

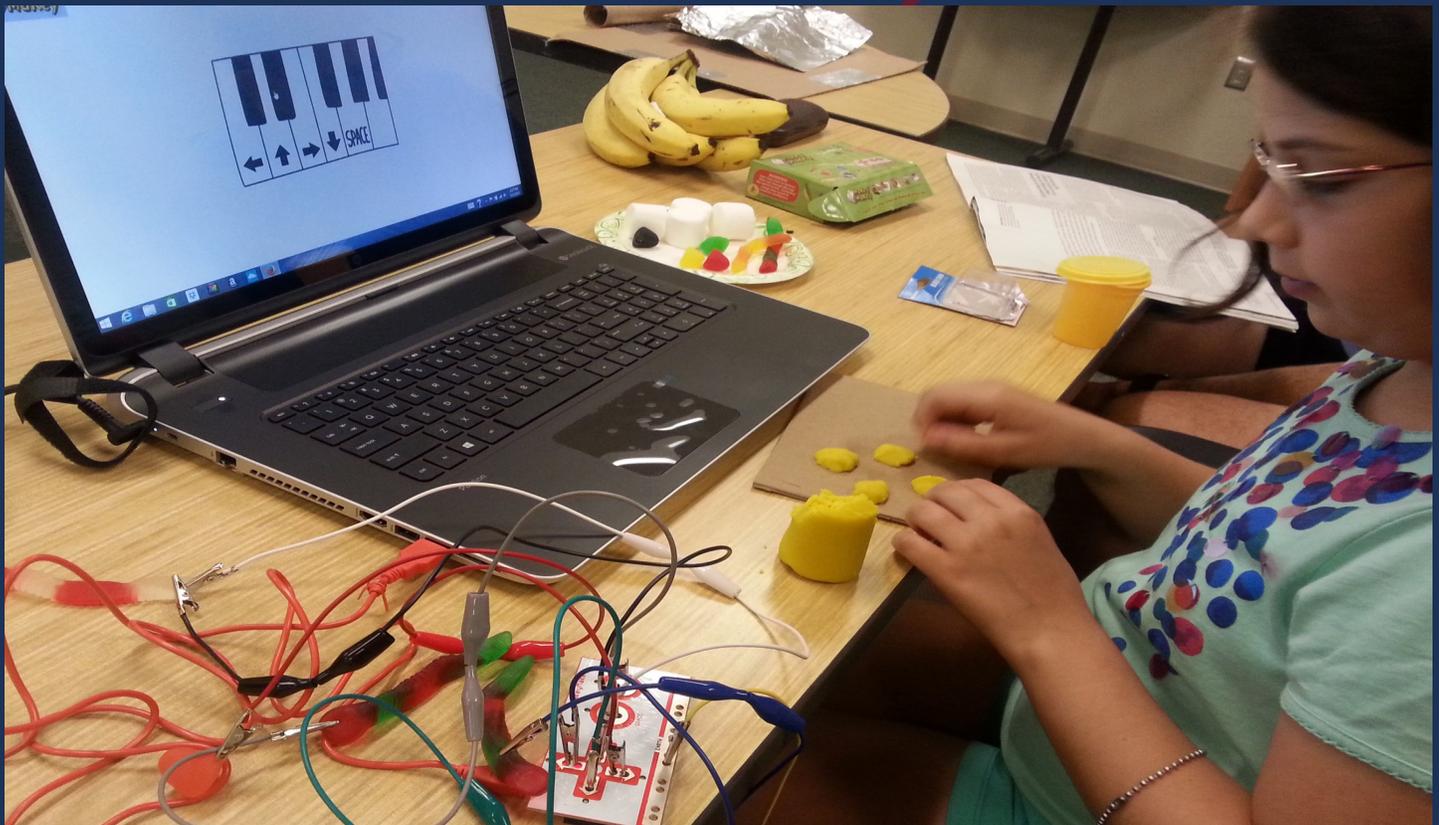
*Annual Report 2015*

# DeWitt Community Library

*Discover*

*Connect*

*Learn*



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# The year in review: a message from the Executive Director

*Planning for a new library facility was a first priority in 2015. See page 8 for more information! I'd like to thank the Board of Trustees for their time, commitment, and perseverance in working towards making our vision for a new library a reality.*

*2015 was a year of creativity, collaboration and discovery. Thanks to a \$20,000 NYS Special Legislative Grant we were able to launch our Discovery To Go collection, a kid-friendly collection of STEM related tools, equipment, kits and games to check-out. Workshops such as our Tech Connect series brought local experts to the library to share new technologies and help patrons better integrate technology into their everyday lives. Teens were excited about our digital production club workshops that help young adults build their skills and confidence in a collaborative, fun, high-tech environment. Adults got 'hands-on' with our new Crafting with Kelly workshops, Arthritis Foundation exercise classes, and popular murder mystery events.*

*The DCL also implemented new services and collections to make your library experience more enjoyable and convenient. Easy home access to new digital collections like HOOPLA streaming video and audio and our new electronic journal service through Overdrive mean the library is always at your fingertips. Our new mobile hot spot let's us reach out to the community with wireless anywhere, any time. A streamlined new home page makes it easier and faster to find information and find out what's new at the DCL.*

*Although we are evolving in new directions, we still embrace our mission of encouraging literacy and a love of reading. For example, we offered 228 early literacy programs to 4560 young children and their parents in 2015. 321 children and teens registered for our summer reading program last year, with 1884 attending summer reading-related programs. In our outreach to public and private schools we connected with 2039 children. Many thanks to the Friends of the DCL for funding our summer programs!*



*Pre-school storytime fun*

*And of course we continued to provide the traditional collections and programs that have made the DCL an important part of JD residents lives for more than 50 years. From adult book clubs to the latest popular fiction to programs that enlightened, entertained and engaged more than 13, 000 people in 2015, we remain a vital asset to our community.*

*Cover photo: Creating a keyboard with everyday objects using our Makey-Makey kit.*

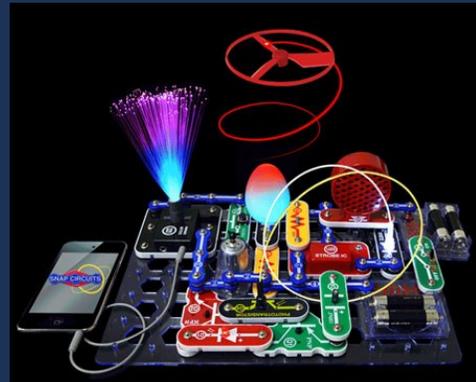
# Creation and collaboration in the spotlight



## Discovery To Go: Cool Math & Science Stuff to Check Out

Thanks to a \$20,000 NYS Special Legislative Grant sponsored by former Assemblyman Sam Roberts, the Library is now circulating **collections of kid-friendly science, math, and engineering equipment, materials, and resources, all packaged with easy, do-it-yourself activities and directions.** The new “Discovery To Go” (DTG) collection, which is designed to allow families to explore and play at home or in the library, includes a diverse assortment of high-tech gear, from science equipment to fossil collections, electronics kits, math games and gadgets that clarify math functions for young children.

*Pictured left: One of the new electronic snap circuit kits.*



## DCL TechConnect: Community Experts join Knowledge Seekers

Our new ‘think tank’ **connects area technology experts from academia, business, and education with members of the community to advance technological innovation and productivity** through information sharing, problem-solving, and experimentation.

DCL’s Erin Cassidy’s 2015 sessions included Professor Neal Abrams from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry who led a discussion on strategies for maximizing tablet productivity, and Rene Battelle from Marcellus Free Library who demonstrated the features of *Google Glass*, *pictured left*.



## Digital Production Club Workshops: Helping Teens To Build Skills & Confidence

**Teens learned how to shoot and edit their own short videos using digital cameras, smartphones, and tablets** in DCL Scott Mosher’s Video Production Club workshops. Our Digital Reader’s Theater workshops promoted reading confidence and fluency in a fun, creative, and non-threatening environment. Kids and teens learned about digital audio recording, performance, and podcasting as they created informally staged productions of popular books.

Scott also mentored teens entering the NYS Teen Video Challenge. One of his students, Athena Summers, was the winner of the state-wide contest in 2015. *Athena receives the state award from New York Library Association Summer Reading Program Coordinator Karen Belsen in the photo on*



# Services and collections your way

## Service Improvements

*We are always looking for ways to make your library experience more enjoyable. Here are just a few service improvements we made in 2015.*

- Brand new DCL homepage: simple, clean, efficient!
- The new DCL Building Project web site and Story Board in the library keep you up-to-date on all of the latest news. See page 8 for more on the building project!
- Our new mobile hot-spot takes the Internet and DCL services everywhere you are, without the need for standard wireless.
- Patrons asked us to return to the traditional Dewey Decimal System—and we did! Items are not only easier to find, but are now reshelved 3 times faster than under the previous system.



## Digital and Traditional Collections To Suit Your Lifestyle

*Whether you appreciate the convenience and accessibility of digital collections or prefer traditional print and media formats, we had you covered in 2015.*

- Our new Hoopla streaming video/audio service offers 24/7 access to your favorite movies and music with no waiting!
- Overdrive's new e-journal collection let's you enjoy new issues of 50+ periodicals on your digital device or computer.
- Our Overdrive Advantage e-book collection just for DeWitt patrons grew by 11% in 2015.
- BookBrowse online reader's advisory service, DCL Staff Picks, and 25 topic specific collection guides (include four new in 2015) provide customized support so you find the best 'reads' for you and your family.
- By popular demand we've purchased more copies of popular fiction, DVDs, and music CDs to make items available to you fast!



# Community connections



Above: DCL's Lauri Fortino coordinated our partnership with the Rescue Mission for their annual clothing drive.



Right: A young visitor enjoys the DCL's crafts at the Town of DeWitt Canal Day event.

Right: The DCL partnered with more than 50 organizations, government entities and businesses to share information about healthy living at our 5th Annual Senior Fair.

### DCL 5th Annual 'Healthy Living' Senior Fair

An event for seniors and those who love them

**Friday, October 23, 2015**  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

*Learn about the many resources, services and*

**Guest speaker Laura Hand, CNY Central anchor and community affairs director, will speak at 1:00 pm.**

- More than 50 local organizations, government agencies, and businesses that offer programs and services to seniors
- Free health screenings for blood pressure, hearing, and spine; and get your flu shot
- Performances by CNY Jazz Trio (10:30 am & 11:30 am)
- New! Technology garden with experts to answer your tech questions

This project has been funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contract No. HHS-N-276-2015-0003-C with the University of Pittsburgh, Health Sciences Library System.

For more information,

Free Admission \* Free Parking  
Light Refreshments \* Door Prize



Above: We're on the menu for a monthly visit to the Nottingham Senior Living Community.



Left: DCL Children's Librarian Emily Wormuth reads a story to children from the NAS Learning Center.

# 2015 Statistics at a glance

Service area population	16,580
Registered borrowers	11,769
Digital circulations	17,505
Total circulation	272,284
Items added	35,786
Items donated (and added)	423
Meeting room reservations	1,156
DCL workshops/programs	824
DCL workshops/programs—attendance	13,008
Early literacy programs	228
Early literacy program attendance	4560
Outreach –programs in the community	83
Outreach program attendance	2039

## 2015 Summer Reading Program

Children registered	271
Children’s program sessions	77
Children’s program attendance	1,811
Teens registered	50
Teen program sessions	6
Teen program attendance	73



*Summer Reading Program 2015—  
reading and so much more!*

## 2015 DCL Board of Trustees

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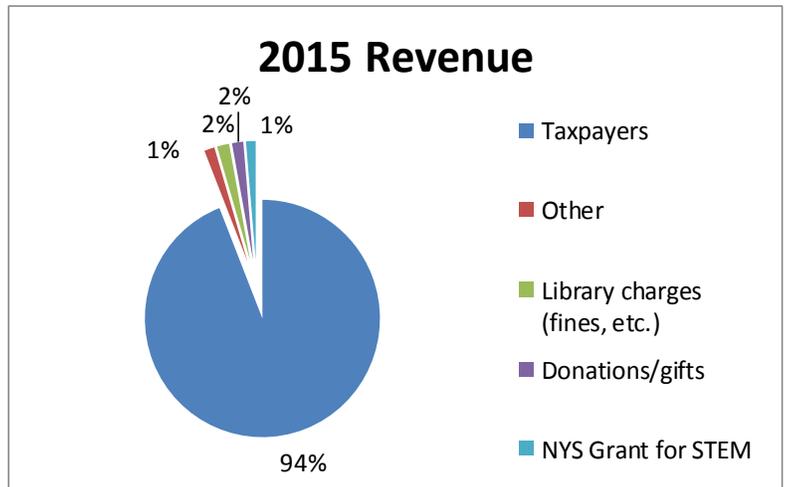
Wendy Scott  
*Executive Director*



# 2015 Financial summary\*

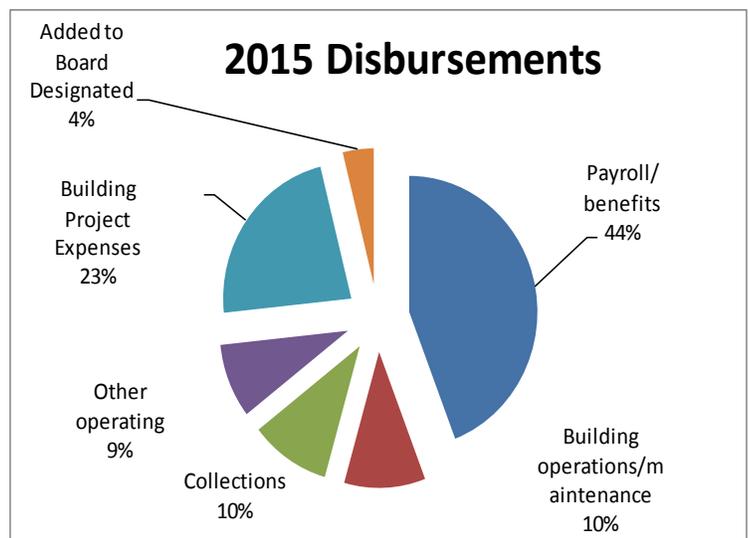
## 2015 Revenue

Taxpayers	1,363,146
Library charges (fines, etc.)	24,147
Donations/gifts	22,440
NYS Grant for STEM	19,275
Income from investments	7,167
Booksales	6,168
Library system services aid	5,045
Misc.	2,193
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,449,581</b>



## 2015 Disbursements

Payroll/benefits	640,119
Building operations/maintenance	148,420
Collections	146,243
Other operating	85,255
Supplies/postage	15,794
Professional & consultant fees	12,709
Equipment	10,256
Telecommunications	4,213
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>1,063,009</b>
Building Project Expenses	330,078
Added to Board Designated+	56,494
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>1,449,581</b>



\*Based on cash basis accounting—year-end. All figures rounded to the nearest dollar.

+The Board Designated Fund is a discretionary account designated to support the DCL building project, increases in facilities operating costs, and unanticipated expenditures.

The complete 2015 DeWitt Community Library Audit Report with the 2015 990 Form will be made available to the public on the Library web site at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org) after the report has been approved by the Library Board of Trustees.

# Moving forward— DCL building project

- Community and stakeholder visioning input has informed every step of the building project.
- Preliminary artistic renderings have been completed by King & King Architects for a new library that addresses the values and needs of the community and offers a modern, flexible, sustainable library.
- The DCL Board has completed the requisite reports and studies on the selected property to ensure that it is a viable site.
- If all goes as planned, the Library hopes to begin development of the Jamesville Road site in Spring 2016.



*Our vision for a new library is one that will provide a friendly and comfortable environment; a place that will enhance the quality of life in our community and be an inspiring place to learn; and offer everyone a welcoming setting that will be a cornerstone and gathering place for the community.*

The Library would like to thank the following for their generous gifts designated to support the DCL Building Project:

James Miller

Family of Donald P. Ely

Howard and Virginia Finck Library Fund donors

Hueber Breuer Family Foundation

*Look for announcements about the community campaign for the new DCL, coming soon!*

Project documents, photos, and news are all available on the DCL Building Project web blog linked from our home page at [www.dewlib.org](http://www.dewlib.org), or stop by the library and check out the DCL Building Project Story Board!

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