



Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library

Annual Report 2011

2011 was a year of new beginnings for the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library. After a significant cut to state funding for libraries in 2009 the Library was forced to shorten hours and close the Northside branch library. However thanks to strong support from our community an operating levy passed in May of 2010, and the receipt of the local tax support allowed the restoration of hours and the re-opening of the Northside branch in January 2011. The Library is committed to living up to the community's investment, and will continue to look for ways to meet and exceed the community's expectations while working as efficiently as possible.

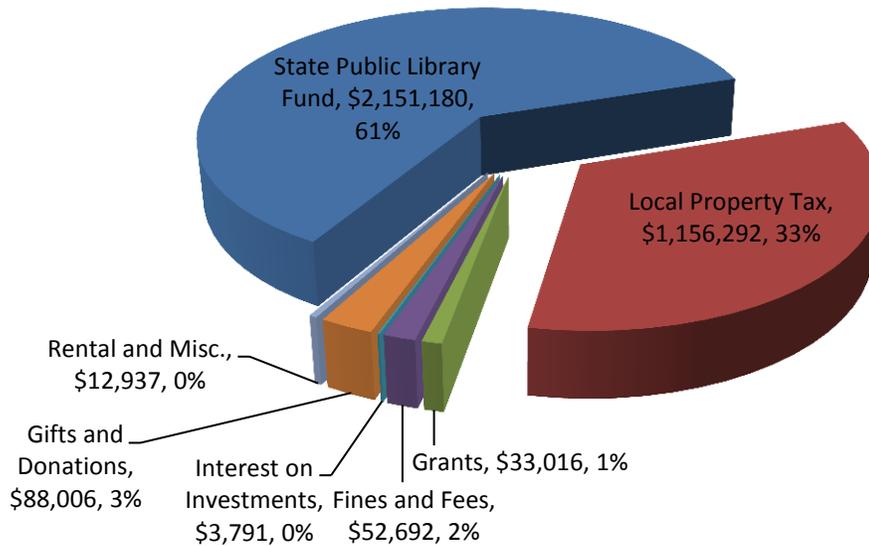
In 2011 the Library also had the opportunity to begin work on the remodeling and expansion of the Howard S Young branch in Frankfort. Mr. Young bequeathed the building at 167 W Springfield St in Frankfort to the library in 1984, along with a modest income from a trust to help maintain the building. 25 years later the trust was to be dissolved and a portion of the proceeds were to come to the Library. With the secure financial footing granted by the operating levy and a low-interest loan from USDA Rural Development, the proceeds of that trust could be used for this investment in the Library's presence in Frankfort. Construction should be completed in late 2012, giving the Frankfort community expanded access to Library resources; much needed meeting space, and the potential for future partnerships to meet community needs.

2011 also saw the expansion of technology training for Library patrons thanks to the Every Citizen Online program of Connect Ohio. This program provided additional computers for training both at the Northside branch and at remote sites, and staff from the Library and other agencies to conduct the training. In 2011 over 1000 residents of Ross County received training on computer and Internet basics, and the equipment and expertise gained through this program will allow the library to expand this training further in coming years.

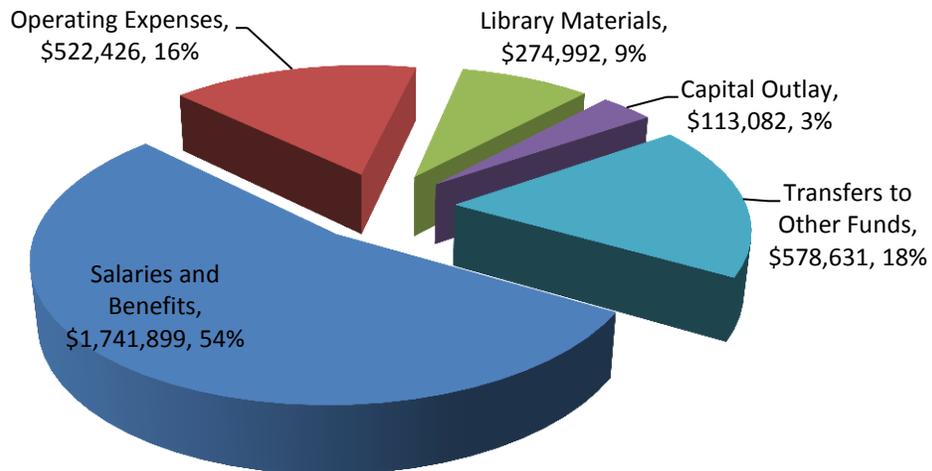
Finally, 2011 saw the retirement of long-time Director Jennifer McKell. Ms. McKell became director of the library in 1980, and oversaw the expansion of the library; from new branches in Chillicothe and Richmond Dale to the renovations of branch buildings in Frankfort, Kingston, Bainbridge and South Salem. After seeing the library through the financial challenges of the past few years, Ms. McKell left the library in a good position to continue to serve and to find new opportunities to serve the community in the years to come.

Nicholas Tepe was hired as the new library director. Mr. Tepe comes to Chillicothe from Columbus Metropolitan Library where he worked for 12 years in a variety of positions, most recently as Circulation Division Manager. Mr. Tepe brings a strong background in streamlining library processes to free library staff up to work with the public and a dedication to the library's involvement in the community, building on the library's past accomplishments.

General Fund Revenues 2011



General Fund Expenditures 2011



Library Services

Material Circulated	559,751
User Visits	347,820
Borrower's Card Registration	29,872
Reference Questions	24,308
Public Programs (all ages)	855
Program Attendance	19,814
Public Meeting Room Use	279
Public Computer Use	58,188