Chicago Public Library is a transformative and vibrant institution reaching every neighborhood in our city. Nearly 10 million people visited the Library in 2016, which is more visitors than to all Chicago’s museums combined. But people aren’t just visiting. They are connecting.

In each Chicago neighborhood, our libraries serve as community anchors. They are trusted, free, and democratic. Their welcoming spaces offer books, technology, programs, and other resources—as well as access to highly-trained professionals who can help us more fully use this wealth of information.

This is why the Chicago Public Library Foundation exists. We are dedicated to the curious. We are dedicated to you. Together with committed private donors, and in partnership with our Chicago Public Library colleagues, the Foundation’s investments augment generous City of Chicago support so that the Library can continue to provide field-leading services that open minds and change lives.

Whether a scholar, a young parent, a teenager, a toddler, or a senior—Chicago Public Library is there to ensure that all Chicagoans can engage in lifelong learning.

In this report, you’ll learn more about what the Library and the Foundation make possible thanks to your involvement. We hope you will join us in celebrating these accomplishments, which benefit people of every age and background living and working in Chicago. And we’ll also celebrate you—the dedicated and the curious. You help make Chicago Public Library truly exceptional.

Thank you, and welcome.
2016 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

The following programs are available in Chicago Public Library branches across the city, and are made possible thanks in large part to private donors to the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

CYBERNAVIGATOR

CyberNavigators (CNs) are trained to provide more than 100,000 computer tutoring sessions each year to adult learners seeking to master computer, email, and Internet basics, including online job searches and applications. One-on-one sessions and classes are strengthened by Chicago DigitalLearn, an interactive online curriculum developed by the Library especially for new computer users.

“A PATRON WHO I HAVE BEEN HELPING APPLY FOR JOBS FOR ABOUT A MONTH CAME IN AND TOLD ME THAT HE GOT HIRED AT HIS DREAM JOB. HE WAS ABSOLUTELY EXCITED TO START WORKING AS A FLIGHT ATTENDANT.”

- Adina C., CyberNavigator

“I want to thank all the CPL CyberNavigators who have helped me learn and increase my computer skills this past year.... They have helped my computer learning experience while allowing me to maintain my self-esteem as a senior. The digital world can be a challenge to many of us while we try to stay current with the new technology.”

- Pedro R., Library patron

119,168 COMPUTER INSTRUCTION SESSIONS PROVIDED

20% OF SESSIONS WERE JOB-SEARCH RELATED – A 23% INCREASE SINCE 2015

NEARLY 1,000 LEARNERS SELF-REPORTED SECURING A JOB AS A RESULT OF A CN’S SUPPORT

19 CHICAGO DIGITAL-LEARN MODULES

CHECK THEM OUT AT chipublib.digitallearn.org

STAY CURIOUS. DISCOVER NEW BOOKS AND DIGITAL MEDIA, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS AT WWW.CHIPUBLIB.ORG

CHECK OUT THE FOUNDATION’S NEW BLOG AT WWW.CPLFOUNDATION.ORG/ABOUT-US/NEWS

119,168
EARLY LEARNING

Throughout our Chicago Public Library system, parents of young children (ages 0-5) will find research-based play spaces that support early learning, language, and social development. These colorful and interactive areas feature books, toys, STEAM-focused activities and—most importantly—highly trained librarians that support parents and caregivers in building their child’s early literacy skills.

“There is nothing that’s more important than our kids. Giving them a quality education from day one and helping provide their parents with the tools to be consistent and active partners in their children’s education is the best investment any of us can make. Whether it is pre-K in our schools or programming in our libraries, we are giving every child the support they need in their early years to ensure their success in college, career, and in life.”

– Mayor Rahm Emanuel

THE MAKER LAB

At this free, public maker-space in Harold Washington Library Center, anyone can explore digital fabrication with 3D printers, laser cutters, a Desktop Mill, electronic cutters, and more. The Maker Lab’s dedicated staff offer introductory workshops in digital design and fabrication, and Open Shops where patrons can deepen their skills together with other creative individuals.

“I can’t believe this facility exists. I’ve wanted to learn 3D modeling software and experiment with a 3D printer for years but the resources just don’t exist. I’m in shock that I just got to take this class for free. This place is a treasure.”

– Maker Lab patron

THE NUMBER OF FREE MAKER SPACES IN CHICAGO (AND IT’S OURS!)

1

200,850 MAKER LAB VISITORS SINCE 2013

557 DIGITAL DESIGN AND FABRICATION CLASSES TAUGHT

2 CONVENINGS OF THE LOCAL MAKER COMMUNITY HOSTED

$2.5 MILLION AMOUNT OF EXELON GRANT TO BUILD OUT 15 EARLY LEARNING PLAY SPACES ACROSS THE CITY, INCLUDING AT THOMAS HUGHES CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

3,460 EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS DELIVERED TO 77,397 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

1,729 CHILDREN AND PARENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE PNC-SUPPORTED WORDS TO GROW ON PROGRAM IN ENGLEWOOD, PILSEN, AND LITTLE VILLAGE

BY THE NUMBERS

THE MAKER LAB

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ONE BOOK, ONE CHICAGO

From October to April each year, Chicagoans come together around one book and its central themes. A dynamic range of programming is offered in each neighborhood, and readers explore the book from multiple perspectives—whether imagined in literature, or synthesized in music and art. The 2015-16 selection, The Third Coast by Thomas Dyja, explores Chicago history, philanthropy, and giving as primary themes.

SCIENCECONNECTIONS

These “hands-on, minds-on” programs are just one way that the Library brings science, technology, engineering, art and math to children in every Chicago neighborhood. STEAM comes to life with family science nights, robot clubs, field trips to the Museum of Science & Industry, discovery kits that families can check out for experimenting and discovering at home — and much more!

“OneScienceConnections at Chicago Public Library allows science learning to take hold and grow around kids’ interests. The Museum of Science and Industry is proud to partner with Chicago Public Library to support the goals of ScienceConnections programming through hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for children and families year-round.”

– Bryan Wunar, Director of Community Initiatives, Museum of Science and Industry

BY THE NUMBERS

3,900 KIDS TOOK PART IN 168 INTERACTIVE STEAM PROGRAMS

168 CIRCULATING DISCOVERY KITS

700 KIDS AND PARENTS AT THE ANNUAL STEAM-POWERED SATURDAY EVENT

7,478 NUMBER OF TIMES THE THIRD COAST CIRCULATED VIA PRINT BOOK, EBOOK, AND AUDIOBOOK FORMATS

78 BRANCHES OFFERED ONE BOOK PROGRAMMING FOR THE FIRST TIME

20,000+ ADULTS PARTICIPATED IN THE 2016-17 ONE BOOK, ONE CHICAGO PROGRAM
The Summer Learning Challenge is an award-winning program designed and delivered in partnership with the Museum of Science & Industry. Each summer, more than 100,000 Chicago children challenge themselves to read for at least 20 minutes daily and complete exciting STEAM-focused projects—and studies have shown that summer learning helps these kids fight the loss of academic gains during out-of-school time.

CPL Librarians undertake 20-30 hours of professional development each year to provide thousands of free, STEAM-focused programs.

“Rahm’s Readers Summer Learning Challenge is leveraging community partnerships, volunteers and strong family engagement to deliver...high-quality summer learning opportunities on a citywide scale.”
— Sarah Pitcock, former CEO of the National Summer Learning Association

Chicago Public Library is home to the largest and most comprehensive homework help program in the country. As part of this program, our 60 dedicated, accredited local educators—the Teachers in the Library—provide one-on-one afterschool sessions to thousands of students every year. Students of all ages can also access a live bilingual tutor online seven days a week with their CPL card!

The program “not only provides essential academic support to children and their families, but also provides the one-on-one attention around learning that many children simply do not receive at school or at home and that is critical to success.”
— Urban Libraries Council

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“Regardless of grade level, we can simply focus on growth, finding small victories on a daily basis.”
— Joseph D. Teacher in the Library
YOUMEDIA

Chicago teens come to YOUmedia for a welcoming, inspiring environment where they can explore their interest and create through digital media, computer science, music, literature, fashion, the visual arts, and much more. Supported by adult mentors, teens expand their horizons while building fundamental skills in problem-solving, collaboration, and entrepreneurship that open new pathways to college, career, and civic engagement.

YOUMEDIA was the perfect place, and perfect time for us.
— YOUmedia teens, brothers Chikezie and Gozie Nwachukwu

YOUMEDIA has high-end, quality equipment and materials. If you have a library card and go to high school, you can use them for free!
— YOUmedia teen Ewa Lapczynska

“CHICAGO’S LIBRARY SYSTEM ISN’T WHAT TYPICALLY COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF A LIBRARY—it’s more like a citywide creative and intellectual incubator.”

11,367 VISITS TO 2,659 YOUMEDIA WORKSHOPS IN 2016

MORE THAN 320 AT THE INAUGURAL “FOR TEENS, BY TEENS” CHITEN LIT FEST
**YEAR IN REVIEW**

*A library is a place with room for all of us.*

— Amina Gautier, author and 2016 recipient of our 21st Century Award for outstanding recent achievement

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**SPRING**

**April 8 | Night in the Stacks sells out—4th year in a row**

The Chicago Public Library Foundation Junior Board did it again: the theme of this year’s sell-out event was all things “Made in Chicago,” including art, architecture, theatre, music, and food. More than 400 guests helped raise $185,000 to support the full scope of the Library’s work.

**April 15-16, 2016 | “For teens, by teens”: A new Fest in town**

YOUmedia presented the first-ever ChiTeen Lit Fest, featuring dozens of readings, panels, and workshops by our city’s emerging talent. More than 350 teens from across Chicago came together at Columbia College and the Harold Washington Library Center to celebrate creativity, and to start planning the 2017 Fest. Visit citizenfest.org for more information.

**April 16 | City launches Connect Chicago initiative, expands CyberNavigator program**

Connect Chicago’s mission is to bridge the digital skills divide in Chicago: as part of this crucial work, the initiative supported a city-wide expansion of the CyberNavigator program, offering all Chicagoans ready access to one-on-one support for computer skills and digital job resources.

**April 18 | Mayor Emanuel and Chicago Public Library announce renovation and expansion of Whitney Young branch**

This community investment will provide a modern library space including an early learning play space, a YOUmedia teen space, digital skills training, and a focus on workforce development.

**May 9 | First annual Harold Washington Commemorative Lecture and Summit**

Nearly 500 attendees gathered to honor the life and legacy of late Mayor Harold Washington with a full day of panels, discussions, and a keynote from Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry. The event was hosted in partnership with Chicago Urban League, the Mayor Harold Washington Legacy Committee, and The HistoryMakers.

**May 26 | CHF Program launches interactive curriculum**

With partners from across the city, CPL developed and launched Chicago DigitalLearn, an interactive online tool designed to accelerate digital skill development among adult learners.

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**SUMMER**

**June 20 | Explore on the Go! Summer Learning Challenge launches**

Together with its program partner, Museum of Science and Industry, the program explored its transportation theme through books, hundreds of family programs, art projects, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) activities and many other ways for kids to keep their brains active. Thanks to Berner’s Book Bank, William Blair, and KPMG, the Library announced it would give away 1 million books during the summer for kids to take home.

**August 16 | New Allgfeld branch library announced**

CPL and the City of Chicago announced plans to build a new Allgfeld branch as part of a larger master plan for Allgfeld Gardens—one of Chicago Housing Authority’s oldest and most historic developments. Along with traditional library services, the branch will include innovative early-learning spaces, a YOUmedia teen lab, and adult digital literacy programming.

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**FALL**

**September 21 | An expanded program, a new One Book**

With the support of The Chicago Community Trust, BMO Harris Bank, and many other ways for kids to keep their brains active. Thanks to Bernie’s Book Bank, William Blair, and United, the 2015-2016 season was the first time One Chicago programming took place in all 80 branch locations. These generous funders also renewed their funding for the 2016-2017 season, which will feature Barbara Kingsolver’s Animal, Vegetable, Miracle as the focal point. The theme of “Eat Think Grow” was explored from many perspectives through the book discussions and walking tours, history lectures and film screenings, and much more.

**September 28 | Cindy Pritzker Lecture on Urban Life & Issues: A Conversation with Theaster Gates**

Chicago-based artist Theaster Gates and Dr. Adam Green, Associate Professor of History at the University of Chicago, joined in a wide-ranging, dynamic conversation. The Cindy Pritzker Lecture on Urban Life & Issues is presented annually by the Chicago Public Library Board in honor of Cindy Pritzker, its former president and founder of the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

**October 21 | Chicago Public Library and Chicago Housing Authority announce interagency partnership**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced an interagency partnership between Chicago Public Library and Chicago Housing Authority for three new mixed-income housing developments with co-located libraries at the Northtown (West Rogers Park), Independence (Irving Park), and Roosevelt (UCH/Neighborhood West Side) branches—strengthening our communities with affordable housing and community anchors that support lifelong learning. According to Mayor Emanuel, “Chicago will be one of the first cities using this type of partnership between housing and libraries to benefit and beautify our neighborhoods.”

**October 26 | 2016 Carl Sandburg Literary Awards Dinner**

More than 750 guests contributed a record-breaking $1.8 million for CPL programming supported by the Foundation! The Sandburg Award was presented to best-selling authors Erik Larson for non-fiction and Scott Turow for fiction. Amina Gautier received the 21st Century Award, which is presented to a Chicago-based emerging author. Bill Kurtis served as the evening’s emcee, and NPR host and author Scott Simon moderated a stimulating conversation with Larson and Turow. Our special thanks to presenting sponsor BMO Harris Bank.

**November 5 | Thomas Hughes Children’s Library at Harold Washington Library Center closes for renovations**

Thanks to a $2.5 million grant from Exelon to the Foundation and City investments, CPL is building exciting new early-learning play spaces throughout Chicago that combine innovative library design with evidence-based programming to engage young children and their families through play: STEAM; and literacy. CPL’s 18,000 square foot flagship children’s space, the Thomas Hughes Children’s Library, closed this fall for its transformation, and re-opened in June 2017.
On the following pages, we recognize the individual and institutional donors whose investments—at every level—in the Chicago Public Library Foundation have had an impact on Chicagoans of all ages who rely on the vital resources, services, and programs available at Chicago Public Library.
FINANCIALS

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Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2016

REVENUES

City of Chicago $99,619,000
State of Illinois (includes State Capital Construction Grant) 17,017,000
Federal 1,104,264
Chicago Public Library Foundation 5,788,850
Fines and Fees 1,694,287
Capital Income from Bonds 1,301,665
Total Revenues $126,525,066

EXPENDITURES

Personnel $69,136,785
Library Books and Materials 7,500,000
State Capital Construction Program Grant 1,675,672
Capital Bonds 1,301,665
Other Operating Expenses 46,910,944
Total Expenditures $126,525,066

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2016

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

UNRESTRICTED TEMPORARILY PERMANENTLY TOTAL
REMITTED RESTRICTED RESTRICTED
Contributions $510,391 $2,937,295 $3,447,686
Special event, net of expenses 1,032,656 217,000 1,249,656
Endowment, interest and other income 1,329,341 1,329,341
Donated services 373,738 373,738
Net assets released from restrictions 4,204,456 (4,204,456)
Total Support and Revenue $7,450,582 $(1,050,161) $6,400,421

EXPENSES

UNRESTRICTED TEMPORARILY PERMANENTLY TOTAL
REMITTED RESTRICTED RESTRICTED
Grants to Chicago Public Library
Children’s Programs $1,983,981 $1,983,981
Teen Programs 936,888 936,888
Technology Access 1,564,516 1,564,516
Workforce, Financial and Civic Literacy 315,126 315,126
Collections and Cultural Programs 404,279 404,279
Branch Programs 56,907 56,907
Other Library Programs 501,729 501,729
Donated Services to Chicago Public Library 25,424 25,424
Total Library Programs and Services 5,788,850 5,788,850
Management, General and Fund-Raising 1,593,899 1,593,899
Donated Services 348,314 348,314
Total Expenses $7,731,153 $7,731,153

Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities (280,571) (1,050,161) (1,330,732)
Change in Net Assets from Nonoperating Activities (9,442) (99,753) (109,195)
Beginning Net Assets 14,723,405 9,266,390 8,641,882 32,631,677
Ending Net Assets $14,433,392 $8,116,476 $8,641,882 $31,191,750

Note: A complete set of financial statements, audited by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, in which an unqualified opinion was rendered, is available upon written request to the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

Chicago Public Library Foundation (EIN: 36-2480353) holds a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest and most-used independent evaluator of charities.
We thank the individuals listed on the following pages for their dedication and service to Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Public Library Foundation.