

FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA
2016 ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016



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Leadership Letter

Free Library of Innovation

It has been another landmark year for the Free Library of Philadelphia, advancing literacy, guiding learning, and inspiring curiosity across every city neighborhood for people of all backgrounds and ages. This critical work could not be done without our hardworking staff members who bring our engaging programs, inspiring collections, and crucial services to life. You'll get to read about just some of those great offerings in the pages of this annual report for Fiscal Year 2016. This past year, we have worked to continue expanding our services, both within our walls and without. In libraries across the city, customers can find new and innovative resources and programs that build connections and opportunities. Seeking to aid job seekers, Paschalville Library launched a Tiebrary, an innovative tie-lending service that helps job interviewees look their best. To help connect families separated by incarceration and to promote early literacy, we piloted Stories Alive, a family televisiting and shared reading program hosted in the Kensington, Frankford, and Widener libraries. Capitalizing on the national political conversation of this presidential election year, librarians created the American Presidency Series, a lecture series that has delved into topics relating to the world's most difficult job. Staff across the library system, through listening to and interacting with customers every day, are constantly reimagining how the Free Library can meet the needs and enrich the minds of Philadelphians.



From left to right: Pamela P. Dembe, Tobey Gordon Dichter, and Siobhan A. Reardon (credit: Kelly and Massa Photography)

We have also continued to expand the reach of the Library, making resources available from wherever our users are—at home, on the go, in transit, or even in lands far away. Customers can now easily sign up for a virtual library card, and we have increased the number of ebooks, audiobooks, and streaming music albums in our digital collection. We advertised the Library's rich and varied digital resources through the "Free Library Anywhere" advertising and social media campaigns, letting Philadelphians know the power of the library in their pocket.

Finally, the reopening of South Philadelphia Library—the first new library in the city in more than 10 years and the first of the Free Library's pilot neighborhood libraries to be transformed through the *Building Inspiration: 21st Century Libraries Initiative*—now serves as a model of what libraries can and should be in a rapidly changing, technologically oriented world.

As always, we remain grateful for your support and dedication to the Free Library and these essential initiatives. Your support helps the Library serve all Philadelphians and millions of people who visit our libraries—and freelibrary.org—from across the country and around the world. Thank you for remaining champions of literacy, learning, and equal access to information and enlightenment for all.

Happy reading!

Warmly,

Siobhan A. Reardon
President and Director
Free Library of Philadelphia

Pamela P. Dembe
Chair, Board of Trustees
Free Library of Philadelphia

Tobey Gordon Dichter
Chair, Board of Directors
Free Library of Philadelphia
Foundation





1. President Jimmy Carter drew a crowd of 450 to the book signing for his memoir *A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety*.
Credit: Ryan Brandenburg

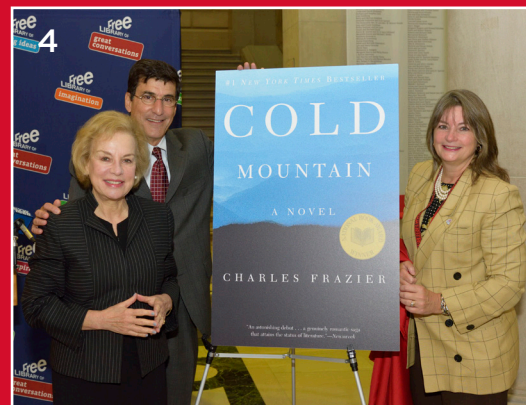


2. Ten outstanding Summer Reading participants from across the city—pictured here with their neighborhood librarians, Library President and Director Siobhan A. Reardon, and Summer Reading corporate sponsors—were honored at the Summer of Wonder Exceptional Readers Celebration.
Credit: Kelly and Massa Photography



3. A series of entry-level job fairs funded by Citizens Bank Foundation held at libraries throughout the system connected job seekers with Philadelphia-area employers and offered valuable job search tips.
Credit: Jennifer Donsky

4. Marie Field, Chair of *One Book, One Philadelphia*; Michael DiBerardinis, then Deputy Mayor for the Environment and Community Resources; and Siobhan A. Reardon, Free Library President and Director, helped unveil the *One Book* 2016 featured selection, *Cold Mountain*, and companion selections *The Civil War* and *Twelve Years a Slave*.
Credit: Jules Vuotto



5. Students gathered for a human chess match in honor of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, as an extension of the Rosenbach's eight-month *Down the Rabbit Hole: Celebrating 150 Years of Alice in Wonderland* exhibition.
Credit: Alix Gerz



Fiscal Year 2016 in Review

In FY 2016 (July 1, 2015, - June 30, 2016), the Free Library of Philadelphia proudly hosted **28,122** engaging and enlightening programs for children and adults throughout its 54-library system. Just some of the many achievements of the year are highlighted here.

July 2015

From its early July launch to the finale at the end of August, **900AM WURD** took its **5th Annual Summer of Freedom Tour** to 15 neighborhood libraries. Host Stephanie Renee's *Mojo* broadcast gave people throughout the city the chance to listen live or on the radio to community, library, and other informed voices.

As part of the renowned **Author Events Series**, President Jimmy Carter visited the Parkway Central Library to sign copies of his autobiography *A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety*, drawing an around-the-block crowd of Philadelphians of all ages. Including this memorable event, the 22nd season of the Author Events Series hosted 142 events in FY 2016, drawing 29,492 people to the Parkway Central Library's Montgomery Auditorium. Bestselling authors James McBride and Joyce Carol Oates, political figureheads Ben Bernanke and Robert M. Gates, astronaut Buzz Aldrin, and 2015 National Book Award winner Ta-Nehisi Coates all joined in lively conversations.

August 2015

The **Summer of Wonder Exceptional Readers Celebration** honored 10 outstanding Summer Reading participants from across the city. The students, nominated by their neighborhood librarians, received diplomas and school supplies in recognition of their hard work. The Summer of Wonder program was inspired by the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. This flagship Library program encourages more than 50,000 children, teens, and adults to read and participate in programming during the summer months, helping students prevent the "summer slide" and even make gains in their reading levels. Summer Reading is made possible by presenting sponsors Wells Fargo, Comcast, NBC10, Telemundo62, and Comcast Spectator.

To celebrate the landmark **papal visit** to Philadelphia, the **Rare Book Department** at the Parkway Central Library displayed rare religious texts in its exhibition ***Sacred Stories: The World's Religious Traditions***. Running from August through January 2016, the exhibition highlighted the shared traditions of scripture in Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism, among other religions.

September 2015

To launch the Library's **virtual library card**, Free Library staff spent a morning aiding Philadelphians at the 90 Seconds or Less: Virtual-Library-Card Sign-Up event, held at the Municipal Services Building. As part of the **#FreeLibraryAnywhere** campaign to promote the Library's digital resources that are available from anywhere, users received a library card number and instant access to digital content. More than 500 Philadelphians signed up for library cards as a result of this initiative!

As part of the **Citizens Bank-funded job fair series**, a fair was held for the first time at **McPherson Square Library**. With companies from across the Philadelphia region participating in this and five other job fairs at libraries across the system, there were opportunities for job seekers to learn about open positions, talk to prospective employers, and share their résumés.

October 2015

The 14th **One Book, One Philadelphia** selection, *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier, was revealed at a ceremony at Parkway Central Library that included a musical performance from members of Opera Philadelphia's *Cold Mountain* opera, composed by Jennifer Higdon. The announcement kicked off a reading period in advance of the annual two-month swirl of city-wide, book-related happenings. Through discussion of National Book Award winner *Cold Mountain*, as well as adult companion books *The Civil War*, by Geoffrey Ward with Ric Burns and Ken Burns, and *Twelve Years a Slave*, by Solomon Northup, Philadelphians focused on the larger scope of the Civil War, with all its complexities and ramifications. During February and March, more than 100,000 individuals took part in panel discussions, museum tours, film screenings, writing workshops, book clubs, and more.

The Rosenbach's *Down the Rabbit Hole: Celebrating 150 Years of Alice in Wonderland* exhibition opened in October, delighting visitors with its exploration of the many facets of this literary classic, including its cultural impact and lasting legacy, the little-known but fascinating story of *Alice* and Philadelphia, and an interactive gallery dedicated to Lewis Carroll's puzzles and games. To mark the exhibition's opening, Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, and Philadelphians of all ages gathered for an *Alice*-inspired croquet party in Dilworth Park. From October to May, 5,883 visitors explored the multifaceted exhibition, including more than 1,000 who came during the week-long period the original *Alice* manuscript was on display.

November 2015

The Free Library was awarded a \$25,000 **Sparks! Ignition Grant for Libraries**—part of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Grants for Libraries program—to pilot **Free Library Prison Services**. This program provides returning citizens with a temporary library card and re-entry resource packet on the day of their release, as well as connects families separated by incarceration through *Stories Alive*, a family televisiting and shared reading program hosted in the Kensington, Frankford, and Widener libraries. In the first few months of operation 22 families were served by this impactful program.

The innovative **Maker Jawn initiative** was awarded a **21st Century Solutions grant** from NBC10, Telemundo62, and NBCUniversal Foundation. Launched in 2013 and operating in underserved neighborhoods in North Philadelphia, Maker Jawn introduces and engages Philadelphians in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)-based projects aimed to help them understand and become inspired by electronics and computing through imaginative tinkering.

The Free Library launched **#FLPNoShameNovember**, a month-long social media and digital campaign that encouraged participants to proudly share materials that may be embarrassing or blush-worthy to read, watch, or listen to, casting aside shame. The tongue-in-cheek campaign, which received hundreds of 'Likes' on Facebook, showcased the Free Library's resources, fostered engagement with literature and media, and encouraged those without library cards to sign up and join the fun.

December 2015

Haddington Library celebrated its centennial with a party for library donors, friends, and customers that featured dancers from Philadanco, a delicious cake, and certificates of appreciation awarded to distinguished individuals. Opened on December 3, 1915, it was designed by Albert Kelsey, the same architect who chaired the committee to develop the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

January 2016

Fishtown Library debuted **PAWS for Reading**, a literacy program sponsored by PAWS for People that offers non-judgmental support for reluctant readers. Children practice their reading skills with therapy dog Miracle, a 4-year-old terrier mix. The program has since launched at **Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library** and **Whitman Library**.

The Free Library and its **President and Director Siobhan A. Reardon** were featured on **WHYY's *The Pulse***, recorded on location at Parkway Central Library. The episode, "Rebirth of the Library: What Does the Next Chapter Hold," delved into the future of libraries in the 21st century and how the Free Library is changing to meet customer and community needs.

February 2016

Black History Month saw more than 30 events occur throughout the Free Library system. Black history and culture came alive through an inventors' showcase at **Blanche A. Nixon/Cobbs Creek Library**, an African mask-making workshop at **Haddington Library**, and a program on hip-hop jazz musicology at the **Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr. Library**. Taste buds were also tickled at the **Culinary Literacy Center's** "A Taste of African Heritage" and an **Eastwick Library** program highlighting African American potato chip inventor George Crum.

From February to July, the **Rare Book Department featured *Or Else: Cautionary Tales for Children***, an exhibition highlighting the moral lessons in children's literature from the 18th century through today. *Or Else* featured nearly 100 books and illustrations, as well as a stocked reading nook that allowed 2,880 visitors to experience the stories directly.

March 2016

Mayor Jim Kenney visited **Widener Library** to read to children in celebration of **Dr. Seuss's 112th birthday**. The library also celebrated the **National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day**, which intentionally coincides with Dr. Seuss's birthday and has become an occasion to celebrate reading and fun by bringing together kids, teens, families, and books. Librarians and children at other Free Library locations across the city, including **Fishtown, Overbrook, Lawncrest, and Wynnefield libraries**, also donned Seuss hats and joined in the reading fun.

Charles Santore Library won the 2016 Most Creative Flower Display at the **Philadelphia Flower Show**. With the help of children from the Bella Vista neighborhood, the display of tissue-paper flowers beat out other established businesses and organizations for the top prize.

The **Job Readiness Lab at Paschalville Library**, which already offered one-on-one assistance with résumé writing and job searching, launched its **Tiebrary**, an innovative lending service that helps job interviewees look their best. The colorful selection of ties is lined up on display inside old clear VHS tape cases. The collection made a big splash when Mayor Kenney tweeted about it!

Librarians Liz Fitzgerald and Titus Moolathara were recognized by *Library Journal* among its **2016 Movers & Shakers**. Liz, the administrator of the Culinary Literacy Center (CLC), was awarded for her extraordinary vision for and leadership of the CLC, which opened in 2014. Titus, the project manager of the Library's new Prison Services initiative and the branch manager at Widener Library, was recognized following his extensive efforts to bring library services to the Philadelphia Prison System. In addition, **Kenneth Manns**, the director of the Library's Volunteer Services, was selected for an **honorable mention for *Library Journal's* Paralibrarian of the Year Award**

April 2016

The **American Presidency Series**—a 10-month program that examined untold stories of, unconventional approaches to, and contemporary concerns about the world's most difficult job—kicked off with a lecture from renowned presidential historian Richard Norton Smith on the careers of presidents who took on the toughest job in the world and failed. Other lectures included one-time senatorial candidate Shenna Bellows and author Erin Souza-Rezendes on women in politics and the *Washington Post's* Matea Gold on the ramifications of *Citizens United*.

The Free Library celebrated **National Library Week** with blog and social media posts about banned books, why staff loves working at the library, and other topics that help support library use. This week also saw the spring launch of the **"Free Library Anywhere"** advertising campaign, aimed at raising awareness of the Library's rich and varied digital resources with targeted advertisements on regional rail, buses, subways, station platforms, and bus shelters, as well as online.

May 2016

For **Philly Tech Week**, presented by Technical.ly, the Library hosted a Mayoral Tech Town Hall. Mayor Jim Kenney spoke with a panel of Philadelphia tech and entrepreneurship community leaders about his technology priorities and theirs. The Free Library's **Hot Spots** also offered digital-literacy workshops on cloud computing and e-gadget help.

Now in its second year, the **Words at Play Vocabulary Initiative**, supported by PNC's Grow Up Great, expanded its early-literacy territory by creating book nooks at barbershops in North Philadelphia. The ribbon was cut on the first book nook at "Jazz the Barber's" Unisex Hair Salon on Cecil B. Moore Avenue by Mayor Kenney and an excited group of young readers from a nearby daycare.

Walnut Street West Library celebrated its **110th anniversary** with a joyous community party. The current building opened to the public in 1906 and was the first of 30 libraries funded by a grant from Andrew Carnegie. The 110th fête featured piano and violin recitals, the Federalwinds quintet, singers, storytimes, cake, and a resolution from City Council, presented by Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell.

June 2016

The rebuilt **South Philadelphia Library** officially reopened, becoming the first new library in the city in more than 10 years and the first of the Free Library's pilot neighborhood libraries to be transformed through the **Building Inspiration: 21st Century Libraries Initiative**. Located in the brand new South Philadelphia Community Health and Literacy Center at 1700 S. Broad Street, it joined the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the City of Philadelphia's Health Center 2, and the DiSilvestro Recreation Center in providing healthcare, literacy, and recreational services in a single location for children and families in South Philadelphia. The library expects to serve more than 150,000 customers annually.

Thanks to Councilman Bobby Henon, the Free Library and the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program have created the **Tacony Library and Arts Building (LAB)** down the street from the Tacony Library. This hub for learning, creativity, and community engagement combines a temporary home for Tacony's neighborhood library while it undergoes extensive renovations as part of the *Building Inspiration: 21st Century Libraries Initiative* with studio space for two Mural Arts artists-in-residence.

Philadelphia-born **rapper Freeway** met with local teens participating in the **Paschalville Library's afterschool makerspace program**, a music production program run by Greater Love Productions and Southwest Leadership Academy music teacher Aaron Gamble. Freeway, who hails from North Philadelphia, spoke to the teens about music production and the music industry as a career path.



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1. As of May, children in North Philadelphia can enjoy Book Nooks at local barbershops, created by the *Words at Play Vocabulary Initiative* to promote early literacy. Credit: Curt Hudson

2. The rebuilt South Philadelphia Library, part of the new South Philadelphia Community Health and Literacy Center, reopened to great fanfare. Credit: Kelly and Massa Photography

3. Philadelphia-born rapper Freeway met with local teens participating in the Paschalville Library's afterschool makerspace program. Credit: Ryan Brandenburg

4. Mayor Jim Kenney visited Widener Library to read to children in celebration of Dr. Seuss's 112th birthday, which coincided with the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day. Credit: Jennifer Donsky

5. Bus shelters, buses, regional rail, subways, station platforms, and websites featured the Library's "Free Library Anywhere" advertising campaign, aimed at raising awareness of the Library's rich and varied digital resources.

Statistic Snapshots

Program Statistics

	FY 2015	FY 2016
Number of Adult Programs	12,645	12,732
Attendance at Adult Programs	226,409	232,500
Number of Children's Programs	13,655	15,390
Attendance at Children's Programs	252,110	297,788
LEAP Attendance	94,835	110,255*

Service Statistics

	FY 2015	FY 2016
Library Visits: In-Person	5,891,382	4,731,082
Library Visits: Online	9,907,573	7,057,977*
Hot Spot Visits	9,819	5,922†
Website Hits	418,842,938	441,836,177
Public Computer Use in Libraries	1,316,878	844,904†
Reference Questions Handled	3,412,489	2,918,832
Registered Borrowers	592,172	657,028
Materials Borrowed System-Wide	6,511,582	5,849,733
Hours of Emergency Closings	6,803	12,384§
Total Library Volunteers	1,688	3,273
Total Volunteer Hours	94,938	101,962
Work Study Student Volunteers	284	278
Work Study Student Volunteer Hours	32,674	26,081

* Numbers reflect an update in the process of reporting such statistics.

† Numbers reflect a cut in materials budget and/or emergency closings due to staff shortages, harsh weather, and infrastructure complications, including buildings in need of repairs, heat or air conditioning issues, and water damage.

§ Hours closed includes hours at those libraries closed for construction during FY16, in addition to emergency closings.

Noteworthy Nuggets In Fiscal Year 2016...

- The Literacy Enrichment Afterschool Program (LEAP) served 3,400 students each day during the school year.
- There were more than 1,400 ESL-class participants each month.
- The Author Events Series hosted 29,492 attendees.
- Library users downloaded 559,621 Author Events podcasts.
- The Culinary Literacy Center hosted 6,927 attendees at more than 250 programs.
- The Edwin A. Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music lent 18,327 scores and parts to more than 180 orchestras.
- The most checked-out book and ebook was *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.
- The most popular children's picture book was *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle.
- The most downloaded Author Events podcast was *Art and Its Unifying Power: A Conversation*, presented by the Free Library and the Philadelphia Orchestra.
- The top digital resource database was the free magazine resource Zinio.

Financial Highlights and Background

Free Library of Philadelphia

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Operating Support and Revenue*

City General Fund	\$40,100,988
State Grant Funds	\$7,802,763
Total support and revenue	\$47,903,751

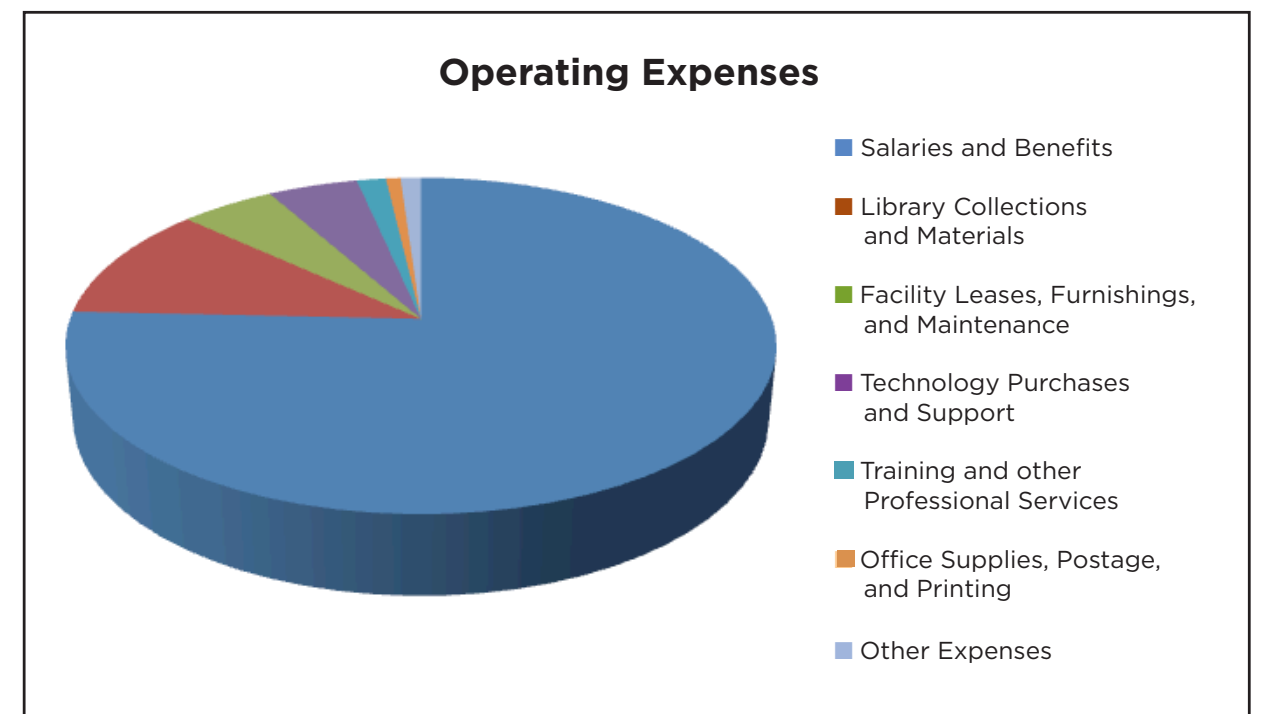
Operating Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$36,266,002†
Library Collections and Materials	\$5,296,037†
Facility Leases, Furnishings, and Maintenance	\$2,420,942
Technology Purchases and Support	\$2,292,039
Training and Other Professional Services	\$743,666
Office Supplies, Postage, and Printing	\$368,936
Other Expenses	\$516,129

TOTAL **\$47,903,751**

* Revenues may include encumbrances and/or appropriations from prior fiscal years, using the modified accrual and cash basis of accounting permitted by municipal accounting standards.

† Of the \$1 million allocated for Read by 4th, in FY16 \$530,000 was spent in Salaries and Benefits and \$300,000 in Library Collections and Materials. The remaining \$170,000 will be spent in FY17 for tutoring services.



FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2015

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	2016 TOTAL	2015 TOTAL
Operating support and revenue:					
Grants and contributions	\$ 2,908,538	\$ 13,982,463	\$ -	\$ 16,891,001	\$ 16,244,280
Federal and state grants and city capital	332,551	598,447	-	930,998	1,146,902
Contributions - Central Library Campaign	-	2,429,896	-	2,429,896	810,324
Fees and library services	419,618	30,544	-	450,162	429,003
Fines and lost books	203,082	-	-	203,082	249,370
Sale of books and publications	38,395	-	-	38,395	46,032
Program revenue	25,646	-	-	25,646	31,069
Admissions	39,799	-	-	39,799	35,549
Other income	426,890	15,223	-	442,113	450,639
Dividend and interest income	7,600	-	-	7,600	3,985
Long-term investment return designated for operations	245,034	1,426,332	-	1,671,366	1,274,871
Net assets released from restriction	12,236,789	(12,236,789)	-	-	-
Total Operating Support and Revenue	16,883,942	6,246,116	-	23,130,058	20,722,024
Operating expenses:					
Programs and library services					
Public programs	5,460,156	-	-	5,460,156	4,610,151
Collections and preservation	108,598	-	-	108,598	180,874
Technology	143,547	-	-	143,547	296,895
Facilities renovation	1,784,181	-	-	1,784,181	148,715
Central Library capital renovation project	5,362,051	-	-	5,362,051	3,639,277
Total Program Services	12,858,533	-	-	12,858,533	8,875,912
Supporting services					
Administration	1,065,867	-	-	1,065,867	1,226,695
Fund raising	2,641,192	-	-	2,641,192	2,250,685
Total Supporting Services	3,707,059	-	-	3,707,059	3,477,380
Total Operating Expenses	16,565,592	-	-	16,565,592	12,353,292
Change in net assets from operations	318,350	6,246,116	-	6,564,466	8,368,732
Non-operating support and gains (loss):					
Grants and contributions to endowment	872,744	367,981	1,000	1,241,725	2,281,994
Long-term investment return (loss) in excess of return designated for operations	(428,383)	(1,944,639)	-	(2,373,022)	(843,981)
Collection items purchased	(13,595)	(3,014)	-	(16,609)	(174,603)
Total Non-operating Support and Gains (Loss)	430,766	(1,579,672)	1,000	(1,147,906)	1,263,410
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	749,116	4,666,444	1,000	5,416,560	9,632,142
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	11,948,539	27,040,677	17,081,719	56,070,935	46,438,793
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 12,697,655	\$ 31,707,121	\$ 17,082,719	\$ 61,487,495	\$ 56,070,935

FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION AND SUBSIDIARY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	JUNE 30,	
	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,981,381	\$ 10,031,142
Grants and contributions receivable, net	8,874,656	6,861,344
Fines and other receivables	1,063,418	632,947
Inventory	104,971	100,230
Prepaid expenses	168,908	97,512
Property and equipment, net	3,771,162	3,836,215
Investments	34,127,879	35,948,714
Beneficial interest in life insurance	35,416	32,718
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 63,127,791	\$ 57,540,822
LIABILITIES		
Notes payable	\$ -	\$ 119,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,112,357	732,964
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	371,764	510,451
Split-interest liabilities	156,175	107,472
Total Liabilities	1,640,296	1,469,887
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	12,697,655	11,948,539
Temporarily restricted	31,707,121	27,040,677
Permanently restricted	17,082,719	17,081,719
Total Net Assets	61,487,495	56,070,935
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 63,127,791	\$ 57,540,822

Financial Background

BACKGROUND

The Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation (the Foundation) functions primarily to secure federal, state, city, and private grants and contributions to expend those funds on various Library programs.

Agreement with Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia

The Foundation entered into an agreement dated June 19, 1984, with the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, an independent board of the City of Philadelphia (City or City Library) responsible for securing and expending City appropriations. Under this agreement, the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia maintains care and custody of the collections of the Foundation and makes all necessary operational decisions as to the management of the libraries and the collections of the Foundation. These financial statements reflect only the assets, liabilities, net assets, and changes in net assets of the Foundation and, accordingly, do not include any amount applicable to the financial position or changes in net assets of the City Library.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reflects all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Basis of Presentation

The Foundation reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. Unrestricted net assets are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. The Board of Directors may elect to designate such assets for specific purposes or to have them function as endowment. This designation may be removed at the Board's discretion. Temporarily restricted net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of the Foundation or by the passage of time. Permanently restricted net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that require that they be maintained permanently.

The statement of activities distinguishes changes in net assets from operations from other changes in net assets. Operating activity includes revenues and other support, including investment income generated from short-term investments, as well as long-term investment income designated for operations, and all expenses that are available to provide program services and support the administrative functions of the Foundation. Other charges in net assets include permanently restricted contributions and contributions designated for other purposes by the Board, as well as long-term investment income in excess of (or less than) the Foundation's designated spending rate.

Revenue is reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets are reported as net assets released from restrictions.

Free Library of Philadelphia Locations

Center City

The Rosenbach
2008-2010 Delancey Pl.
215-732-1600

Independence
18 S. 7th St.
215-685-1633

Library for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped
919 Walnut St.
215-683-3213

Philadelphia City Institute
1905 Locust St.
215-685-6621

North

Cecil B. Moore
2320 Cecil B. Moore Ave.
215-685-2766

Fishtown Community
1217 E. Montgomery Ave.
215-685-9990

Kensington
104 W. Dauphin St.
215-685-9995

Lillian Marrero
601 W. Lehigh Ave.
215-685-9794

McPherson Square
601 E. Indiana Ave.
215-685-9994

Mercy Neighborhood
Ministries Hot Spot
1939 W. Venango St.
215-227-4393

Nicetown-Tioga
3720 N. Broad St.
215-685-9790

Richmond
2987 Almond St.
215-685-9992

The Village of Arts and
Humanities Hot Spot
2544 Germantown Ave.
215-225-7830

Ramonita G.
de Rodriguez
600 W. Girard Ave.
215-686-1768

Widener
2808 W. Lehigh Ave.
215-685-9799

Northeast

Bushrod
6304 Castor Ave.
215-685-1471

Bustleton
10199 Bustleton Ave.
215-685-0472

Fox Chase
501 Rhawn St.
215-685-0547

Frankford
4634 Frankford Ave.
215-685-1473

Holmesburg
7810 Frankford Ave.
215-685-8756

Katharine Drexel
11099 Knights Rd.
215-685-9383

Lawncrest
6098 Rising Sun Ave.
215-685-0549

Northeast Regional
2228 Cottman Ave.
215-685-0522

Tacony
6742 Torresdale Ave.
215-685-8755

TAC Lab
6918 Torresdale Ave.
215-685-9339

Torresdale
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