



MARION
Public Library

Annual Report

July 2021 - June 2022



"Excitement and anticipation"

These two words summarize the thoughts and feelings surrounding our work at the Marion Public Library (MPL). We've been busy! Between serving our community and making plans to move into our new, state-of-the-art library facility, we're excited to share the highlights and stories from this last fiscal year.



Over the course of the last year, library staff continued to deliver exemplary service through collection offerings, programming, and dedicated service in our temporary locations. From park playdates to dial-a-stories, we've explored new ways to keep you connected with all-things MPL as we await the opening of our new library. You can read more about the progress of the building, along with the new collections and spaces that will be offered on pages 4-5 of this report.

As I wrap up my first year as Marion's library director, I'm incredibly proud of our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to serving the community. What we've been able to accomplish over the last year has truly been a team effort. The guidance we've received from our Board of Trustees has been invaluable. We're also grateful for the support we've

received from the City of Marion, our community partners, and others who have cheered us on over the last year.

Above all else, our biggest thanks goes to you. Whether you're a reader, creator, dreamer, or learner, we are grateful for your support and enthusiasm for our library and future growth. It's our hope that your pursuits and passions can grow at MPL with support from our staff.

We are beyond excited for the faces we'll see and the excitement we'll hear when we open the doors to our new building. But those stories are for next year, and we look forward to sharing them with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Carroll'.

Bill Carroll
Library Director

Our Commitments

We welcome everyone.

We protect privacy.

We engage curiosity.

We listen & respond to people in our community.

We have fun.

We learn together.

We hold each other accountable.

We build relationships.

MPL By the Numbers



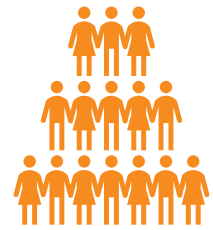
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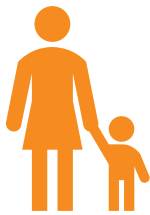
24,743

patron visits to the
Marion Public Library



5,972

patrons attended
programs



82

youth programs
offered



216

mailings of materials to
homebound participants



3,776

patrons attended
youth programs



3,335

patrons used
public computers



81,463

media
downloads



84

adult programs
offered

Reimagining & Rebuilding

The next chapter of the Marion Public Library took more of a shape -- literally -- during the last fiscal year. Along with working out of five temporary locations across the city, preparations and planning for the new library ramped up. Glimpses of the space were shared with the public online through social media teasers and virtual tours. In the spring and summer, materials and staff began the move to the new space.

After more than a year and a half of construction, staff, volunteers, and residents are finally able to start seeing the vision of Marion's new, community-centered library become a reality.



Progress

September 2021:
Grand staircase
installed

January 2022:
Staff furniture
arrives

February 2022:
Library shelves
arrive

New Collections & Spaces

Marion's new library will be a community gathering space with new specialty areas for all to enjoy. Some of the new spaces include:

- **MakerSpace** | A creative and collaborative space with 3D printers, laser printers, sewing machines, and other supplies.
- **Recording Studio** | A space for patrons to channel their inner podcast host, YouTuber, audiobook author, or singer-songwriter.
- **Green Screen Room** | A studio to learn more about the production process with access to video, sound, and lighting equipment.

In addition to new spaces in the library, three new collections will be available for patron enjoyment:

- Vinyl collection, including record players
- Cake pans
- Games & puzzles

"I'm incredibly excited to have a MakerSpace in our new building. These new library spaces will not only give us the capacity to offer a wider variety of programs, but to reach more patrons with different interests and passions. There truly will be something for everyone."



Kylee Pusteoska
Programming Manager



Timeline

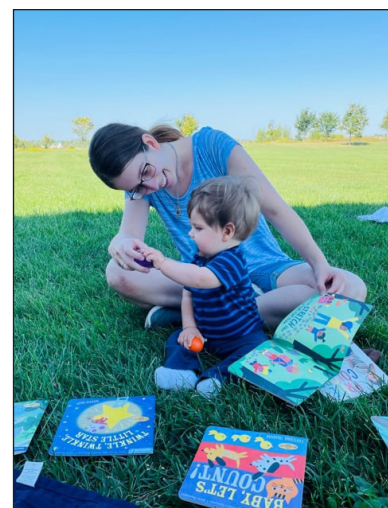
April 2022:
Appliances installed in
Culinary Kitchen

May 2022:
Moving process for
materials begins

June 2022:
Staff gain access to
work in new building

A Year of Programs & Partnerships

How exactly do you do programming without a central library location? With quick-thinking, flexibility, and a positive mindset! MPL's programming team took their ideas to new heights last year in an effort to reach patrons of all ages. Thanks to community partnerships with parks and other organizations, programs at the library continued to reach thousands of patrons, both with in-person and virtual formats.



New Programs

Along with establishing community partnerships, the library offered some patron-favorite programs last year, including:

- **Author Talks** | This partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium brought bestselling author talks to our community in a virtual format.
- **Panel Discussions** | From developing a community of belonging to hearing from women leaders of Marion, these discussions amplified local, important, and relevant topics to a variety of ages.



"Pizza & Games in the Park was one of my favorite programs we hosted last year. Between the good food and fun outdoor games, we saw teens enjoying each other's company and meeting new people. Everyone had a blast!"



Sam Exline
Teen Library Assistant

Financials

REVENUE

City General Fund	\$1,759,367
City Special Levies	\$72,036
County Income	\$55,938
Contracting Cities Income	\$29,971
State Income	\$82,055
Endowments/Gifts	\$15,273

Total Revenue **\$2,014,640**

EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages	\$906,940
Employee Benefits	\$317,204
Collection Cost	\$328,443
Operational Expenses	\$462,053

Total Expenses **\$2,014,640**



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