

# Reaching Out Into the Community

Washington-Centerville Public Library partnered with organizations and businesses to serve patrons by:

- **Taking Storytime on the Road** – Storytellers shared stories with nearly 5,000 attendees in the Library and at off-site locations like Fresh Thyme Centerville, First School, and Kids Watch.
- **Growing New Readers** – The Library challenged children and their parents to read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.
- **Supporting Current Students** – Summer Reading Clubs, a Community Read of *Outcasts United* and school nights at the Library kept students and families reading over the summer. More than 6,000 students and adults participated in summer reading activities.
- **Providing Lifelong Learning** – The Library offered more than 375 programs for nearly 15,000 attendees in 2017.
- **Keeping Seniors Engaged** – Partnering with assisted living facilities, the Library offered programming and materials delivery to keep older adults mentally and socially active. In 2017, more than 5,500 items were delivered to assisted living facilities and private homes for older adults to enjoy.



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**HALF-OFF  
OVERDUE  
FINES!** Visit the Library April 23-29  
to pay half your outstanding  
fine balance and we'll waive  
the other half!\*

\*Offer good for up to \$10 in waived fines per Library account.  
Lost and damaged items excluded.



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## Ensuring Access to Materials

Though roughly 40% of the library collection was in storage, Washington-Centerville Public Library provided patrons with the best possible access to books, movies, music and more by:

- **Opening Woodbourne @ Cross Pointe** – More than 65,000 patrons used this storefront library and checked out nearly 65,000 items in 2017!
- **Welcoming patrons to Centerville Library** – Library staff welcomed those who typically don't use Centerville Library and visits to Centerville Library and checkouts increased by 23% and 18% respectively.
- **Adding new materials** – The Library added nearly 25,000 new items in 2017 to ensure access to the newest materials. The introduction of a new format, mp3 CD books, immediately became a hit with audiobook listeners.
- **Investing in more digital content** – The Library spent more than \$350,000 on digital content as a way to satisfy demand for materials without adding shelf space. Almost 267,000 digital items were checked out in 2017, a 10% increase.
- **Utilizing Search Ohio** – In 2017, this statewide resource sharing program was key to getting materials into the hands of patrons while Woodbourne Library was closed. Use of this service increased by 25% over 2016, with more than 29,000 items borrowed from other libraries around the state.





# Funding Special Projects Through Donations

Through the generosity of donors, the Woodbourne Library will boast these beautiful amenities at no additional cost to taxpayers:

- **Inviting Outdoor Seating** – The Friends funded, via grants, more than \$32,000 to the Library in 2017, including the purchase of high quality, attractive benches at Woodbourne Library.
- **Artistic Shade Structures** – In celebration of their 50th anniversary, the Centerville Noon Optimists donated \$25,000 to fund tensile structures in the children’s storybook garden. The remaining Children’s Garden elements will be funded by the Yeck Family Foundation, the Miami Valley Water Garden Society and the family of Barbara Gross.
- **Art Speaks Volumes** – Four original works of art will adorn Woodbourne Library thanks to the Dorothy R. Yeck Endowment for the Arts at Woodbourne Library.
- **Colorful Sunscreen** – Woodbourne Library’s iconic Mid-Century Modern sunscreen will be restored to its original beauty thanks to the Dorothy R. Yeck Endowment for the Arts at Woodbourne Library and the help of specialists in the field of preservation and restoration.

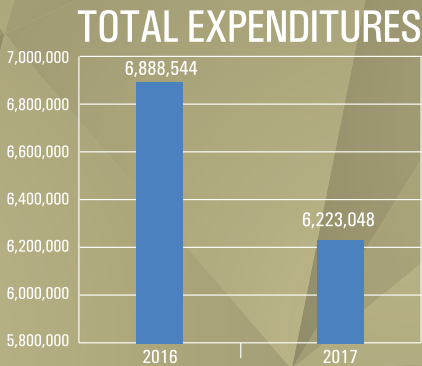


## Woodbourne Library Grand Re-Opening – Summer 2018

# Operating Effectively

In 2017, the Library spent tax dollars wisely as evidenced by:

- **Excelling Locally and Nationally** – Washington-Centerville Public Library was once again recognized as a 5-Star Library in Library Journal’s Index of Public Library Service - the only library in the Dayton region to earn this distinction.
- **Planning Ahead for Construction Expenses** – Construction of the Woodbourne Library is funded out of an earmarked Building Fund, separate from operating revenue. No additional tax dollars were requested. The expansion is the result of decades of planning and saving.
- **Reducing Current Operating Expenses** – Total expenditures for 2017 were approximately \$6.3 million, down 9% from 2016. Operating only one full service library, suspending the purchase of materials for Woodbourne Library, and employing fewer staff helped contribute to the reduced expenditures.



- **Committing to Current Staff** – Combining two full service libraries into one requires less staffing. Through attrition and assignment of special projects, the Library was able to shrink total staff size and keep current staff busy with meaningful work, without lay-offs.