



### Library is playing an important role in the community

The Blakesburg Public Library Board of Trustees and Library Staff are pleased to play an important role in providing many opportunities for the residents of Blakesburg and the surrounding area.

Through its collection of materials in a variety of formats, the library is able to meet the leisure, educational, personal, and professional needs of the public it serves — everyone from birth to senior citizens. While its budget may be small, the resources and services provided at the library are comparable to any size library across the state.

The library is home to a great collection of fiction and non-fiction books for all ages, a good DVD collection for entertainment purposes, and books on CD for the visually impaired, or those who prefer to listen to books. In addition, the library provides access to more than 30,000 e-books and audio e-books to patrons at no cost to them — all they need to check out and read or listen to e-books is a free Blakesburg Public Library Card.

The library provides access to the following magazines: Automobile, Country Living, Good Housekeeping, Better Homes and Gardens, Redbook, A Taste of Home, Field and Stream, Muscle and Fitness, Boys' Life, Girls' Life, Scholastic Parent and Child, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Prevention, Smithsonian, National Geographic Kids, Outdoors, Web MD, and Woman's Day. The EBSCO Database provides online research articles from

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Participants show off their Olympic crowns and torches as part of the Library's sport-themed "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read ! Summer Reading Program.



Winners and judges at the October 2015 Cooks for Books Crock-Pot Cook Off.



Girls participating in STEM activities, building electronic components with a Snap Circuits Kit purchased with the Alliant Energy Foundation Grant funds for the Library's After-School Blast Off program. The grant funded many youth activities and family events.



### BPL Revenue & Expenditures for FY16

| REVENUE      | SOURCE          | EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY        |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| City         | \$ 5,702        | Staff                           | \$ 9,775        |
| County       | \$ 5,803        | Print materials                 | \$ 1,022        |
| State        | \$ 828          | AV materials                    | \$ 293          |
| Grants       | \$ 1,000        | Downloadable e- and audio books | \$ 330          |
| Donations    | \$ 545          | Operating costs                 | \$ 4,997        |
| Fees/Fines   | \$ 78           | Databases                       | \$ 40           |
| Fundraising  | \$ 2,501        | <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$16,457</b> |
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thousands of books, magazines and journals for patron of all ages, with remote access. Patrons who don't have a computer or internet at home, can use the library's computers or Wi-Fi. Patrons use library computers for many reasons: to file unemployment claims; complete work-related certification courses; type meeting minutes or reports; or to stay in touch with friends/family.

The library provides social activities for all ages — after school activities, Summer Reading Programs, computer classes, family movie events, the Annual Crock-Pot Cook-Off and Dad-Daughter Dance, and reading, gaming and craft events.

The library provides meeting space for 4H, PTO and Summer Ball parents groups, participates in the Loving Shepherd Food Pantry's Small Town Christmas, and provides literacy activities and events for EBF elementary school students one afternoon each week during the school year.

The library appreciates its many donations, volunteers and Friends of the Library organization, who help make it all possible. At a city per capita cost of \$19.26 in FY16, the library provides a fantastic return on investment. As careful stewards of taxpayer funds, it spent \$117 less in FY16 than in FY15. The Library is a vibrant, vital part of the community. If you haven't been in for a while, you should check it out !!

### FY16 By The Numbers

|  |               |                                     |              |
|--|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Books added                                | 391           | Adult circulation                   | 462          |
| Total Books in collection                  | 6,476         | Young Adult circulation             | 103          |
| E-books                                    | 20,112        | Children's circulation              | 555          |
| Books on CD added                          | 4             | E-book circulation                  | 111          |
| Total books on CD                          | 50            | Video circulation                   | 404          |
| Audio E-books                              | 9,899         | Audio e-book circulation            | 6            |
| Total audio books                          | 9,949         | Periodical circulation              | 154          |
| Videos added                               | 107           | Other circulation                   | 58           |
| Total videos                               | 399           | Total checkouts                     | 1,853        |
| Total other items                          | 179           | Est. patron savings (\$25 per item) | \$ 46,325.00 |
| Total items in library collection          | 37,115        | Returned items                      | 1,591        |
| Estimated collection value (\$25 per item) | \$ 927,875.00 | Total circulation transactions      | 3,444        |
| Total periodical subscriptions             | 17            | Interlibrary Loan received          | 3            |
| Total online databases                     | 17            | Interlibrary Loan items sent        | 91           |
| Number of meetings                         | 25            | Database articles retrieved         | 296          |
| Number of visitors                         | 4,373         | Library computer use                | 523          |
| Program attendance                         | 801           | Wi-Fi Use                           | 661          |
| Reference transactions                     | 251           | Web Page Views                      | 4,007        |

### Who we are and what we do:

**Library Staff** — Director, Cheryl Talbert; Assistant Director, Chris Johnson; Library Assistant (sub), Carrie Glosser.

**Library Board of Trustees** — Board President, Sonni Deevers; Board Secretary, Penny Fisher; Board members Ed Hannan, and Kathy Hunt.

**Library Services**—We provide a collection of books, audio books, e-books, and videos for all ages; programs for all ages, Interlibrary Loan, service, reference, and research assistance; photocopying; Faxing; access to WI-FI and Internet computers; databases, and space for community organization meetings.