

WRIGHT

Memorial Public

LIBRARY



Wright Memorial
Public Library

2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

"I am a longtime Library member and greatly appreciate Wright Library's role in the community."
- Mary S.

"Keep holding these tech sessions and marketing them to us baby boomers. We need all the help we can get!"
- Technology Class Participant

"I come here every day. This place has everything!"
- Everett, age 7

"Jacqui has been very helpful in helping both of my kids find books for their appropriate reading level. She is always willing to take her time in helping me."
- Jessica, mom of two

"When I need books this is the first place I come!"
- Rochelle L.



EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY SUPPORT



ABUNDANT MATERIALS



CELEBRATING

80 YEARS OF EDUCATION IN THE HEART OF OAKWOOD

In 2019, Wright Library celebrated its 80th anniversary, reflecting throughout the year on its rich and historic past while also envisioning the Library's future.

For the second consecutive year, Wright Library was awarded a Four-Star rating in *Library Journal's* 2019 Star Libraries Report, designating it as one of the most used libraries in the nation. This designation affirms that Wright Library is delivering on its mission, and that the services provided are highly valued by the wonderful community it serves.

During the past year, the Library added valuable and unique services, materials, and programs to better serve the community, including:

- Technology instruction and mobile hot spots to help adults connect online
- A touch-screen computer with educational games that develop children's literacy skills
- New collections of streaming movies and more digital books, audiobooks, music, and magazines
- A puppet theater for creative play in the Children's Room
- Additional Makerboxes with tools and equipment to learn a new skill
- Enriching programs for living well, building community, and sparking creativity
- Passport processing and notary services

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We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve Oakwood with a nationally-ranked Library in the heart of the community.



HOMEBOUND DELIVERY

"You can ask your family to take you to the doctor, to CVS ... but to the Library ... they have to wait, you can't browse. The delivery service is wonderful."
 - Wendy Z.



DEDICATED STAFF

"When my granddaughter and I visited, the librarian knew all of the kids names when they walked in and what stage they were in with their summer reading. She's so friendly and welcoming! True asset!"
 - Carolyn D.

"I want to give a 'shout out' to Kirsten, a tech tutor at Wright Library. Besides being friendly and personable her teaching skills are outstanding! She introduced me to so much new material. Thank you for making her available to our community."
 - Judy F.

"Thank you to Brian for the research into technical questions on an unusual automobile. Truly an outstanding librarian."
 - Anonymous

"I like that our Library provides resources and a wingman (a real tech-savvy person) to guide me as I learn about online resources."
 - Tech Tutoring Participant



TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

ADDITIONAL 1.5 MILL OPERATING LEVY REQUESTED TO OFFSET REDUCED FUNDING AND RISING COSTS

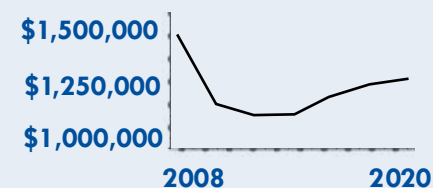
Wright Library continued its long legacy of conservative fiscal management in 2019 by adding unspent funds to the Library's reserves. These reserves are a vital part of the Library's future as they are earmarked for necessary building repairs.

Beginning in 2020, revenues are expected to fall short of operating expenses due to a decade of reduced state funding and the rising costs of materials, wages, healthcare, technology, and facility maintenance. Without additional revenue, operating expenses and building repairs are expected to deplete the Library's reserves by 2024.

On March 17, Oakwood voters will decide on Issue 14, a 1.5 mill levy for Wright Library. The levy will protect Library services that Oakwood values and maintain the Library's historic building with infrastructure repairs and needed updates to make the Library more accessible, efficient, and comfortable.

To make an informed choice on Issue 14, additional information is available at wrightlibrary.org/2020vision or by contacting Kristi Hale, Library Director, at hale@wrightlibrary.org or 937-250-6824.

STATE FUNDING TO WRIGHT LIBRARY 2008 TO 2020



2021-2030 PROJECTION

Without additional tax support:

Expense	\$25.1 million
Revenue	\$20.3 million
Funding Gap	(\$4.8 million)

With additional tax support:

Expense	\$25.1 million
Revenue	\$25.1 million
Gap	\$ 0



THE WRIGHT MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

In 2019, the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation raised a record \$59,394 to support additional collections, services, and programs that the library could not offer with tax dollars alone.

Some donors directed their gifts toward the Library's "2020 Vision" plan for repairing and updating the Library building.

Each gift is an affirmation that the Library is a valued community asset. To learn more, visit wrightlibrary.org/foundation.

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A Day in the LIFE @ WRIGHT LIBRARY

1,227 Items
Checked
Out

Computer
Sessions **46**

424 Library
Visitors

121 Wi-Fi
Sessions

69 Database
Searches

Research
Questions
Answered **72**

Program
Participants **107**

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