

Onondaga County Public

* Libraries

Learn * Explore * Create



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



**ONONDAGA COUNTY
COMMUNITY MEMBERS,**

Thank you for visiting and supporting our County Libraries this past year. One out of every two county residents has an active library card and together you checked out more than 5 million items county-wide. We're elated at the overwhelming use of our libraries because it tells us we're doing a lot of things right. We have dedicated, energetic library staff and they deserve all the credit for delivering the services and resources you want and need in each of your unique communities. We will continue to offer the high-quality collections and programs you've come to expect. We also hope you will be pleasantly surprised by the innovative new initiatives our libraries are rolling out.

Did you know you can...

- Check out a garden plot for the summer at NOPL Cicero?
- Learn about and explore a pollinator garden at the Manlius Library?

- Monitor solar energy production from the newly installed solar panels at Onondaga County's newest library – the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville?
- Print a 3D object at more than a half dozen libraries in Onondaga County?
- Sign up for studio time in the Central Library Makerspace and cut your first "album"?
- Check out books at two county YMCA's?
- Help your kids get kindergarten ready by attending any of the hundreds of preschool programs that incorporate the five essential practices for early literacy success: talk, sing, read, write and play.
- Explore the past through the Central Library's Local History and Genealogy department and tour the current exhibit of WW I and WW II propaganda posters?
- Check out library materials at outreach sites beyond your community library including farmers' markets, parks, NOPL's pop-up truck library and Liverpool Public Library's bike branch.

On behalf of the Onondaga County Public Library staff and Board of Trustees, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you and urge you to rediscover your community library and to visit some of the other amazing libraries across our county.

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OUR MISSION

OCPL prepares our community for a bright future by creating opportunities, empowering people and inspiring ideas. We achieve this through:

- Educational programming
- Community engagement
- Workforce development
- Cultural awareness and enrichment
- Creative and inspiring spaces
- Community partnerships



SUMMER LEARNING

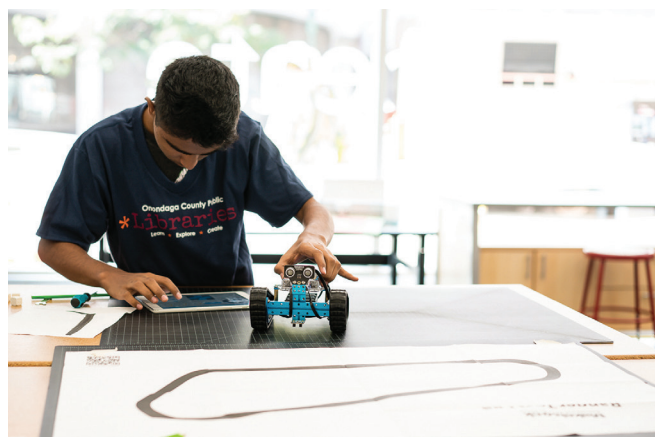
In 2016 nearly 10,000 children participated in fun summer learning activities at their local library. We partner with area schools, the Museum of Science and Technology, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and other organizations to bring vibrant educational programming to communities throughout

Onondaga County. Studies show that maintaining a consistent reading routine over the summer – just 15-20 minutes a day – is the key to preventing summer learning loss in children of all ages. Our summer readers read more than 90,000 books in 2016!



MAKERSPACE

Record your own music, try out 3D printing, complete a sewing project, hone your coloring skills, borrow musical instruments, these are just a few of the many things you can do in OCPL MakerSpaces. Our library MakerSpaces are gathering spots for our communities, where creativity reigns and fun is never in short supply.



LEARNING AT HOME

Thousands of library patrons throughout Onondaga County use our web site to learn at their own pace. Databases like lynda.com provide access to free training programs and

courses that help improve technical and business skills. These courses can help library users land a job, set them on a new career path or advance their career.



EARLY LITERACY



READY TO READ

We provide young children with the opportunity to explore activities that reinforce the specific skills they need to start school ready to succeed. We offer story hours and collaborate with schools, BOCES, local literacy organizations and early childhood education centers throughout Onondaga County to provide high-quality programming that lays a foundation for lifelong learning.

SHARED RESOURCES

DISTRIBUTION

We delivered 1.2 million items to county libraries in 2016, stretching the value of each item and saving money for communities throughout Onondaga County. Our distribution system keeps books, DVDs, mobile learning kits and more moving among our 32 locations.



SUSTAINABILITY

Our library users help save local tax dollars and preserve resources by sharing books and attending programs. We offer OCPL patrons hundreds of opportunities to participate in community life while reducing their carbon footprint.

TEEN

LET TEENS BE TEENS

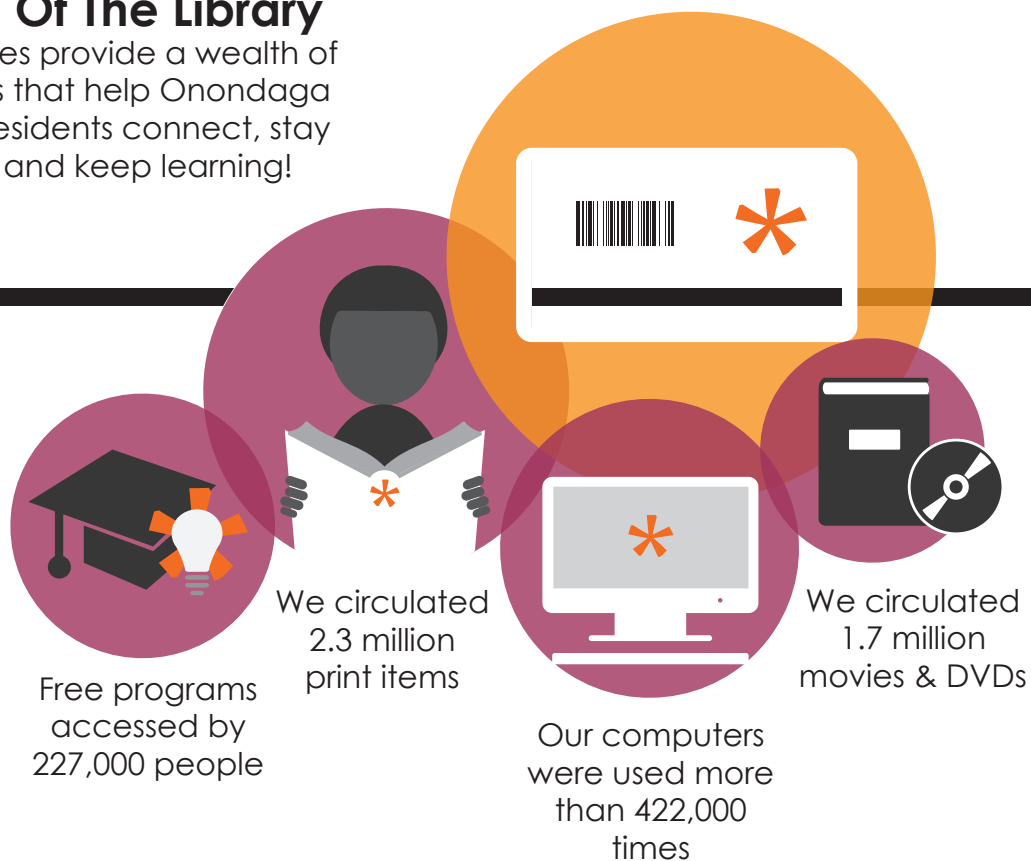
Our libraries offer many services and activities geared specifically toward teens. You will find STEAM programming, Teen book clubs, Minecraft Mania!, Graphic Novel and Comic Book Club and so much more. Teens gather in our libraries to play games, do homework and connect with their peers.

ACROSS OUR COUNTY



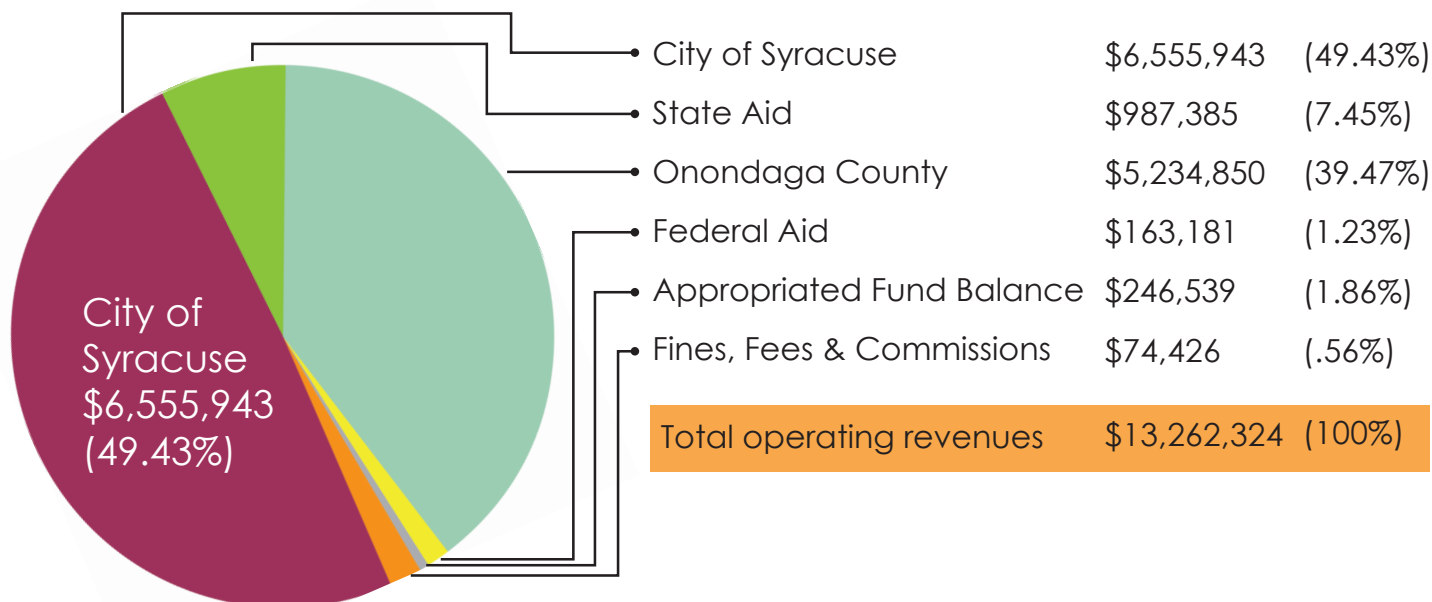
Value Of The Library

Our libraries provide a wealth of resources that help Onondaga County residents connect, stay active and keep learning!

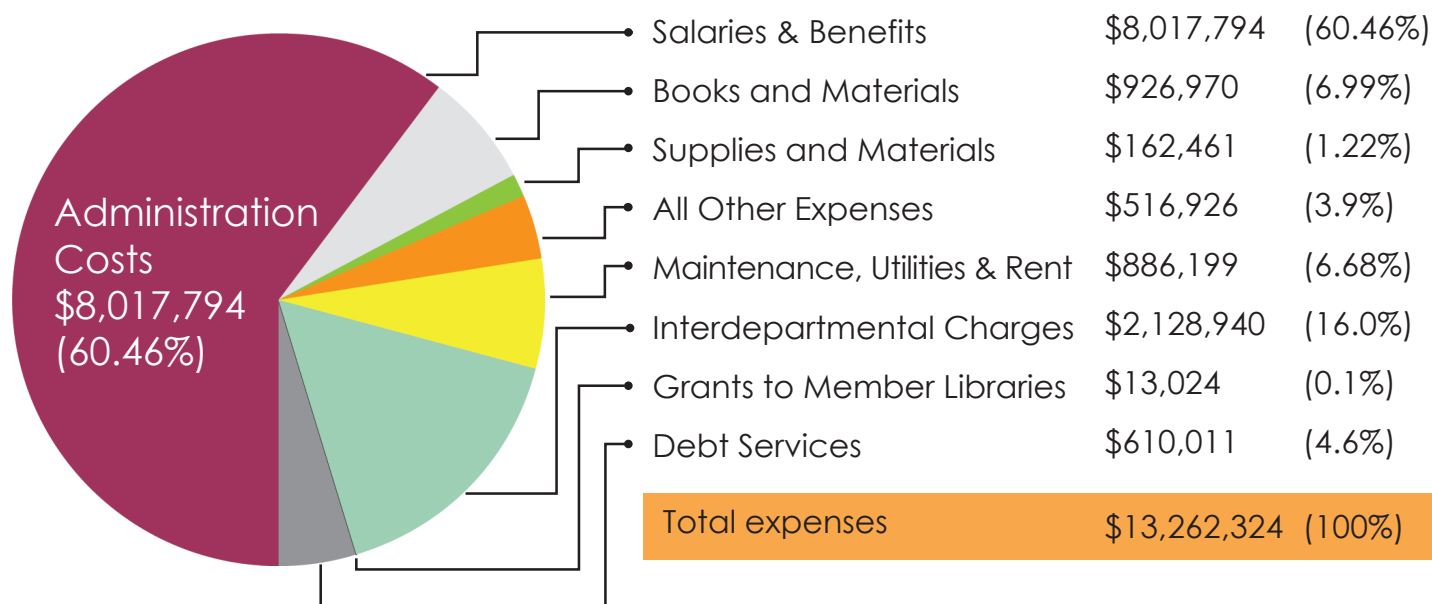


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WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



WHERE THE MONEY GOES



INFRASTRUCTURE



2016 CONSTRUCTION AID

\$445,924 disbursed in state construction aid

- DeWitt purchased the land to build a new library
- Brewerton created a digitization station for patrons to preserve personal pictures and videos
- Maxwell renovated its library to provide 21st century services
- Baldwinsville and Onondaga Free upgraded their security systems
- Lafayette renovated staff space to provide more efficient services to the public
- Manlius renovated its children's area.





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RENOVATION FOR INNOVATION

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