



WOOD COUNTY DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

This Summer, We'll Be Dancing—Dancing in the Stacks!

There's something about summer that always brings music to mind. Maybe that's because summertime activities—like family vacations and picnics, eating juicy ripe tomatoes fresh off the vine, spending lazy afternoons in a cozy hammock or swing relaxing with a good book and tall glass of iced tea or lemonade—often have music playing in the background. However, this summer you won't find me singing about “lazy, hazy days” or humming “The Summertime Blues.” This year's Summer Reading Program theme, “Libraries Rock!” has my toes tapping and finds me ready to start “Dancing in the Street” (or in the stacks, as the case may be).

And, there's lots to dance about! Statistics gathered during 2017 help to demonstrate the dynamic role WCDPL plays in our community. In 2017:

- The total number of books (643,915) borrowed by WCDPL patrons had risen by 45% since 2002 (441,573).
- 1,594 library programs and events were attended by 30,793 people.
- 110,864 questions were answered by library staff.
- Foot traffic into the library averaged 4,269 visitors per week.

There are more highlights from WCDPL's 2017 to be found in the library's annual report which located online at wcdpl.org/content/annual-reports. And while you're there, be sure to take note that state funding for libraries is set at 1.68% of General Revenue. This is due in no small part to the work of our own representatives, Senator Gardner and Representative Gavarone, both tireless champions of Ohio's libraries. Be sure to thank them both for their continued support when you see them around town.

Those who know me, know I'm fond of saying that numbers tell only part of the library's story. I invite you to find a cozy hammock or porch swing on a sunny day and start

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perusing this issue of *Connect*. You'll find it is chock full of plans for Summer Reading Program activities, suggestions for good books to read, programming for all ages, and plenty of photographs of smiling children and families *Connecting* with one another at the library.

So much is happening at the library—come in to get out of the heat, to enjoy a program, to find your perfect vacation read, and perhaps even to join me in a little “Dancing in the Stacks!”

See you at the library!
~Michael Penrod. May, 2018