

FOLMC

FY22 ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the FOLMC Board President

FOLMC rolled out a new organizational model in 2022, known as ONE FOLMC, and although it's been less than a year, I am proud to report that we are already seeing improvements in organizational efficiency.

Under the ONE FOLMC model, we centralized our volunteer activities and administration to create a more unified and streamlined organization. This updated structure has also allowed us to better serve Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) with both financial and volunteer support.

Our new organizational model does not change FOLMC's mission to strengthen, promote, and champion MCPL or to continue directing funds to each branch for which they are raised. FOLMC's vision that everyone in Montgomery County values and benefits from our public libraries remains the same, as do our values of education, innovation, service, integrity, and advocacy.

FOLMC's efforts have supported MCPL since 1982. Because we are so firmly mission-driven, we have been able to deploy our resources effectively through both good times and bad, during strong economies and global crises—even pandemics, because, as we say, our mission doesn't change in a crisis, it only grows stronger.

The success of FOLMC's mission depends on the support of members and donors like you. As we continue our evolution, we hope we can count on you to amplify our efforts to support MCPL so that it can keep providing the knowledge, resources, meaning, and *inspiration* to all in our community, not just today, but for generations to come. Because, together, we are stronger. On behalf of the FOLMC Board of Trustees, I want to thank our volunteers and everyone who has made this transition a success.

Sincerely,

Pamela H. Saussy, President
Board of Trustees

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PROGRAMMING

FOLMC sponsors and executes a range of programs that educate, entertain, and enrich curious minds.



LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

Celebrates libraries and recognizes their value in our community. "I love my library because..." virtual postcard collection shows how library patrons use and appreciate libraries.



MOSAIC CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

A program for middle schoolers to express cultural identity through the written word. Author-led workshops helped students develop as writers and create a supportive literary community. Honored students enjoyed a virtual discussion with Author Nic Stone.



Writers: 112 | Middle Schools: 23
Winners: 9 | Honorable Mentions: 13



LIBRARY AFTER DARK GALA PRE-EVENT

A virtual event celebrating MCPL Staff for their outstanding efforts during the pandemic. Participants cooked with James Beard Award Winning Chef Bryant Terry.

BOOKSTORES (OPEN DAILY)

Offer thousands of donated items at affordable prices to raise funds that support our mission.



CONTEMPORARY CONVERSATIONS

A series of talks about cultural and current issues with journalists, authors and other relevant speakers.



Our Impact on Climate Change: Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist Elizabeth Kolbert on March 5, 2022

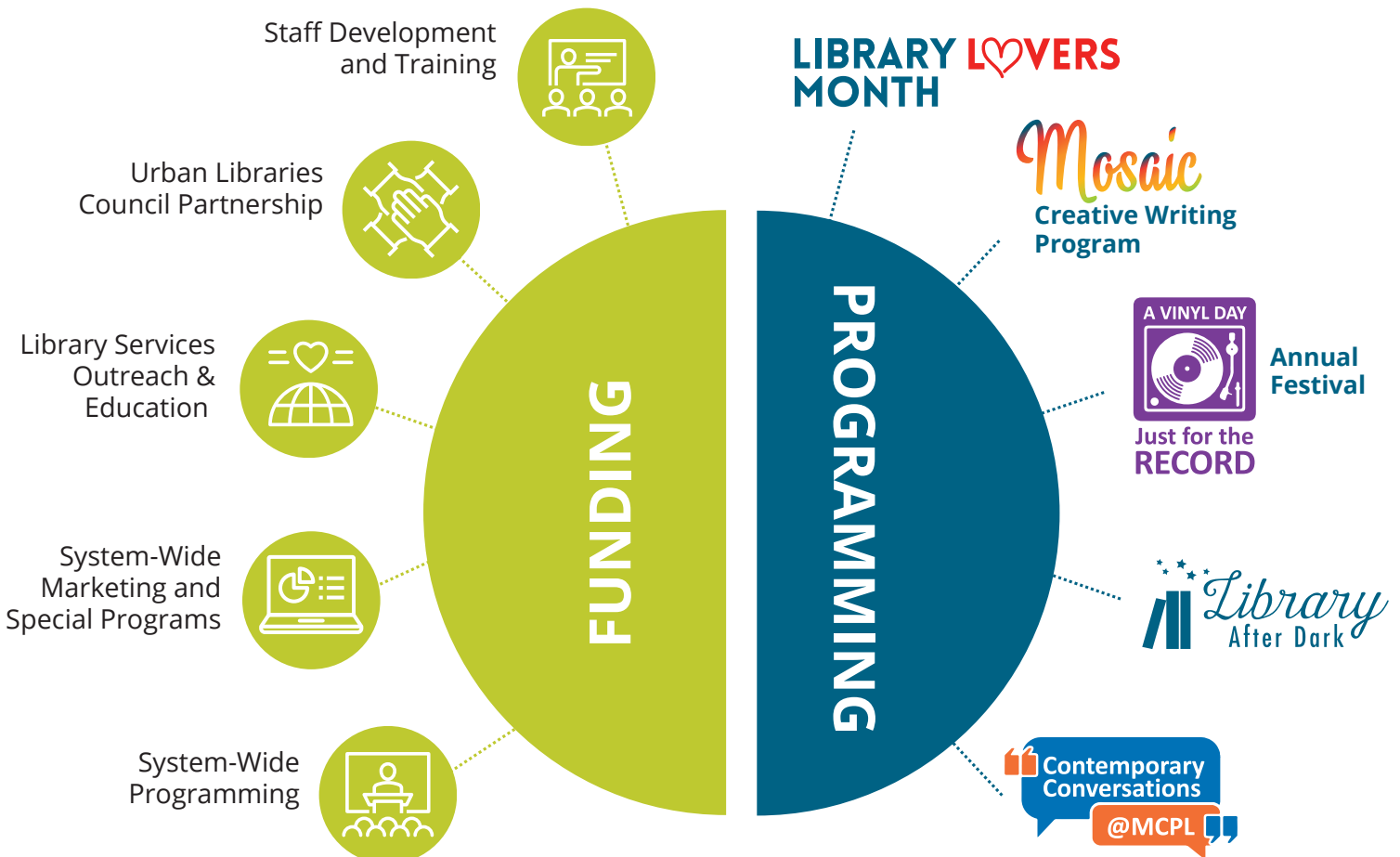
KEEP CALM & GO TO THE LIBRARY

A Virtual Teen Mental Health Event led by FOLMC Board Student Representatives Corinne Nichols and Boshra Nouraie with Deborah Takahashi, Librarian, Author, & Youth Mental Health Advocate, Diana Chao, Founder/Executive Director Letters to Strangers, and Jeffrey Donald, MCPS Mindfulness Coordinator.



MINDFUL MIXOLOGY

A virtual event exploring and crafting dry (non-alcoholic) cocktails with mixologist and author of Mindful Mixology, Derek Brown, of DC's Columbia Room.



FUNDING

Financial Support* to Montgomery County Public Libraries



Urban Libraries Council Partnership (\$12,000)

Membership provides valuable assistance in ensuring that MCPL stays abreast of the latest urban library research techniques, trends, and advocacy.



Library Services Outreach & Education (\$3,100)

The project funds outreach, education, and networking activities related to State Legislative Day and membership in Citizens for Maryland Libraries.



System-Wide Marketing and Special Programs (\$14,000)

The project's focus is marketing MCPL in general; services, programs, and resources, as well as special events.



System-Wide Programming (\$21,175.43)

Programming includes educational, awareness, health & wellness, cultural, arts & crafts, and musical programs, STEM programs, workforce & business development programs and financial literacy classes, speakers' fees for the Contemporary Conversations series, author events, writing and reading programs, and programs for the Summer Reading Challenge! Funds presenters, programming supplies, services, and equipment. This includes a partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to incentivize reading and protect the Bay.



Soundtrack Your Brand (\$1,223.39)

Pilot program to test out a music streaming service that allows children's staff to share music during programs using newly purchased branch iPads and AV Equipment Kits.

Support Totaling \$51,498.82

** This financial support is for system-wide enhancements above and beyond the FOLMC core programs and individual branch programming that benefit patrons all year long.*

MISSION STATEMENT

To strengthen, promote, and champion Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL), for it to better serve the learning interests and needs of the diverse and changing communities of the County, by

- Raising funds to enhance and supplement library programming, equipment, and services;
- Increasing public awareness of library resources and connecting local communities with their branch libraries;
- Creating volunteer opportunities for County residents to support MCPL;
- Engaging with the County's library support community to address the ongoing needs of the library system, and advocating for MCPL's budget to the County government.

VISION & VALUES

VISION

Everyone in the County values, benefits from, and supports Montgomery County Public Libraries.

VALUES

Education – we facilitate awareness of public library resources for everyone

Innovation – we embrace change and evolution of libraries

Service – we give back to our community

Integrity – we operate transparently as responsible stewards of public trust

Advocacy – we are champions for our library system

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CAROL W. LEAHY

Dedicated Board Member & Library Lover

DONATIONS & SUPPORT

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, grantors, and sponsors, we raised **\$930,074** in contributions to fund programs that benefit the library community. *Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If you feel there is an omission, please notify us immediately.*

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MINDFUL MIXOLOGY EVENT

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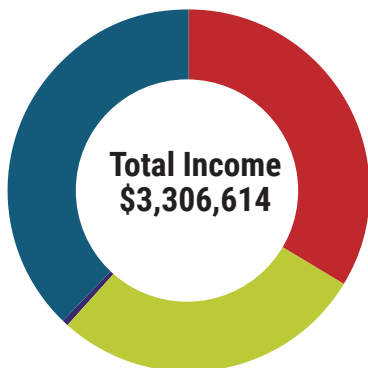
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY – FYE JUNE 30, 2022

Audit presented by Aronson, LLC, February 2023

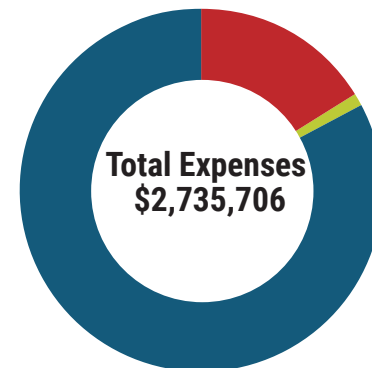


37% In-Kind
\$1,222,938

34.7% Earned Income
\$1,146,279

28.1% Contributed Income
\$930,074

.2% Other Income
\$7,323



84.1% Program Services
\$2,301,029

15.5% Management & General
\$422,807

.4% Fundraising
\$11,870