



## Grand Opening of the Family History & Learning Center



# Medina County District Library Annual Report 2019

*Family History & Learning Center spaces including:  
Digital Lab, Local & Family History Collection, Makerspace*

Is it just me, or does 2019 seem like it was about eight years ago? So much about our daily lives has changed since we closed the books on that year. For me, as the Assistant Director in 2019, the overall theme for us at the Library was one of promise and possibility.

We rolled out fun new technology for members in the Tools & Tech Collection, with items like a telescope, a blood pressure monitor, or a ukulele available to borrow. Exterior tile repairs were finally completed on Medina Library. Plans were started to replace an aging bookmobile. We finished up construction on the Virginia Wheeler Martin Family History & Learning Center and we could all stand in the new Makerspace to think about how those tools will be one more way that we can support lifelong learning in Medina County. Our Library Director, Carole Kowell, after thirty years of service with MCDL, announced her well-deserved retirement and we at the Library were poised to start writing the next new chapter in our story.

Our Board of Trustees completed the search for our next Library Director. I officially stepped into that role on February 17, 2020, armed with all the enthusiasm of taking on a new leadership role in an organization that I love which is fiscally

sound, grounded in community engagement, and positioned to meet a new decade with the same positive energy that our staff has been exhibiting since 1907. And then the world stopped in March. Instead of looking for opportunities to enhance community services, we turned our attention to re-inventing ways to serve our community during a world-wide pandemic, to support our members through this unknown process, and to find the best ways for us to remain a compassionate and responsible employer on this rollercoaster ride.

It's impossible to look back at 2019, except through the lens of what we are currently experiencing. The changes are radical – and not at all what we were expecting. But I take heart in what has NOT changed. Our mission. Our core beliefs. The essence of our dedication to community service shines through in the work that was achieved in 2019 and will continue to be our baseline in 2020. In this, we are resolved.

## Awards & Honors



**MCDL** was invited to Legislative Day at the Ohio Statehouse to showcase new resources including Memory Care Kits, Discovery Packs, and GED Test Prep Kits. *Pictured l-r: Tina Sabol, Holly Kabat, Kaitlin Booth*

**Kaitlin Booth** graduated from Leadership Medina County Emerging Leaders.

### Suzie Muniak

(Brunswick Library Manager, now Assistant Director) was a 2019 Notable Woman and received the Athena Young Professional Award.



### Diane Dermody

(Highland Library Manager) was a 2019 Woman of the Community, Athena Award nominee.

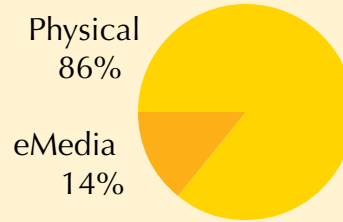


**Collection size: 409,070 items**  
**Added in 2019: 102,011 items**

### New Resources

Kanopy  
 Grief Kits  
 VOX Talking  
 Children's Books  
 American Ancestors  
 Database

### Check Out %



### 2019 Check Outs

Books	1,477,445
Movies	792,435
eMedia	438,727
Audiobooks	103,781
Music	98,809
Magazines & Comics	79,177
Video games	28,233
Kits, Tablets & Devices	14,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,032,617</b>

### Virginia Wheeler Martin Family History & Learning Center

opened in Medina Library on December 7. It features a greatly enhanced local history and genealogy research area as well as a Digital Lab for converting home videos and other media to digital format. Medina County's first public Makerspace features a 3D printer and scanner, laser engraver, embroidery machine, large format printer, and much more. *Made possible through a \$2.5 million donation from namesake, Virginia Wheeler Martin (pictured).*



### Sensory Kits

are available at all library locations for use within the library. Kits are for all ages and include items that can facilitate a calming effect for people with sensory or autism spectrum challenges: stress balls, weighted blankets, and noise cancelling headphones. *Made possible through funding from Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise and a grant from Autism Speaks.*

### Tools & Tech Collection

at Medina Library features 16 items you may need only once, or would like to try before you buy. Choose from a USB microphone, blood pressure monitor, Chromebook, metal detector, telescope, and much more!



### Summer Reading Game

participation keeps growing! In 2019 nearly 8,000 children and teens played the game. More than 4,000 children completed the entire 30-day reading challenge, a 10% increase over 2018.

### Website Updates

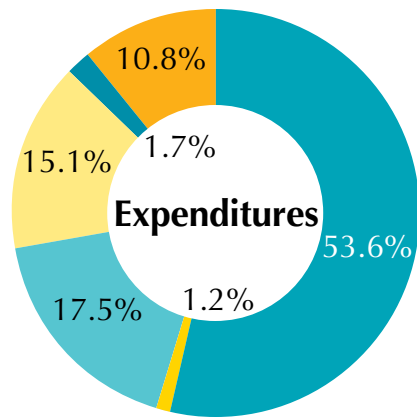
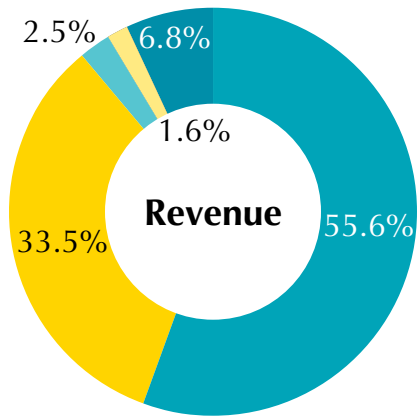
New mcdl.info website features easy to find services, readers' advisory, and events at MCDL. R. B. Hayes Ohio Obituary Index debuts at mcdl.info/Obituaries.

### Early Literacy Kits

were revamped and debuted with all new content, toys, books and more for use by pre-K caregivers.

### Recording Studio

at Lodi Library got a new look and upgraded equipment including improved soundproofing, an effects box, pop filters for microphones, and external speakers.



Full financial report available at [mcdl.info/AnnualReport](http://mcdl.info/AnnualReport).

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/2019: \$ 4,371,056.59		
Revenue	Actual	Percent
Property Taxes (Medina County)	\$ 6,272,102.90	55.6%
Public Library Fund (State of Ohio)	3,779,889.34	33.5%
Fines & Fees	282,003.87	2.5%
Investment Income	177,558.86	1.6%
Refunds/Other	765,193.94	6.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,276,748.91</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2019: \$ 4,998,315.84		
Expenditures	Actual	Percent
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 5,712,083.79	53.6%
Supplies	131,171.21	1.2%
Utilities & Contracted Services	1,867,014.35	17.5%
Library Materials	1,609,688.42	15.1%
Capital & Other Expenses	179,531.89	1.7%
Transfers to Other Funds	1,150,000.00	10.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,649,489.66</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Donations

- \$33,150** Friends of MCDL for the Summer Reading Game, Signature and Author Events, and staff and volunteer recognition.
- \$8,450** Various Donors, In memory of Noah Taylor
- \$5,000** Homestead Insurance Agency
- \$2,000** Believe in Reading Fund Grant

The first annual Friends UnRun raised nearly \$6,000 for the Summer Reading Game.



## 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
- [mcdl.info](http://mcdl.info)

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