

Report

2014

Dear Friends,

"Betty and Veronica." That was the answer to the question I received when I asked a young library patron "What's your favorite thing about the library?" It's not what I expected. Why would a girl born in 2007 be interested in two comic strip characters that first came on the scene in 1942? But that's part of the beauty of working at the library – the unexpected.

It turns out Archie Comics – and in particular, the storylines for Betty and Veronica have evolved quite a bit in recent decades. While much of the action still involves the happenings of Riverdale High School, Betty and Veronica face more serious challenges including having parents who divorce and the moral issues of cheating in school.

Libraries have also evolved.

Your contributions to the King County Library System Foundation helped fund programs to reach children and teens beyond the walls of the library. With the Let's READ! program, library events were held at 100 different sites including public parks, apartment complexes, and community centers.

This ensured that all kids, especially those who may not typically read at home, had a chance to

- Sign up for a library card
- Select a book to start their very own home library
- Attend a library program highlighting the learning objectives of STREAM – science, technology, reading, engineering, art and math

Thank you for helping make the KCLS one of the biggest, one of the busiest and one of the best library systems in the country. Your gifts of support make a difference.

With appreciation,

Elizabeth Castleberry **Executive Director**

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Andrew Payoyo shows off his LEGO ship at the 2015 Summer Learning kick-off.



Let's READ! 2014 participant, Amare Hollis, excited about her new KCLS library card.

Your Gifts at Work | KCLS Program Support



2014 SAT Prep Course students showing off their new workbooks.

SAT Prep Courses

With your support, KCLS was able to offer 30 sixweek SAT Prep courses free of charge for students throughout the library system. There was one class per cluster in the spring and one class per cluster in the fall, serving 660 students overall. The Foundation provided funding to cover the cost of the facilitators, workbooks for each student and personalized assessment before and after completing the course.

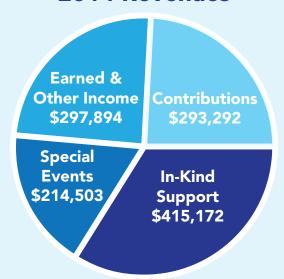


The Lee family at a Let's READ! Summer event with their new books.

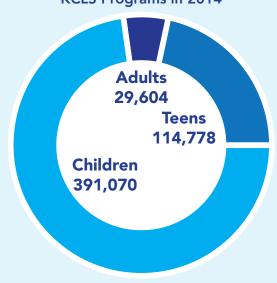
Let's READ! and Summer Learning

The Foundation is proud to support these two vital KCLS programs that encourage kids to stay active in learning all summer long. Your donations helped provide free meals, buses that bring summer school youth to the library, books to be handed out, and prizes for Summer Learning participants to make reading fun for kids of all ages.

2014 Revenues



535,452 People Attended KCLS Programs in 2014



Total \$1,220,861

The KCLS Foundation distributed more than \$875,000 in support of library programs and services, and spent \$541,665 on management and fundraising operations.

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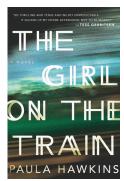




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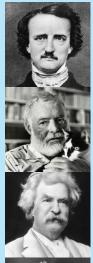


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