

# Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library

## 2012 Annual Report

### A Year of Transitions.

2012 marked a year of transition for the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library. In January Nicholas Tepe began as the 4<sup>th</sup> director in the over 100 year history of the library. Work began on the renovation of the Howard S. Young branch in Frankfort, but due to unforeseen structural issues the branch would not reopen until the beginning of 2013. The Serving Every Ohioan (SEO) consortium, of which the library is a member, moved to a new software system in June, creating many challenges for staff and patrons in learning the new system, while creating the potential for future improvements.

### A New Look.

After many years of service, the library decided to retire the eagle as its logo. While the historic eagle weathervane that topped the first capitol of Ohio will continue to hold its honored place in the Main library on Paint Street, the library was looking for an image that all residents of the county would recognize as representing the library. Over the course of several months the library board settled on the image of an open book, with the pages becoming 7 plants representing the library's 7 locations, spreading seeds of information out into the wider world.

### Technology on the Rise.

The library continues its role of connecting its patrons to the technology they need to navigate the constantly expanding world of information at their fingertips. Circulation of eBooks through the library's website continued to increase several hundred percent over the previous year. In response to increased questions about new technology and devices the library launched Tech Tutor sessions, where patrons can reserve time with a librarian to work one-on-one with whatever technology question they may have. Finally, the library began work on a new website that will allow patrons to find the information they need quickly and easily wherever they are, and will also include many new tools to help patrons find information and take advantage of the library's many resources.

## 2012 by the Numbers

### Materials Circulated

**571668**

Adult Books	158566
Young Adult Books	12087
Juvenile Books	85796
Audio Books	11028
Music CDs	15477
DVDs	167788
eBooks	12841
Other materials	32011
Materials loaned to other libraries	76074

### User Visits

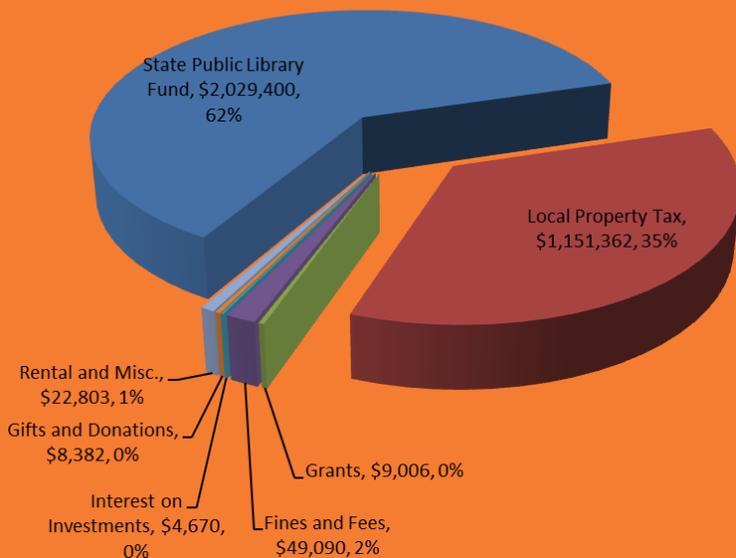
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Main	125160
Northside	196308
Howard S Young	<i>Renovation</i>
Kingston	9233
Paxton	9815
Richmond Dale	5329
South Salem	14780

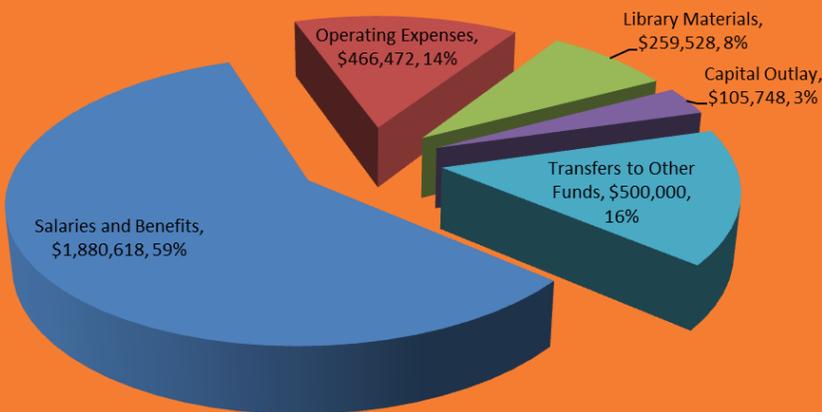
Registered Borrowers	32895
Reference Questions	26019
Public Programs	852
Program Attendance	12621
Public Meeting Room Use	433
Public Computer Use	55383

# Revenues and Expenditures

## General Fund Revenues 2012



## General Fund Expenditures 2012



## Reaching Out.

The library continued and expanded its efforts to connect to the wider community. The library hosted events like the Suicide Prevention Breakfast and meetings of the Ross County Hunger Summit, and also served as a distribution site for produce giveaways sponsored by the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and provided space for the Children's Clothing Bank. The library also sponsored food and clothing drives, giving patrons the opportunity to support local charities while also reducing their fines. Through these efforts the library is expanding its role as a center for the community to gather and find the support they need.

## Looking Ahead.

Transitions at the library will continue into 2013.

In addition to the re-opening of the Howard S. Young branch in Frankfort, remodeling of the Main Library Annex will make that space more usable for library and community events.

New tools and technology will be made available to allow patrons to exercise more control over their library accounts and their library experience, both in the library's locations as well as through the library's new website and online resources.

Finally, in the Summer and Fall of 2013 the library will be reaching out to the community to gather information in developing a new strategic plan that will guide the library over the next 3-5 years.

Thank you for your support of the library, and we look forward to hearing from you as we plot our course into the future!



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