

Muskingum County Library System: 2015 Highlights



- Children and teens read 179,487 books and magazines from their public library.
- Adults read 215,428 books and magazines borrowed from their public library.
- 3,175 children and teens read 89,651 books during the 6 week Summer Reading program.
- Area readers listened to 31,524 audiobooks from their public library.
- Library card holders downloaded 76,924 books, magazines, CD's, and DVDs free of charge from the newly designed library web page @ muskingumlibrary.org.



- Area adults created their own Fairy Garden at a program sponsored by the Muskingum Valley Park District, Mission Oaks Gardens, and the Muskingum County Library System.
- Adults made their own original origami with instruction from a member of the Ohio Paper Folders group.
- Gingerbread Houses created for the 1st Annual Gingerbread House Display and Competition were displayed at John McIntire Library during December. The event was sponsored by FoodWorks Alliance and hosted by the Muskingum County Library System.
- Interested teens participated in the Teen Writers Group, a writing group that meets twice a month, is led by Elizabeth Christy and coordinated by the Muskingum County Library System.



- The Zanesville Museum of Art and Muskingum County Library System presented an Art and Gardening Lecture Series during May featuring speakers from Columbus Bonsai Society, Mission Oaks Gardens, Franklin Park Conservatory and Dawes Arboretum.
- Area readers learned about the life and writings of Zane Grey through On the Same Page Muskingum, a community reading initiative. The library system served as a distribution point for free copies of the books and hosted discussions on some of the selected Zane Grey titles.
- Children and teens learned about robotics during a program presented by the Zane State Robotics Team and a program presented by the Zanesville High School Robotics Team.
- Children entering Kindergarten in 2015 learned about the first day of school and riding a school bus at *Kindergarten, Here I Come!*, a partnership between Zanesville City Schools and the Muskingum County Library System.



- Children participated in self-guided monthly activities based on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math at the Discovery Stations at their 6 public libraries.
- Area children and adults discovered information about instruments and music while enjoying Sounds of the Season during a program presented by Dr. Laura Schumann and colleagues from the Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra.
- Teen Summer Readers discovered the Ohio State University campus during tours of the Ohio State football stadium, the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum, and the Wexner Center.
- Area families discovered live performance at John McIntire Library including Cincinnati Childrens Theatre productions of *Peter Rabbit*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *Treasure Island*, and *The Elves and the Shoemaker*.



2015 General Revenues	
Public Library Fund	2,632,789
Property Taxes	1,667,578
Patron Fines/Fees	71,318
Earnings on Investments	37,681
Contributions	39,011
Miscellaneous Revenue	63,587
Total	4,511,964

2015 General Fund Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits	2,396,633
Purchased & Contracted Services	712,457
Library Materials & Information	560,800
Supplies	68,321
Capital Outlay & Miscellaneous Objects	104,389
Total	3,842,600

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