other = juvenile items such as educational toys, electronic games, and Leap Pad.

CIRCULATION ADULT VERSUS JUVENILE

Total Circulations: 242,766

■ Adult: 171,959

■ Juvenile: 70,807

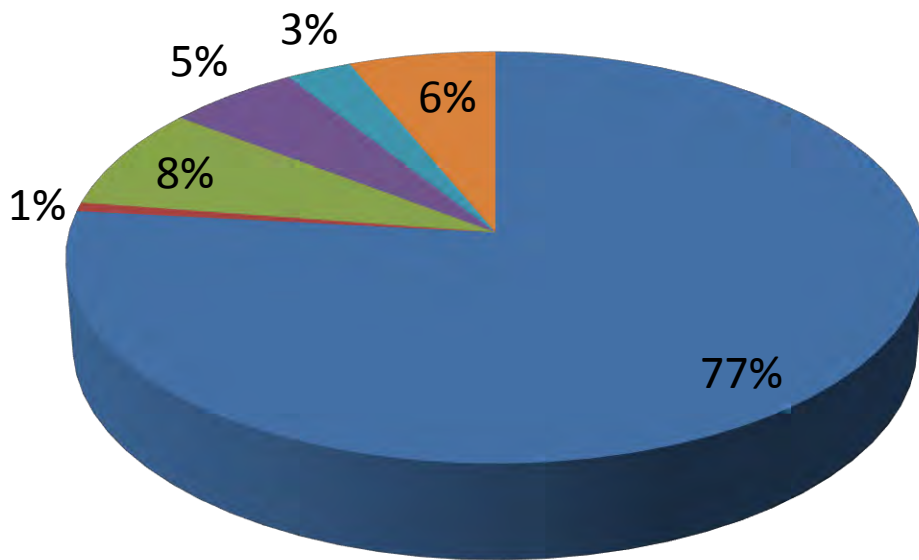


MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

- Reference Questions Answered = 16,107
- Registered Borrowers = 20,803
- Number of Library Visits = 192,172
- ILL: Borrowed = 25,695; Loaned = 16,143
- Personnel = 22.3 FTE

Expenditures: \$1,176,370

- Salaries & Benefits: \$902,274
- Staff Training: \$8,184
- Materials & Programming: \$94,077
- Rents & Utilities: \$66,076
- Capital Expenditures (tech): \$32,608
- Other Expenses: \$73,151



REVENUE: \$1,264,924

Operating Budget: \$1,162,411

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| ■ Local: \$972,873 | ■ State: \$138,081 |
| ■ E-Rate: \$18,369 | ■ Other income: \$33,088 |
| ■ Capital: \$32,608 | ■ Grants: \$69,905 |

