2017 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

2017 came and went in a flurry of activity. It was a positive and productive year for the Chelsea District Library. We served our community with accomplished and high-quality with you, the community we serve, in this Annual Report. We made considerable progress toward the goal of our 2017-2021 Strategic Plan and continued to implement the plan's goals. We continue to know and esteem of us. As you read through this Annual Report, we hope you discover our series of accomplishment in what we have achieved and our hopefulness in what we have yet to accomplish as our public library.

We speak on behalf of the Board, staff, and volunteers of the Chelsea District Library when we say we are grateful for the support we receive from you and enjoy our continuing through exciting, challenging and rewarding.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library or out in the community soon!

Sincerely,

Lori Gaspell & Charlie Taylor

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Library Director

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2017 Board of Trustees President

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MISSION

The mission of the Chelsea District Library is to be engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources.

VISION

The vision of the Chelsea District Library is to be the vibrant hub bringing together and activating all communities.

CORE VALUES

Equal, unrestricted access
High quality resources
Staff and volunteers passionate for library work
Privacy and confidentiality
Fiscal integrity and accountability
Lifelong learning
Inclusion and respect
High ethical and professional conduct
Support continuous improvement

ENGAGE

engaged (hyperlocal) & involved (engaged) in person & online

Washtenaw Reads

Chelsea District Library participated in the Washtenaw Reads program, which promotes reading and countywide dialogue through the shared experience of reading and discussing a single book. The 2017 book selection was Scott Ehrlich's Living on Almost Nothing in America, co-authored by Kathryn Edin and H. Luke Shaefer.

Midwest Library Week

The 21st Midwest Library Week showcased authors representing different cultures and perspectives.

"Thank you all for putting on such a wonderful event and including me in it! It really was one of the best meetings and conversations I've had in years!"
—Indian Author Kavita Daiya

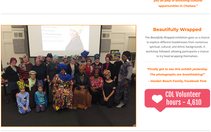
Facebook "Likes" 12% Increase
Twitter engagement up 47%

What We Created

Our Alice Ann Kaiser Fund grant awarded to Highlights Ann Arbor enhanced our library's ability and goal to make when choosing what to bring with them on their journey to Kentucky.

"This DeWitt Wit Contest is a beautiful educational exhibit. Many thanks to all who made it possible."

"I'm impressed by how active CDL is in promoting the library and providing a lot of communication—yoga classes, music, music, theatre, movies, movies, movies, movies! Wow! Thanks for the CDL's outreach efforts and the significant CDL pro-all play in enriching cultural opportunities in Chelsea."



Beautifully Wrapped

The Beautifully Wrapped Children gives us a chance to explore different bookbinds from Sunbeam Bindery. Participants learned how to make a stunning bookend, allowing their imaginations to run by local escaping themselves.

"Totally got to see this exhibit yesterday! The photographs by Jewel/Kathryn" Hanlon Beach Family, Facebook Post

CDL Volunteer hours - 4,610

CDL Top 5

Bringing learning together for a night of family. Food trucks from four of Jackson Chelsea Industries, our new program, CDL Top 5, and an instant scavenger.

March Madness

CDL Board of Trustees President Charlie Taylor and Library Director Lori Gaspell challenged the staff to a March Madness tournament. Participants voted online and in person to move their favorite bracket through the tournament bracket. The winning bracket was a Mike Dawson Day Trivia bracket.

Website visitors up 11%

"Thank you again for the documentary showing on Saturday at the Chelsea Library. Your presentation was outstanding. Following, I appreciate the opportunities provided to our community through the film forum. And I appreciate your leadership in the video of the afternoon."

INSPIRE

inspire (to) (connoisseur) with the urge or ability to do or feel something especially to do something creative

Fairy Garden

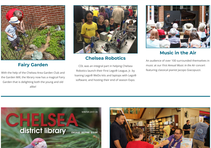
With the help of the Chelsea Area Garden Club and Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 1, the Chelsea District Library Garden had a delightful fairy garden during and after.

Chelsea Robotics

CDL was an integral part in helping Chelsea Robotics launch their first Lego® League Jr. Its mission was to introduce kids to robotics, computer software, and training their end of season Expo.

Music in the Air

An audience of over 100 surrounded themselves in music at our First Annual Music in the Air event featuring classical pianist Jacqui Vanopulo's



Newsletter

To engage more readers and help celebrate Chelsea's artists, community, CDL redesigned its quarterly newsletter into a magazine-like format. Each issue highlights Chelsea's artists, community, and highlights upcoming events and programs. There's even an opportunity for the community to share their thoughts, ideas, and experiences in the Perspectives column.

Kids Read Comic

Who doesn't love a comic book? Mid-Cheel Comics brought together professional and aspiring comic artists to draw t-shirts and bookmarks. Participants even had a chance to engage with the artists over lunch.

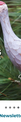
Internet Access

Recognizing the digital divide within our service area, the Library provided free access to Internet hotspots, which are available for check out and also located at the Lyons, Lyndon, and Sylvan Township Halls. Chelsea District Library was an passage of a coordinated effort proposal in Lyndon Township, which was approved in August 2017.

Training by Request

Training by Request, a new technology service, provided one-on-one training on computer, tablet, and smartphone.

"Wanted to let you know that my daughter and her friends thought the pumpkin carving workshop with Jiada & Lawrence was so great! He was really inspiring for them."



Reading Garden

CDL now offers comfortable seating in our Reading Garden, which provides a relaxing environment for enjoying Sonic CDL Friday and Jazzercise Tuesday workout.

Document Station

Our new Document Station allows document scanning to Internet, online storage, email or to the library printer.

Bridging the Digital Divide

As a recipient of the Mobile Beacon 4G Fly Digital Grant, Chelsea District Library was able to provide at-risk kids access to the Chelsea High School Chelsea Senior Center, and Faith in Action Healing to bridge the digital divide between the generations.

Homeschool Support

To support our homeschooled families, CDL established quarterly Homeschool meet-ups, provided a dedicated space for homeschool students, additional learning materials for students and parents/teachers, & the end of 2017, 27 families signed up for our Homeschool Facebook Group.

"Hosted historical presentations (The Tories, Ann Cornell) for one group of our very Revolutionary-obsessed Chelsea Library Our Family Facebook Page, Homeschool Group, Nature Homeschool, Facebook Page"

"I'm so excited about the possibilities of the CDL Earrings. Listen are using the projector and other items!"

EQUIP

equip (to) to provide with or furnished for use or for an undertaking

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Building Updated LED Project Completed!

Saving energy and protecting our planet is important to Chelsea District Library. The Library is in the process of completing the following projects:

- 90 bulbs were replaced resulting in a large drop in the energy savings, which will pay for itself in 2 years.
- We've seen usage reduced of over 10,000 kWh when compared to the same month last year.
- In addition to cost savings, CDL benefits:
  - Increased humidity in the building
  - Much better lighting for our patrons
  - Less heat in the building

"This project is wonderful for studying. My friends and I are able to not spend a room with our school-lit and study in quiet as well as working on projects. Thank you!"

FRIENDS OF CDL

"We'd like to thank the Friends for their very kind support and friendship."

Appreciation Luncheon

Each year the Friends host the CDL staff for a delicious luncheon in appreciation of their tireless service to the Chelsea community.

49 Members!

Processed 68,000 book donations in 2017!

Used Book Sales

- 2017 was an all-time high
- With 20% of sales in 2017

GRANTS

Grantors are integral to CDL's ability to provide programs, exhibits, and resources.

Workplace Wellness Grant

CDL staff and its Friends group participated in yoga, engaging in yoga, nutrition, and wellness.

Chelsea Education Foundation

Chelsea Education Foundation provided a grant which allowed our Authors in Chelsea program to provide a team to all first through sixth grade Chelsea Students.

Chelsea Area Garden Club

A magnificent fairy garden in the entrance Reading Garden thanks to a generous grant from the Chelsea Area Garden Club.

DONORS | SPONSORS | PARTNERS

CDL partnered with over 40 local organizations and businesses throughout the year to provide programming for all ages, interests, and needs.

Endowment Donors

- Friends of CDL
- Dan Maroney

Donors

- Karl & Kathleen Alleman
- Sandra Belback
- Edward & Karen Belloli
- Chelsea Area Garden Club
- Chelsea ATA Martial Arts
- Chelsea Bakery
- Chelsea Cottage Inn
- Chelsea Lanes
- Chelsea Lions Club
- Chelsea Treehouse
- Collected Treasures Farm
- Jeffrey Danielski
- Fred & Sally Dickinson
- Sandra Dunham
- Timothy & Judy Flint
- Friends of CDL
- Mary A. Green
- Cayman Hartigan
- Anna Henderson
- Sue Ellen Hickey
- Sheri Horn
- Arlene B. Howe Revocable Living Trust
- Elliott R. Hudgins
- George S. Hunt, Jr.
- Kiwanis Club of Chelsea
- Candy Kus
- Kenneth Kush
- Douglas Kush & Emily Hojjat
- Sahar Malik
- Lisa Matovic
- Christine Merkel
- Gary & Jo Ann Munce
- Nancy Neff
- Camie Noah
- Alexandra Nowak
- Pandya Family Dentistry
- Pines Book Club
- Polly's Country Market
- Sarah Teare
- Debra Thornton
- Thriving Minds Family Services
- Thomas Toon & Anthony Shakeshaft
- Wendy's
- Susan Love Whitelaw & Larry C. Ledebur
- Zap Zone
- Rogerio & Judith Zepeda

Sponsors

- Friends of CDL
- Kiwanis Club of Chelsea
- Michael D. Kunkel & Henry Cox
- Mason Olive Lodge #156
- Elizabeth Sensoli

Featured Song Fest Artist, Paul Burch, visited Chelsea High School's Songwriting as Poetry class to share his songwriting tips and listen to students perform their poetry.

Community Partners

- 4-H Clubs of Washtenaw County
- Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
- Ann Arbor District Library
- Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
- Astral Road Media
- Ballet Chelsea
- Chelsea Adult Learners Institute
- Chelsea Alehouse
- Chelsea Area Garden Club
- Chelsea Chamber of Commerce
- Chelsea Community Forum
- Chelsea First United Methodist Church
- Chelsea Lions
- Chelsea Retirement Community
- Chelsea River Gallery
- Chelsea School District
- Chelsea Senior Center
- ChelseaMich.com
- City of Chelsea
- Dexter District Library
- Faith in Action
- The Garden Mill
- Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center
- Jet's Pizza
- Just Imagine
- Literati Book Store
- McKinley Properties
- Michigan Military Heritage Museum
- Milan Public Library
- Northfield Township Area Library
- Polly's Country Market
- Purple Rose Theatre Company
- Robin Hill Farms
- Saline District Library
- SCORE
- Serendipity Books
- Silver Maples Retirement Community
- Sounds & Sights/Chelsea Festivals
- SRSLY Chelsea
- Thompson's Pizza
- Ypsilanti District Library
- WDET
- Wines on Main

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fiscal Year January 1 – December 31, 2017

REVENUE	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE
PROPERTY TAXES	$1,597,983	$628,106
STATE AID	$9,818	
LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION	$79,862	$47,891
PENAL FINES	$22,469	
FINES & FEES	$41,984	
INTEREST INCOME	$39,236	$198
DONATIONS, GRANTS & FRIENDS OF CDL	$48,510	
TOTAL REVENUE	$1,839,862	$676,195

EXPENDITURES	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE
PERSONNEL	$1,040,708	
COLLECTIONS	$166,641	
PROGRAMMING	$71,082	
BOARD EXPENSES	$1,803	
CAPITAL OUTLAY	$79,373	
MAINTENANCE SERVICE & CONTRACTS	$119,190	
PROFESSIONAL FEES & INSURANCE	$65,799	
CONTINUING EDUCATION	$14,962	
PROMOTION	$51,623	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	$30,751	
SUPPLIES	$17,152	
VOLUNTEER SERVICES	$2,021	
AUTOMATION	$45,995	
UTILITIES	$51,700	
BOND INTEREST & PRINCIPAL		$626,675
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$1,758,800	$626,675

Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan

Fiscal Year January 1 – December 31, 2017

ASSETS	
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017	$44,606
CONTRIBUTIONS	$2,850
FEES	$(510)
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	$7,233
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017	$54,179

Fund Balances

Fiscal Year January 1 – December 31, 2017

FUND BALANCES	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND
NONSPENDABLE	$13,632	
DEBT SERVICE		$255,094
COMMITTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	$100,000	
COMMITTED CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	$875,800	
COMMITTED SUBSEQUENT YEAR'S EXPENDITURES	$102,717	
UNASSIGNED	$280,981	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	$1,373,130	$255,094

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