

ANNUAL REPORT



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

If the past year could be summed up in one word, it would be “renewal.” Moving forward with positivity and purpose in the service of our community, we renewed our commitment to encourage reading, enhance learning, and enrich our community.

Following the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we joyfully returned to full services. The Library Board revisited our mission statement at a perfect time, renewing our focus:

“Encourage Reading, Enhance Learning, and Enrich Our Community”

Last year also brought renewal for Library staff. We continue our commitment to evolve services and establish the Library as an environment for lifelong learning in Millington.

One highlight from the past fiscal year is a six-week Kids Coding Class for elementary school aged children. Many families registered, confirming the need for this type of programming. The children enthusiastically learned basic computer code using robots Dash, Botley, and Little Critters.

With the support of the City of Millington, the Library Boosters group, and Library Systems & Services, a \$30,000 American Rescue Plan grant funded the purchase of large print books, audiobooks on CD and 15 new public computers!

It was indeed a year of renewal for Millington Public Library, with new staff members, new volunteers, new patrons, and new programs. We could not be more grateful for the support of the Millington community and look forward to a bright future.

Best Wishes,



LIBRARY STATISTICS



2,293
OPEN HOURS



28,185
LIBRARY VISITS



6,076
USE OF COMPUTERS



43,506
WI-FI USE



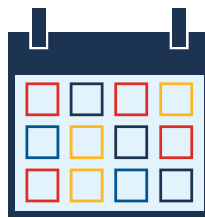
27,256
WEBSITE VISITS



136
**CHILDREN'S
PROGRAMS**



2,277
**CHILDREN'S
ATTENDANCE**



56
**ADULT
PROGRAMS**



510
**ADULT
ATTENDANCE**



16,831
**DIGITAL
CIRCULATION**



26,098
**PHYSICAL
CIRCULATION**



611
NEW BORROWERS

PROGRAMS

Adult Programs

The Library offers a variety of enriching programs for adults. Programs on gardening and crafting, as well as informational classes are particularly popular with Millington residents, including:

Gardening 101

A hands-on gardening class attended by families who planted seeds and took home gardening kits to start their own vegetable garden.

Medicare 101

A program to help seniors learn all about Medicare and how to enroll.

Intro to Libby

Informative sessions on Libby, the application patrons use to access eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and other electronic content available through OverDrive.

Computer 101

Weekly class at which attendees learn the parts of a computer, computer vocabulary, how to create and format a Word document, and how to send an email with an attachment.

United Way Tax Assistance

Free tax preparation for individuals and families, a popular and necessary service especially among seniors. 206 Millington residents completed their taxes at the Library this year.

Craftea

Craft program where adults gathered to make something, chat, sip tea, and enjoy light refreshments. Attendees made their own sugar scrub, painted garden stones, and decorated flower pots!



Teen Programs

The Library is a safe and comfortable space for teens to regularly gather to connect to Wi-Fi, do homework, use computers, or form friendships while waiting for a ride home. Voracious readers enjoy the teen collection, and circulation increased 27% this year.



Library staff led an engaging Anime & Manga Club geared to teens. Staff visited Millington Central Middle School and connected with over 50 teens to build awareness about this new program, the teen collection, and to register students for library cards.

Children's Programs

Children's programs focus on developing early literacy skills to prepare children for kindergarten and ensure their success in school.



Halloween BOOlevard

The second annual drive-thru trick-or-treat event hosted over 640 people who took part in a safe Trick-or-Treat experience. This event would not be possible without the talent and hard work of Library staff, generous patrons (who donated the majority of the candy), area businesses, volunteers, the Millington Police Department, and the Library Board.



Holidays at the Library

Santa visited with 100 community members at the "Santa & Cookies" event. Santa read the holiday classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and the children participated in a cookie decorating extravaganza. Library staff created a gingerbread house float for the 2021 Millington Christmas Parade. The Library participated in Macy's 14th Annual "Believe" Letter Writing Campaign collecting 48 letters.






Literacy Gym

Children played with their caregiver or new friends while learning words, colors, letters, and skills such as sorting and counting. This fun class helps little ones learn and practice social skills at the library, which is particularly important as many were born during the pandemic and have had limited opportunity for socialization.



Literacy Gym



Thursdays at 11:15 am

Bring your toddlers to this fun and educational playtime!

Each week focuses on a skill that helps kids be ready for kindergarten (sorting items, recognizing letters, etc.).

Visit our website or stop by the library for more information!



Coding for Kids

Library staff taught a 6-week computer coding class. Kids learned coding language while playing with their robot friends, Dash, Bottley and the Coding Critters. They also used iPads to code using Scratch, a free programming language application that creates interactive stories, games, and animations.

SUMMER READING 2022: OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Ahoy, Mates! The Millington Public Library's 2022 Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program was o-FISH-ally a success! Staff registered 306 readers who tracked the number of minutes they read using paper bingo sheets or the online BookPoints system.

**PATRONS READ 73,384
MINUTES OVER THE SUMMER,
AND THE LIBRARY HOSTED 43
SUMMER READING PROGRAMS
WITH 600 ATTENDEES.**



**183
CHILDREN READERS
(10 AND UNDER)**

**40
TWEEN/TEEN READERS
(11-18)**

**83
ADULT READERS
(19 AND UP)**



The Summer Reading Kick-off Party was a huge success during which 128 people enjoyed making an octopus craft, playing lawn games, face painting, and dancing.

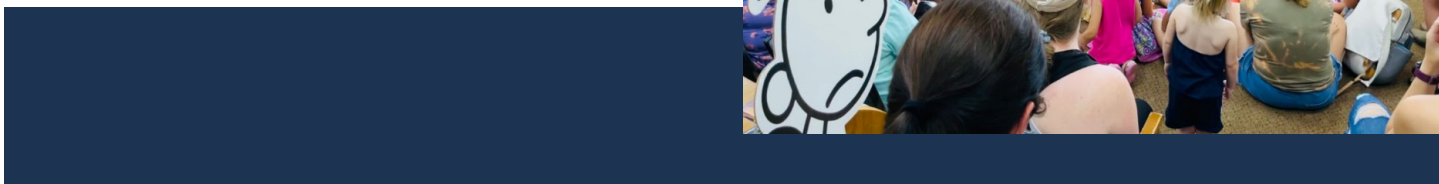


Mr. Bond's Science Guys

Guys Mr. Bond returned to treat a crowd of 69 summer readers to his crazy science antics. The kids had fun and learned about electricity by zapping some good-hearted moms from the audience on the nose! They also learned about gravity, planetary rotation, and other cool science stuff.

Miss Andi's Life with Animals Shows

This program brought a menagerie of animals to the Library along with two educational programs. Miss Andi actively promotes the value, conservation, and care of all creatures, and the summer readers really enjoyed learning from her and petting the animals.



The Library's 2nd annual Stuffie Sleepover brought giggles with stuffed animals who spent the night in the Library.

FINE FREE

In April 2021, the Library Board unanimously voted to stop charging fines to patrons with overdue items. Fines discourage and even prevent people from using the Library.

In order to spread awareness about this positive change, Millington Public Library took the stage at the 2022 Public Library Association Conference in Portland, Oregon. Library Director Stephanie Kinsler shared Millington's fine free story in her presentation, "How to Go Fine Free at Your Library."

HOW TO GO FINE FREE AT YOUR LIBRARY

Stephanie Kinsler, Library Director



LIBRARY SUPPORT



Volunteers gave over 500 hours to the summer reading program this year. Thank you for all you do!



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant

The Library was awarded \$30,785 in ARPA funds. This grant funded:

- Large print books and audiobooks on CD to better serve vision-impaired patrons. Senior patrons are excited about the newly revived Large Print collection and have been checking these items out by the armload!
- Replacement computers for public use. Community members are thrilled with the computers and so is IT support staff.

Training Opportunities for the Public (TOP) Grant

The Library was awarded funding to purchase a MAC computer along with graphics and video editing software to use for social media marketing. Staff offered free computer training for the public, and had 30 community members, attend with much positive feedback!

Book Sale Fundraiser

The community came out in full force to support a huge used book sale. Donated books were offered on the front sidewalk over 3 days in September. The sale raised \$800 used to purchase new books for the library.

Thank you to Summer Reading partners:



Thank you to our
community partners for
continued support:

Kiwanis Club of Millington

Lions Club of Millington

Millington Library Boosters

Millington Book Chat Club

Millington Reading Club

Teen Outreach at Millington Municipal Schools

Naval Support Activity Mid-South (NSAMS)

