

## Library Revenues

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Library Millage	\$2,015,850	\$2,063,681	\$2,134,657	\$2,197,664	\$2,268,051
Penal Fines	\$76,013	\$86,003	\$115,652	\$121,061	\$115,952
State Aid	\$31,014	\$33,710	\$35,602	\$37,428	\$39,681
Fines, Fees, Misc.	\$80,002	\$80,573	\$65,216	\$61,512	\$52,549
Grants/Gifts	\$20,216	\$34,360	\$12,579	\$11,784	\$2,307
Interest	\$3,712	\$7,305	\$9,601	\$14,213	\$20,477
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,492
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>\$2,265,772</b>	<b>\$2,226,807</b>	<b>\$2,305,362</b>	<b>\$2,443,662</b>	<b>\$2,512,509</b>

## Library Expenditures

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Personnel	\$1,344,542	\$1,421,955	\$1,385,725	\$1,442,043	\$1,496,716
Books, music, video	\$142,839	\$164,848	\$214,368	\$245,094	\$259,940
Other expenses*	\$702,814	\$697,168	\$687,601	\$673,441	\$755,853
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$2,190,195</b>	<b>\$2,283,971</b>	<b>\$2,287,694</b>	<b>\$2,360,578</b>	<b>\$2,512,509</b>

\*Maintenance, services, supplies, utilities, debt service on bonds issued for 2006 renovation

## Library Operating Activities

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	% Change FY 2016-17 to FY 2017-18
Visitors	213,784	173,612	184,998	193,697	5%
Programs	507	425	513	513	0%
Program Attendance	12,915	13,518	15,503	16,794	8%
Reference Questions	31,048	28,736	27,280	26,346	-1%
Computer Uses	42,871	36,782	38,387	36,139	-6%
Lending Transactions	350,238	372,934	403,009	399,759	0%
Card Holders	33,233	33,140	24,317	24,262	0%
Collection Size	192,452	179,393	162,945	154,781	-5%



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for ROPL Sunday hours.



Samples of available seeds in ROPL's Seed Library.



ROPL outreach at ROMS Dawg Walk.

## Of Interest in 2017-2018

### Increased Hours and Services

For the first time in Royal Oak Public Library's history, the library now offers Sunday hours. During the school year, the library is open from 1:00 - 5:00 PM on Sundays. The inaugural Sunday, September 10, 2017, was celebrated by the community and city officials in an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Sunday hours have proved to be popular and they have provided opportunities for more programs and Friends used book sales.

New initiatives were started including a seed library, service to the homebound, and Story Time Together circulating materials. The seed library includes seeds donated by several companies and seeds harvested and shared by residents. Royal Oak residents can take up to five packets at no cost. Programs about seeds, gardening, and environmental concerns are being offered at ROPL.

Service to the homebound is a mail delivery system where customers work with a librarian to select books and audio books of interest and these are sent to the resident who in turn mails them back to the library at no cost to the resident (and no trips to the Post Office).

Story Time Together are themed bags that contain picture books, a puppet or stuffed animal, and a music cd along with craft suggestions. They are designed for enriched learning experiences for preschool aged children. The bags can be checked out for a three week loan, just like books.

Our shared catalog and automated circulation system changed in May 2018 when a new system (CARL) was launched. Much preparation work went into the migration of the records and this has resulted in a more user friendly catalog.

### Partnerships and Outreach

ROPL's partnerships with community groups, schools, businesses, and city boards enrich the community. The library board approved additional part time staff specifically to increase outreach services. The library is involved in a variety of community events held at the schools, parks, the Farmers Market, etc.



## Year in Review

Next year the annual report will be written by Emily Dumas, who has been selected as the next library director. I will be retiring on March 1 and am delighted that Emily will be the new director. She will be a familiar face to many of you since she is currently the head of youth and teen services here. Emily has demonstrated an ability to grow the library's offerings to the community including starting the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, sensory play times, Sunday story times, and the Story Time Together bags. She has also worked collaboratively with schools, community groups, and companies to increase the library's partnerships. The Library Board of Trustees offered her the position after conducting a national search. She is excited about guiding the library in its mission to provide opportunities to learn, connect, create, and innovate.

My tenure with the Royal Oak Public Library began in 2002 and I became director in 2009. It has been a true honor and privilege to serve the community. I have been enriched by the many residents, organizations, volunteers, donors, and city and library staff whom I have worked with and met. A library is of vital importance to a community even in this age when we can "Google" our information. As argued in a recent book, *Palaces for the People*, by Eric Klinenberg, libraries are a shared space that strengthens a community's social infrastructure. Libraries go beyond books and internet access and speak to connection, creation, and innovation – all of which make Royal Oak a wonderful place to live and work. It has been my pleasure to work and live in this community.

Thank you!



Mary Molden Karshner  
Director

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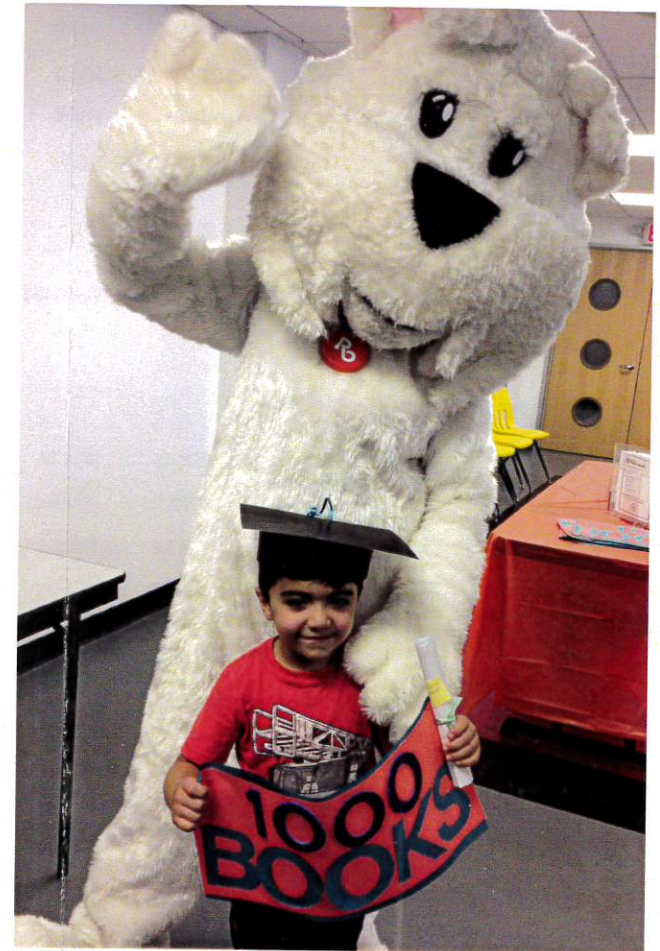
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