

Annual Report

January 1 - December 31, 2015

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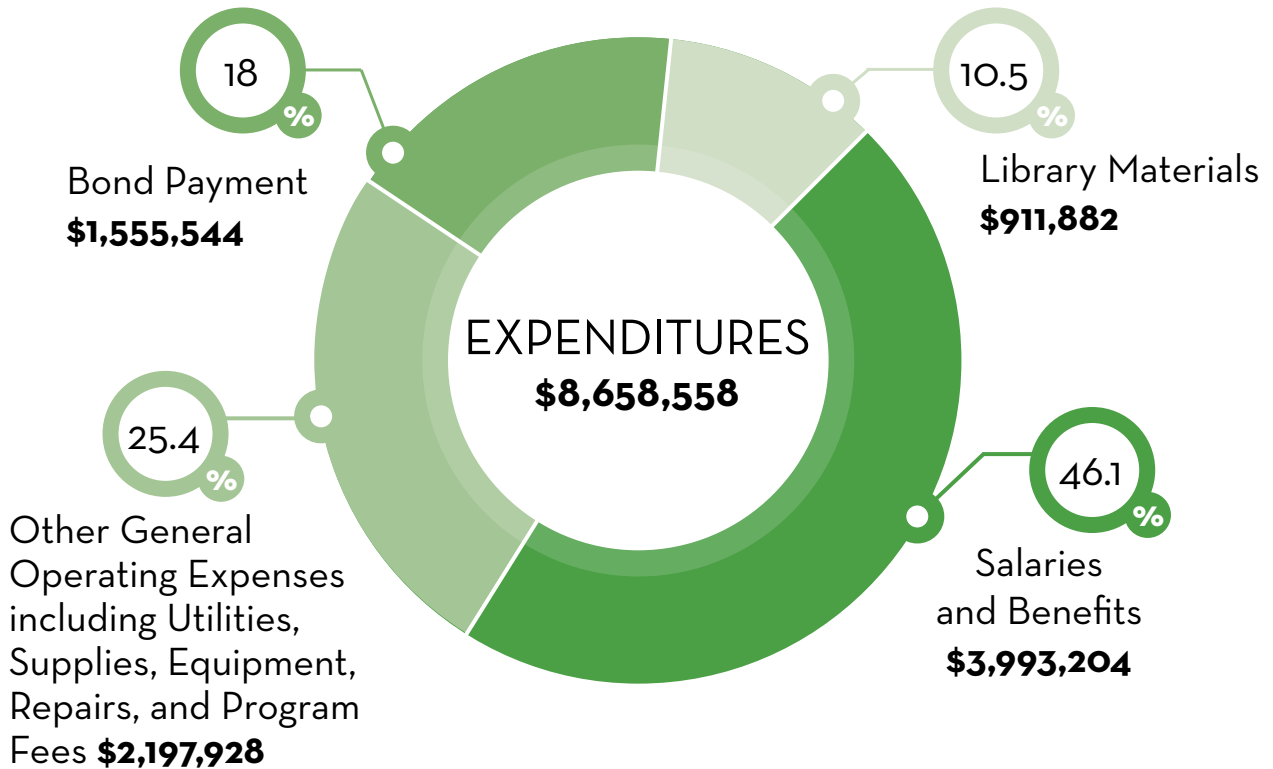
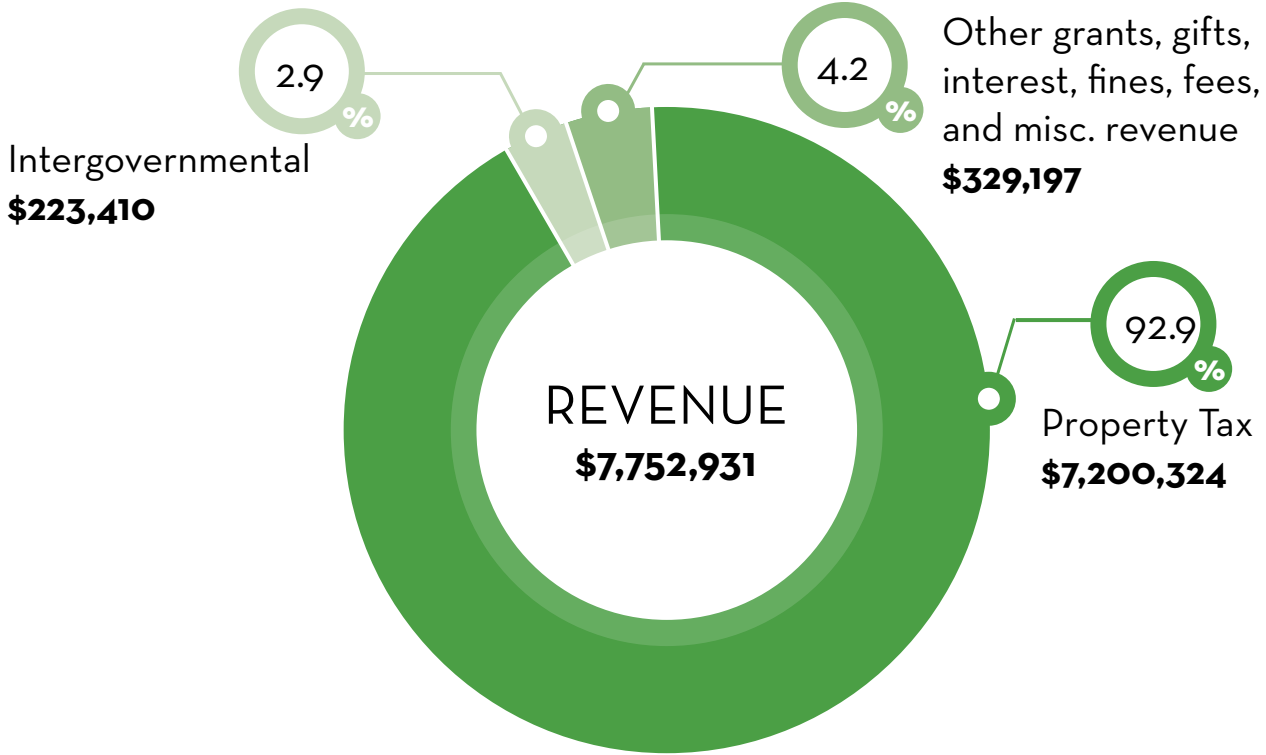


2015 at a Glance



- 25,529 active Elmhurst Public Library cards (unexpired resident cards)
- 579,524 people visited EPL
- 3,305,624 visits to elmhurstpubliclibrary.org
- 1,296,436 materials checked out.
- 97 public computers were used 296,000 times
- Summer Reading started June 6, 2015. More than 5,000 kids participated. Teens read 390 books and adults read 4,673 titles.
- 47,955 people attended 1,882 Library programs
- The most popular program was the semi-annual Study for Finals event for Elmhurst high school students.
- Local groups gathered at EPL for 853 meetings
- The busiest month of the year was June 2015
- 87,069 reference questions asked
- 419,766 items in collection
- Group Study rooms used 11,760 times
- Highest rate of circulation: November 1, 2015: 1,839 items/hr.
- Comic Con: 700 attendees

2015 Budget





2015 Collections



Books	251,183
Downloadable eBooks.....	39,394
Audiobooks.....	9,224
Downloadable Audiobooks	50,671
DVDs.....	24,312
Downloadable Videos.....	22,443
Blu-ray	1,189
Magazine and Newspaper Subscriptions.....	416
Electronic Databases	77
CD-Roms.....	297
Music CDs	17,293
Video Games.....	1,382
Playaway Audio	1,359
Kits (circulating and literacy).....	60
Toys	466
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Total.....	419,766



2015: Your Thoughts



Best library I've ever been to, and a beautiful one too. The staff/librarians are super friendly and helpful. The book selection is enormous, I hope you all manage to stop in.

-Yelp Review 1/9/15

I love this library. They have excellent programs for babies to seniors: learning, bookclub, etc.

I can spend the whole day here. Checking out books, doing research, drinking/eating something from the cafe, computers, magazines, newspapers, movies ... even video games!

And let's not forget the great look this building has! Well kept grounds, well lit.

Almost forgot drive through window! You can call ahead and pick up. Great for when you don't have time and know exactly what you need.

-Yelp Review 2/15/15

This my favorite library to come to. It's a beautiful building; clean and calming. I come here to study everyday and it's always quiet with plenty of places to sit and lay out study materials. The staff is friendly, they have a great coffee shop and other things (worth checking out their website).

-Yelp Review 5/25/15

@askelhurst thanks 4 having me. LOVED the touch screen monitor I used 4 the @LinkedIn seminar. Felt like Vanna White

-Twitter 2/13/15

The new @askelhurst renovations are amazing, I might be here every day during the summer haha
#bookworm

-Twitter 4/25/15



2015 Accomplishments



- Completed 2nd Floor Renovation Project
- Increased programming by 30%; visitor counts went up 7%
- Debuted Library of Extraordinary Things with things like board games, Culinary Cupboard, knitting needles, and projectors
- Board and staff completed a five year strategic plan

2016 Fiscal Year Projects

- More parking available at the Art Museum
- Integrate ematerials into catalog
- Makery installation
- 100-year anniversary
- Library Insiders Buddy Program



2015 Acknowledgements



THANK YOU

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