MISSION STATEMENT
Mid-Continent Public Library’s mission is to enrich our citizens and communities through expanding access to innovation, information, ideas, and inspiration.

VISION STATEMENT
Mid-Continent Public Library will provide the best library experience in the United States.
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This year has seen an incredible set of achievements for Mid-Continent Public Library. From the start of the Capital Improvement Plan to the first ever LitUp Teen Literature Festival, I couldn’t be more excited about what is happening across our system. Yet, the single accomplishment that has me most excited is one that might be easily overlooked with all that is happening, and that is the new Strategic Plan for the Library.

The Board of Trustees approved the new Strategic Plan in May after a long process of collecting input from customers, staff, and community members. I’m excited about the plan because it puts the Library on solid footing to provide great service to all of our populations even as we endure the disruption of improving facilities. It builds that footing by adopting the vision of the Library as a “purpose-based” community anchor. The ideas presented in the book *The Purpose-Based Library* by John Huber and our very own Steven V. Potter provided us with a framework around which we could develop a plan that sees Library service as an opportunity to change and build our communities.

I am particularly excited that the plan explicitly states and then reflects our organizational values. By placing focus on the ideas of intellectual freedom, inclusion, innovation, service, stewardship, and trust, these value statements give the trustees, staff, and customers alike a vision for what we mean when we say we want to provide an exceptional library experience. They also constitute a promise to our public about what kind of Library we strive to provide in each of our communities.

Building out from those values, the plan talks about the capacity-building work the Library must do to achieve its goals and also provides a system for monitoring the health of our service to our nearly 300,000 active library users. Those two elements lead directly into three strategic priorities for the system, which present the change we hope to help foster in our community. Through family literacy, community connections, and increasing creative capacity, we hope to see positive movement across our district. If you haven’t read the full plan, I would encourage you to do so. Perhaps once you do, you’ll match my enthusiasm for the future of this Library!
Over the past year, Mid-Continent Public Library made an important transformation. After many years of meticulous planning and community conversation, the preparation process ended and action began. I think the easiest way to demonstrate our transition to this execution phase, and how we are using it to keep our promises to customers, is to return to the message we used often during the Proposition L campaign—the ABCs (Access, Buildings, Collection, and Services):

**Access** – In FY 2017-18, Mid-Continent Public Library expanded and adjusted hours at all its locations. The additional funding provided by the public as part of the passage of Proposition L allows the Library to stay open 78 more hours every week. In response to community input, 17 additional libraries started offering Sunday hours.

**Buildings** – In FY 2017-18, Mid-Continent Public Library refined its Capital Improvement Plan and initiated plans for the first phase of the plan. Phase one includes addressing the needs of seven MCPL locations including substantial renovations at the Antioch, Blue Springs South, and Excelsior Springs Branches. We also started work on a new community hall at the Midwest Genealogy Center. We kicked off the building projects in June and will continue executing this plan until 2022.

**Collection** – In FY 2017-18, Mid-Continent Public Library continued to allocate a greater percentage of its total budget to materials than any other library in its peer group. We also worked very hard to make good on the promise to increase this budget so we could provide even more resources to customers.

**Services** – In FY 2017-18, Mid-Continent Public Library updated its website for the first time since 2010. It is now compatible with a range of electronic devices, including computers, mobile phones, and tablets, and it allows for a “single sign-in,” so people can log in once to access all the resources they need without having to key in their 14-digit Library card each session.

Perhaps the most difficult part of highlighting the actions undertaken in the 2017-18 fiscal year is fitting them all in this message! We took many great steps forward over this past year, and we greatly appreciate the support of our customers, communities, and taxpayers that made it all possible.
During a single day at MCPL last year...

- **8,487** visits were made to branches
- **2,388** public computer and Wi-Fi sessions took place
- **24,572** physical and digital items were checked out*
- **9,582** sessions on mymcpl.org*
- **9,893** people engaged with MCPL's social media accounts*
- **698** people attended 31 programs
- **388** children and caregivers attended 14 storytimes

*Numbers based on 365 days. All others based on 351 operating days.

MCPL District Population

- **809,610**
- **490,020** Library Cardholders
Total circulation of Library materials: **8,968,852**

Circulation of materials (non-children) **5,726,125**

Total circulation of children’s materials **3,242,727**

Total eContent circulation (eBooks, eMagazines, streaming media): **2,301,354**

“**I know that a lot of people in this area are looking for jobs, getting stuff done for school, and things like that, so having that computer and internet access is vital and the library provides that.**”

- Alyshia, MCPL Customer

“I’m a Peace Corps volunteer serving in Ukraine... Because of my Library card, all I have to do is trek a couple of miles to a local café to use their Wi-Fi, and I download books! Having books to read on my computer, and admittedly hearing English-read audiobooks, is comforting. Thank you, Mid-Continent Public Library! I love you.”

- MCPL Customer

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**Library Programs & Events**

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Mid-Continent Public Library was able to make significant strides in the 2017-2018 fiscal year with the addition of revenue that voters approved in 2016. The improvements were seen in every part of the Library system, and the more visible changes are just beginning.

**More Hours and Additional Services**

Following the collection of feedback from customers across the system, MCPL significantly expanded its hours of operation in January 2018. This included the addition of Sunday hours at 17 branches and additional evening hours in many communities. In total, the system added 78 hours of service per week or 4,000 hours each year.

The Library was open more outside of its walls as well. A dedicated team began an expanded schedule of visits with MCPL’s early literacy mobile unit, the Reading Rocket, to underserved communities throughout the district. The Library-By-Mail program for homebound residents added staff and subsequently set a record for circulation. Local entrepreneurs also received a boost this year in the form of added staff and programming for Square One Small Business Services.

**New Website**

In February 2018, a new version of the Library’s Virtual Branch was unveiled, providing customers with a more mobile-friendly, easy-to-navigate experience and improved search capability.

**Growing Collection**

The Library’s material budget saw its largest increase in a decade following the additional revenue provided by the Proposition L vote. This budget allowed the Library to add more books, eBooks, eAudiobooks, AV materials, and more.
Facility Improvements

On May 17, 2018, MCPL announced the launch of its Capital Improvement Plan, which calls for upgrades at all 31 of its branches in Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties, as well as the addition of two new branches, by the end of 2022.

The Library completed its RFP process and selected Sapp Design Associates Architects and Helix Architecture + Design to develop plans for improvements and new branch buildings. JE Dunn was selected to complete all construction work in the Capital Improvement Plan.

In June 2018, the Blue Springs South, Excelsior Springs, and Antioch Branches temporarily closed, followed by the Oak Grove, Weston, and Platte City Branches. Work on the grounds of the Midwest Genealogy Center also commenced in summer 2018 in preparation for the addition of a new 400-seat community hall.

While the renovations at each branch vary based on individual community needs and the building’s condition, the Library’s goal is to create more intentional spaces such as community and meeting rooms and upgrade essential technology like computers, printers, and high-speed Wi-Fi.

For the most current information on the Capital Plan progress, visit mymcpl.org/community.

“I grew up with Mid-Continent Public Library. After living in several other states and regions, I can say that it is the BEST library system I’ve ever used!”

– MCPL Customer
ACCESS LITERACY

**Grow A Reader**
MCPL’s Grow A Reader program celebrated its second full year of assisting parents and caregivers in the navigation of MCPL’s many early literacy programs, which are designed to develop reading skills from birth through elementary school.

- **136,313** children and caregivers attended **4,998** storytimes offered by MCPL staff last year, which included a 10-week Kindergarten Readiness Series from September to November 2017.

- **561** children and caregivers attended seven early literacy fairs at five branches last year. The fairs offered young children (ages birth through six) and their caregivers a guided tour of the expansive early literacy resources available at the Library and a chance to participate in recommended early literacy activities including games, music, and more.

- Birthday celebrations for MCPL’s mascot, Marty the Martian, were held during or after children’s programming at 21 branches during November 2017 and were attended by **1,040** children and caregivers.

- The Reading Rocket made **185** outreach visits—many to underserved communities—and conducted early literacy programs for **16,350** children.

**National Spelling Bee**
MCPL hosted qualifying competitions for the Scripps National Spelling Bee last winter. During the final qualifier on February 24, 2018, at the Woodneath Library Center, 19 metro area students competed through 30 rounds for the chance to participate in the national championship in Washington, D.C. Antioch Middle School student **Joseph Benson** emerged as the winner.

**Donation**
The Kansas City Royals donated **1,000** tickets valued at **$15,000**, which were distributed to Summer Learning Program participants.

**Grants**

$ **Missouri State Library**
- Racing to Read: **$5,100** awarded for MCPL’s Teens, Tots, and Tales program, which helps teen parents in the Independence School District establish good family literacy practices.
- Summer Learning Program: **$10,453** awarded to help MCPL’s Reading Rocket provide underserved families reading activities and help grow their home libraries.
Summer Learning Program

In 2017, the program expanded beyond reading to include activities that encouraged critical thinking and STEAM-based skill building as children were encouraged to “Build a Better World!” Everyone who completed requirements by July 31, 2017, earned free books and qualified to win larger prizes. Summer Learning Program remains one of the Library’s most important programs, helping to ensure students maintain or grow their reading skills during summer break.

2017 NUMBERS:
23,763 children and teens participated and logged points
Overall, 88% of participants earned at least one book:
  92% of preschool-aged participants
  85% of elementary-aged students
  77% of teen participants

The Library offered 690 events—attended by nearly 30,000 children, teens, and caregivers—that allowed attendees to earn points toward the Summer Learning Program. Also, more than 65% of SLP participants reported completing skill-building activities at home in addition to their reading.

Donation
The Library initiated partnerships with six organizations—the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs, Science City, LEGOLAND and SEALIFE, Worlds of Fun & Oceans of Fun, and CoCo Key Water Resort—which donated more than $50,000 in tickets and grand prize experiences for Summer Learning Program participants who reached different levels of achievement or maintained activity throughout the program.

Winter Reading Challenge
The 2018 Winter Reading Challenge’s “Shelf of Suspects” theme encouraged MCPL customers to explore the mystery genre and read five books between January 15 and March 15. Those who did earned a coveted coffee mug and qualified for prizes from Breakout KC. 2,879 customers read at least one book, and 2,466 completed the challenge. MCPL branches conducted more than 136 book group discussions on a variety of titles from January through March in support of this program.

16,439 titles were logged during the challenge.
The top five Winter Reading Challenge titles were:

Student Accounts Program
MCPL reached agreements with the Independence and North Kansas City school districts for students to use their Student ID numbers as their Access Pass (library card) number, providing kids and teens more convenient access to the Library’s extensive educational resources. Discussions are underway with additional school districts for the 2018-2019 school year.
MCPL completed a comprehensive redesign of its Virtual Branch in February 2018 with the goal of creating a better experience for all users, improving visibility of key initiatives, and compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. The Library’s Virtual Branch was visited by 1.2 million unique visitors who logged more than 9.5 million page views during 3.5 million sessions.

As part of MCPL’s annual celebration of National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018, the Library launched a virtual scavenger hunt that allowed customers to explore MCPL resources online and in all 31 branches, utilizing a free app. Customers could earn points by doing any of more than 120 missions with a chance to win prizes. Almost 1,000 people participated, with one customer completing all missions—meaning they visited all 31 MCPL locations!

Missouri State Library Grants

- **Technology Ladder:** $24,430 was awarded for improved network and Wi-Fi access at MCPL branches. Through the purchase of a new remote access server and wireless access points, the Library was able to enhance internet access throughout the Library system by increasing speed and providing IT staff with additional control over the system, resulting in faster updates and an increased level of security.

- **Spotlight on Literacy:** $7,527 was awarded for STEAM-Powered Afternoons with MCPL. This project promoted digital literacy to underserved youth throughout the Library system, providing coding and other technology-based programming.

* Missouri State Library Grants are supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

**MCPL Public Computer Use:**

- Computer Sessions **509,428**
  - Total Time **368,999** hours
- Wi-Fi Sessions **328,880**
New Resources - Kansas City Star Archive

MCPL was able to acquire and make accessible the Kansas City Star Archive. The addition of this archive allows customers to now use keyword searches to find information from articles in issues of the Kansas City Star going back to 1880.

MCPL provided access to 247 online learning and research resources in 2017-2018 fiscal year.

- Total online resource sessions: 902,906
- Literacy-based resource sessions: 181,094
- Genealogy resource sessions: 173,778
- Business resource sessions: 30,732

Going Digital

eBooks, eAudiobooks, & Video:
- 1,866,308 downloads through OverDrive and RBdigital

eMagazines:
- 52,925 issues of eMagazines downloaded from Flipster and RBdigital

Music:
- 112,121 songs and music videos downloaded from Freegal Music

Online Tutoring:
- 7,790 one-on-one tutoring sessions conducted on Tutor.com, an online service that provides tutoring in more than 40 subjects, as well as test prep and essay assessment to students in grades 4 through college.

Top 5 Topics served on Tutor.com

- Essay: 446
- Calculus: 467
- Chemistry: 497
- Algebra II: 919
- Algebra: 1352

New Resource in 2017-2018:

medi.tv offers access to classical music concerts, operas, ballets, documentaries, and master classes. 100 of these performances are streamed live each year.
MCPL’s biannual Food for Fines program, held in September 2017 and May 2018, collected a record-breaking 25,416 food items during fiscal year 2017-2018, bringing the Library’s total collection to more than 100,000 food items since the program’s inception. Developed in 2014, the Food for Fines program offers customers the opportunity to pay off their fines and fees with nonperishable food items that are then donated to local food pantries and charities. The Food for Fines program allows customers to have up to $10 of fines forgiven in return for their donations.

Harvesters Partnership

In an effort to further support children and families over the summer months, six Mid-Continent Public Library branches hosted the “Kids Cafe” program in partnership with Harvesters—The Community Food Network in June 2018. The program offers free meals to anyone 18 and under, providing an opportunity to connect kids to Library programs and resources.

Social Media

Followers of MCPL’s main Facebook account and 33 branch accounts grew to 55,364 by June 30, 2018. Last fiscal year, MCPL had more than 3.6 million engagements and interactions with customers through its main Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts.

Library-By-Mail

With expanded staff support, the Library-By-Mail program, which serves more than 531 homebound customers, circulated a record-breaking 24,535 materials.

Legacy Luncheons

Two events were held during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

July 7, 2017

At Hartman Heritage Conference Center at the Hilton Garden Inn (Independence, Mo.)

Keynote Speaker
Author Candice Millard

John Ferguson
Legacy Award Winner
Carrie Mayle, Colbern Road Branch

Victor Gragg
Library Champion Award Winner
Vote Yes Committee

June 15, 2018

At the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center (Independence, Mo.)

Keynote Speaker: Author Will Schwalbe

John Ferguson
Legacy Award Winner
Lisa Campbell, Youth Services Department

Victor Gragg
Library Champion Award Winner
Emery Uhlig, Founder of LitUp Festival
Square One Small Business Services specialists held 148 one-on-one consultations with business owners and entrepreneurs in the Library district, connecting them with MCPL resources and other organizations to help them launch or improve their businesses. During the past year, 1,431 people attended 78 business-related programs, including 630 that attended four Business Bootcamps, six Business of Food Truck Workshops, and 19 Business Basics classes. Square One is supported by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation (see page 15).

Square One holds a variety of business programs to highlight individuals and companies that are part of Kansas City’s entrepreneurial community:

- **July 2017 - Business of Microbrews**
- **February 2018 - Business of Chocolate and Business of Wine**

Career Online High School

Mid-Continent Public Library, in conjunction with Kansas City Public Library and Literacy KC, recruited students to participate in the Career Online High School program, which provided 50 qualified adult residents in the Kansas City metro area with the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certification online. Last year, 50 people received scholarships for participation, and 12 graduated from the program.

The Big Read

MCPL led a collaborative effort with five other Kansas City library systems and KCPT to conduct a National Endowment for the Arts citywide “Big Read” program in September and October 2017. It focused on Tim O’Brien’s highly acclaimed *The Things They Carried*, a semi-autographical book about a platoon in the Vietnam War. During this time, KC residents were encouraged to join in by reading O’Brien’s book and attending a variety of programs at the libraries and around the city. Activities included a launch event with a screening of director Ken Burns’ PBS documentary on the Vietnam War, book groups, and the annual MCPL Veterans Salute program attended by more than 1,000 people. There were 1,876 digital checkouts of the book from MCPL during The Big Read.

Donation

MCPL shared proceeds from a $13,000 NEA grant with Kansas City Public Library for the Big Read.
Midwest Genealogy Center

51,649 people visited the Midwest Genealogy Center during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Library offered 295 genealogy programs attended by 3,334 people.

Online Genealogy Resources

MCPL provided access to 25 online genealogy resources during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Total sessions: 173,778

MOST POPULAR RESOURCES:
1. Access Newspaper ARCHIVE 25,151 sessions
2. Newspapers.com 23,888 sessions
3. Ancestry Library Edition 19,864 sessions

$ GRANT

The Missouri Humanities Council donated $2,478 to purchase 42 additional oral history kits to help customers preserve their family stories.

Spring Seminar

The Midwest Genealogy Center’s 2018 Spring Seminar, “Mapping Your Family History,” was held at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Independence, Missouri, and was attended by 200 people. The seminar featured presentations by noted genealogists Ruth Ann Hager and Patti Hobbs.

Veterans Salute

This longtime program, held in partnership with local veterans groups, was held on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at the Midwest Genealogy Center and featured dozens of support organizations and was attended by over 1,000. In addition, the day included a keynote speech by Dr. James Willbanks, General of the Army George C. Marshall Chair of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, sneak peek screenings of the Ken Burns documentary The Vietnam War, oral storytelling sessions with veterans, and a veterans’ recognition ceremony to end the day.

“This is a fantastic library with access to many genealogical resources locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally... It is a great community resource.”

-Mary Jo M., Independence, Missouri
Black History Month

The Library presented six programs and a black history film series in February 2018 for Black History Month.

- African American Genealogical Research for Beginners
- An Enduring Legacy: Researching Your Family History to Tell Your Story
- Tales from the Black West
- The Story of the Buffalo Soldiers
- Who Was George Washington Carver?
- George Washington Carver: America’s Leonardo Da Vinci
- Film Series: Struggle and Victory – The African American Experience in Film

Dark Was Their Journey, an original work by Kansas City playwright Jacqee Gafford, was presented on April 4 at the Raytown Branch and April 11 at the Midwest Genealogy Center. The play featured performances by Lynn King as Betty Shabazz, Sherri Roulette-Mosley as Coretta Scott King, and Karen Cline Wright as Myrlie Evers-Williams, and portrayed a meeting of the women at a seaside resort where they reflected on their life journeys.

In addition, MCPL partnered with the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and displayed its traveling exhibit “They Were All-Stars” at four branches in February and March.

Donation

The Kansas City Globe newspaper, which is created by and for members of the African American community in Kansas City, donated six full pages for the Library to provide content in support of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month—valued at over $23,000.

Women’s History Month

In honor of Women’s History Month, the Library offered several programs on the heroines of our region’s and our nation’s past, including:

- Women Who Made a Difference in Kansas City, a history of the women who shaped our city through their leadership and moral compasses.
- We Who Dared: Inspiring Lives of Female Heroes, a kid-friendly exploration of the lives of female superheroes and the amazing women who inspired them.
- Historic Women Film Series, screenings and discussions of Hollywood’s interpretation of the female experience, from the suffragette movement to the search for equality in the workplace.
Access Art

For the fourth consecutive year, MCPL partnered with The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Kansas City Art Institute to present Access Art at MCPL’s North Independence Branch and Woodneath Library Center in April 2018. The all-day events, which encouraged customers to create new works of art, drew a total of 569 children, teens, and adults to a variety of programs at both locations.

LitUp Festival

Mid-Continent Public Library collaborated with Kansas City-area high school student Emery Uhlig to produce a first-time daylong arts and literature event for teens at the North Independence Branch on Saturday, May 12, 2018. More than 700 students attended the program, which featured keynote presentations by authors Ishmael Beah, Rainbow Rowell, and Nnedi Okorafor and workshops by more than 16 authors, illustrators, and poets.

“I finally feel like I’ve found kids who are like me.”

-LitUp Attendee

Woodneath Press:

The Woodneath Press published two books during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The First Beverly Hillbilly

Produced in September 2017 in conjunction with the Jackson County Historical Society, the memoir tells the little-known story of one of the most influential players in TV history—Independence, Mo., native Paul Henning, as told by his wife Ruth. It traces the couple’s journey from the Heartland to the heart of Hollywood. An accomplished producer and screenwriter, Paul Henning was responsible for the creation of such major hits as The Beverly Hillbillies, Petticoat Junction, and Green Acres and has often been credited with igniting the rural TV comedy movement in America during the era.

Peter Porcupine and the Peanut Butter Lies

The inspirational children’s book by renowned Christian author Donna Keith was released in March 2018.
The Story Center Speaker Series, offered in partnership with Rainy Day Books, continues to bring acclaimed authors of different genres to MCPL’s Woodneath Library Center to celebrate and inspire the art of the story.

Kathy Reichs and Fiona Barton – suspense authors
Terry Tempest Williams – environmental writer
Craig Johnson – author of the Walt Longmire Mysteries
Daniel H. Wilson – New York Times bestselling author
Shanthi Sekaran – debut author
Colleen Hoover – New York Times bestselling author
William Kent Krueger – New York Times bestselling author
Caroline Fraser – nonfiction author
Tayari Jones – NEA Big Read author
John Hart – New York Times bestselling author
Lisa See – New York Times bestselling author
Linda Spalding – award-winning author
Alex Grecian – New York Times bestselling author
Terry Brooks – New York Times bestselling fantasy author
Denise Kiernan – New York Times bestselling author
KissCon – romance writers Lenora Bell, Linda Howard, Cathy Maxwell, Alisha Rai, Jill Shalvis, Marie Tremayne, Lori Wilde
Mary Kay Andrews – mystery author
Lisa Ko – debut fiction author

$ Grants
• The Story Center is supported by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The Foundation’s contribution of $200,000 in 2017-2018 also supported Square One Small Business Services and MCPL’s Grow A Reader early literacy programs.

NEH Grant
• Through a combination of donations and a $300,000 National Endowment for the Humanities challenge grant, Mid-Continent Public Library has begun to gather funds that will be put toward the adaptive reuse of the historic home on the campus of the Woodneath Library Center. This house will become the home to The Story Center. (See page 18 for more information about the campaign).

Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies:
• $2,515 was awarded for arts programming in the following branches: Edgerton, Antioch, North Independence, Raytown, Blue Springs North, Grandview, Buckner, and South Independence.

Donation
• Steel City Media donated more than $10,000 in promotional time on its three stations to promote The Story Center Speaker Series programs.

The Story Center Certification Program:
The Story Center launched its written and oral storytelling certification programs in the fall of 2017 and held 71 programs during the fiscal year.
The Library continued to acquire donations for the adaptive reuse of the historic Elbridge Arnold home, also known as the Crouch Home, on the Woodneath Library Center campus. Upon completion of the project, the house will become home to The Story Center at Mid-Continent Public Library, where individuals and businesses can come to create, share, and connect through the art of storytelling. Once construction is complete, the historic home will offer dedicated spaces for specialized programs and exhibits, offices for The Story Center staff, and national headquarters offices for the National Storytelling Network. Work by Pishny Restoration Services to restore the exterior began in January 2018.

MCPL’s Development Department collaborated with a group of community volunteers in the spring and summer of 2018 who formed a public campaign committee to assist in creating awareness and generating donations.

Family-friendly events included a campaign kick-off event on April 6 with popular children’s entertainer Mr. Stinky Feet and an event called Tails and Trails on May 18, which included a tour of the new trail at the Woodneath Library Center. Plans are currently underway for a major fundraising finale event in October 2018.

Through June 30, 2018, more than $2.4 million has been pledged or received toward the renovation of the home, which represents 70% of the goal.

Woodneath Campaign

**Steering Committee**
John Dillingham, Honorary Co-Chair
Diane Pryor Jones, Honorary Co-Chair
Dr. Christian Sizemore, Steering Co-Chair
Anne Sizemore, Steering Co-Chair
Mike Burke, Mid-Range Gifts Chair

**Campaign Advisors**
Heather Hall
Joan Israelite
Scott Wagner

**Campaign Committee**
Jeremiah Morgan, Co-Chair
Rebecca Morgan, Co-Chair
Lori Garcia

Donors & Library Lovers

**2014-2018 Woodneath Capital Campaign Grants**
- Bank of America Edward Swinney Trust Grant $250,000
- William T. Kemper Foundation $250,000
- Sunderland Foundation $150,000
- JE Dunn Construction Company $100,000
- Dr. and Mrs. Christian Sizemore $25,000
- E. Kemper and Anna Curry Carter Community Memorial Trust $25,000
- Jedel Family Foundation $20,000
- Harry Portman Charitable Trust $10,000
- Harry C. Arnote Charitable Foundation $1,000

**Story Center Endowment Fund**
- La Fuente Mexican Restaurant $100,000

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## Library Value Calculator

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$3.37 in services for every tax dollar received
## FINANCES

### Operating Fund

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<td><strong>Total Revenues:</strong></td>
<td><strong>49,741,985</strong></td>
<td><strong>8,073,787</strong></td>
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| Expenditures:                 |                 |                      |                             |
| Payroll and Benefits          | 26,230,755      | -                    | -                           |
| Library Materials             | 10,084,069      | -                    | -                           |
| Library Operations            | 8,701,871       | 530,661              | 149,723                     |
| **Capital Outlay:**           | **45,016,695**  | **3,529,950**        | **149,723**                 |

| Other Financing Sources (uses): |                 |                      |                             |
| Fund Transfer In (Out)         | (-832,000)      | 832,000              | -                           |
| Debt Issuance                  | -               | 80,574,568           | -                           |
| Property Disposal              | -               | 814,365              | -                           |
| **Fund Balances, Beginning of Year** | **25,560,216** | **9,455,476**       | **478,423**                 |
| **Fund Balances, End of Year** | **$29,453,506** | **$96,220,246**     | **$418,198**                |

### Operating Fund Expenditures

- Personnel: $26,230,755
- Materials: $8,701,871
- Operations: $10,084,069

### Operating Fund Revenues

- Property Taxes: $48,028,942
- Fines, Fees, & Investment: $719,678
- Contributions & Grants: $993,365
STAFF

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**
(Left to right): Chief Technology Officer: Bryan Gash
Fundraising & Development Director: Diana Reiter
Community Relations & Planning Director: Jim Staley
Assistant Library Director and COO: Susan Wray
Library Director and CEO: Steven Potter
Chief Customer Experience Officer: Ritchie Momon
Internal Communications Director: Teresa Johnson
Finance & Facilities Director: Qun Fang
Human Resources Director: Don Bridgforth

**BRANCH LEADERSHIP**
- **Associate Director for Public Services**: Vicky Baker
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- **Oak Grove**: Amy Vajnar
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- **Smithville**: Sheryl Williams
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- **Weston**: Rachel Rafuse
- **Woodneath Library Center**: Kira Green

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- **Collection Development**: Terri Clark
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- **Information Technology**: Alan Chapin
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- **Supplies - Custodial**: Corinna Key
- **Technical Services**: Karen Wickwire
- **Warehouse**: Jim Happy
- **Youth Services**: Shari Ellison
## LOCATIONS

### PLATTE COUNTY

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<td>Boardwalk Branch</td>
<td>8656 N. Ambassador Drive</td>
<td>816.741.9011</td>
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<td>401 Hardesty St.</td>
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<td>8815 Tom Watson Pkwy.</td>
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<td>Platte City Branch</td>
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<td>816.858.2322</td>
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<td>Riversides Branch</td>
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<td>816.741.6288</td>
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<td>816.640.2874</td>
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<td>Claycomo Branch</td>
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<td>Excelsior Springs Branch</td>
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<td>816.781.9240</td>
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<td>North Oak Branch</td>
<td>8700 N. Oak Trfy.</td>
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<td>Smithville Branch</td>
<td>120 Richardson St.</td>
<td>816.532.0116</td>
<td>Mon. - Thu. 9 - 9, Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 1 - 5</td>
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<td>The Story Center</td>
<td>8900 NE Flintlock Road</td>
<td>816.883.4900</td>
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<td>Woodneath Library Center</td>
<td>8900 NE Flintlock Road</td>
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