

# THE POWER OF THE CURIOUS



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DEDICATED TO THE CURIOUS

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

# WHO ARE THE CURIOUS?

## THE CURIOUS ARE:

- The toddler who asks for one more story.
- The teen who is mixing a new beat.
- The father who is searching for a new job.
- The senior who is signing up for healthcare.
- The entrepreneur who is collaborating with a team.
- And yes, the book lover – print or digital – who is looking for the book they can't put down.

In **Chicago**, the curious have found a home at **Chicago Public Library**.

In 80 branches throughout the city, people come to the Library to discover what the world has to offer and how to make sense of it all.

Keeping this spirit alive is **Chicago Public Library Foundation**.

Dedicated to the curious, the Foundation partners with the Library to support game-changing programs that keep the curious coming back for more.

## THIS IS WHAT DEDICATION LOOKS LIKE.

# DEAR FRIENDS:

The spirit of curiosity begins at birth. Chicago Public Library and Chicago Public Library Foundation seek to nurture, inspire and challenge that curiosity, to surround it with a dynamic environment that gives it room to grow. We believe that's how you build generations of engaged Chicagoans.

Today, Chicago Public Library is the proud home of the curious, reaching residents throughout the city with award-winning services, rich materials and state-of-the-art technology. The Library's role is so pivotal to the city's knowledge economy that it needs a strong partner to keep its mission front and center in the hearts and minds of Chicago.

That partner is the Chicago Public Library Foundation. Dedicated to the curious, the Foundation advances the high-impact programs and raises the critical support needed to keep the Library fresh, relevant and responsive. Here's what we mean:

- The award-winning Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge reached **99,000 Chicago school children** who read **72 million minutes** – an 80% increase in participation since the program was redesigned in 2013. This program earned CPL the distinction of being the first library ever to win an excellence award from the National Summer Learning Association in 2015.
- Thanks to a **\$2.5 million grant from Exelon, one of** the largest gifts in the history of the Chicago Public Library Foundation, and additional support from the City, CPL will create **early learning spaces** that bring interactive play and STEM-focused discovery to neighborhood branches across the city, with a flagship Early Learning Space at Harold Washington Library.
- In partnership with the **Smart Chicago Collaborative** and **\$500,000 of support through Connect Chicago**, the **CyberNavigator program** was expanded to all neighborhoods. This digital skills training program provides small group instruction and one-on-one support for patrons who want to develop basic digital skills. Previously at 50 branch libraries, this expansion will reach further into Chicago neighborhoods to deepen its citywide impact.

These are just a few of the 2015 highlights we are proud to share with you. Our powerful partnership is increasing literacy, bridging the digital divide and delivering a sense of excitement and wonder to our city. Each year, we set our bar higher, aiming to exceed the expectations of the supporters who make all of this possible.

**With profound thanks to all who are dedicated to the curious.**

**BRIAN BANNON**  
Commissioner  
Chicago Public Library

**LINDA JOHNSON RICE**  
President, Board of Directors  
Chicago Public Library

**RHONA FRAZIN**  
President and CEO  
Chicago Public Library Foundation

**ROBERT A. WISLOW**  
Chairman  
Chicago Public Library Foundation





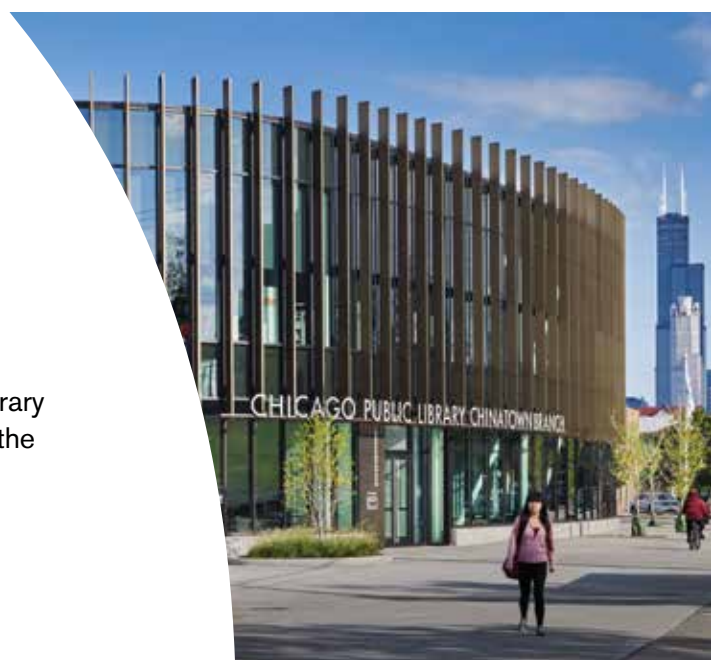
A large, modern interior space with a curved white ceiling and a prominent white staircase. A large, colorful mural is visible on the upper level. In the foreground, there are several large, red and black beanbag chairs. A person is standing near a service counter in the background.

# NEW CHINATOWN BRANCH

**NAMED BEST OF CHICAGO  
ARCHITECTURE 2015 BY CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The unique 16,370-square-foot, two-story branch features a YOUmedia space for teens, community meeting space, and an early learning center. Serving as a cultural and information center not only for Chinatown and Chicago residents, but also for other visitors, the Chinatown Library has consistently been one of the busiest branches in the Chicago Public Library system.

This CPL branch is one of seven winners of the 2016 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards. It was named the Midwest Building of the Year by the *Architect's Newspaper* and was also listed in the *Chicago Tribune's* "Best of 2015 Chicago Architecture" year-end review.



# CURIOUS ABOUT 2015?

**CPLF RAISED MORE THAN \$5 MILLION TO SUPPORT LIBRARY PROGRAMS IN 2015.**  
SEE ASTERISKED PROGRAMS ON THIS PAGE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS ABOUT  
**1 MILLION**  
CARDHOLDERS.



**9 MILLION PATRONS VISITED**  
Chicago Public Library's 80 branches.

**\*CPL'S WEBSITE HAD OVER 57 MILLION PAGE VIEWS**  
AND OVER 9.9 MILLION UNIQUE VISITS.

**\*99,000 CHILDREN READ OVER 72 MILLION MINUTES DURING THE 2015 SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE.**

**\*CPL'S YOU MEDIA LABS LOGGED OVER 40,000 VISITS IN 2015. THIS REPRESENTS A 27% INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.**

**CPL CIRCULATED NEARLY 10 MILLION ITEMS**

**\*CPL'S CYBERNAVIGATORS DELIVERED NEARLY 100,000 COMPUTER TUTORING SESSIONS.**

**\*Teacher in the Library/Homework Help increased by 15 percent, to more than 95,000 SESSIONS.**



**CPLF PROVIDED 2.5 MILLION FREE PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER SESSIONS.**





## WHAT'S ON THE CURIOUS BOOKSHELF?

**Carlette** grew up reading biographies like *Diary of Anne Frank*

**Margaret** is creating her own One Book program in hometown Pass Christian, Mississippi, launching the program with *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson

**Madeleine** is in two book groups and is reading *The Secret Wisdom of the Earth*, by Christopher Scotton and *Destiny of the Republic*, by Candice Millard



# CREATING A LIBRARY LEGACY IS A FAMILY MATTER.

## The James and Madeleine McMullan Family Foundation Meet: Madeleine, Carlette and Margaret McMullan

**When someone makes an extraordinary mark on the world, how do you best sustain that work after he is gone?** For the McMullan family, it wasn't just about sustaining the spirit of husband/father James McMullan, it was how to scale his remarkable legacy, strengthen its impact and broaden its reach for years to come.

"Dad believed you were put on this planet to do something productive," emphasizes his daughter Carlette, who worked as her father's business partner at William Blair & Company for 23 years. So the family followed his lead, creating the James and Madeleine McMullan Family Foundation, named in honor of their late father and their very much alive mother, Madeleine, herself an enthusiastic champion of libraries.

Today, the family's foundation is an important supporter of Chicago Public Library programs, through their gifts to the Chicago Public Library Foundation. "Chicago Public Library is the epitome of what my father would be in favor of supporting," says Carlette. "He was such a person of integrity. He mentored so many people in the investment business. He also cared a great deal about civil rights and social justice."

"Both my parents believed in the freedom that books give. Everybody can read at a library. You can get educated at the library for free. It opens the world," adds daughter Margaret, a writer who has taught classes at Chicago Public Library.

So it's no surprise that the first major gift the McMullans made was to support Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge, the Library's reading and learning program. Prior to making the gift, Carlette went on a tour of several Library branches. "Everyone was so respectful. I thought, this is working. This is a vital part of the community. Then I heard that the program would benefit from a major sponsorship and I thought, 'Let me see what I can do.'"

As the Summer Learning Challenge grew in popularity, so did the McMullans' commitment to the Library.

"What I admire about all the CPL programs is that they foster a sense of community with all of Chicago. I was moved by the inclusiveness of Teacher in the Library. I saw dynamic educators who were really cool, taking time to help students with homework," says Margaret. So the McMullans began supporting Teacher in the Library, part of CPL's Homework Help program that helped students through more than 95,000 sessions over the 2014-2015 school year.

"Children are free to bring homework to the library to get help with algebra or grammar," adds Madeleine. "This could change a child's life."

Madeleine, Carlette and Margaret all agree

Jim McMullan would be proud of his growing legacy. "Libraries are such vital parts of the city, and they need to be supported," notes Carlette.

"If you give to the Library, you know it's going to the right place," says Margaret. "You are putting resources into communities that need it. It's a no brainer."

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- MARGARET MCMULLAN





**Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge** is supported through generous donations to the **Chicago Public Library Foundation**. Major 2015 sponsors included Boeing, the James & Madeleine McMullan Family Foundation, KPMG, Dr. Scholl Foundation, Helen M. Harrison Foundation, Macy's, RR Donnelley, Peggy & Steve Fossett Foundation, Peoples Gas, the Cubs Care Fund of the McCormick Foundation, and the Motorola Solutions Foundation. Promotional support of the Foundation's Summer Learning Campaign came from RPM Advertising.





# CPL'S RAHM'S READERS SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

Inspiring children to read, discover and create

**For decades Chicago Public Library has challenged Chicago children to read during the summer.** In 2013, with support from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, CPL redesigned its summer program to more intentionally support 21st century learning.

CPL's ten-week STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Math) summer program for children and families is designed and delivered in partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) and supported by the Chicago Public Library Foundation. The program helps families combat the summer slide – a phenomenon that describes children's loss of up to three months of the previous year's academic gains if they are not engaged in reading and other learning activities during the summer. In just two years, the program captured national attention, and in 2015, CPL was the first library ever to win an excellence award from the National Summer Learning Association.

The 2015 space travel-themed program included hands-on activities meant to encourage children all over Chicago to think like space engineers, by engaging in design challenges, and by deepening their understanding of the solar system and space travel. Children participated in library-based programs and field trips to MSI and Adler Planetarium.

The Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge includes an early literacy component with programming for "Rahm's Little Readers," ages 0-5. This component helps parents and caregivers incorporate the five key areas of early learning into their child care routines: Talk, Sing, Read, Write and Play. In 2015, every participant in Rahm's Little Readers received a free book, courtesy of KPMG.

By combining STEAM activities with reading, students of all ages are engaged in a comprehensive summer-long program that ignites their curiosity and keeps their brains active. And we mean active.

Meet Avery McDowell, a dynamic 8-year-old who was a standout from the 2015 Summer Learning Challenge. A patron of the Greater Grand Crossing Branch, Avery was captivated by the space exploration theme. After watching a

documentary on Apollo 13, he created his own science talk videos, each one focused on a specific topic.

"One was on circuits. One was on animals. One was on craters," recounts Avery. The videos led to a meeting between Avery and Captain Jim Lovell, the hero of Apollo 13, and the Foundation's spokesperson for the 2015 Summer Learning Challenge. Yes, Avery wants to be an astronaut.

Making a science video series would have been more than enough for most kids during the summer. But not Avery. He also read **200 books – 3,000 minutes of reading** -- as part of Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge. His love of reading and learning caught the attention of Mayor Rahm Emanuel who invited Avery to attend a press conference with him. "He hugged me twice!" says Avery.

"At Chicago Public Library, we are committed to inspiring continuous learning, exploration and growth," says CPL Commissioner Brian Bannon. "Rahm's Readers provides children and families with activities aimed at nurturing learning and building 21st century skills."

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## SUMMER LEARNING SOARS

**Youth who enrolled in the Summer Learning Challenge—particularly the youngest and most engaged—showed 15% greater reading gains, and 20% greater math gains over and above their peers, according to a study done by Chapin Hall, a research institute at the University of Chicago.**

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## WHAT'S ON THE CURIOUS BOOKSHELF?

Adrian Miller,  
*Soul Food*

Any cookbook by  
Rick Bayless



***The Library Foundation Junior Board is a group of young professionals (ages 25-40) who believe in the free and open access to knowledge and learning for all Chicagoans at Chicago Public Library. Junior Board members serve as Library ambassadors, promoting programs and services made possible through private donations. Members also support the Foundation through the group's fundraising efforts. The Junior Board creates fun opportunities for young professionals to engage with their peers in literary, arts and culture, and social activities.***



# FROM BABYSITTERS CLUB TO JUNIOR BOARD PRESIDENT

**Angela Burke grew up at the library.** “Especially in summer, I used to always participate in the reading programs to get free Pizza Hut coupons,” she remembers. “I’ve always been a lifelong library user. I think the first question I asked a librarian was, ‘Where can I find a *Babysitter’s Club* book?’ I read them all – I even got the author to autograph a book for me!”

Angela’s childhood home was in DeKalb. She remembers when she was young, riding down the Congress Expressway on her way to her grandmother’s house. On each trip she’d check on the construction progress of the new Harold Washington Library Center. “I couldn’t stop looking at it,” she says.

“I’ve always been a library user, but to be honest, Chicago Public Library chose me,” notes Angela, who runs her own restaurant marketing firm, Chef Groupie. “I went to a Literary Festival and walked up to a booth for the Chicago Public Library Foundation. They gave me some information about volunteering – and I knew. There wasn’t even a question. This was my cause. I had to be a part of it.” Today she is the dynamic leader of the Chicago Public Library Foundation Junior Board.

“Our work on the Junior Board is really about the Library’s mission. Many of us are transplants from other cities, some are native Chicagoans, but we all grew up at the library,” she stresses. “This is the best board I have ever worked on. Everyone is so down-to-earth. There are no egos here. We come together to support the great work of Chicago Public Library.”

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**- ANGELA BURKE**

The 50-member Junior Board is fast becoming one of the most high-impact junior boards in Chicago. It holds events throughout the year, and its signature event, Night in the Stacks, is a sell-out, with more than 400 young and young-at-heart Chicagoans celebrating and supporting the Library and the Library Foundation.

Beyond the collaborative social aspects of serving on the Junior Board, Angela says supporting Chicago Public Library is deeply meaningful to her. “I really have a soft spot for kids.

You can’t turn a blind eye to what’s happening with our youth. The library is a place for kids and teens to learn and explore their own interests and passions.”

“Libraries throughout the city are becoming more like community learning centers. Young people can come and get help with their homework. They can learn the latest technology in a Maker Lab. They can explore their creative side in YOUmedia. The library creates access for everyone,” Angela continues. “Where else can you go to try 3-D printing?”





## WHAT CAN YOU FIND IN CPL'S MAKER LAB?

The Lab offers access to a variety of free design tools such as **Inkscape, Tinkercad, AutoDesk 123D Design**, and equipment that includes **3D Printers, laser cutters, electronic cutters**, and a **milling machine**.



*Chris Balin pictured in the Inventables Warehouse*

# MAKER LAB INSPIRES

# CURIOSITY – IN 3D

CPL harnesses the energy of the maker movement and emerges as an innovation leader in the city

**Libraries have long been on the leading edge of learning.** In 2012, Chicago Public Library staff began to explore how emerging makerspaces might support the Library's vision for providing lifelong learning through multiple pathways and modalities. Through research, consultation with thought leaders and leading practitioners across the US, the Library team designed its own makerspace to introduce people from a variety of backgrounds to new knowledge and technologies in a fun, welcoming environment.

What began as a six-month library "pop-up" style experiment in 2013 has grown into the Chicago Innovation Award-winning Maker Lab, the first, and still only, free space of its kind in Chicago. Funded initially by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and subsequently through a grant from the Motorola Mobility Foundation, this making and design lab has attracted more than 130,000 visitors through 2015.

One of those visitors was Chris Balin, who moved to Chicago in 2013 with dreams of becoming a designer, but had no background or training. "I've always been a big tech kind of guy and I've been intrigued about maker technology becoming more accessible. I heard Chicago Public Library had just opened a space, so I decided to check it out," explains Chris. "It was really cool to discover the resources there. I had never used those technologies like 3-D printer or the software."

"The maker community in the library was so supportive. The people were so open to sharing knowledge. There was so much good creative energy," recalls Chris. "The staff, especially Sasha, (Librarian Sasha Neri) was great. She was always there to help out if you needed it."

The Maker Lab offers patrons of any skill level access to tools and classes that help them design and create many kinds of objects. Classes and open shop help participants develop digital design and fabrication skills, and serve as an entry point into careers in advanced manufacturing or design. The Maker Lab is also a place for entrepreneurs to create prototypes or build their business. And while other maker spaces charge for classes or membership, CPL's Maker Lab is free. All you need is a library card and your curiosity. There is a small charge for materials used during open shop.

## IN THE MAKER LAB

**"Our reason for being is to put designing and prototyping technologies in the hands of everyday Chicagoans," explains Sasha.**

"We are unique because there are no barriers to entry in our maker community. We welcome everyone," explains Sasha Neri, who has been assisting patrons in the Maker Lab since it first opened. "People come because they are curious about what goes on in here. We get hobby enthusiasts, artists, designers, and entrepreneurs. We get recent college grads who no longer have access to design equipment in their college labs," continues Sasha. "It's not a factory floor feel. It's a door opener to new opportunities."

And that's exactly what happened with Chris. Through his frequent visits to the Maker Lab, he learned that Inventables, the local company that designs and manufactures some of the equipment used in the Lab, was looking for a designer. He was hired and has been working there for more than two years.

"If you had asked me five years ago where I would be, Inventables is the last place I would have imagined," reflects Chris. "I would never be where I am today without the Maker Lab. It will always have a strong place in my heart."







# THE LIBRARY IS A LAUNCHING PAD WHERE CURIOSITY TAKES FLIGHT.

**The Boeing Company likes to say it makes the impossible, possible. “From producing a single canvas-and-wood airplane to transforming how we fly over oceans and into the stars...”**

And it's that reaching for the stars, and inspiring young people with possibilities, that distinguish the transformative programs Boeing supports through its gifts to the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

That support is fueled by two serious library champions: Dave Dohnalek, Senior Vice President of Finance and Treasurer of Boeing who is a Library Foundation Board Member and has three CPL Librarians in his family. And, Mike Cassel, Boeing's director of Global Corporate Citizenship, is an avid life-long library user (he has the library card to prove it) and is a regular at Merlo, his local branch in Lakeview.

According to Mike, Boeing's corporate vision also plays a role.

“The world is changing. Jobs are changing. Education is not always quick to adapt to changing times,” explains Mike. “As part of Boeing's Centennial (1916-2016) we wanted to think about investing in the next generation for the next 100 years.”

“One of our key commitments is to education, particularly project-based challenges with a STEM focus,” notes Mike. “Of course, we work closely with universities. But we know that when young kids are exposed to the building blocks of aviation engineering, they want to go into it.”

Boeing discovered the perfect training ground for the aviation engineers of the future with the Library. And the Foundation is the perfect co-pilot to navigate support. “Chicago Public Library specifically aligns

with the way Boeing looks at education,” Mike says. In 2015, Boeing served as a lead sponsor for CPL's award-winning Summer Learning Challenge. The program uses the library branches as launching pads for STEAM-based programs designed to captivate and challenge children and families.

“I expected the Library and the Foundation to be great partners. But they have gone above and beyond great. It's incredible to see how passionate and professional the Library and Foundation staff members are about their work,” Mike continues.

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**“What we have learned is the Library can reach so many kids and will work to develop programs for specific audiences. The Library has wide and deep impact that moves the needle on education.”**

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**- MIKE CASSEL**

Now Boeing is taking its commitment even further. “From Boeing's standpoint, sparking a love of learning is critical to the future of our country,” says Mike. Boeing will be introducing Iridescent Design Challenge in three branch libraries. Developed by Boeing engineers, this is a new project-based learning program, facilitated by trained librarians. “Design Challenge will harness the inherent curiosity in young people while engaging parents. Kids will work in teams to build specific projects using household items,” Mike explains. “Library branches are welcoming settings for parents. We want

students talking about their projects at home. Boeing aspires to start a new conversation about learning.”

Mike believes Boeing has found ideal partners in Chicago Public Library and the Chicago Public Library Foundation. “What we have learned is the Library can reach so many kids and will work to develop programs for specific audiences,” Mike explains. “The Library has a wide and deep impact that moves the needle on education.

“If education is the jet fuel of innovation, curiosity is the throttle. And the library is where young people take flight.”

## WINTER

### DESIGN THINKING FOR LIBRARIES

After more than two years of collaborative work with the Aarhus Public Libraries in Denmark and design firm IDEO, CPL launched the **Design Thinking for Libraries Toolkit**. This toolkit builds on a project funded by a major grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

### YOUmedia EXPANDS INTO ADDITIONAL COMMUNITIES

Chicago Public Library opened four newly constructed YOUmedia labs in 2015, providing the latest digital media learning opportunities for teens at Sulzer and Woodson Regional, and Chinatown and Legler branch libraries. **CPL now offers YOUmedia programming at 12 locations.** CPL's YOUmedia labs engage pre-teens and teens in self-directed creative activities that support self-expression and the development of the skills needed for academic and career success. In addition to substantial support from the City of Chicago, 2015 YOUmedia funding was provided by the Library Foundation with a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.



## SPRING



### NIGHT IN THE STACKS BREAKS FUND-RAISING RECORD

**The Junior Board of the Chicago Public Library Foundation raised \$126,000** – a new record – at its annual Night in the Stacks fund-raising event on April 10, 2015 at Harold Washington Library. The sell-out event brought together nearly 400 guests to enjoy a super hero theme, with guest appearances by Wonder Woman and Spider Man. Proceeds support Library programs including the Maker Lab, Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge, CyberNavigator computer tutors, and Teacher in the Library. (See related story, Page 8-9)

### INTERNET TO GO

**The new Internet to Go:** The Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program was piloted at three neighborhood libraries in spring 2015 to increase internet access in communities with extremely low in-home Internet connectivity. This pilot tested WiFi hotspot lending in combination with robust digital skills training. CPL rolled out the WiFi lending program, with tablets and laptops, to four additional branch libraries in September 2015. Six additional branches offered the devices in early 2016. This program is supported by grants through the Chicago Public Library Foundation from the Knight Foundation and Google.

## SUMMER

### EXPLORE AND SOAR – ALL SUMMER LONG

Chicago Public Library's Rahm's Readers Summer Learning Challenge was extended from eight weeks to **from eight to twelve weeks**. The 2015 program, themed **Explore and Soar**, partnered with the **Museum of Science & Industry and Adler Planetarium** to engage children, families and caregivers in exploring space through Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math activities. (See related story, Page 6-7)



### SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL AWARD

At its annual conference, National Summer Learning Association's (NSLA) CEO Sarah Pitcock announced that Chicago Public Library is the first-ever **winner of NSLA's Founder's Award, in recognition of its Summer Learning Challenge**—aimed at eliminating the "summer slide." In addition to being the inaugural winner of the Founder's Award, Chicago Public Library is the only public library ever to win an award from the National Summer Learning Association.

## PATRONS DISCOVER CYBERNAVIGATORS IN ALL NEIGHBORHOODS

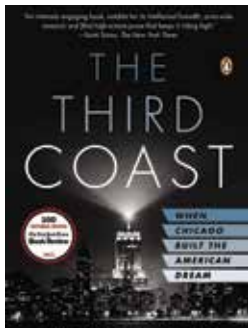
Digital skills coaching is now offered citywide at Chicago Public Library locations, thanks to a new **\$500,000 partnership with the Smart Chicago Collaborative**, through the Chicago Public Library Foundation.



## EXELON MAKES HISTORIC GIFT TO CREATE EARLY LEARNING SPACES IN LIBRARY BRANCHES

Thanks to a **\$2.5 million grant from Exelon**, CPL will build early learning spaces that incorporate interactive play, evidence-based early childhood education, and STEM practices in a flagship early learning space at HWLC and in additional branches across the city. PNC Bank is also a generous supporter of these re-imagined children's spaces.

## AUTUMN



## ONE BOOK ONE CHICAGO NAMES THE THIRD COAST 26TH SELECTION

*The Third Coast: When Chicago Built the American Dream* by Thomas Dyja is named the **26th One Book One Chicago 2015-2016 selection**. BMO Harris Bank, the Chicago Community Trust, Allstate and United Airlines were 2015 funders of One Book One Chicago programs. In 2015 OBOC programs were offered for the first time in all 80 library locations.

## PNC FUNDS NEW EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES

In November, CPL launched **"Words to Grow on Chicago"** in collaboration with local non-profit organizations, El Valor and Metropolitan Family Services and funded by a grant from PNC. This **\$1.5 million grant** to the three institutions, allows CPL to help families with young children in the Pilsen, Little Village and Englewood neighborhoods build early literacy skills and create young readers.

## MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL OFFERS 2015 CINDY PRITZKER LECTURE

**The Cindy Pritzker Lecture on Urban Life** and Issues is presented annually by Chicago Public Library Board of Directors in honor of Cindy Pritzker, a former Library Board President, and Founder of the Chicago Public Library Foundation. Mayor Rahm Emanuel appeared in conversation with author Scott Turow to discuss Chicago's role in driving the global conversation about confronting urban challenges.



Stephen Sondheim pictured with NPR's Scott Simon

## CARL SANDBURG LITERARY AWARDS DINNER HONORS STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Legendary Tony, Oscar, Emmy, and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer and lyricist **Stephen Sondheim** accepted the **Carl Sandburg Literary Award** in October. Chicago-area writer Eric Charles May, whose debut novel *Bedrock Faith* was published in 2014 to widespread acclaim, was presented with the 21st Century Award. To highlight Chicago's vibrant diverse literary community, a prominent writer with ties to the city was seated at each table. More than 700 guests attended the event that was sponsored by BMO Harris Bank. The event **raised more than \$1.5 million** for the Library Foundation and Chicago Public Library.



# CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

for the year ended December 31, 2015

CHICAGO  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

### REVENUES

City of Chicago	\$	97,072,000
State of Illinois ( <i>includes State Capital Construction Grant</i> )		18,983,000
Federal		1,448,033
Chicago Public Library Foundation		4,865,966
Fines and Fees		2,168,876
Capital Income from Bonds		8,691,091
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>133,228,966</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$	71,560,445
Library Books and Materials		7,500,000
State Capital Construction Program Grant*		1,068,854
Capital Income from Bonds **		8,691,091
Other Operating Expenses		44,408,576
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>133,228,966</b>

\*State Capital Construction Program Grant: Projects identified and expenditures to be reflected during the years 2014 and 2015

\*\*Capital income & capital construction expenditures reflect cash flow payments

# CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

for the year ended December 31, 2015

**CHICAGO  
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<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Contributions	\$ 474,534	5,769,562		6,244,096
Special event, net of expenses	808,409	175,000		983,409
Endowment, interest and other income	1,299,965			1,299,965
Donated services	554,248			554,248
Net assets released from restrictions	3,010,058	(3,010,058)		
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 6,147,214</b>	<b>2,934,504</b>		<b>9,081,718</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Grants to Chicago Public Library:</b>				
Children's Programs	\$ 1,223,024			1,223,024
Teen Programs	989,960			989,960
Technology Access	1,301,009			1,301,009
Workforce, Financial and Civic Literacy	315,580			315,580
Collections and Cultural Programs	336,263			336,263
Branch Programs	48,863			48,863
Other Library Programs	651,267			651,267
<b>Total Library Programs and Services</b>	<b>4,865,966</b>			<b>4,865,966</b>
Management, General and Fund-Raising	1,391,371			1,391,371
All Donated Services	554,248			554,248
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,811,585</b>			<b>6,811,585</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
	<b>(664,371)</b>	<b>2,934,504</b>		<b>2,270,133</b>
Change in Net Assets from Nonoperating Activities	(1,708,371)	(187,021)		(1,895,392)
Beginning net assets	17,096,147	6,518,907	8,641,882	32,256,936
<b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 14,723,405</b>	<b>9,266,390</b>	<b>8,641,882</b>	<b>32,631,677</b>

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