

Dorchester County Public Library Annual Report

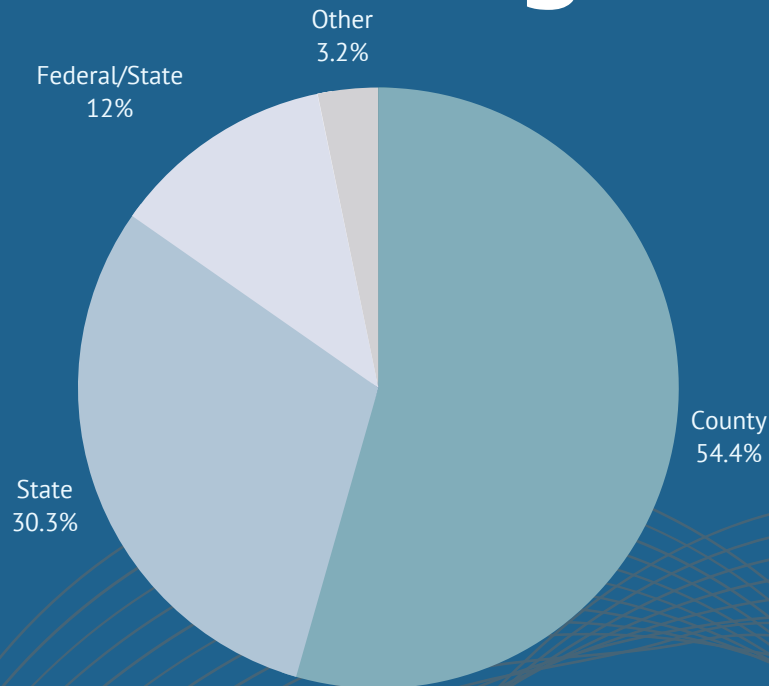
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Where community comes together!

Numerically Speaking

Total Budget



"I like all the nice people that work at the library. They all help me with the computers and other stuff. I appreciate what all the Dorchester staff [does] for me and hope they get a raise."

-Gauge N.

Local:	\$200
County:	\$578,493
State:	\$322,087
Federal/State/Other Grants:	\$128,009
Interest:	\$150
Other:	\$34,510
Total Budget:	\$1,063,449
Total Expenditures:	\$1,064,587

Our Collections

Card Holders:	13,874
Total Items Circulated:	96,129
<i>Adult:</i>	67,042
<i>Children's:</i>	29,087
Digital Circulation:	16,730
Items Loaned to Other Libraries:	24,531
Total Items in Collection:	63,376

WIFI USAGE

23,324

COMPUTER USAGE

8,311

REFERENCE
QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

11,371

LIBRARY VISITS

40,354

Partnerships

Alpha-Genesis Community Development Corporation
Boys & Girls Club of Cambridge
Cabin Fever Play Centre
Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
Dorchester Center for the Arts
Dorchester County Community Wellness Coalition
Dorchester County Dept. of Social Services
Dorchester County Early Childhood Advisory Council

*Ms. Deb, Cambridge Lions' Club
& Leader Dog Annie, Story Time*



Dorchester Garden Club
Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center
Eastern Shore Regional Libraries
Emily's Produce



Cabin Fever Play Centre Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

Dorchester County Health Department
Dorchester County Health Education Center
Dorchester County Public Schools
Dorchester County UMD Extension of 4-H
Dorchester County Youth Action Council

*Karen Cartwright,
Dorchester
Garden Club*



Partnerships, Continued

Harvesting Hope Youth & Family Wellness
 Maple Elementary Judy Center
 MD Coalition of Families
 MD Public Television (MPT)
 MD ROPTA
 MD State Library
 MD State EDI Community of Practice
 Mid-Shore Behavioral Health
 Mid-Shore Meals Till Monday



Pets on Wheels Program



*Mayor of Cambridge, Steve Rideout,
 Summer Reading Kickoff Party*



You

"This is amazing. Thank you so much for offering this (free food/books).

ou can't believe how much of a help this is.

I heard about the food from my buddy and I'm going to spread the word. Thank you!"

-Darin, new library patron

Partners at our Annual Summer Reading Kickoff



Moving Dorchester Forward
 New Beginnings
 Parent's Place of Maryland
 Pets on Wheels of Delmarva
 Pinetop Daycare
 Pine Street
 Empowerment Center
 Sandy Hill Judy Center
 ShoreRivers

Community Support



Free Meeting Room space for non-profits and community groups
 AARP Free Tax-Aide Service
 Benedictine Adult Program
 Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Steering Committee
 Chesapeake College Virtual Learning Grant Program
 Chess Club
 Delmarva Community Services
 Dorchester Student & Family Support Services
 Dorchester County Summer Reading Challenge Coalition
 (We serve as its umbrella organization)
 Housing Authority of Cambridge
 Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Inc.
 Local Artisans



Summer Reading Kickoff, 2023

65

people were assisted by Cambridge Library staff, applying online for Section 8 housing with the Cambridge Housing Authority.

February 21, 2023

"Thank you so much for your friendly service and quick work in digitizing our membership roll book! [...] So glad to find out our public library offered such a service!"

Great staff!

-Pastor Chris Pettit, Grace United Methodist Church

Teddy Bear Clinic with DCHD



MD DLLR (receive/post all job ads)
 MD Dept. of Veteran Affairs
 MD Legal Aid
 MD WIC
 MD Workforce Exchange
 Mid-Shore Mediation
 Mid-Shore Pro Bono
 Salvation Army/Shelter
 Tutors from DCPS
 Youth Dungeons & Dragons Group

MEETING ROOM USAGE

Bookings: 89
 Visitors: 1,968



Community Outreach



Dorchester Showcase, 2022

Alpha Genesis Day of Resilience: Harriet Tubman Statue Unveiling
Dorchester Center for the Arts: Annual Showcase Event
Dorchester County Health Dept.: Pride Event, Community Baby Shower, Teddy Bear Clinics after Story Times
Dorchester County Public Schools: Career Days, Read-a-Thons, Trunk-or-Treats, Back-to-School Nights, Parent Resource Nights
Harvesting Hope Youth & Family Wellness: Reading Socials

"So glad you all will be back (at the Showcase) this year!! And I loved that image of your table so [I] used it as the big photo for the NFP application!"

-Melissa Cooperman,
Dorchester Center for the Arts,
Dorchester Showcase

Harriet Tubman Day of Resilience
Sept. 2022



OUTREACH

Events: 57

Attendees: 3,554

Outreach, Continued

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"This is the best [trunk] because they have pencils and bookmarks - and pop-its! **The Library is so cool!**"
-3rd grader,
Warwick Elementary School

Trunk-or-Treats



YMCA

+ +

Hurlock Library Staff welcomed

200+

students from Hurlock Elementary
for a tour in May, 2023!



YAC
Cosplay Day

Children & Family Programs

"It's a vital part of their childhoods.

They ask to come visit the library all the time."

- Minla H., Mother of 3 summer readers



Crafternoons

Family Fun Nights (Bingo, board games, crafts, STEM activities)

Family Movies with Crafts

Halloween/Harvest Party

Homeschool Book Club

Kids' Book Club

Special Summer Guests:

Talewise, Grace O'Malley the Pirate

Queen, ShoreRivers

Story Times

Summer Reading Program (All Ages)

Tie-Dye Party for Summer Reading



"I would hate for anyone to take this Summer Reading Program away.

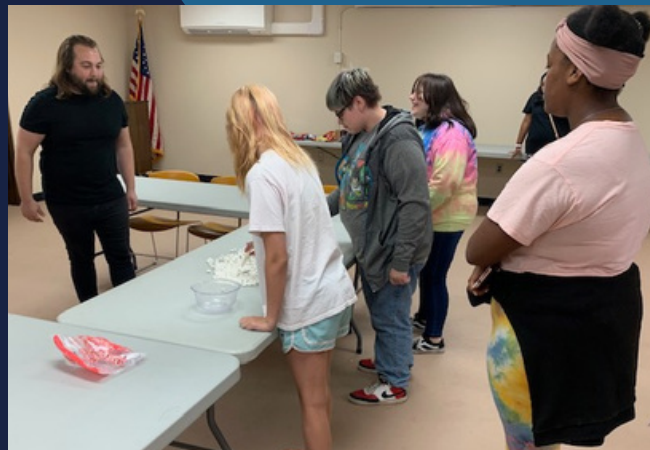
**MY FAMILY AND I
LOOK FORWARD TO THIS
EVERY YEAR.**

Been bringing my son for this since he was a baby. My daughter and I make a competition out of it every year, too."

-Ms. Williams, Mother of two

Teen Programs

STEM Activities



Anime Club



Book Club



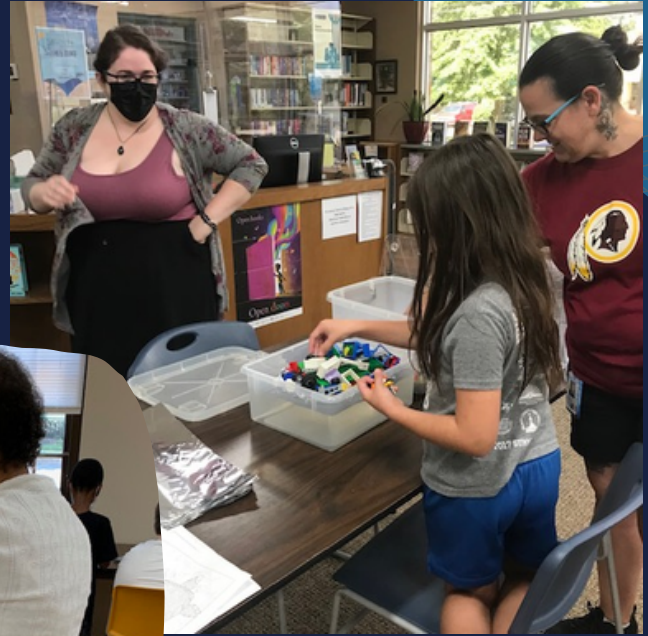
"My daughter suffers from severe anxiety and depression. Bringing her to [Teen] Anime Club has helped her immensely.

SHE FINALLY FEELS LIKE SHE HAS A PLACE SHE BELONGS."

-Mother of teen patron

Spotlight on STEM

3-D Printing
4-H STEM Workshops
Passive STEM take-home activities
STEM Nights @ Hurlock
STEM Story Times
Weekly STEM Lab



Lego Challenge



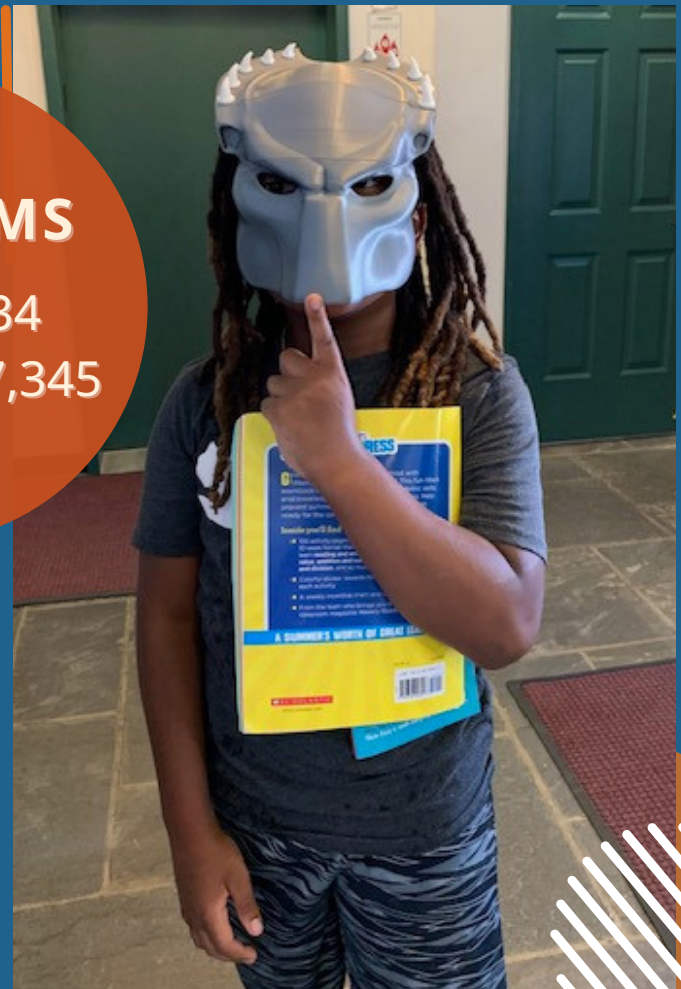
3-D printed mask for young patron



Planting Seeds in Recycled Materials



PROGRAMS
Events: 334
Attendees: 7,345



Adult Programs



Writer's Workshop

"I'm a young 67 year old, blind in one since the age of 2. [...] The first thing I did when I got here was to get a library card. When I asked for the large print books and saw that entire wall full of them I nearly jumped for joy!! [...]"

Your staff is always friendly, the atmosphere is pleasant, even the children are well behaved.

Libraries are needed for all ages; even if some are not taking out books, the computers are utilized on a regular basis.

I appreciate how fortunate I am to have such a great place to go. Don't ever change that!

-Marian M.



- Blind Date with a Book
- Classics Book Club
- Department of Natural Resources
- Fishing Poles Program
- Dorchester Discussions Book Club
- Philosophy Club
- Poetry Workshops
- Ukrainian Egg Decorating
- Writing Workshops

"Thank God for the Library!"
-Male patron, in transitional housing



Ukrainian Egg Decorating with Cheryl Price

Digital Engagement

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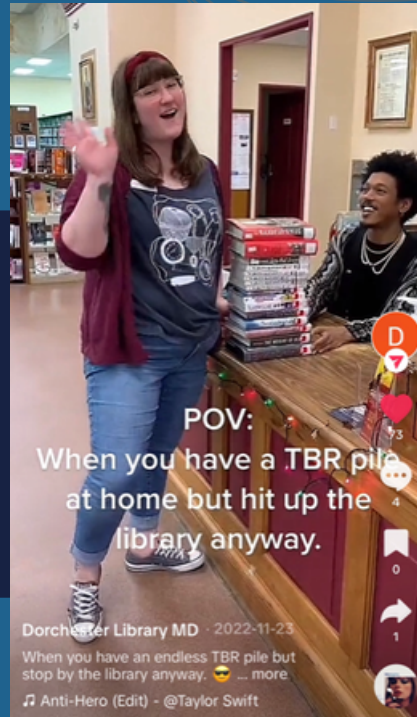
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"You all rock!!"

-Harvesting Hope Youth and Family Wellness, Inc,
FB post from National Library Outreach Day, April 2023

TOTAL POSTS: 429
TOTAL SHARES: 818
TOTAL COMMENTS: 242
TOTAL LIKES: 3,385
TOTAL ENGAGEMENT: 4,874



FOLLOWERS:

 2.3K

 647

 33



"People that work there are polite, friendly and helpful. Library was clean and organized."

-Jennifer Townsend



Google Review,
June, 2023

Library Vision

The Dorchester County Public Library transforms lives and empowers the community through literacy, information, and collaboration.



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Secretary

"I hardly know where to start to tell you how the [...] library has helped to make a difference in my life! [...] I was a reporter for The Daily Banner and covered the construction of the DCPL from the beginning with lots of stories and photos. So my ties to the DCPL are deep. I wish I knew how many books I'd borrowed since then! I took both grandchildren to Story Time which they loved during their pre-school years. Their use of the DCPL started early and continues, not just to books, but to the computers as well. From 1972 until today: I'm now on the Board of Directors and have come to appreciate this library and its mega hard-working staff so very much and would not know what to do without it!!"

-Anne Whaples, Library Board Secretary

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*Thank you for
supporting our
library's endeavors
in positively
transforming our
communities,
literacy, and
learning.*

