



New Bookmobile debuted in August

It features a lift and specialty book carts that can be rolled into facilities. The carts lock in place and serve as additional browsing on the bus.



Holds **4,000** items

25,500 lbs.
Max weight of
vehicle, cargo
& passengers



33' 5" Bumper to bumper **6' 10"** Floor to ceiling

Jason Reynolds & Debbie Macomber

Internationally renowned authors presented via Zoom to more than 400 library patrons



Medina County District Library Annual Report 2021

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2021: Rebound & Rebuild

If we thought of 2020 as a year focused on our Library's survival, 2021 was a year for rebuilding. As the pandemic rolled into a second year, we found ways to continue safely delivering services to the community while rebuilding, and in some cases reinventing, routines and practices that have become our new normal.

One primary goal in 2021 was to return to full services and hours. That meant we had to reverse our hiring pause and employ new staff to fill vacancies which were left open during the uncertainty of 2020. This means that more than 30% of our current employees are new to MCDL this year! With that influx of new talent came many new ideas and perspectives. We worked hard in 2021 to blend the old with the new and to not just rebound from the initial effects of the pandemic, but to rebuild services to the community which incorporate the best of what our library always has been, and left behind anything which was no longer optimal in a COVID world.

This year saw our return to full hours and services, including passports and photos, GED testing, and community use of the meeting and study rooms. A new Bookmobile hit the road, and we're still developing new lobby stops and pop-up library services as senior communities and daycares permit us to visit. We were able to add in-person programs, while still offering a selection of virtual and outdoor events to meet all community needs. Digital and streaming materials continue to be extremely popular, so we've been able to expand those collections while also updating our collection of physical materials.

On behalf of the library staff and trustees, I'd like to thank the community for the patience and support that you have shown for the library over the last year. There have been many changes in response to evolving community health conditions, but it continues to be our pleasure to serve the residents of Medina County. I hope to see you – in person or virtually – at the library again soon!

Awards & Honors



Abbie Wilson

Bookmobile and Outreach Associate, won the Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services Pattie Johnston Outreach Award.

Gail Ebey

Medina Library Children's Supervisor, was recognized as a "Woman of the Community" by the *Medina County Women's Journal*.



Laura Kettering

Buckeye Library Manager, graduated from Leadership Medina County.

Friends of MCDL won Ohio Library Council's Ohio Friends of the Library Recognition Award. *Pictured L-R: Monica Health, MCDL Liaison to the Friends & Lisa Deka, Friends President.*

Collection

Collection size: 478,423 items
Added in 2021: 90,634 items

eMedia Growth

Check outs continue to increase each year

2019 438,727

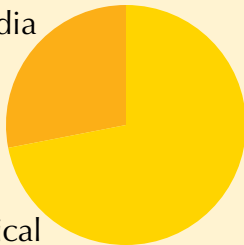
2020 533,989

2021 743,093

Check Out %

eMedia
28%

72%
Physical



2021 Check Outs

Books	1,231,647
eMedia	743,093
Movies	432,559
Audiobooks	62,743
Music	57,124
Magazines & Comics	53,877
Video games	10,183
Hotspots, Devices & Kits	8,986
Total	2,600,212

Accomplishments



New Services

A Mac & Cheese Drive, to benefit Feeding Medina County, and Seed Share, a borrow and donate community seed collection, were introduced. The Tools & Tech collection was expanded to all MCDL locations featuring school and work from home necessities like Chromebooks, microphones, and cameras.

Events

Virtual events	457
Participants	27,759
In-person events	925
Participants	23,286

Storytimes resumed in the Summer on Brunswick Library's lawn (*below*) and Medina Library's parking lot.

Summer Reading Game: Tails and Tales

More than **6,000** children and teens played the game. Teens read more than **9,275** hours. Limited events were back featuring shark-themed storytimes, a pet parade, visits with the Akron Zoo, and more!



Covid-19 Services



Nearly **25,400** home test kits were distributed from Fall through

the end of the year.

870+ doses of the vaccine were administered by the Health Department at Buckeye, Highland, and Lodi Libraries.



At-Home Learning & Fun

Prior to in-person events, patrons enjoyed Nearly **20,000** Take & Make Craft Kits

500 Kindergarten Readiness Kits

850 Summer Reading Kits



Friends of MCDL

Book sales reopened in June. Plus, the Friends hosted a Christmas in July online auction and the UnRun in September, raising more than **\$7,400**.

Full Open Hours Restored

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday - Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

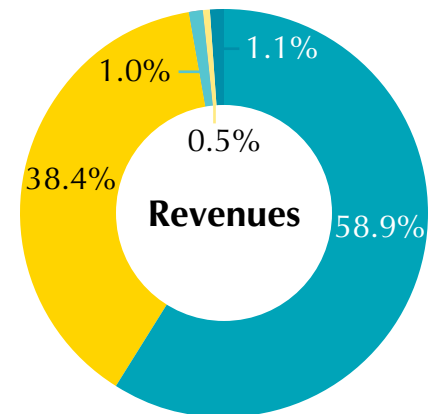
Sunday (Medina & Brunswick)
1:00 - 5:00 pm
(mid-Sept. through mid-May)

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/2021: **\$ 6,806,569**

Revenues

Property Taxes (Medina County)	\$ 6,619,554	58.9%
Public Library Fund (State of Ohio)	4,319,094	38.4%
Fees	116,527	1.0%
Investment Income	60,785	0.5%
Refunds/Other	119,312	1.1%

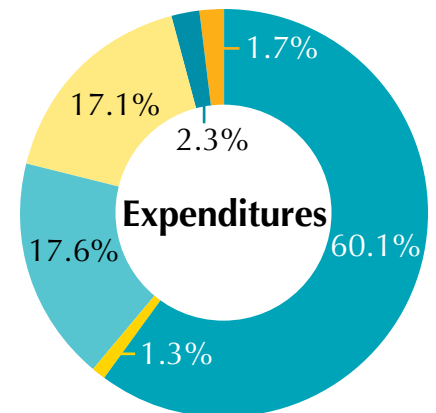
Total **\$ 11,235,272** **100.0%**



Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 5,462,861	60.1%
Supplies	116,519	1.3%
Contracted Services	1,603,494	17.6%
Library Materials	1,550,051	17.1%
Capital & Other Expenses	206,345	2.3%
Transfers to Other Funds	150,000	1.7%

Total **\$ 9,089,270** **100.0%**



Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2021: **\$ 8,952,571**

Full financial report available at mcdl.info/AnnualReport.

Donations

\$17,850

Friends of MCDL
for the Summer Reading Game, Signature and Author Events, and staff and volunteer recognition

\$1,500

Friends of Brunswick Library

\$1,000

Jack Arters, In memory of Dorothy Arters

\$1,000

Various Donors, In memory of Steve Gunsel

\$1,000

Various Donors, In memory of John Heaney

Locations

Medina Library
330-725-0588

Brunswick Library
330-273-4150

Buckeye Library
330-725-4415

Highland Library
330-278-4271
330-239-2674

Lodi Library
330-948-1885

Seville Library
330-769-2852

Bookmobile/ Outreach
330-722-2590

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