



POPE COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

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*DEDICATED TO:
POPE COUNTY*

STAFF, CITIZENS, AND
OFFICIALS

WELCOME TO THE POPE COUNTY LIBRARIES



Jim Ed Gibson, Pope County Judge

MESSAGE FROM THE JUDGE

The Pope County Library System consists of four branches located throughout the County. These facilities assist more than 158,000 visitors and patrons annually from not only Pope County but surrounding Counties and from across the United States who come to check out books for the pleasure of reading and to do research in finding ancestors, et cetera, and to use the research materials available for many needs and purposes.

Pope County supports its library system with a 1 mill tax and provides maintenance for all facilities in order to provide a gathering place for patrons and visitors to help create a literate society. Each facility is staffed with very capable personnel who will be happy to assist you.



*Pope County Library Board [L-R]
Bob Hardin, Gary Rowlands, Kay
Sunderland, Mariola Payne, and
Jeanie Gray.*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR Thank you for your vital support of our Pope County Library System. I am pleased to serve as chair for the Pope County Library Board of Trustees.

Members of the board are appointed by our Pope County Judge and confirmed by the Quorum Court. We focus on the millage and how it is used for ongoing maintenance and operations of the Pope County System Libraries in Atkins, Dover, Hector and Russellville. Our libraries return \$8.00 in library services for every dollar invested through public funding.

Activities have included writers workshops, genealogy lectures, educational opportunities for technology, summer reading programs, bookmobile, and many others which serve all ages and interests. Your Pope County Library services are a good return on our investment.

Robert W. Hardin, Chair



Shawn Pierce, PCLS Director

MESSAGE FROM THE SYSTEM DIRECTOR

Words to describe the Pope County Library System: *Incubator. Thriving. Mad Scientists.*

PCLS is a thriving library system with changing programming to keep up with the area's needs. Our programming includes literacy, sensory story times, S.T.E.M., S.T.E.A.M., and many others.

We are thankful for many things this year: Our Teen & Adult Programming Department received a **national award** from the Young Adult Library Services Association (Y.A.L.S.A.) for its "Adulting 101" classes.

We are thankful to the **Pope County Law Library Board** for donating funds to purchase a Westlaw computer and subscription to be placed at the Headquarter Library for the area's researchers.

The Pope County Library was designated an **Electronic Government Depository** on October 25th, 2017. As a result, our patrons will be able to access electronic government resources online inside or outside the library walls searchable through our website. Patrons will have access to such titles as: the *Budget of the U.S. Government*, *Congressional Record*, *Economic Indicators*, *Federal Register*, *Social Security Handbook*, the *U.S. Code* and others.

Some of the service needs are so basic, but so needed that the County Libraries provide:

A Gathering Place Libraries create a sense of place.

Education Libraries are for everyone at every stage of their life.

Meeting Space and Neutral Ground for Groups to Meet for over 1,000 programs per year.

Equal Access to Information no matter what station of life our patron comes from.

We are thrilled to serve you!

BUILDING *A Better World*

The Pope County Library System (PCLS) promoted two staff members and updated its literacy programs in 2017.

Saturday Programming

PCLS has added programming on the weekends for children with parents who work during the week. Saturday programs include Krafty Kids (Art), Block Party, Mad Science Club (Engineering), and Coding with Kids. During the work week, Pope County Library has a Sensory story time. Children's Librarian, Melanie Goad says, "We're finding it's as much about the parents as it is the kids. Parents have found a support group where they can exchange phone numbers and get advice on things they're dealing with."

Award-Winning Teen Programming

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA) named the Pope County Library's Teen Department a "Top Ten" for its "Adulting 101" class during the 2017 Summer Reading Program's 'Building a Better World' program this Summer. Newly hired Teen & Adult Services Librarian, Elizabeth Lilley, created the program based on a frequent question she heard from friends in college, "Why didn't they teach us how to do this in high school?" The program content was planned by the library system's Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) who came up with topics including: Vehicle Safety and maintenance"; How to find, get, and keep a job; Navigating College; and Dorm Cooking. Programs are geared toward building a more responsible adult.

Branch Libraries

PCLS has four branch libraries located in the Atkins, Dover, Hector and Russellville communities. The Atkins Centennial Library holds Saturday movies once a month and has daycare programming. Sherry Simpson was hired as the Dover Public Library branch librarian after Donna Elliott retired and has expanded story times to two local day care facilities in Dover.



The 30 Million

WORD GAP

Early Literacy Programs

During the regular week, the system has early childhood literacy programs, and a thriving 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program (1KBBK) to prevent the 30-million-word gap between “poverty” and “making it”.

Futurist, Gary Golden spoke at the 2014 Arkansas Library Association Conference and told how by 3-years-of-age, there is a 30-million-word gap between children from the wealthiest and poorest families. A recent study shows that the vocabulary gap is evident in toddlers. By 18 months, children in different socio-economic groups display dramatic differences in their vocabularies. By 2 years, the disparity in vocabulary development has grown significantly (Fernald, Marchman, & Weisleder 2013).

The program was developed by the (1KBB4K) Foundation based in Nevada to increase awareness of the importance of reading to very young children as well as to inspire parents to embrace their role as their child’s first teacher. Director, Shawn Pierce, says, “This program is one more piece in solving the 18% illiteracy rate in Pope County.”

HEADQUARTER LIBRARY

479-968-4368

Monday - Wednesday 8:30AM - 5:30PM
Thursday 12:00PM - 6:00PM
Friday 8:30AM - 5:30PM
Saturday 9:00AM - 1:00PM



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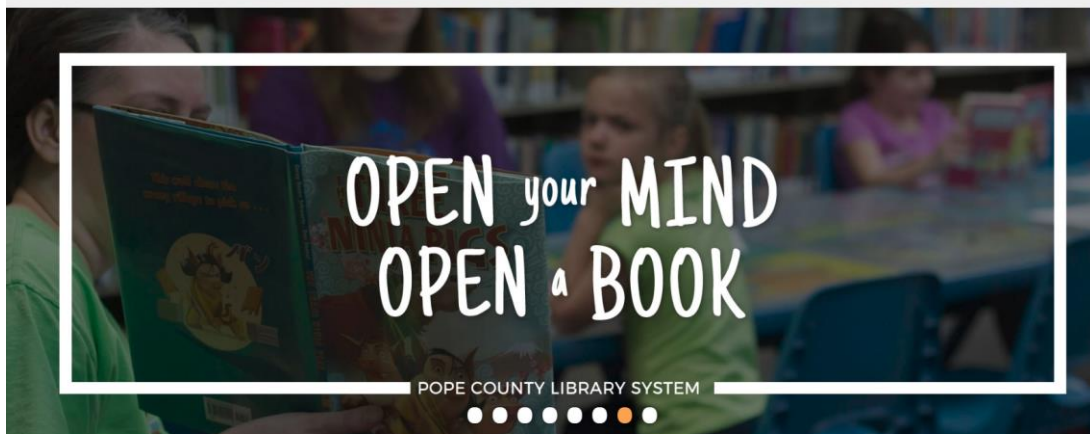
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Welcome from Pope County Judge Jim Gibson

Welcome to the Pope County Library!

Learn More



Genealogy

Family History & Fishing Poles. Katie Murdoch Genealogy Department.

Learn More



Get Started

Get a Library Card!

Learn More



Volunteer

Are you creative, organized, a team player who has a heart to serve? Volunteer at the Library!

Learn More



Virtual Exhibit

Collections from the Katie Murdoch Genealogy & History Room at the Russellville Branch.

Learn More

Welcome To The POPE COUNTY LIBRARIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIEW FULL CALENDAR



Fit Class (PCL)

11/08/2017 @ 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Fit Class



Crafty Collective

11/08/2017 @ 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM
A Craft Group for Everyone!



Storytime (PCL)

11/08/2017 @ 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Preschool storytime



Alzheimer's Association (PCL)

11/09/2017 @ 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
Healthy Living for your Brain and Body



Homework Help

11/09/2017 @ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

CHOOSE A LIBRARY +



“I wish we had started here!”

At least twice a month, the library staff hears that exclamation from visitors to the Katie Murdoch Genealogy & Arkansas History room. Many visitors start in Little Rock at The Butler Center or Arkansas History Commission. Their funding is millions of dollars per year, and researchers find them easily and assume their collections are the best. They are good, but...

Let me tell you about our Genealogy Department which we have been told is one of the best in the state of Arkansas. The PCLS genealogy department archive is housed in the Russellville Public Library and has family records, obituaries, and county and state history in its extensive vertical files.

Our staff arranged an early Thursday morning tour for a class of Pope County youth. We did not open to the public for a couple of hours. These adolescents are in alternative classes because of getting into trouble in the past.

Our Librarian gave the teacher and aids an overview of each area of the library, our services, and what each section holds. When they got back to Genealogy and Arkansas History Department, the Genealogists introduced the students to the topics and family files in the archive.

As the Genealogists brought them around to the Family and Genealogical files and books, the students started asking questions, “Smiths, do you have Smith,?” “How about Carnahan?” “Lee?” “Franks?” the calls went on. What started out as a slow and quiet morning was soon bustling with activity and excitement.

One of the kids who found some of his family in the files, went to Ancestry.com. When he hit a roadblock, he texted his Dad and started asking about family names, and got a little history. Suddenly, Dad and son had something to talk about.

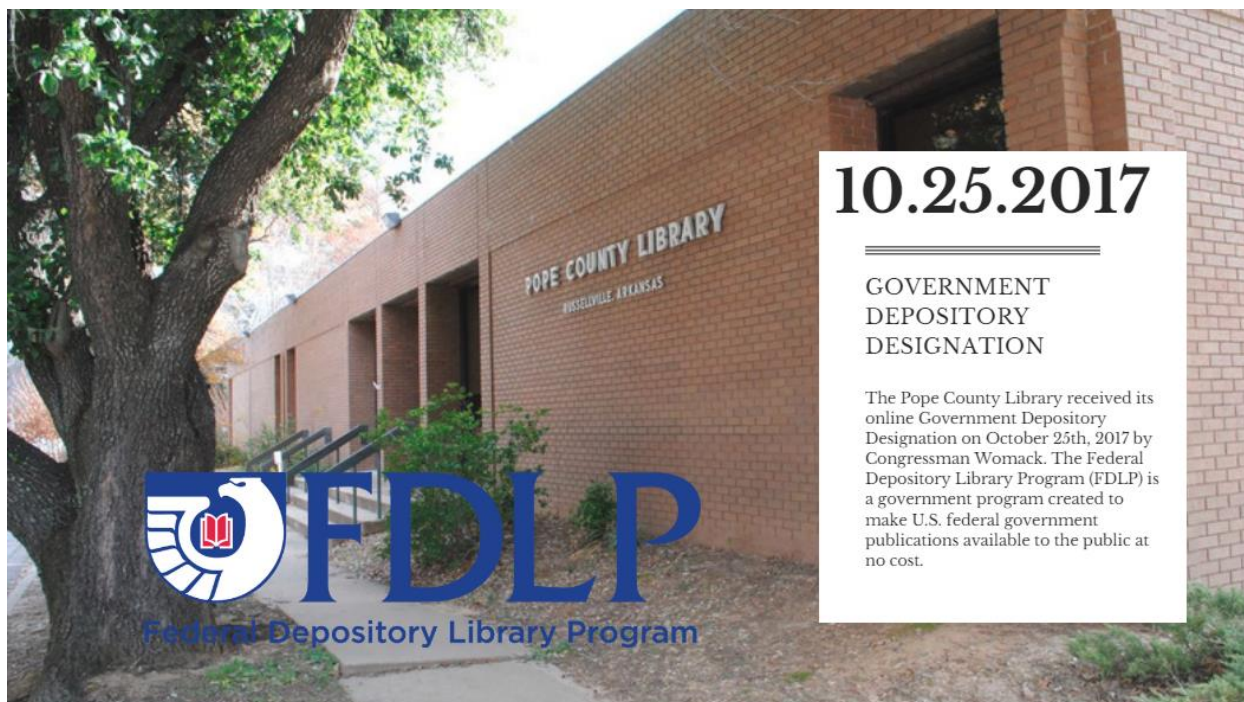
The PCLS Genealogy archives serve people from all over the world. Many visitors come from other states, because we have information that cannot be found anywhere on-line. It is such a good feeling to hear people say, “I found it!” and one of the most common things we hear from those who are on an ancestral pilgrimage through Arkansas is; *‘We should have started here.’*

Without funding, we would not have had the staff or computer programs to offer those who are tracing their very important histories, family histories.

The Pope County Library System (PCLS) patrons benefit from your continued support of the Pope County libraries through the services at each branch and that are provided by each department. We are grateful for your support and we are proud to share a story about “starting here.”

Thank you for helping patrons connect to their ancestors,

Dan Huckabee, President
PCLS Library Foundation



American Fact Finder
Budget of the United States
Government
Census of Population & Housing
Code of Federal Regulations
Congressional Directory
Congressional Record
Constitution of the United States
of America
Consumer Price Index
County City Data Book
Crime in the United States
Daily Compilation of Presidential
Documents
Economic Census

Economic Indicators
Economic Report of the President
Federal Register
Health U.S.
Monthly Labor Review
Occupational Outlook Handbook
Social Security
Sourcebook of Criminal Justice
Statistical Abstracts of the U.S.
Statutes at Large
United States Code
United States Reports
World Fact Book

and many others...



LIBRARY FACILITIES

upgrades and improvements

Atkins Centennial Library

LED Lights Installed
Storage Building Painted

Dover Public Library

New Branch Manager
Exterior Building Lights Rewired

Hector Public Library

Exterior Woodwork Painted
Roof Repairs

Pope County Library (RSVL)

Roof Replaced
Air Conditioning Unit
Pavers Replaced
Exterior Building Lights Rewired)
Phone System Replaced
Paging System
Copier Replaced (Genealogy)

Heritage Hall

Window Trim Replaced

Bookmobile

Replaced Camera Wiring



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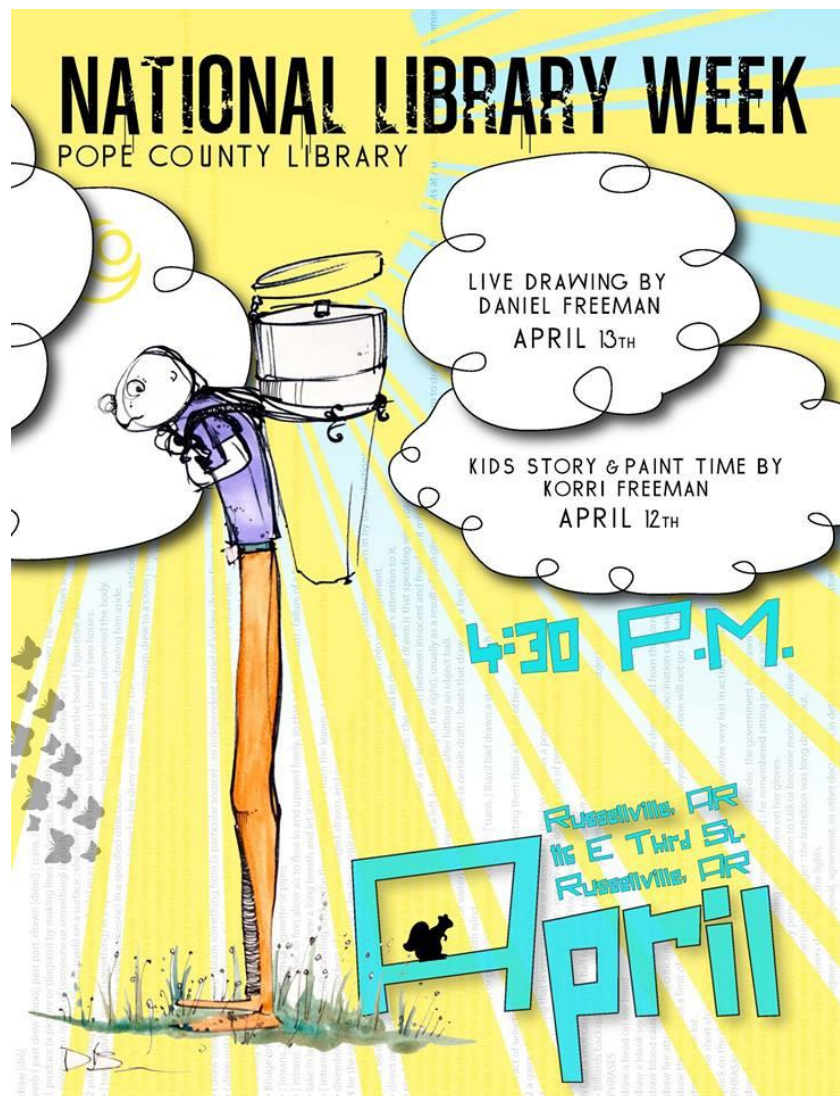
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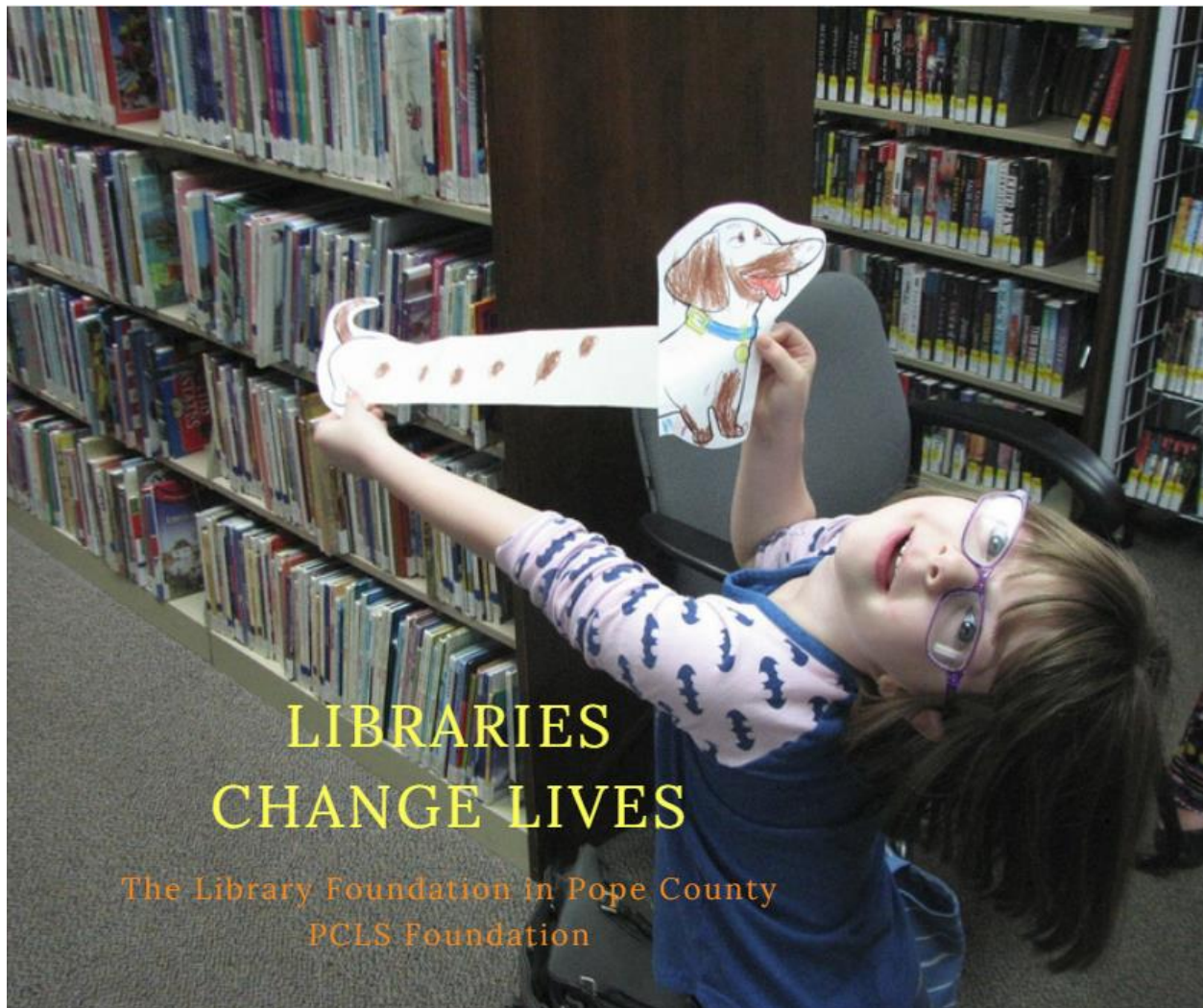
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The Library Foundation in Pope County
PCLS Foundation

We are grateful to you for your contribution to the Pope County Library System (PCLS) Foundation. I want to let you know how much we appreciate your generous gift.

Your family's donation will make a difference to the children, teens, and adults in Pope County: through book purchases, programs, instruction, reference services, and resources and collections.

The value of your giving is returned to you in our many library services that benefit the total community: a wide selection of books, home town newspapers, movies, a genealogy department, and more.

The money we are raising will allow PCLS to expand the County Libraries, and to fulfill its mission statement to “offer opportunities for people of all ages to learn, know, gather and grow.” With your help, that goal will be achieved.

You gift will encourage and raise the morale of the staff, librarians, and volunteers working in the Pope County Library System.

Patrons benefit each day from our services such as patrons who receives books through the Bookmobile’s weekly stops, and home bound patrons who receives materials through our Books-by-Mail service. Patrons use the system’s computers to apply for jobs online, email, print out full-text articles, and fax for free.

Simply put: LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES.

Your family’s legacy will continue to change lives for the better in Pope County for years.

With gratitude,

Suzanne Alford-Hodges, Vice-President
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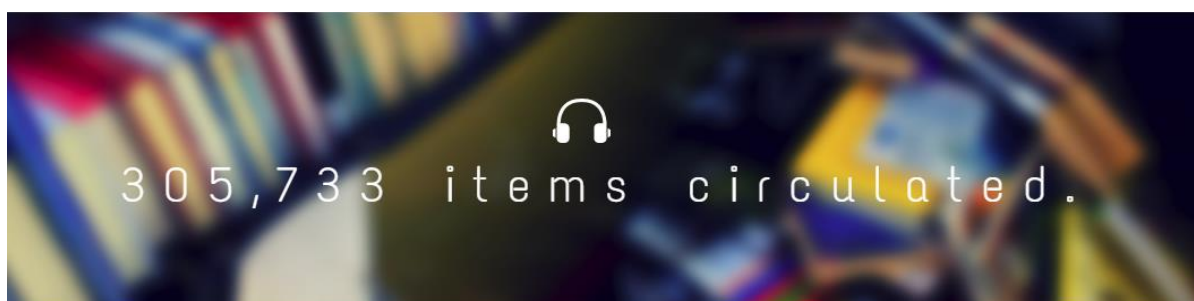
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REVENUE

MILLAGE:	\$931,398	77%
OTHER COUNTY & STATE:	\$169,164	14%
STATE AID:	\$103,876	9%

The Pope County Library System receives a Mill which supports 77% of the County Library System's Budget.

The Library System returns \$8 in services for every dollar invested .



EXPENDITURES

BY CATEGORY

Personal Services: 71%
Book Purchases: 10%
Maintenance & Operations: 14%

SUPPORTING:

43 County Employees
Library Collection
Computer Services
Programming
Research
Fishing Poles
Outreach

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

TYPE OF SERVICE

USES & DOLLAR VALUE

Circulation & Reference Transactions	305,733	\$7.64 Million
Interlibrary Loan	1,217	\$30,250
Programming	29,756	\$216,624
Electronic Resources.	47,081	\$952,449



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