

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARIES

Quality library service for all residents of
Columbia County.

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Review of goals and objectives for 2015-2020 Plan for Library Services*

- Ensure quality library programs and services for all county residents.
- Inform and advocate to the public and governing bodies the wide range of library services available to its rural residents, using a variety of public relations and marketing strategies.
- Offer assistance in using new technologies implemented to ensure quality of library services.
- Obtain equitable funding for public libraries and provide incentives for continuity in library services throughout Columbia County.

*approved by Columbia County Board of Supervisors September, 16, 2015.

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Community Partnerships:

Lodi Public Library: The Lodi Quilt Guild's 193 members donated pre-cut fabric, and assisted with quilting instruction to children and adults who created 46 kennel quilts for needy animals at the Columbia County Humane Society.

Portage Public Library: Senior living facility Heritage House welcomed children from the area for a Community Story Time, as part of the library's summer library program "Build a Better World."



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Poynette Area Public Library: 146 people were thrilled by the experiments and hands-on activities during the “Construction and Demolition! With Mad Science of Iowa” program.



Rio Community Library: Just before the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, the Rio Library hosted their own version of the summer games. Events included kickball and horseshoe tournaments, cupcake wars, Norwegian skis, hay bale hurdles, book balance relay, trivia, gaga ball, and a very popular dunk tank. Nearly 400 local “athletes” took part in the activities, that’s about 40% of Rio (WI’s) population!



Hutchinson Memorial Library in Randolph: The Case Family Singers perform during the annual Artist's Reception.

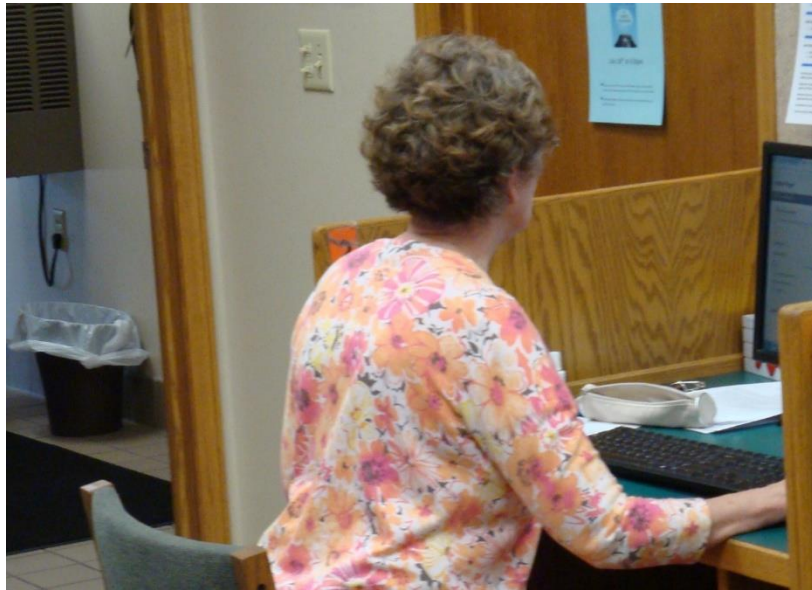
Portage Public Library: Some of our most adorable library users at the ToddlerTime program.

Wyocena Public Library: Wintertime cookie decorating program for kids and families.



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I am an adjunct instructor for a private university. I teach online courses and do a great deal of communication and work on the internet for the benefit of my students. I cannot begin to express how valuable both the resources and the staff at the library have been in helping me to fulfill these responsibilities. The staff at the Poynette Library, without exception, is knowledgeable, skilled, and very competent in helping me to access the technology (internet, document scanner, and copy machine) and other resources provided by the library. (Jeanette, Poynette)



The library gave me a love of reading. In Milwaukee as a kid they had summer reading contests and that got me started. When I was in school I was able to skip some grades- it had a lot to do with my reading. Here the technology is great- I can order stuff from any library online and have it delivered here, that's great customer service. I have 3 library cards on me right now, but this library has the best personnel. (Tim, Portage)

Goal: Obtain equitable funding for public libraries and provide incentives for continuity in library services throughout Columbia County.

A. The County Library board will provide at least full statutory reimbursement funding to all County libraries for access by county residents in townships/villages which do not maintain a public library.

B. The Board will provide funding to county public libraries for central cost expenses, such as rotating collections, inter-library delivery service, and resource library payments.

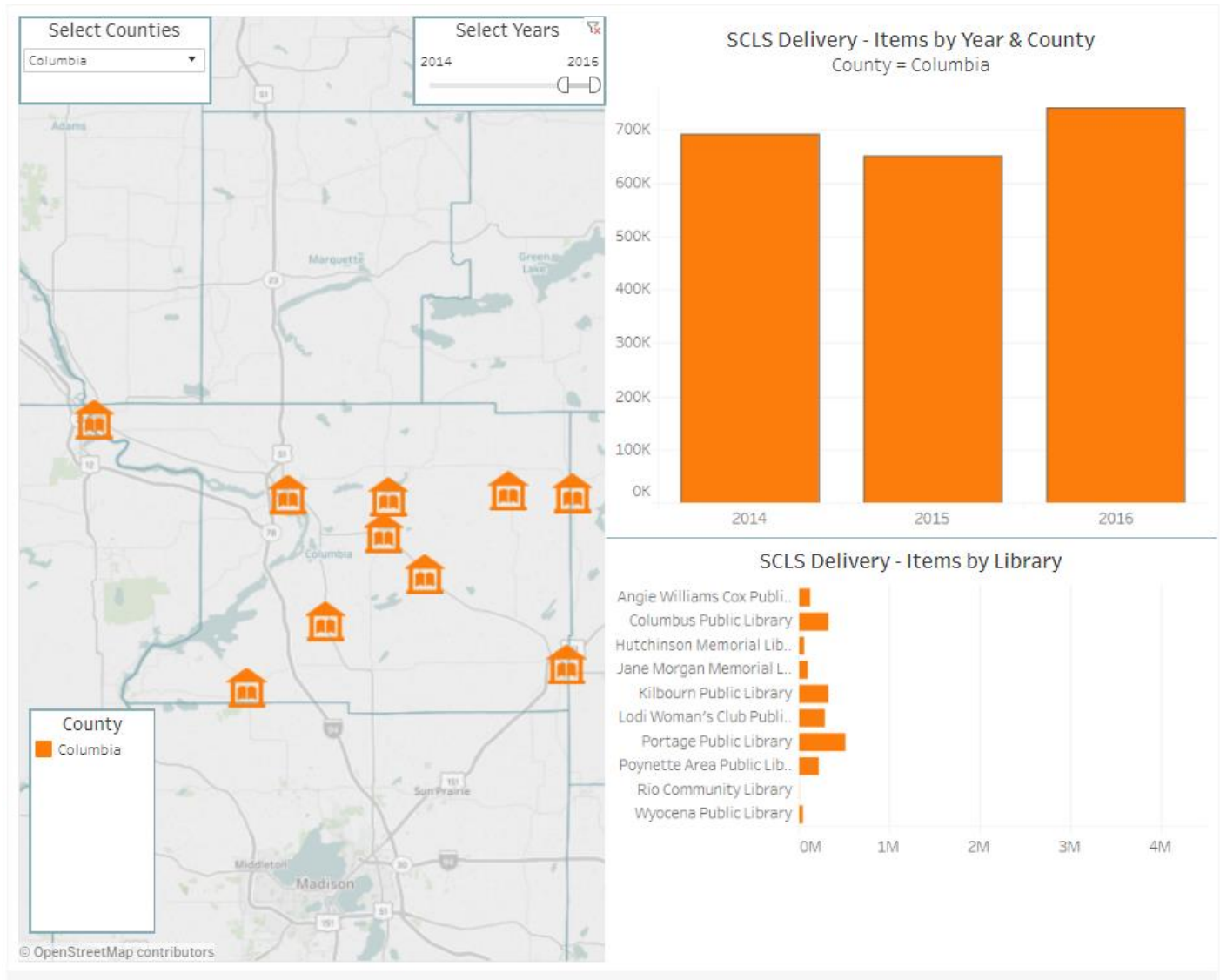
C. The Board will provide reimbursement funding to adjacent counties for service to Columbia County residents.

Delivery Service

- **5 days per week**
- **700,000 items transported per year (avg.)**
- **10 libraries in our county, 76 in South Central Library System**
- **\$48,000 per year**

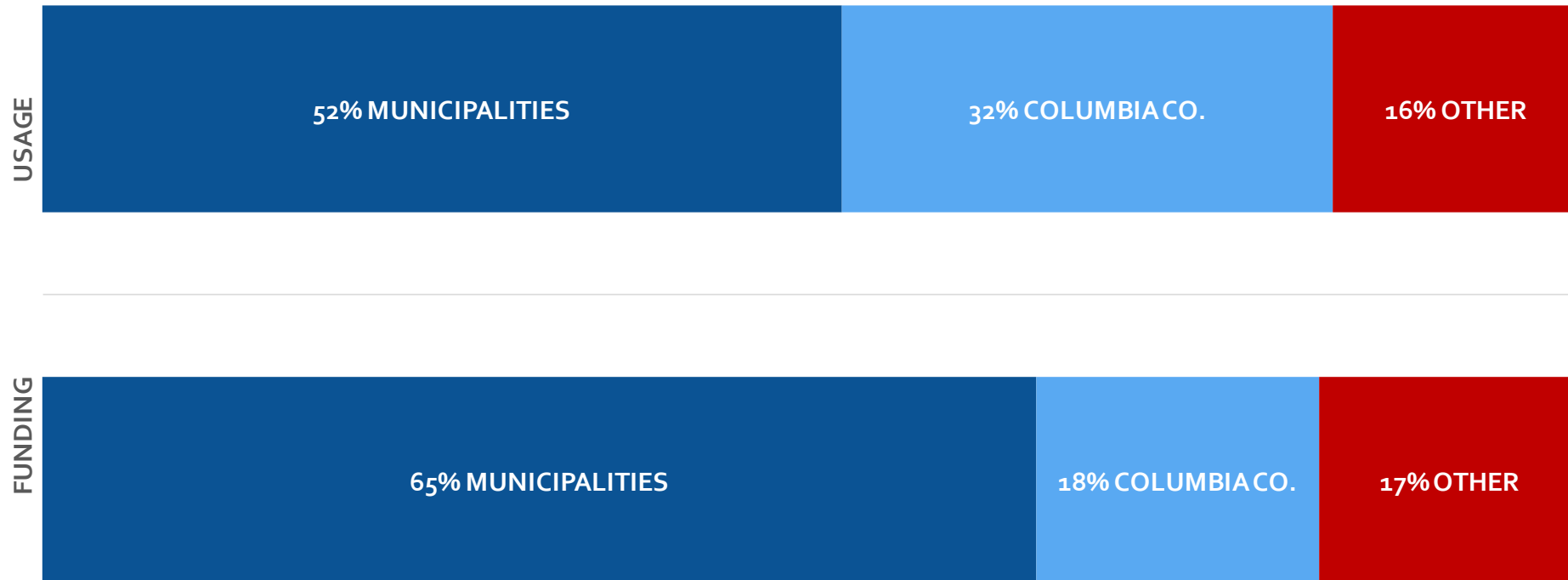
Library users love this service and are frequently impressed at the speed in which their requests for items are filled. Libraries are the hearts of our communities and Delivery is the lifeblood that circulates between them.

Food for thought: Not only is this listed as a goal for our library system, most other counties in our system (Wood, Portage, Sauk, Dane, Green, etc.) pay for this service on behalf of their libraries.



Funding Sources & Library Usage

LIBRARY FUNDING V. LIBRARY USAGE 2016



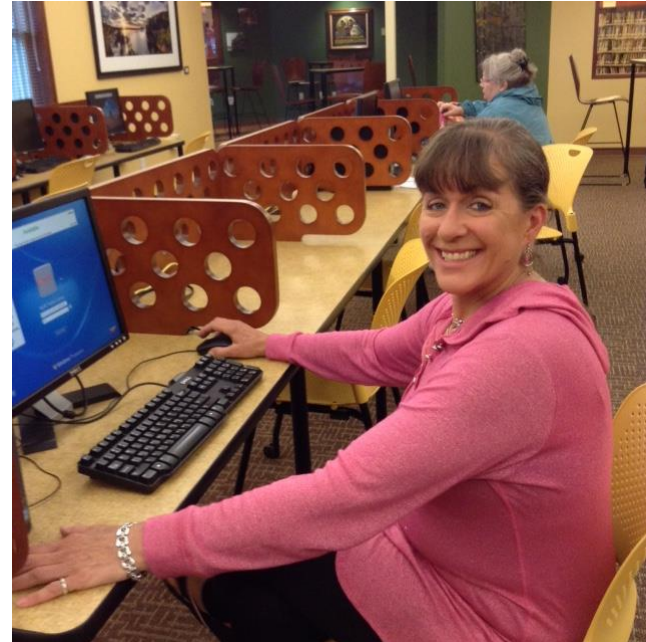
I love my library because...

"It reminds me of a time when the simple things were important to people. Libraries are of vital importance to communities. The library gives people hope with its valuable resources to better our future."

– Jackie, Wisconsin Dells.

"Its not just one thing specifically- I love the people, I love the programs, and I love the books!"

–Anon., Wisconsin Dells.



I love my library because...

"Columbus doesn't have a teen center or anything, so I love coming to library programs. It's a chance to hang out with my friends, play games, and try things I don't do at home."

– Columbus Teen



"Columbus is so lucky to have a library that helps us make small positive changes in our world. Through the Root for Columbus program, small efforts, like this park clean up, are adding dashes of fun and vibrancy to the community. I've gotten to know a lot of new people through the program. For me, that's what it's all about."

-Deb, Columbus



I love my library because...

"It's an educational and fun place to take the grandchildren."

- Carol, Pardeeville



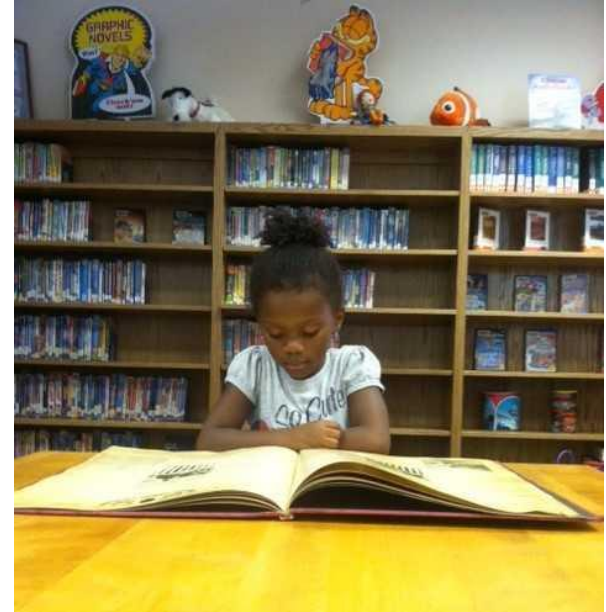
"It gives me a place to meet my students."

—Patti (teacher), Pardeeville



I love my library because...

"It has big books for little people!"
– Charleigh, Randolph



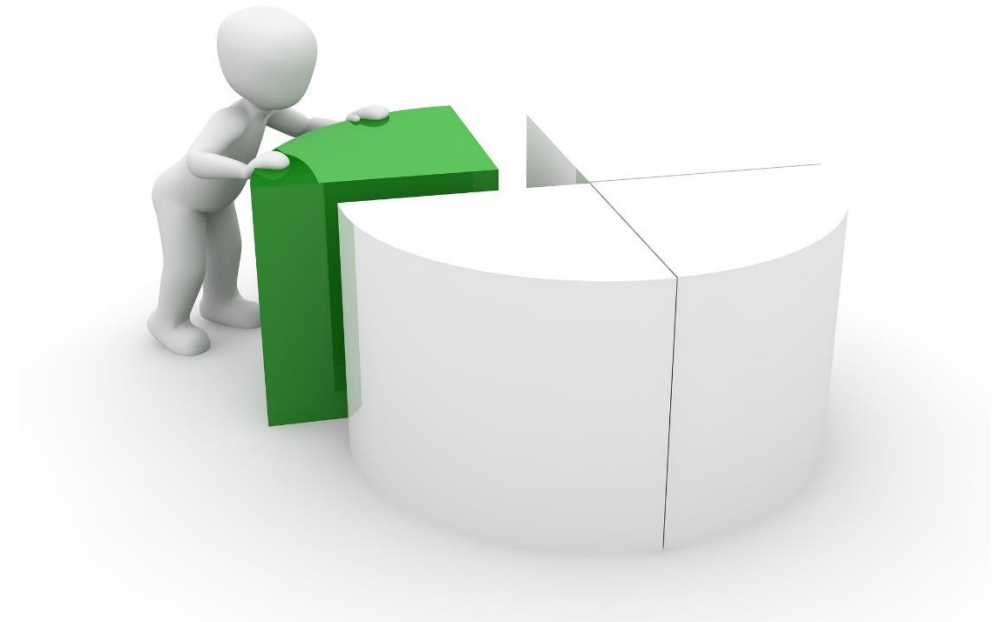
"All the people know us and can find books we really like. They have a puzzle we can work on. We love the summer Reading Program because it encourages us to read more because of the rewards and prizes."
-Kim & Family, Poynette



Value of Libraries

We've shown you how residents from all over the county value our libraries and the services they offer, and how the county libraries have met some of our long range goals.

We would ask when it is time to consider the 2018 budget, to please remember the positive impact libraries have on the lives and communities of those you represent, and what you can do to help us meet more of our long term goals.



Questions? Comments?

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