

2017 PARTNERSHIP IMPACT REPORT

CHICAGO
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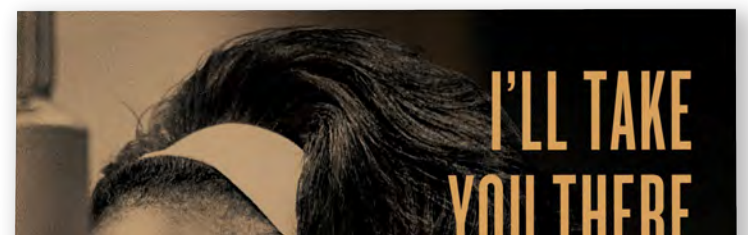
CHICAGO
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There are approximately 1 million active library card holders in the city. That's one-third of all Chicago households.

THE LIBRARY IS WHERE THE CITY COMES TOGETHER.

HERE'S HOW YOUR SUPPORT OF CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY & LIBRARY FOUNDATION HAVE BUILT THIS COMMUNITY.





WELCOME.

Nearly everyone has a vivid memory of a favorite library. We remember checking out a book for the first time (as many as were allowed!), story times enjoyed with children and grandchildren, studying long hours in a quiet corner, and so much more.

Today, libraries the world over are transforming into spaces filled with new experiences—and our Chicago Public Library is leading that change.

There will always be a quiet corner in which to study or to curl up with a book, but now STEM learning, human centered design, and 21st century technologies are seamlessly integrated with more traditional programming and services. Our city’s 80 (and growing) neighborhood branches are welcoming people of all ages and diverse backgrounds and connecting them in ways that very few other organizations can match. This year, the Library announced that three new co-located housing and library developments—the first of their kind—would be built with the Chicago Housing Authority. Indeed, through City investment and innovative partnerships, the Library has seen over \$200 million of new capital projects and investments in the people and programs that activate our library system, as highlighted on page 36 of this report.

Chicago Public Library is thriving because the community invests in its success. On the following pages, we acknowledge the sustaining donors who contributed what they could each

month to the vitality of their community. We recognize the leading philanthropists, businesses, and foundations that partnered with us to address big problems like the achievement gap for schoolchildren, social isolation among older adults, and the need for a digitally literate workforce. And we celebrate everyone in between who contributed to making Chicago Public Library’s extraordinary work possible in 2017. Now more than ever, it is essential to have vibrant, welcoming spaces where all people are invited to learn, to grow, and to create new memories. We are fortunate indeed to live in a city so committed to its Library, and to our signature partnership programs: YOUmedia, Summer Learning Challenge, Teacher in the Library, CyberNavigators, and One Book, One Chicago. As always, we are working to ensure this continued excellence.

Please join us as we celebrate all that we accomplished together.

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Everyday Uses
Rock & Card Set

ROCKS
MINERALS

Illustrated
LED Pocket
Microscope
30x Magnification

Forward

What is a rock? A rock is a solid mass of mineral or organic material, naturally formed at or near the Earth's surface, and is generally of sufficient size and composition to be considered a rock. Rocks are composed of one or more minerals, and are classified based on their composition and texture. The study of rocks is called petrology, and is a branch of geology. Rocks are found everywhere, and are an important part of the Earth's crust. They are used in many ways, including as building materials, as tools, and as sources of raw materials. The study of rocks can help us understand the Earth's history and the processes that shape it.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS





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— Brian Tee
Parent, and actor on *Chicago Med*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

EARLY LEARNING

Birth to age 5 are some of the most formative years in an individual's development. By empowering families to be their child's first and best teacher, Chicago Public Library is working to ensure that all children have a bright start in life. In every neighborhood branch, families can find individualized guidance, book recommendations, and fun programs that nurture young learners' brain development and build important pre-literacy skills. This guidance focuses on the building blocks of early literacy: Talk, Sing, Read, Write, Play. And, in 2017, the Library unveiled the reimaged Thomas Hughes Children's Library—a light-filled space designed by Gensler that invites families to play and to be curious together, and that serves as a model for dynamic new play spaces across the city.

BY THE NUMBERS

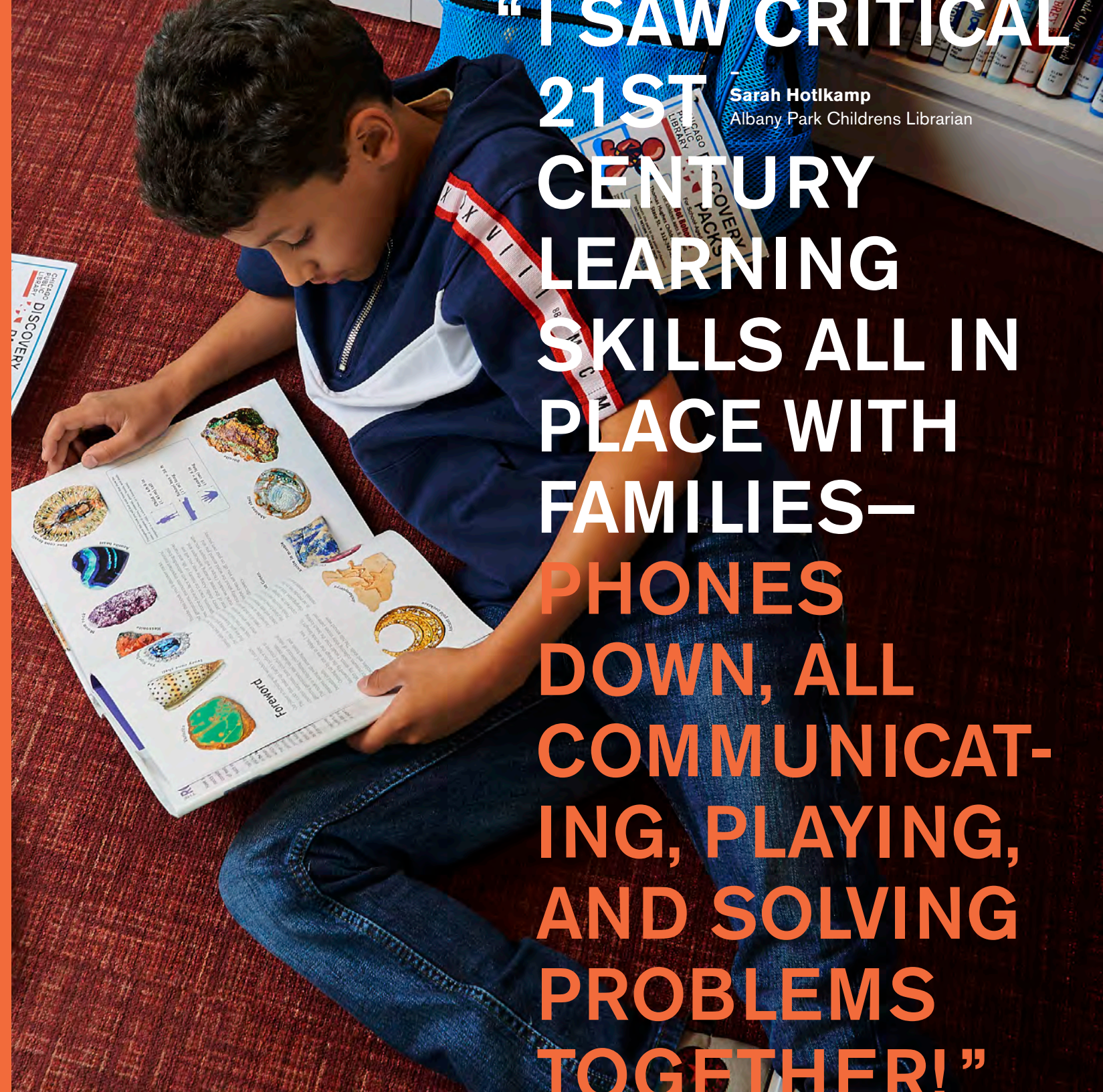
137,641	FAMILIES ENJOYED EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS SYSTEM WIDE
120	LIBRARIANS AND STAFF TAKING PART IN FOUR BRINSON FOUNDATION-FUNDED EARLY LEARNING TRAININGS EACH YEAR
52%	INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE
45%	INCREASE IN EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS
24	LIBRARIES WITH DYNAMIC NEW INTERACTIVE PLAY SPACES, THANKS TO EXELON AND PNC BANK

SCIENCE- CONNECTIONS

Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills are more important than perhaps ever before. To ensure all Chicago's kids can enjoy quality STEM-based learning, ScienceConnections brings science to life at every one of our neighborhood libraries. Kids from pre-K through 8th grade develop their natural curiosity and problem-solving abilities with fun activities led by experts from The Laboratory, Mad Science Chicago, and the Museum of Science and Industry. So the next time you see a drone hovering inside the Harold Washington Library Center or children engineering the towering skyscrapers of tomorrow with straws, you'll know you're seeing STEM learning at work!

BY THE NUMBERS

2,280	KIDS LEARNING STEM SKILLS
123	FREE STEM PROGRAMS
264	CIRCULATING DISCOVERY PACKS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE IEEE-CHICAGO SECTION AND S&C ELECTRIC COMPANY FOUNDATION
600	KIDS AND PARENTS AT THE ANNUAL STEAM-POWERED SATURDAY
498	FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN 25 BOEING-SPONSORED ENGINEERING PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT SIX NEIGHBORHOODS



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Sarah Hotlkamp
Albany Park Childrens Librarian



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— Matthew Boulay
PhD, Founder and CEO
National Summer Learning Association

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

RAHM'S READERS SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

Every summer, students—especially those from lower-income families—are at risk of losing some of the academic gains they made during the previous school year. The Summer Learning Challenge provides a fun 10 weeks of free, interactive, STEAM-focused programming in every branch to halt the summer slide in its tracks and make sure all Chicago's kids start school ready to learn. This year's superhero theme invited kids birth to age 13 to join the Super Explorers from June 19 to September 1.

BY THE NUMBERS



90,586,487

TOTAL MINUTES OF READING

105,000+

KIDS PARTICIPATED—A RECORD HIGH

423

FREE DONOR-FUNDED PROGRAMS FOR KIDS ACROSS CHICAGO

19

COMMUNITY DAYS DISTRIBUTED FREE BOOKS THANKS TO BERNIE'S BOOK BANK

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NEW GUINNESS WORLD RECORD! MORE THAN 100 CHILDREN PLAYED A MASSIVE 1,670 SQUARE-FOOT GIANT WORD WINDER (THE LARGEST EVER PLAYED) TO SET A NEW GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR THE "LARGEST PLAYABLE WORD WINDER BOARD" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DAVID L. HOYT EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

HOMEWORK HELP

The costs of a private tutor is prohibitive for many families. But at CPL, all families have access to individualized learning support as part of the largest, most comprehensive free homework help program in the country. During the school year, accredited educators—the Teachers in the Library (TILs)—help grade-school students throughout the city become more skilled and confident learners. The nearly 100,000 sessions provided in 2016/17 represent a 68% increase over four years, when the program was expanded with Homework Help volunteers and began offering free, bilingual online tutoring through Brainfuse.com.

BY THE NUMBERS

91,201 TEACHER IN THE LIBRARY SESSIONS

4,515 UNIQUE STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE ACADEMIC SUPPORT

8,836 BRAINFUSE SESSIONS

“MY DAUGHTER IS DOING SO MUCH BETTER IN SCHOOL! SHE IS ABLE TO DO HER HOMEWORK MUCH MORE ON HER OWN NOW. I CAN'T EVEN FIND THE WORDS TO EXPRESS HOW WONDERFUL IT IS.”

— Nicole Daniels-Rowe
parent at South Chicago branch

TEEN PROGRAMS



YOU MEDIA

You might be tempted to visit one of the Library's 12 YOUmedia sites—but these action-packed spaces are for teens only! Adolescence is a time of incredible growth and discovery. YOUmedia provides a safe place where teens can find the transformational experiences and support they need to succeed in school and in life. In teens-only spaces open to all students, mentors guide young people through project-based learning opportunities in a variety of STEAM areas that help teens make informed decisions about post-high school opportunities and potential career paths.

BY THE NUMBERS

46,253 VISITS TO 12 YOU MEDIA SITES

13,780+ PARTICIPANTS IN YOU MEDIA WORKSHOPS – A 22% INCREASE OVER 2016

5,261 UNIQUE TEENS SERVED

556 ATTENDEES AT THE SECOND ANNUAL CHITEEN LIT FEST

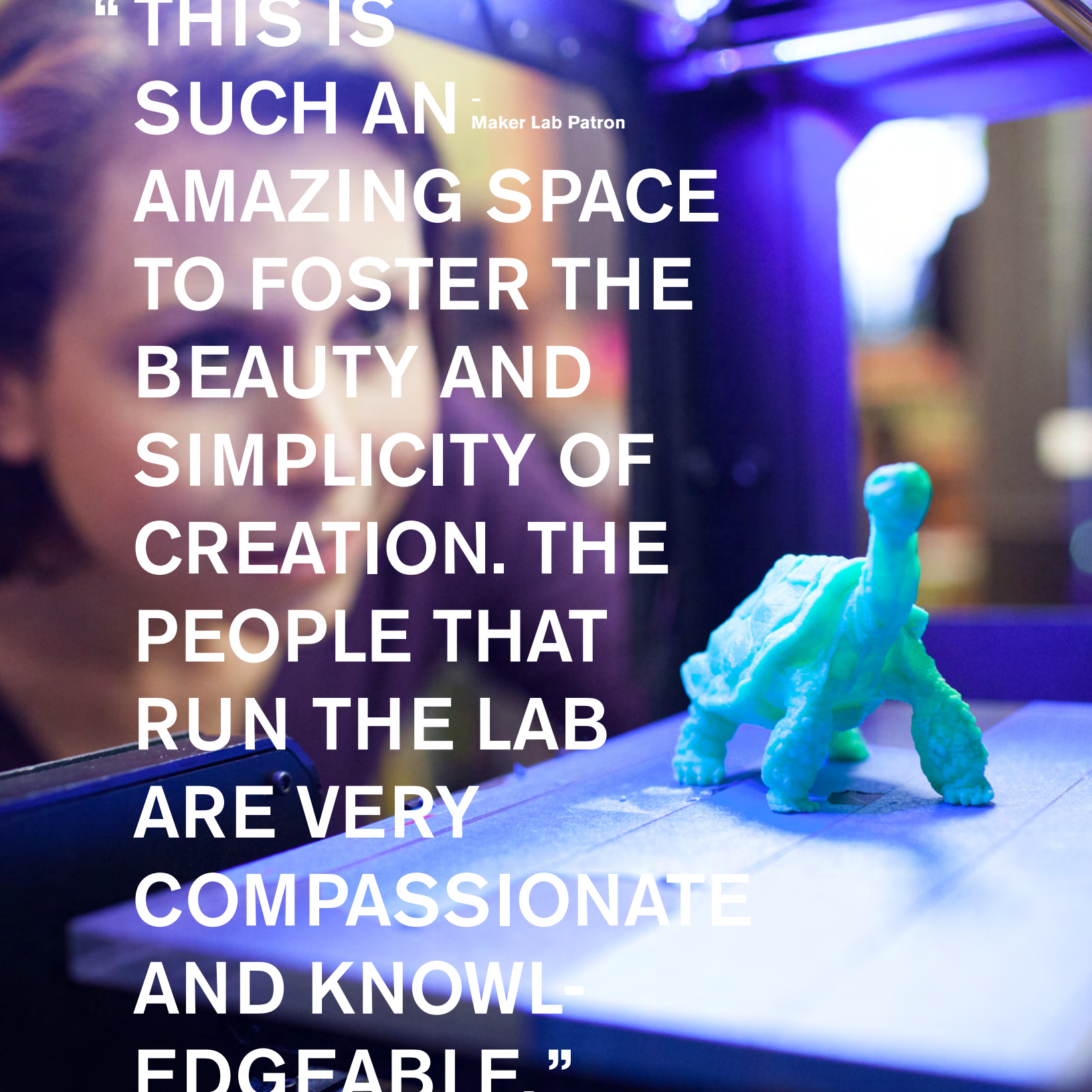
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— Julia Stasch
President of MacArthur Foundation



ADULT PROGRAMS





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- Maker Lab Patron

ADULT PROGRAMS

MAKER LAB

Calling all educators, students, artists, and entrepreneurs! This free space welcomes Chicagoans eager to create using the very latest digital design prototyping and production tools through introductory workshops and Open Shop. Regardless of age or zip code, Maker Lab patrons form a community of hands-on learners working together to solve design problems and discover new ways of making their ideas into reality.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 51,716** TOTAL VISITORS TO THE FLAGSHIP HAROLD WASHINGTON LIBRARY CENTER SITE
- 4,248** MAKERS PARTICIPATED IN 604 WORKSHOPS
- 1** MAKER IN RESIDENCE
(LEARN MORE ON PAGE 33)
- 8** LEARNING CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR ADULTS
TO LEARN INTRO TO HTML AND CSS

CYBER-NAVIGATORS

CPL is Chicago's largest free digital access provider. Patrons used nearly two million computer sessions and four million Wi-Fi sessions in 2017 alone. But access isn't enough. It is practically a requirement that people know how to confidently navigate today's online world, but many adults still have low digital literacy. That's where the CyberNavigator (CN) computer trainers come in. Over two decades, the program has evolved from simply providing access and basic digital instruction into a truly transformative resource for lifelong learning. Through both one-on-one assistance and small group classes, CNs working in 65 neighborhood branches empower thousands of adults every year to overcome barriers to employment, education, and civic participation.

BY THE NUMBERS

103,295 TOTAL DIGITAL SKILL HELP SESSIONS

3,129 TIMES PATRONS COMPLETED ONE OF 23 CHICAGO DIGITALLearn MODULES AT CHIPUBLIB.DIGITALLearn.ORG

961 AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF SELF-REPORTED JOBS SECURED

20% SESSIONS FOCUSED ON JOB SEARCHES AND APPLICATIONS

"IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, I LANDED A JOB AFTER MY FIRST INTERVIEW AT A DOWNTOWN LAW FIRM. I ATTRIBUTE MY SUCCESS IN LARGE PART TO YOUR EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE WITH MY RESUME AND ADVICE ON THE JOB SEARCH PROCESS."

Lisa
Budlong Woods Branch Patron



ADULT PROGRAMS

ONE BOOK, ONE CHICAGO

From October to April each year, the One Book, One Chicago program invites thousands of people to connect around a shared experience rooted in literature and the arts. The 2016/17 One Book season featured Barbara Kingsolver’s *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* and the theme of “Eat Think Grow” to spark conversation about food, the environment, and the choices we can all make to build a better world. From book discussions to walking tours, history lectures to film screenings, One Book, One Chicago participants help strengthen the fabric of our diverse community.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 55,000 PARTICIPANTS FOR THE 2016/17 SEASON
- 8,300 TIMES *ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE* CIRCULATED VIA PRINT, EBOOK, AND AUDIOBOOK
- 263 PATRONS GOT HANDS-ON WITH FOOD AND GARDENING-THEMED MAKER LAB PROGRAMS
- 30 LOCATIONS HOSTED BOOK DISCUSSIONS



2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 highlights with a ★ indicate partnership achievements accomplished with the investment of private donors.

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

MEET THE FIRST CPL MAKER IN RESIDENCE: JUSTUS HARRIS ★

Chicago-based patient, artist, and educator Justus Harris joined the Harold Washington Library Center Maker Lab for a 10-week residency entitled Portraits of Health Beneath Steel and Stone: 3D Printing Open City Data. From November 5, 2016 to January 16, 2017, Harris analyzed publicly available data to create a portrait of health in the neighborhood around Harold Washington. Throughout his residency, Harris also taught Maker Lab workshops on his process and invited colleagues who use 21st century technology in their work to speak with patrons about connecting learning these technologies to real-world applications.

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

FREE ACCESS TO NATION'S LARGEST AFRICAN AMERICAN VIDEO ORAL HISTORY ARCHIVE

The HistoryMakers Digital Archive is now available through the Library's website, making CPL the first public library to offer patrons unlimited free access to the extensive HistoryMakers video database of interviews with more than 1,700 African Americans. The HistoryMakers is committed to preserving and making widely accessible the personal stories of African Americans—both well-known and unsung. This is the latest addition to CPL's rich collection of African American history and bibliographic records.

MARCH 31

NIGHT IN THE STACKS SELLS OUT—4TH YEAR IN A ROW

The CPLF Associate Board did it again: the theme of this year's sell-out event was "Garden of the Curious," celebrating both the 2016/17 One Book, One Chicago theme and the Foundation's new Dedicated to the Curious brand. The night included food, music, dancing and lots of fun! More than 400 guests helped raise \$185,000 to support the full scope of the Library's work.

APRIL 8

NEW PRIVATE AND CITY INVESTMENTS IN THE YOU MEDIA TEEN PROGRAM ★

BMO Financial Group, U.S. CEO, Dave Casper announced a \$1 million gift over three years from BMO to the Chicago Public Library Foundation: together with generous support from Allstate and other donors, this investment will specifically support YOUmedia programming. Due to the program's popularity and outcomes, the City of Chicago also plans to expand YOUmedia to 17 branches by the end of 2018. "YOUmedia is about empowering teens by exposing them to technology and encouraging them to innovate and create—investing in this program is investing in our teens and the future of our city," Mayor Emanuel said.

APRIL 21-22

SECOND ANNUAL CHITEEN LIT FEST ★

What is ChiTeen Lit Fest? YOUmedia partnerships coordinator Jennifer Steele explains: "Rather than design a festival and try, as adults, to explain to teens how to build a community and what writers they should be learning from...we decided to draw on what we already see happening in the teen community and let them create a festival for themselves and their friends." The result is a two day "for teens, by teens" celebration of creative youth, now in its second year. More than 500 teens from across Chicago attended the 2017 Fest; see the highlights at chiteenlitfest.org.

MAY 2

CPL WINS 2017 DIGITAL INCLUSION LEADERSHIP AWARD FROM NEXT CENTURY CITIES AND GOOGLE FIBER

CPL was recognized in the Digital Inclusion Leadership Award category as "Most Innovative" for its work with Peer 2 Peer University. This partnership piloted Learning Circles, which bring together adult learners interested in taking online courses for study groups lightly facilitated by librarians and located in branches across the city. The face-to-face component is key: according to *Library Journal*, "retention rates for Learning Circles reach between 45 and 55 percent. That's many times the rate of users who take MOOCs on their own, which is less than seven percent." For more information about Learning Circles and upcoming classes, visit www.chipublib.org.

MAY 15

MAYOR HAROLD WASHINGTON COMMEMORATIVE KEYNOTE FEATURES VALERIE JARRETT ★

This annual event commemorating the legacy of Mayor Harold Washington was offered in partnership with the Mayor Harold Washington Legacy Committee, The HistoryMakers, Chicago Urban League and local scholars, and with generous support from The Chicago Community Trust. Jarrett spoke with Dr. Adam Green about her service in Mayor Washington's administration and the ways in which his groundbreaking time in office helped shape her life and pave the way to the presidency of Barack Obama.

MAY 16

ON THE TABLE CONVERSATION IN BRANCHES CITYWIDE ★

In partnership with Chicago Community Trust, the Library was the largest convener of On The Table discussions in the city. Library staff facilitated conversations in 78 branches citywide, and engaged nearly 700 participants around the theme

JUNE 21

SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE TAKES FLIGHT ★

Commissioner Bannon and First Lady Amy Rule kicked off the superhero-themed Summer Learning Challenge at Little Village. At Community Days held across the city, participants were able to select 12 free books to build their home libraries, courtesy of Bernie's Book Bank through support from William Blair. Also this June, ALA Publications released the guide *Summer Matters: Making All Learning Count*, co-authored by CPL Director of System-Wide Children's Services Elizabeth McChesney and Bryan Wunar, Director of Community Initiatives at the Museum of Science & Industry. It quickly rose to the bestsellers list!

YEAR IN REVIEW

JUNE 22-28

ALA 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION IN CHICAGO

Chicago hosted this year's week-long American Library Association conference, which drew thousands of librarians from across the country to discuss programming ideas, innovations across the field, and learn best practices for shaping the future of the industry.

JULY 12

GRAND OPENING OF THOMAS HUGHES CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AT HAROLD WASHINGTON LIBRARY CENTER ★ →

Powered by a transformative \$2.5 million grant from Exelon, the remodeled 24,000 square foot Children's Library provides a colorful and light-filled 21st century learning experience for children 0–13 and caregivers by combining traditional library service with early literacy, maker activities, and STEAM learning emphasizing family engagement. The new library also serves as a lab to test new equipment, workshops, and initiatives for use in branches citywide.

JULY 12

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS CHICAGO INNOVATION SUMMIT WITH FIRST-EVER PUBLIC SEGMENT

CPL partnered with Chicago Innovation to co-host the annual Chicago Innovation Summit for the first time in the Winter Garden, engaging over 500 Chicagoans and providing this popular event's first-ever free public programming and expo.

“OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE THOMAS HUGHES CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AND 12 ADDITIONAL EARLY LEARNING SPACES IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR HOMETOWN AND IN OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE, DEMONSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF STEM EDUCATION AND HELPING GIVE CHICAGO'S YOUTH THE BUILDING BLOCKS THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL,”

—

Chris Crane
Exelon President and CEO

SEPTEMBER 17

28TH SELECTION FOR ONE BOOK, ONE CHICAGO ANNOUNCED ★

I'll Take You There: Mavis Staples, the Staple Singers, and the Music That Shaped the Civil Rights Era by Greg Kot is the centerpiece to the 2017/18 theme of Music: The Beat of Our City. Made possible by generous support from The Chicago Community Trust and BMO Harris Bank with travel support provided by United Airlines, this One Book season celebrated living legend Mavis Staples and the rich past and present of Chicago music.

SEPTEMBER 25

CINDY PRITZKER LECTURE ON URBAN LIFE & ISSUES

In thoughtful conversation with Commissioner Brian Bannon, David Simas, CEO of the Chicago-based Obama Foundation, shared insights into his life and work as well as current activities and future plans of the Obama Foundation. The Cindy Pritzker Lecture on Urban Life & Issues is presented annually by the Chicago Public Library Board in honor of Cindy Pritzker, its former president and founder of the Chicago Public Library Foundation. Nearly 300 Chicagoans attended the free lecture.

OCTOBER 11

2017 CARL SANDBURG LITERARY AWARDS DINNER ★

The 2017 event was an unprecedented success, bringing together 800 corporate and civic leaders to raise more than \$1.9 million to fund the Library Foundation and learning initiatives at Chicago Public Library, such as the Summer Learning Challenge, One Book, One Chicago, YOUmedia, Teacher in the Library, and CyberNavigator computer tutors. The Sandburg Literary Awards were presented to authors Margaret Atwood and Dave Eggers, while the 21st Century Award for outstanding recent achievement was awarded to local author Natalie Y. Moore.

OCTOBER 27

MAJOR COMCAST INVESTMENT IN NEW “EXPERIENCE LABS” FOR CPL BRANCHES ★

Mayor Emanuel, Commissioner Bannon, and Chicago Housing Authority CEO Eugene Jones Jr., joined Comcast representatives to announce the company will invest \$250,000 in three “Experience Labs” at the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library in the Washington Heights neighborhood; the Whitney M. Young Branch in the Chatham neighborhood; and the new Altgeld Branch, which will be co-located with CHA housing in Altgeld Gardens. “I am incredibly grateful for corporate partners like Comcast that are helping to close the digital divide in Chicago by supporting vital efforts like Internet Essentials and these new Experience Labs,” said Mayor Emanuel. “By making the right investments together, we are able to support our residents in building the digital skills necessary to participate in the 21st century economy.”



FINANCIALS

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2017

REVENUES

City of Chicago	\$100,262,000.00
State of Illinois (includes State Capital Construction Grant)	17,946,000.00
Federal	240,934.81
Chicago Public Library Foundation	7,055,577.00
Fines and Fees	1,811,539.79
Capital Income from Bonds	2,839,497.69
Total Revenues	\$130,155,549.29

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$69,187,945.03
Library Books and Materials	7,500,000.00
State Capital Construction Program Grant	6,059,242.31
Capital Bonds	2,839,497.69
Other Operating Expenses	44,568,864.26
Total Expenditures	\$130,155,549.29

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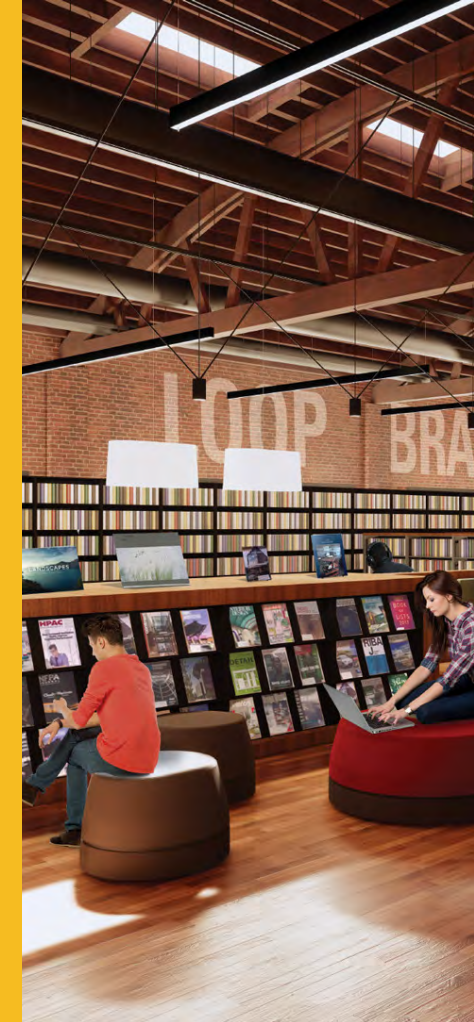
Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2017

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Contributions	\$579,833	\$3,355,363		\$3,935,196
Special event, net of expenses	1,079,317	528,500		1,607,817
Endowment, interest and other income	1,350,846			1,350,846
Donated services	264,248			264,248
Net assets released from restrictions	5,841,951	(5,841,951)		
Total Support and Revenue	\$9,116,195	\$(1,958,088)		\$7,158,107

EXPENSES	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Grants to Chicago Public Library				
Children's Programs	\$3,729,272			\$3,729,272
Teen Programs	926,548			926,548
Technology Access	1,475,849			1,475,849
Workforce, Financial and Civic Literacy	20,506			20,506
Collections and Cultural Programs	378,107			378,107
Branch Programs	42,133			42,133
Other Library Programs	434,185			434,185
Donated Services to Chicago Public Library	48,977			48,977
Total Library Programs and Services	7,055,577			7,055,577
Management, General and Fund-Raising	1,585,307			1,585,307
Donated Services	215,271			215,271
Total Expenses	8,856,155			8,856,155
Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities	260,040	(1,958,088)		1,698,048
Change in Net Assets from Nonoperating Activities	246,253	2,601,712		2,847,965
Beginning Net Assets	14,433,392	8,116,476	8,641,882	31,191,750
Ending Net Assets	\$14,939,685	\$8,760,100	\$8,641,882	\$32,341,667

BUILDING THE LIBRARY OF TOMORROW

Chicago Public Library is a global leader in the library field, and an engine of change right here in our community. To leverage up this distinctive resource, the City of Chicago has made significant recent investments in our system of \$275 million over eight years – and 2017 was one of the busiest years yet with the launch of the Branching Out capital campaign. Each of these buildings represents a new community anchor that will come alive with transformative programs and services made possible with the support of donors like you.



MARCH 19 CPL AND CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY SELECT WINNING DESIGN FIRMS FOR CO-LOCATED HOUSING + LIBRARY DEVELOPMENTS

Three world renowned architecture firms were selected through a citywide competition to design community-responsive buildings for the innovative co-located public library and affordable housing developments. Congratulations to John Ronan Architects (Independence branch), Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (Roosevelt branch), and Perkins+Will (the Northtown branch)!

APRIL 28 ANNOUNCING OUR CITY'S 81ST BRANCH

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a new branch will be built in the West Loop thanks to a public-private partnership with developer Sterling Bay. It will be housed in a new 16,500-square-foot building, and serve the Near West Side's rapidly growing residential community.

MAY 2 RENOVATED CHICAGO BEE BRANCH COMING TO BRONZEVILLE

The branch is located the former space of the *Chicago Bee*, a weekly newspaper published for the Bronzeville community from 1925-47. Over the next year, this landmark building will be carefully rehabilitated to improve services and add a YOUmedia learning lab for teens.

JULY 12 THOMAS HUGHES CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AT HAROLD WASHINGTON LIBRARY CENTER OPENS

"The children's library at the downtown Harold Washington Library Center is no longer the traditional stuffy and quiet space equipped only with books and wooden chairs and tables. It has a new, bright welcoming look with blue carpeting and painted pillars as a nod to the Chicago flag color scheme, seating nooks built into bookshelves, squishy seating blocks and beanbag lounging areas and active play areas with 3-D printers, a green screen and singalongs."

– Leonor Vivanco, "Kids section at Harold Washington Library reopens as 'active learning lab,'" *Chicago Tribune*, July 12 2017

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