



# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Celebration of Lifelong Learning  
November 13, 2016

Back Row, Left to Right: Ken Cornelius,  
Mayor William B. Judge, Scot A.  
Stevenson, Christopher M. White

Front Row, Left to Right: Caroline Brindo,  
Julianne Bedel, Patricia Warner, Natalie  
Genet, Jennifer Doll

## A Message from the Library

2016 was a year of growth and change at the library. The most high-profile development was, of course, the construction project. The building received a much-needed overhaul in two of the most heavily used areas: the Customer Services Department and Local History. Highlights of the project include adding a drive-up book return, implementing item self-check for those who wish to bypass traditional checkout, creating a new business center, building a new meeting room, and relocating the Local History Room to the main floor. We're very pleased to report that we completed the construction within the projected timeline and budget. We appreciate your patience during the inconvenience of the renovation, but hope you will agree that it was well worth the wait.

Also new last year was our first annual *Discover Your Library* fundraiser. The event allowed us to leverage funds raised by the committee with a grant from the Barberton Community Foundation, which enabled the purchase of 18 Chromebooks for customer use, technology coaching, and outreach programs. We thank everyone who attended and worked to make this effort a success. The second annual event will be coming in October 2017.

A new service, *3 for Me* library cards, allows children to check out up to three books, print items, or eMedia from our library without the signature of a parent or guardian. This service is vital, as not all children who visit our library have an adult who is willing and able to help them borrow books. It is our goal to have a library card in the hand of every child in Barberton and *3 for Me* cards allow us to reach a group of children who otherwise may not have access to library materials.

Finally, in 2016 we celebrated 45 years of service by our Friends of the Barberton Public Library. This active group has established a tradition of supporting the library in our mission, but they are always looking for new ways to grow literacy in the Barberton community. Last year they awarded their first scholarship to a graduating senior. In November 2016, the Friends established their first Little Free Library in cooperation with the Barberton Moose.

The library enjoys fantastic support from our community and we are grateful for the patronage. As always, it was a pleasure to serve Barberton residents in 2016 and it will be our pleasure to continue our work in 2017.



**Terri Masich & Julianne Bedel**  
President  
Board of Trustees



Director

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Library Use

Items Borrowed: 331, 777  
Registered Library Card Holders: 21,933  
Library Visitors: 173,264  
Meeting Room/Quiet Study Use: 4,937  
Questions Answered: 32,448  
Computer Sessions: 34,164  
Wireless Use Sessions: 34,620

Children's Programs Offered: 466  
Attendance at Children's Programs: 15,825  
Teen Programs Offered: 46  
Teen Program Attendance: 472  
Adult Programs Offered: 244  
Adult Program Attendance: 4,520

Total Programs: 756  
Total Program Attendance: 20,817

## The Collections

Print Books: 75,025  
Print Magazine Subscriptions: 169  
Videos: 14,016  
CDs: 5,326

E-books: 373,194  
Downloadable Videos: 18,738  
Downloadable Audio: 370,649  
Databases: 81



Brenda Worthy and her niece, Syriah Tyler, at the Taste of Tea program in June 2016.



Officer Bon Hill (L), Kaden Hiller, and Officer Justin Brownfield (R) played Giant Jenga at the first Got Game program in October 2016.



Anna Wallace got her book, *Andi Unstoppable*, signed by author Amanda Flowers.

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# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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## Expenditures: \$2,403,074

### Library Services

Public Services and Programs: \$976,917

Collection Development: \$189,078

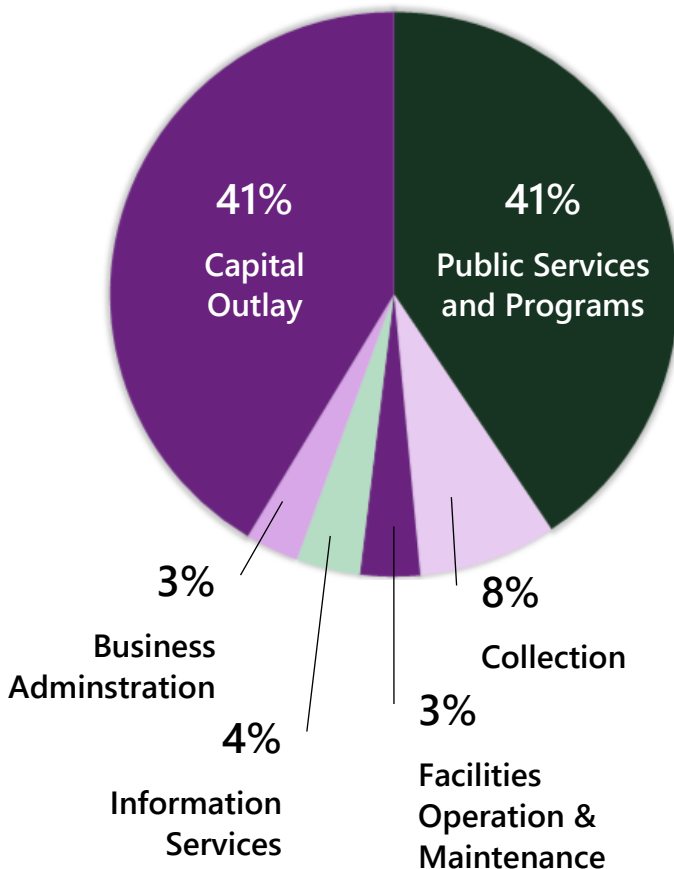
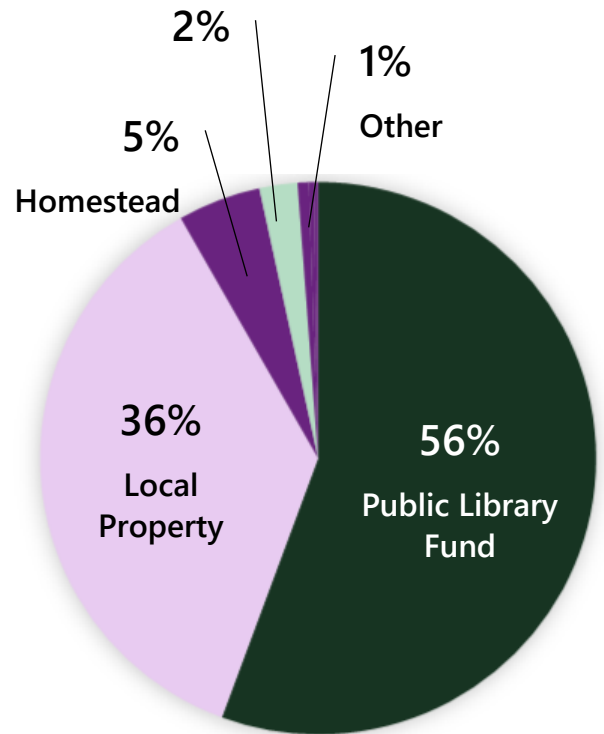
### Support Services

Facilities Operation and Maintenance: \$81,863

Information Services: \$87,486

Business Administration: \$73,245

Capital Outlay: \$994,485



## Revenue: \$1,596,789

Public Library Fund: \$888,354

Local Property Tax: \$577,027

Homestead: \$77,143

Fines and Fees: \$35,361

Gifts and Donations: \$10,482

Miscellaneous: \$4,826

Investment Earnings: \$3,596

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## The Mission

The Barberton Public Library will promote independent thought and community interaction by providing services and resources necessary for individuals to pursue educational, creative, personal, and professional interest.

## 2016 Board of Trustees

- Terri Masich, President
- Caroline Brindo, Vice President
- Leon T. Ricks, Secretary
- Natalie Genet
- Scot A. Stevenson
- Patricia Warner
- Christopher M. White

## Administration

- Julianne Mousetes Bedel, Director
- Kenneth W. Cornelius, Fiscal Officer
- Melissa K. Futrell, Deputy Fiscal Officer

## Barberton Public Library

Main Library  
602 West Park Avenue  
(330) 745-1194  
  
Community Health Branch  
155 Fifth Street, NE  
(SUMMA Health System, first floor)  
[www.barbertonlibrary.org](http://www.barbertonlibrary.org)

