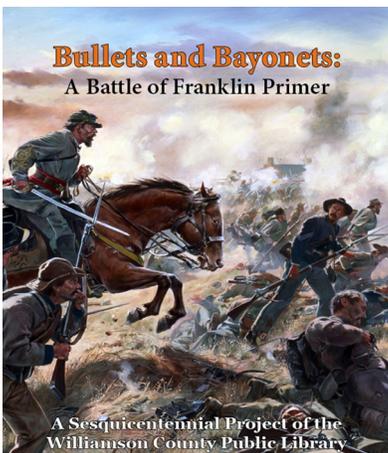


450,951
Library visitors



**WCPLtn
by the
numbers**



874,494
items circulated

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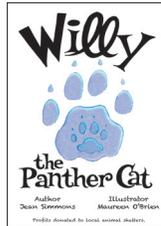
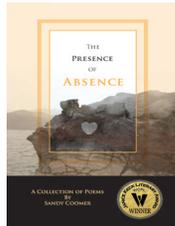
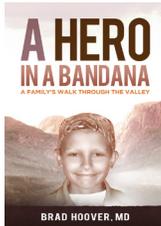
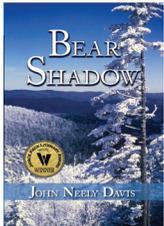
2014 Annual Report From the Director's Desk



Williamson County has a lot to brag about concerning our Library. First, let me begin with our Summer Reading Program. In 2014 we had another record-breaking number of participants, and it was not just children. Teens and adults read and won numerous prizes this summer. It was a marvelous time with outstanding performers at both the main library and branches.

Next, our Teen Department experienced a complete overhaul. Erin Holt, formerly one of our Reference Librarians, transferred and is now our Teen Librarian. Along with her cohort, Howard Shirley, they have increased teen programs, and attendance is up 203%. I cannot wait to see what they have planned for the coming year.

Last year the Library offered our first Janice Keck Literary Awards. Winners were selected in four categories: Fiction, Non-fiction, Poetry, and Children's. The award winners received an IngramSpark account and 10 copies of their book.



The works were wonderful, so the Library is continuing the awards program again this year. I am certain we will have another group of quality winners! Williamson County is extremely rich in literary talent.

The Library branches were busy this year! Our Nolensville Branch added an additional story time, and we are expanding the Fairview Branch for additional space. I am proud of the staff and appreciate all the hard work and community connections of each branch.

In conclusion, we provide a monetary calculator of our services on the Library's web site. If you used our computers or attended a program, you helped saved part of our \$19,162,120 total. Not only does that demonstrate that when you use your local library you save money, but it also shows how much you love and use your community library. For that, the staff is truly grateful.

Board of Trustees

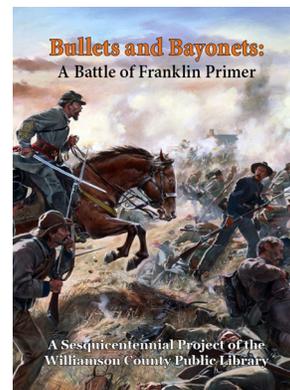
The Library's Board met at some of our branches this year. This provided a terrific opportunity for the Board members to discover branch needs and funding requests. When the Board met in Franklin, they invited the other branch managers and Friends presidents to report. The Board members were impressed with the hard work the Library staff and the branch Friends groups were doing! The Friends groups raise money for the branches throughout the year to buy books or other needed items. Thank you to them and to the Board for their help.

Friends of the WCPL

The Friends of the Main Library raised \$12,000 this year for books and digital materials. They are an impressive group of individuals, who you should get to know. The annual Friends' luncheon was a lovely heartfelt event and supportive of the Library and our efforts!

WCPL Foundation

The Williamson County Library Foundation worked extremely hard and supported the Library's Battle of Franklin Sesquicentennial programs! They hosted an outstanding evening of storytelling featuring Eric Jacobson, Thomas Flagel, and Bryan Lane. The popular event was perfect for the 150th commemoration.



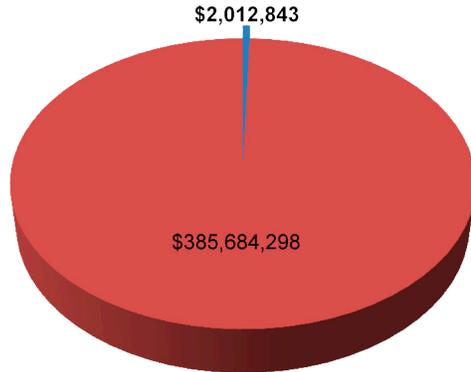
Another amazing thing the Foundation did was fund the Library's Battle of Franklin book. Our book, *Bullets and Bayonets: a Battle of Franklin Primer* was a true labor of love that the staff published under our imprint Academy Park Press. The book is beautifully written and illustrated and paints a marvelous overall picture of the battle. Thank you to the Library Foundation for sharing our vision and funding such an amazing project. They are busy planning this year, so stay tuned.



2014 Annual Report Facts & Figures

Library Budget \$2,012,843

County Budget \$385,684,298



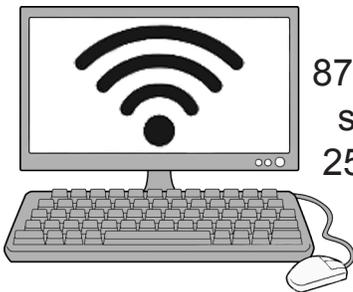
Open at Main **65.5** hours/week,
 Open at Bethesda **36** hours/week,
 Open at College Grove **38** hours/week,
 Open at Fairview **45** hours/week,
 Open at Lepier's Fork **38** hours/week,
 Open at Nolensville **42** hours/week,
 52 weeks a year, a total of **13,754** hours of service



450,951
documented
visits



874,494 items
checked out
(including 102,812
digital items)



87,225 computer
sessions, and
25,447 wireless
sessions



116,408 reference
questions answered

62 employees:
34 full-time, 28 part-time,
17 with graduate degrees in
Library & Information Science



There were
a total of
1,688 library
programs
attended by
43,846 people.



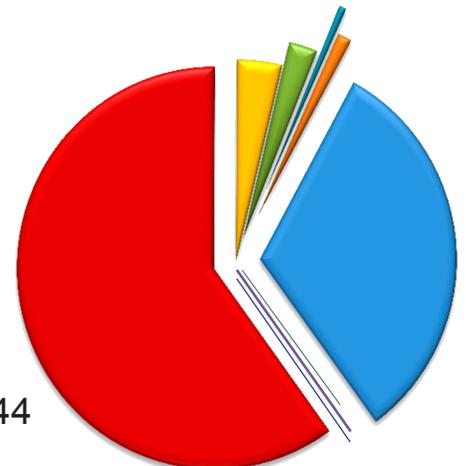
3.24 items in
collection per
capita

53,011
Library Cards
active in the
WCPLtn system



- Print 225,502
- Video 13,763
- READS Collection 120,346
- Audio 8,882
- Mircoforms 2,239
- Serials 166
- Databases 86
- eReaders 17
- Digital Content 4,344
- Total = 367,345

Items Available





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Main

AWESOME
BOX!



Circulation

The Circulation Department has always maintained a deep and personal connection with our patrons and once again has successfully provided high quality service to all members of our community as well as those who visit. The Circulation Staff believes that reading is of critical importance to the health and success of our patrons and the community. We love to contribute to that success by providing various formats of material, whether it be audio-visual, digital downloads, or the traditional format for patrons who enjoy holding a book.

Children's Department

The annual Summer Reading Program hit an all-time high with 2,550 children participating – an 11% increase from the previous year. Highlights this year also included annual family favorites such as the Nashville Ballet, the Nashville Opera, and A Visit with Santa. Each drew hundreds of people.



Teens

The Young Adult Imagination Station, generously funded by Library Foundation, was unveiled on May 3, 2014, at the Library's 2nd Annual Make-A-Thon event. It includes a big screen TV, an Apple MacBook Pro, a Nintendo Wii U, and various computer games. The annual Young Adult Poetry Contest, Anime Club, and the Monopoly and Chess Tournaments all continue to grow. 500 teens participated in the Summer Reading Young Adult program.



Reference

During 2014, Reference provided a wide variety of programming mainly for adults, which included the Twitter Book Club, the Literary Ladies book club, computer and eReader classes, and more each month. Also, various special events

and movies were attended by a record number of 852 adults during the Summer Reading Program. This department continued to offer assistance from the desk, over the phone, and via email. This was the first year of the new statewide Inter-Library Loan courier service Firefly.



Special Collections



In the Special Collections department this year, Dorris Douglass retired after 18 years of service. She was honored with a reception and will be missed by all. The Special Collections database was revamped to make it easier to find obituaries and local news stories. The Williamson Room was remodeled with changes that incorporated Battle of Franklin plaques that Librarian Jason Gavin worked with an intern to create. They are hung at strategic points to describe the Battle from the window viewpoint. This year there were 13 programs with 218 attendees. One popular program was a late night special event on *Researching Your Civil War Ancestors* held during the summer reading program by Cataloguer and local historian, Leesa Harmon. This year also saw the beginning

of the monthly offering of an *Introduction to Ancestry.com* class. The annual Black History Month exhibit was themed *African-Americans in the Civil War: Gone But Not Forgotten*. Visitors to the department nearly doubled while the exhibit was up.



Technical Services

Technical Services added 18,152 books and other items to the Library's collection within the past fiscal year. Technical Services staff played a large part in the creation of the *Bullets and Bayonets* book. Staff graciously assisted in the Make-a-Thon event and numerous special programs.





2014 Annual Report Branches



Bethesda

Adding and improving our technology has been a big part of 2014 at Bethesda. A big screen television was installed in the children's area, giving more versatility in children's programming. We also purchased an iPad for circulation, as well as a mini-laptop for staff use. In addition, the children at Bethesda were delighted at the addition of a second AWE Early Literacy Station.

The close partnership with Bethesda Elementary School continues, with kindergartners coming up for storytime each month and joint efforts to boost participation in the summer reading program. For adults, we offer individual computer instruction and a lively book group that meets monthly.

College Grove

Our Tail Waggin' Tutors, two certified reading therapy dogs, began visiting the library in February. Parents and teachers of the children who have participated noticed an increased interest in reading. Attendance is up at the monthly home school program. It began in 2013 as a social time for the children. We changed the format this year to add more structure to the programs. The book club which began in 2008 as the *FiftyForward College Grove Book Discussion Group* became the *Tuesday Morning Book Club* in 2014 and added several new members.



Fairview

Kathy Grimenstein, after over 15 years as Branch Manager here in Fairview, retired. She is a well-known and well-loved member of the Fairview community. In addition to managing the Fairview Branch Kathy also did the children's story time.

The approval and funding for the addition to the Fairview Public Library was concluded, and bids went out for contractors to bid on the job. The addition will provide the Fairview community with a much needed meeting room and free up a good deal of space within the library. The Fairview community continues to expand in population and the Fairview Public Library strives to meet these growing needs.

Leiper's Fork

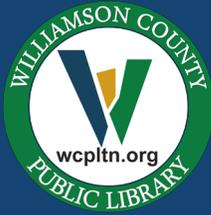
The Leipers Fork branch celebrated its 25th anniversary on June 14, 2014. Programs for children which included Preschool Story Time, Toddler Time, and Leiper's Lego Club continued with good attendance in 2014. The Friends of the Leipers Fork Library held two successful fundraisers, a bake sale in May and a book sale in July. The funds raised were used to help pay for summer program performers, supplies, snacks for the Lego Club, and a special live animal show for Christmas. With help from the Friends we were also able to increase the number of summer programs we provided, which also increased our patron attendance.



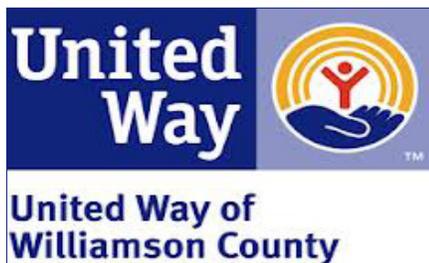
Nolensville

This year we started a Library Lego Club that meets every Saturday morning, and the library also partnered with a local instructor to offer a monthly Kids Painting Club. Both programs have been very popular and well attended. These two new programs helped drive up total program participation 25% as compared to the year before.

The biggest project we completed was moving every item in the library! We moved all of our collections in order to remove a small piece of shelving in the children's area to accommodate the crowds for our growing youth programs. Even though we moved a few shelves we were able to give all the children's collections more room to grow as well.



2014 Annual Report Community Partnerships



Legal Aid Society
of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland



LEADERSHIP FRANKLIN

**Williamson County
Community Advisory Group**



SISTER CITIES
of Franklin and Williamson County
TENNESSEE



WCMGA

Williamson County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.