

In a year of upheaval, Campbell County has remained resilient — a quality I love about this community, a place my family has called home for many years now.

This Annual Report to the Community yields much to reflect upon, both before and amid the pandemic. From completing construction projects to creating hundreds of online programs to collaborating with local parks, I am proud of how the library has served our community outside and inside our walls.

### Outreach at Local Parks

This year saw us collaborate with more local parks than ever before. Programs we hosted include Camping with the Library as well as multiple Play, Explore, Build events last fall. Most recently, our staff have installed Picture Paths for families to enjoy at the new dog park behind our Newport Branch, Rossford Park in Fort Thomas and AJ Jolly Park in Alexandria.

#### **Imagination Library**

Over 2,600 kids enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a partnership between the library and five public school districts. The program mails a book (free and no contact!) to all registered children in the county under age five. You can sign up at our branches or online at www.cc-pl.org/imagination-library.

#### e-Materials

During the pandemic, we increased our budget for e-materials and reduced barriers to using them. Even when the buildings were closed, patrons could access one of the country's largest collections of e-materials, through a statewide consortium called Kentucky Libraries Unbound.

# **Online Programs**

Since March, we've created hundreds of online programs to connect with our community in new ways. You can participate in programs such as YouTube story times, book talks via Zoom, take-and-make crafts and more.

# **Construction Projects**

We fast tracked construction projects to minimize disruptions once our buildings

could actually open. The Cold Spring Branch received the most notable changes with the traffic flow rerouted to be one way, a renovated patio and additional accessible parking spots.

# Curbside Pickup

When we could not open the doors to the public, we brought library materials out to people in their cars through curbside pickup. Our patrons loved the service so much that we have continued to offer it even after reopening the buildings. You can learn how to utilize the service at www.cc-pl.org/curbside-pickup.

# Helping our Community

Finding new ways to serve and support the members of our community is always on the horizon. Pre-pandemic, we hosted the Relatives Raising Relatives Support Group and GED: Start at the Library, Study at Home. Over the summer, we partnered with Newport Independent Schools to provide a weekly free lunch and activity outside of our Newport Branch.

# Amnesty for All

The Campbell County Public Library led a statewide initiative to have all fines, fees and

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charges removed from any library account. Amnesty for All was a huge help to people struggling to pay their bills. We were so happy to have 60 libraries across Kentucky join us.

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Walk, talk,

read and play together! Follow the path to read and learn fun facts about trees.

#### Looking Forward

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As we braved a cascade of new, sometimes contradictory, always changing wave of information, our purpose as an institution was perhaps never clearer: to serve the public through providing access to valuable, enriching resources that all people deserve the right to use.

This year has shown the importance of coming together as a community to lift one another up. We at the library appreciate the efforts of everyone in Campbell County to do just that. Thank you for your part.

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#### **REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 & BUDGET FOR 2020-21**

Numbers below are current for FY19-20 and FY20-21.

#### 2019-20 ACTUAL BUDGET INCOME

2020-21 ESTIMATED BUDGET INCOMI	
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INCOME		EXPENDITURES		INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Donations	\$39,906	Capital	\$728,173	Donations	\$31,000	Capital	\$37,500
Fees & Services	\$29,166	Collection	\$655,095	Fees & Services	\$22,000	Collection	\$650,000
Grants & State Aid	\$208,483	Operating	\$1,545,785	Grants & State Aid	\$146,000	Operating	\$1,069,200
Misc. Income	\$11,671	Personnel	\$3,285,767	Misc. Income	\$43,500	Personnel	\$3,383,800
Loan	\$1,200,000*						
Taxes	\$4,934,063			Taxes	\$4,898,000		
Interest	\$38,712						
Total Income	\$6,462,001*	Total Expense	\$6,214,820	Total Income	\$5,140,500	Total Expense	\$5,140,500

\* The library took \$1.2 million in debt to refinance existing debt and for capital projects at our locations in Cold Spring, Fort Thomas and Newport.