

Alexandria Library

Rose Dawson, Director

Subscription Library since 1794.

Public Library since 1937.





"I read a story about this place on the Internet. But I didn't think it actually existed."



A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH...

Alexandria Library Company was founded July 24, 1794.

Which of the following were NOT included in the Company's earliest addresses?

- a) Mr. Stabler's Apothecary Shop
- b) Old City Hall
- c) The Lyceum
- d) Masonic Temple
- e) Peabody Hall



The Company's first acquisition was the *American Encyclopedia*. Its rare book collection was begun in 1822 with Mr. Miller's *The Gardener's Dictionary*, which had been presented to the Company decades earlier by George Washington.



OUR HISTORY

For more than a century and a quarter, Alexandria Library Company flourished as a private, subscription library with an initial annual fee of four dollars...



In 1937:

Dr. Robert South Barrett donated funds for a public library in memory of his beloved mother, Dr. Kate Waller Barrett.

The Society of Friends granted a 99-year lease for use of its old Quaker Burial Ground on Queen Street as its site.

The Company signed an agreement with the Alexandria City Council turning over its collections to Alexandria City.

The City agreed to include operating expenses for the “public library” in its budget.



Samuel Wilbert Tucker

Attorney and Organizer of the
Alexandria Library Sit-In of 1939

916 Queen Street
Alexandria, Virginia
February 13, 1940

Miss Katharine H. Scoggin, Librarian
Alexandria Library
Alexandria, Virginia

My dear Miss Scoggin:

Together with copy of letter from the City Manager to you dated January 26, 1940, I am in receipt of your letter of February 9 with reference to my application for library privileges, filed January 30, 1940.

I refuse and will always refuse to accept a card to be used at the library to be constructed and operated at Alfred and Wythe Streets in lieu of card to be used at the existing library on Queen Street for which I have made application. Continued delay -- beyond the close of this month -- in issuing to me a card for use at the library on Queen Street will be taken as a refusal to do so, whereupon I will feel justified in seeking the aid of court to enforce my right.

A letter is being sent to the City Manager on this subject, a copy of which I am herewith enclosing.

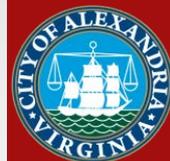
Very truly yours,

Samuel Wilbert Tucker
SAMUEL WILBERT TUCKER

1939 LIBRARY SIT-IN



ROBERT H. ROBINSON LIBRARY

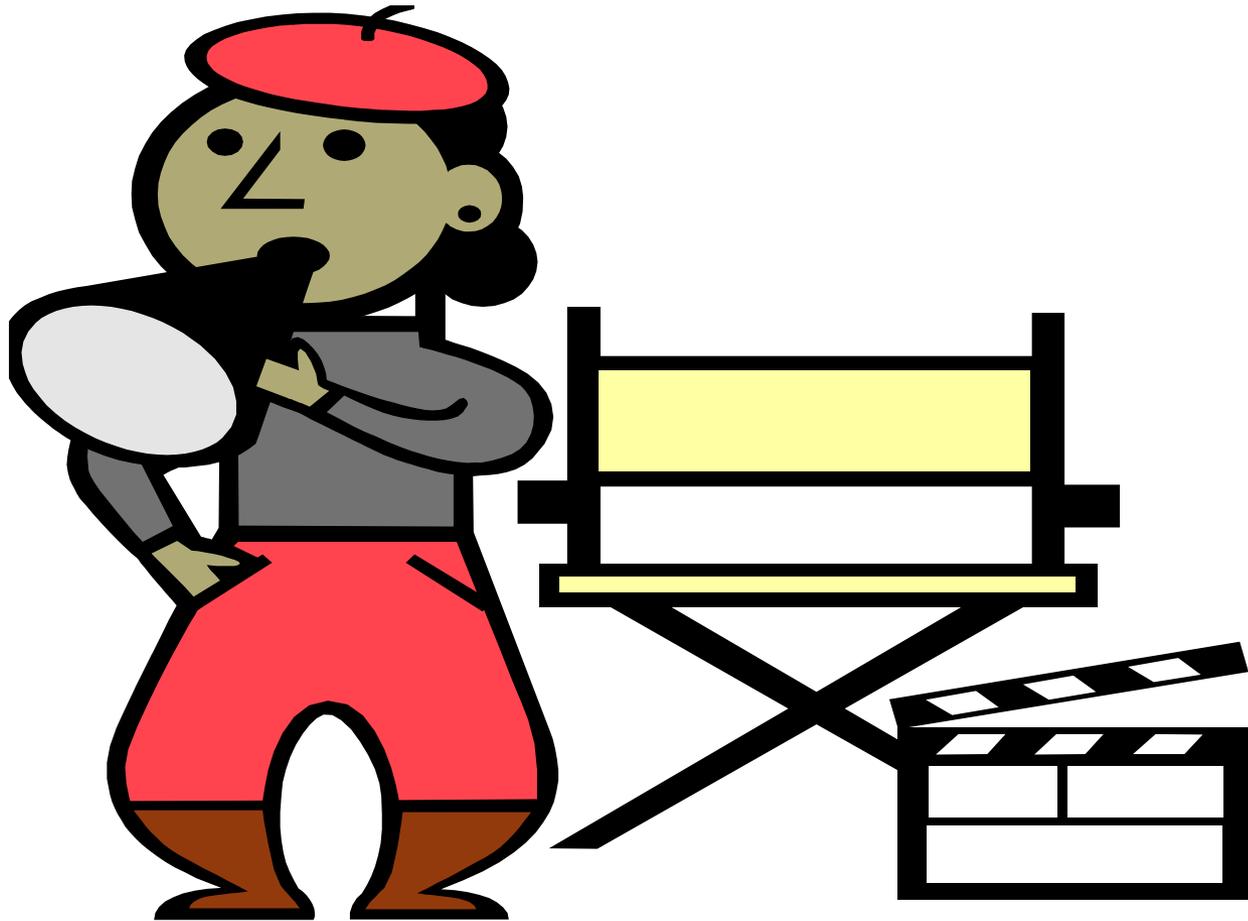




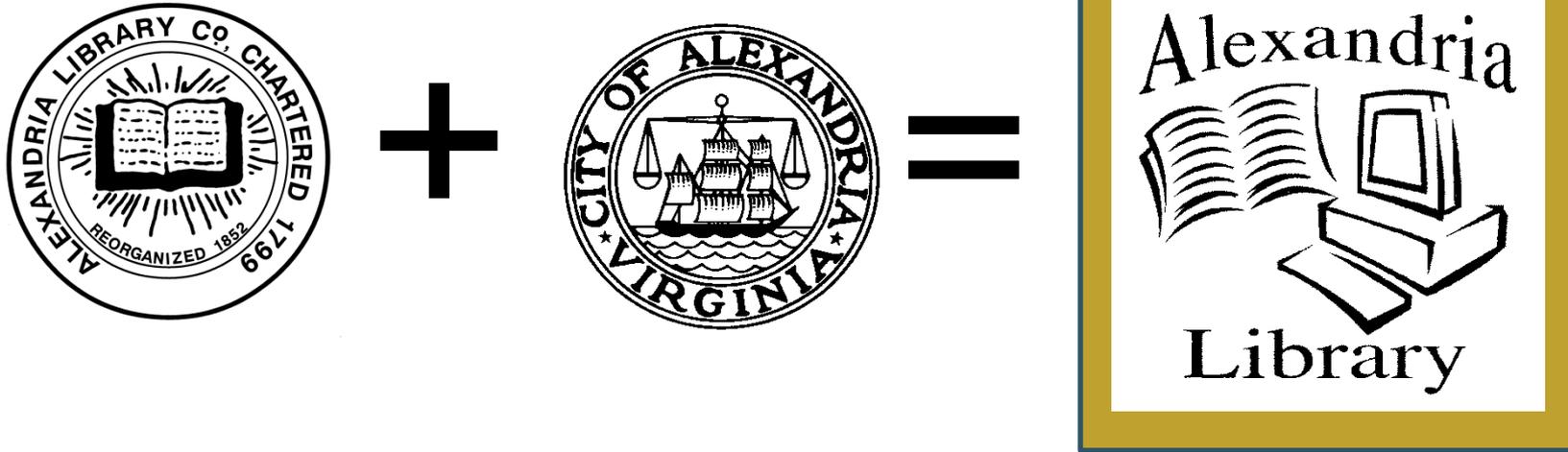
75th LIBRARY SIT-IN ANNIVERSARY



WHO'S RUNNING THE SHOW?



LIBRARY LEADERSHIP



Three of the Company's members are elected to serve on the seven member Alexandria Library Board. Three citizens and a member of the Alexandria City Council comprise the remainder of the Board.

LIBRARY BOARD



CHAIR: Kathleen Schloeder
City Council Citizen Appointee

VICE CHAIR: Oscar P. Fitzgerald
Alexandria Library Company Appointee

TREASURER: Anne Paul
Alexandria Library Company Appointee

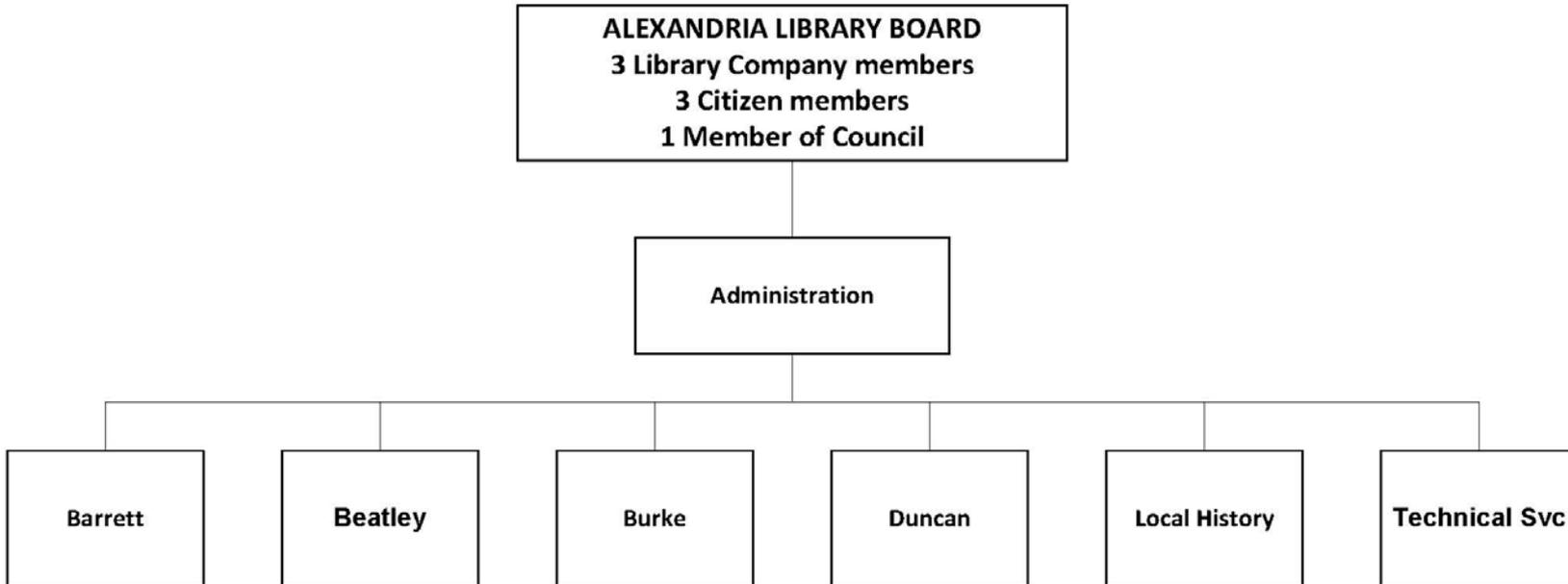
SECRETARY: Gwendolyn Day-Fuller
City Council Citizen Appointee

William V. Brierre
Alexandria Library Company Appointee

Helen Desfosses
City Council Citizen Appointee

Allison Silberberg
City Council

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY





MISSION STATEMENT

The Alexandria Library is an educational, user-oriented service institution providing free public access to recorded knowledge and ideas. The Library maintains a collection of general, regionally historical, and **recreational**, reading, listening and viewing materials for home and on-site use; provides information services by both professional and **skilled staff**; provides access to off-site collections, electronic reference resources, and the **Internet**, through the latest information technologies. The library publicizes services through **children's programs**, outreach, participation in community activities, and maintenance of an **active website** on the Internet.

THE ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY





KATE WALLER BARRETT BRANCH LIBRARY



The Kate Waller Barrett Branch is located 717 Queen Street in the Old Town section of Alexandria. It was renovated and expanded in 1995 and houses both the Barrett collection and local and historic collections from the Lloyd House Branch, which was moved in April 2000. It is also home to a regional collection of The Foundation Center, a major source of Foundation Center print and online materials.

Barrett was Alexandria Library's Central Library until...



CHARLES E. BEATLEY JR. CENTRAL LIBRARY



The Beatley Central Library on 5005 Duke Street is the main reference facility of the Alexandria Library. The 65,000 sq. ft. building was designed by Architect Michael Graves. The library opened on Jan. 31, 2000, and continued their green efforts with solar panels in October of 2012.

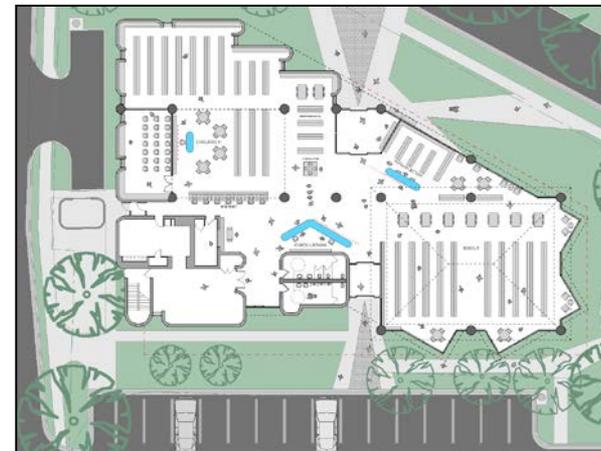


It was named after one of Alexandria's most beloved mayors, "Chuck" Beatley.

JAMES M. DUNCAN BRANCH LIBRARY



Duncan is a community library located at 2501 Commonwealth Avenue in Del Ray and has served Alexandria since 1969. The expanded branch reopened in 2005 as the first city government building to feature a green roof.





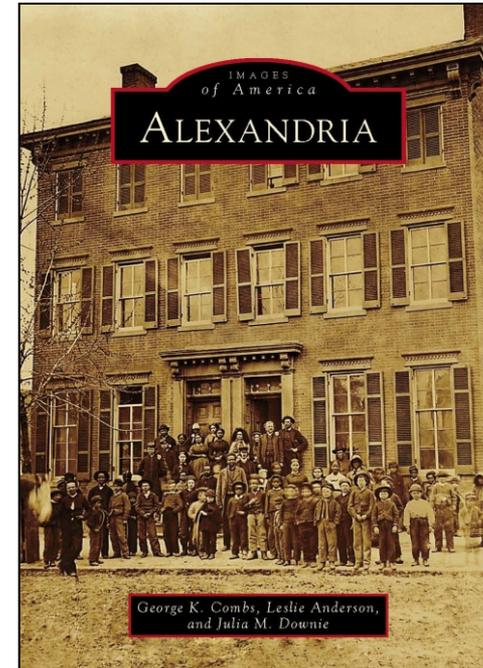
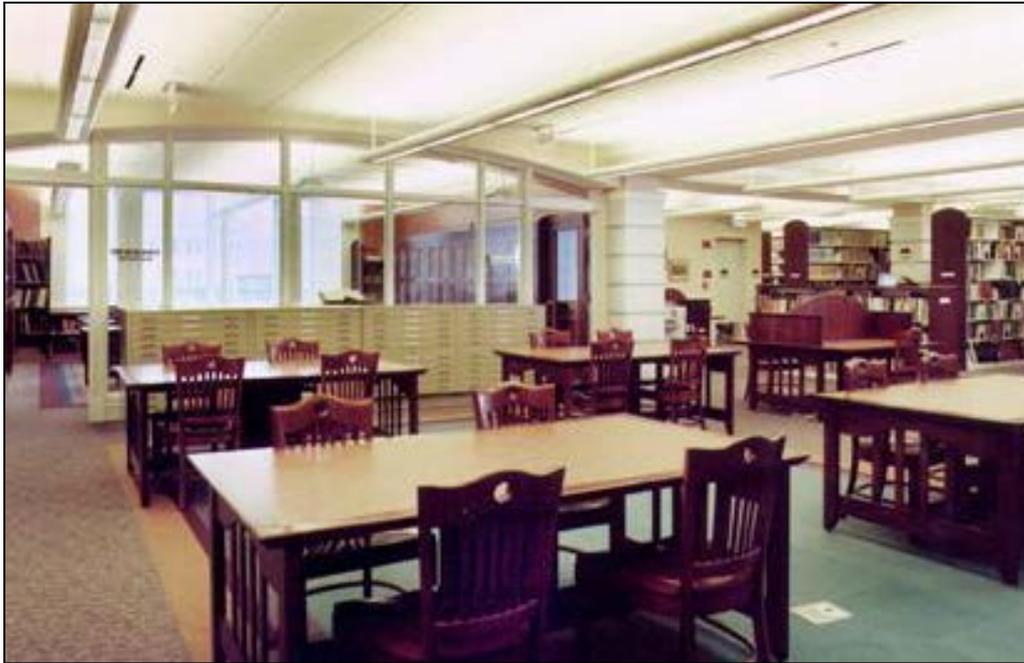
ELLEN COOLIDGE BURKE BRANCH LIBRARY



The Burke Branch Library at 4701 Seminary Road reopened in March 2002 to much fanfare after major renovation. Until 2014, this was a multi-use building with the bottom half being used by ACPS for English Language Learners instruction. The Library hopes to redesign the 1st floor to meet community needs.

A mile away from Beatley, Burke Branch also serves the busy and densely populated “West End” of the City of Alexandria.

Special Collections/ Local History Branch Library



The Special Collections division (inside Barrett Branch) houses many resources for historians, genealogists, and others interested in learning about Alexandria, Virginia, and American history. The division holds a variety of sources in several formats, including books, CD-ROMs, online databases, microfilm and microfiche, journals, manuscript collections and photographs. It has been featured on TV's *History Detectives* and *Ghost Hunters*.



VIRTUAL LIBRARY

The catalog, with each upgrade, continues to become more interactive, and the databases keep growing.

Website & Online Catalog

The screenshot shows the Alexandria Library website home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Log In', 'My Account', 'My Lists', and 'Library Information'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: 'Classic Catalog', 'Locations', 'Events', 'eCollection', 'Kids', 'Teens', 'How do I...?', and 'Contact Us'. A search bar is prominently displayed with a dropdown menu set to 'Everything' and 'All Fields'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Explore the Library' with links for 'Locations & Hours', 'Get a Library Card', 'Services', 'eAudiobooks & eBooks', 'Browse our Collection', 'About Us', and 'Support the Library'; 'Research Help' with links for 'Subject Guides', 'Databases', 'eJournal A-to-Z', and 'Ask a Librarian'; 'Calendars' with links for 'Events' and 'Meeting Rooms'; 'Featured Library Databases' featuring 'mango languages', 'Computer Database', and 'Home Improvement Collection'; 'Browse our Collection' with 'New Books', 'New DVDs', and 'Staff Picks'; and 'Upcoming Events' listing 'Meet a K-9 Dog and a Deputy Sheriff' and 'English Language Workshop'. A 'Craft Night @ Barrett' event is highlighted with an image of colorful spools of thread. A '75 YEARS' anniversary banner is also visible. The footer contains 'About us', 'Contact', 'Support your library', and 'Socialize with us' information.

Online Databases

The screenshot shows the Alexandria Library online databases page. The navigation and search elements are consistent with the home page. The main heading is 'Alexandria Library Online Databases'. Below this, there are links for 'Databases by Subject' and 'Remote User Access'. A paragraph explains that the library subscribes to more than 60 databases and that some are only available from a library branch. A note states: '*Most eResources are accessible remotely. Those that are not are due to licensing restrictions.' Below this is a 'Database List by Subject' section with a list of subject categories: 'A B C D-F G H I K-O P-R S-V W-Z'. The 'Expanded Academic ASAP' database is highlighted, with a description: 'From arts and the humanities to social sciences, science a database meets research needs across all academic disciplines. Includes scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers - many in full text.' An image of the 'Expanded Academic ASAP' database cover is shown.



Alexandria Library at Your Fingertips

NEW!



Manage Your Account
Search the Catalog
Find Library Events
Locate Branches
and More...

Mobile App
and
Free MP3s &
Streaming
Now Available

Download For Apple and Android Devices

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a brown leather jacket and white earbuds, looking off to the side. The background is a brick wall. A large teal speech bubble contains the text 'DOWNLOAD & STREAM MUSIC with ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY online and on your mobile device'. At the bottom right, there are logos for Android, Apple, and 'freegal music 4.0'.

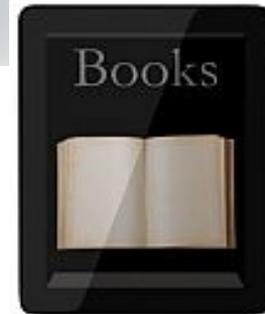
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ADULT SERVICES

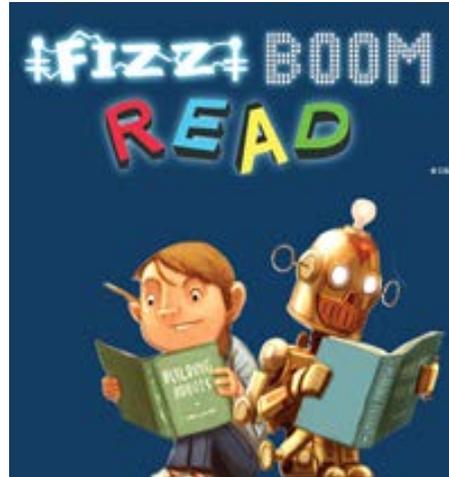


Film Series
Author Visits
eBooks & eAudiobook Classes
Housebound Outreach Service

Which was the most popular device used by Alexandrians to download eBooks?

- a) Cell Phone
- b) Tablet
- c) eReader
- d) Computer

YOUTH SERVICES



- Animal/Nature Programs
- Children Story Times
- Early Literacy Workshops
- Game Night
- Paws to Read
- Summer Reading Programs
- Visits from Sheriff & K-9

K-9 DEMO

Come meet an Alexandria police officer
and his police dog!



OTHER SERVICES

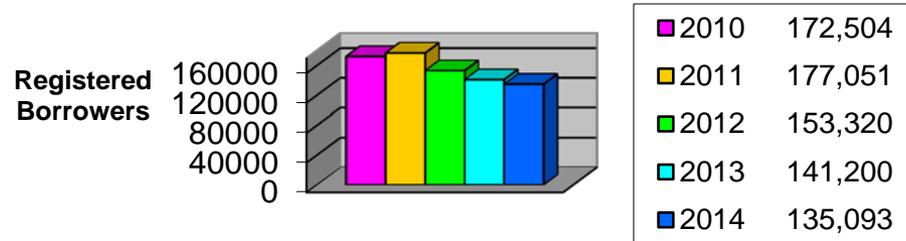


Access to the Internet
Access to Word Processing
Computer Classes
Wi-Fi & Databases



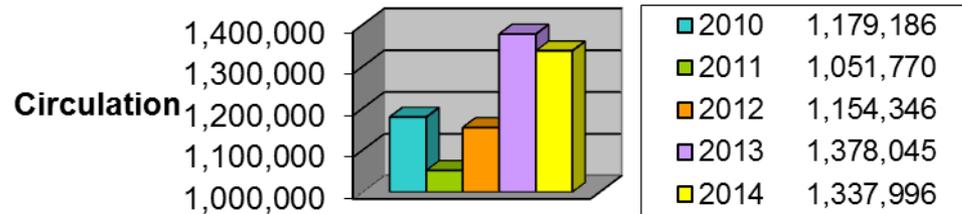
“Talking Book” Service
Meeting Rooms
Digital magazines

FY2010 - 2014 Registered Borrowers

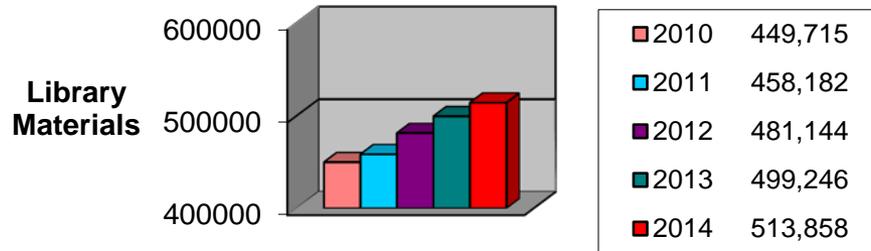


Annual Report is submitted to city by the Board

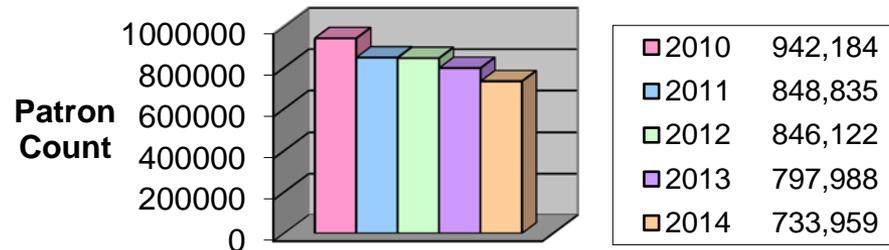
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FY2010 - 2014 Library Materials



FY2010- 2014 Patron Count

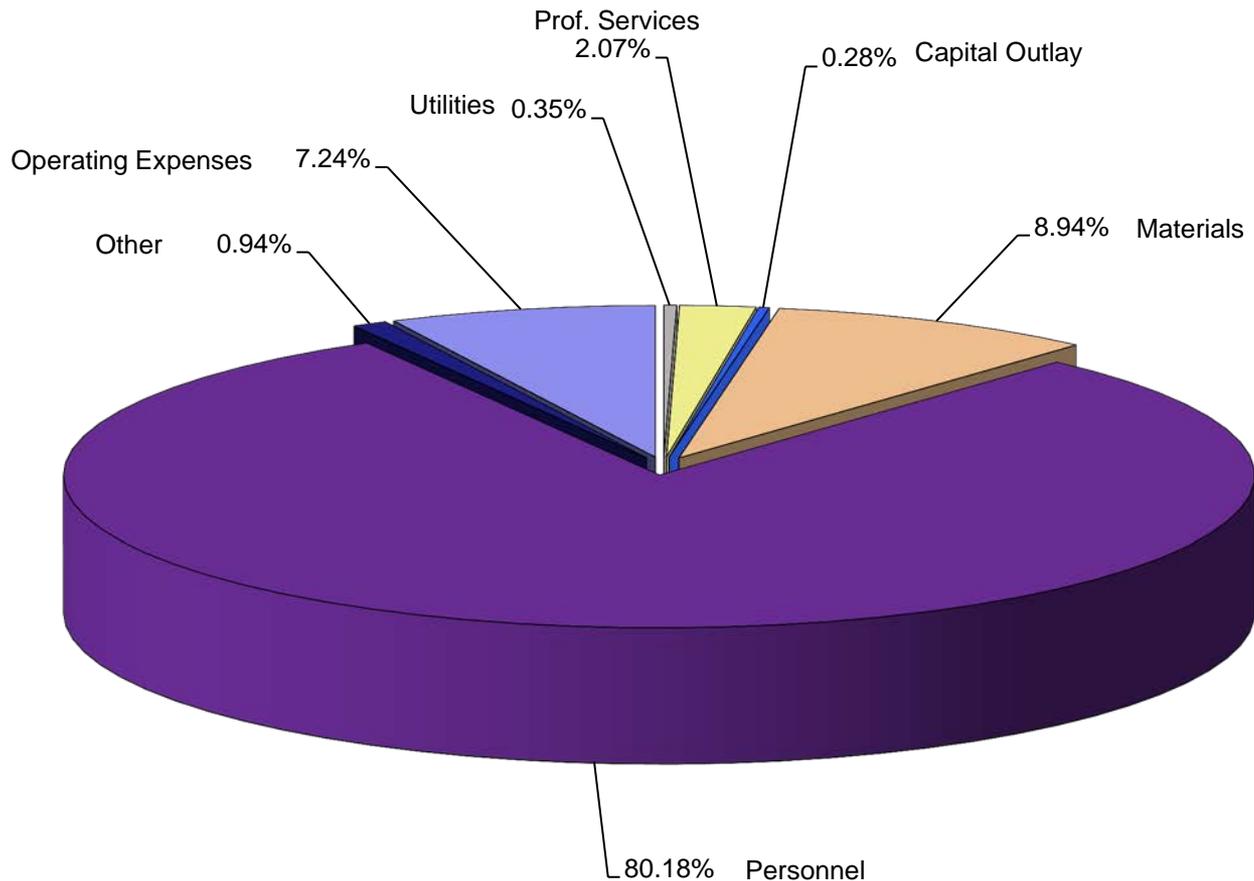


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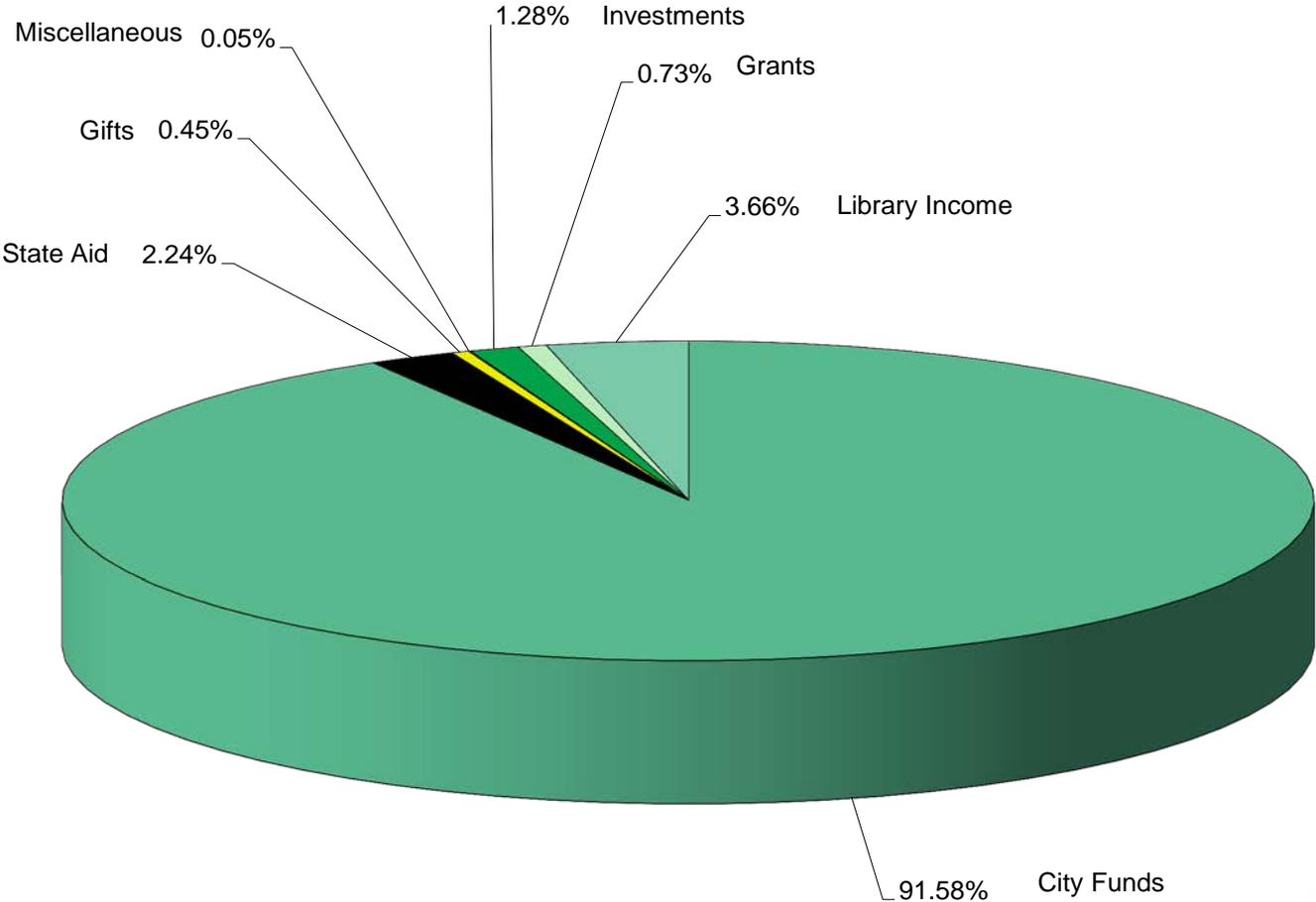


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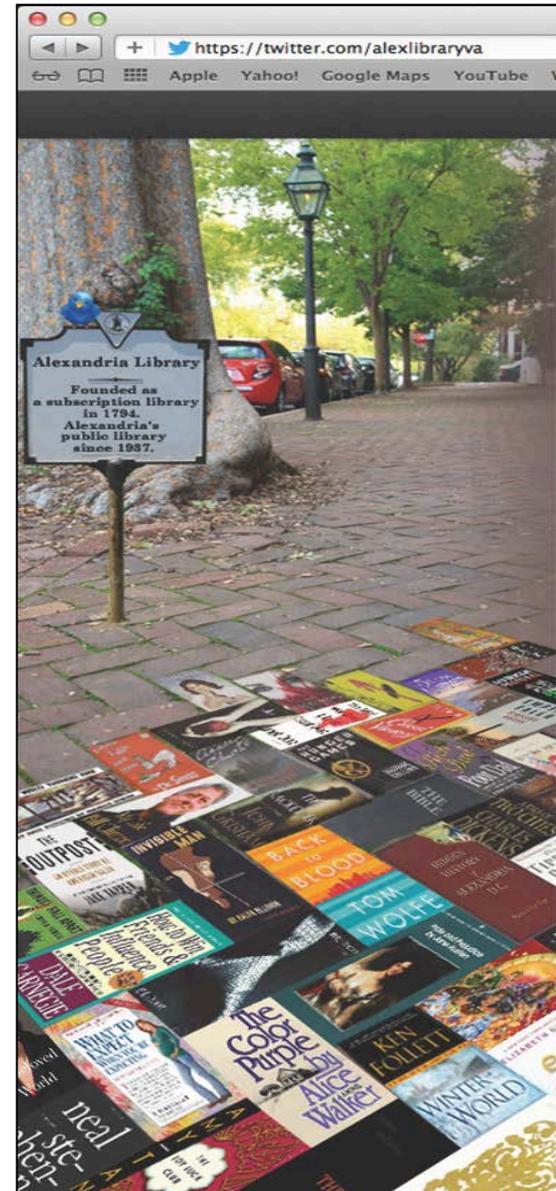
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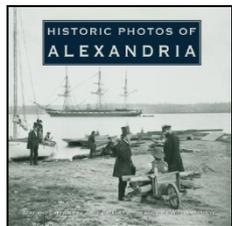


Mouse's First Visit
to
the Alexandria Library



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**IN THIS
RAPIDLY-EVOLVING
WORLD, WHAT
SERVICES WOULD
YOU LIKE TO SEE AT
ALEXANDRIA
LIBRARY?**

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 4000 Patron Surveys
- 200 Phone Interviews
- 15 Executive Interviews
- 6 Focus Groups
- Employee Survey

- Collection of analytical data
- Benchmarking data

7 Priorities

- Learners of all ages
- Technology
- Library as Community Hub
- Collection management
- Community Relations
- Organizational Development
- Fundraising & Advocacy



Questions?

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