



WOOD COUNTY DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The State of the Library, March 2018

By the numbers:

- In 2017, borrowing of books, e-books, audiobooks, etc. remains very strong with a total of 643,915 including:
 - Bowling Green 469,778
 - Walbridge 50,802
 - Bookmobile 29,342
 - WC Jail Library 19,599
 - E-books, etc. 74,394 (up 18%)
- Since 2002, usage has increased 45% (441,573 in 2002).
- 1,594 programs and events attended by 30,793 people (up 11%).
 - 279 adult programs; 4,368 attendees.
 - 1,315 youth programs; 26,425 attendees (up 12%).
- 22,832 items added to the collections.
- 110,864 questions answered by the staff (up 7%).
- Foot traffic averaged 4,269 visitors per week.

2017 Highlights:

- Renovated and expanded Walbridge library opened in March. 2017 usage in Walbridge is at an all-time high.
- 26,287 cardholders (up 3%), not including 6000 eCards distributed to Bowling Green, Lake, and Northwood schools.
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative launched in June to promote early literacy. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this effort.
- The Foundation raised over \$110,000 at their Library Benefit at Schedel for the purchase of new books, audiobooks, e-books, etc.

We're Your Library.

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Bowling Green, OH 43402
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2017 Revenue:

<u>Source:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Percentage:</u>
• State Public Library Fund	\$1,428,179	53.47%
• Local Levy	\$1,005,216	37.64%
• Fines, Fees, Misc.	\$84,185	3.15%
• Foundation & Friends	\$153,234	5.74%
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,670,814</u>	
• 2016 Construction Purchase		
Orders carried into 2017	\$790,163	
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>\$3,460,977</u>	

2017 Expenditures:

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Percentage:</u>
• Personnel	\$1,416,079	41.98%
• Supplies	\$42,447	1.26%
• Services & Construction	\$1,172,430	34.76%
• New Books, Etc.	\$421,959	12.51%
• FFE & Technology	\$128,513	3.81%
• Mortgage Payments	\$178,736	5.30%
• Other	\$13,089	0.39%
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,373,253</u>	

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- 0.8 mill, 5-year levy passed in November 2010 with 58% approval.
 - Levy RENEWED for 6 years in November 2014 with 70% approval.
 - The current levy will next be on the ballot in November 2020.
 - State funding for libraries is set at 1.68% of General Revenue.
 - As the economy improves and state revenues grow, so does support for libraries. As General Revenue decreases (or is cut), so does support for libraries.

