



40 Libraries • 1 County • 1 Card

ANNUAL REPORT

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We've come a long way since 1924!

The delivery van driver on our cover has a reason to smile!

Over the last three years the Jefferson County Commission awarded the 40 public libraries in Jefferson County, through the Jefferson County Library Cooperative (JCLC), a total of \$395,000. The sum of \$118,420 went towards replacing four aging cargo vans used for the countywide delivery service, which is one of our most popular and visible services. This service gives patrons of the 40 public libraries in Jefferson County access to nearly two million items held in library collections countywide. The vans run three delivery routes, five days per week to provide this wonderful service for users. Each year the JCLC delivery vans travel 1,413 miles per week or 73,476 miles annually delivering books, DVDs, CDs, music, and audiobooks.

The JCLC computer system is the backbone of the library cooperative providing secure internet access, access to the online catalog of 2 million items and reference/educational databases. The County Commission funding, \$276,580, also enabled numerous hardware upgrades; WiFi was expanded and enhanced, communications equipment at remote sites upgraded, physical servers were upgraded to a virtual environment, and real time backed up storage was reduced via a software archival process and a replicated physical storage device (SAN).

JCLC is meeting the demand for online services which includes the popular downloadable eBook and audioBook collections to provide services to our growing population of digital users. JCLC is a vibrant library cooperative (linking 40 libraries) that strives to meet the needs of the Jefferson County community. Happy reading to all, in whatever format you select!



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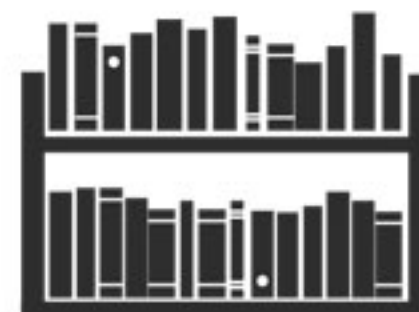
4,300,304
 ITEMS CHECKED OUT



27,841
 NEW LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED



1,451,979
 VISITS TO THE LIBRARY WEBSITE



556,247
 HOLDS PLACED



1,928,752
 ITEMS OWNED



341,972
 EBOOKS BORROWED

Here are a few comments from library users:

"My library is my window, no, my door to the world and my post-graduate school."

"I don't have a PC and I rely on the library to stay in touch with my dad and military friends who are still in Iraq/Afghanistan. (My dad's been in Iraq for 2 years now.) Since my income is low, I rent movies from the library for entertainment."

"When I compare the library I grew up with to what my children and I have now, I am just amazed! It is one of the first things I mention to people who have just moved to Birmingham. I wish my family and I had more time to spend there."

"A great companion! A book means I can never be bored. At 81, I read a broad spectrum of literature and usually have two books going at one time."

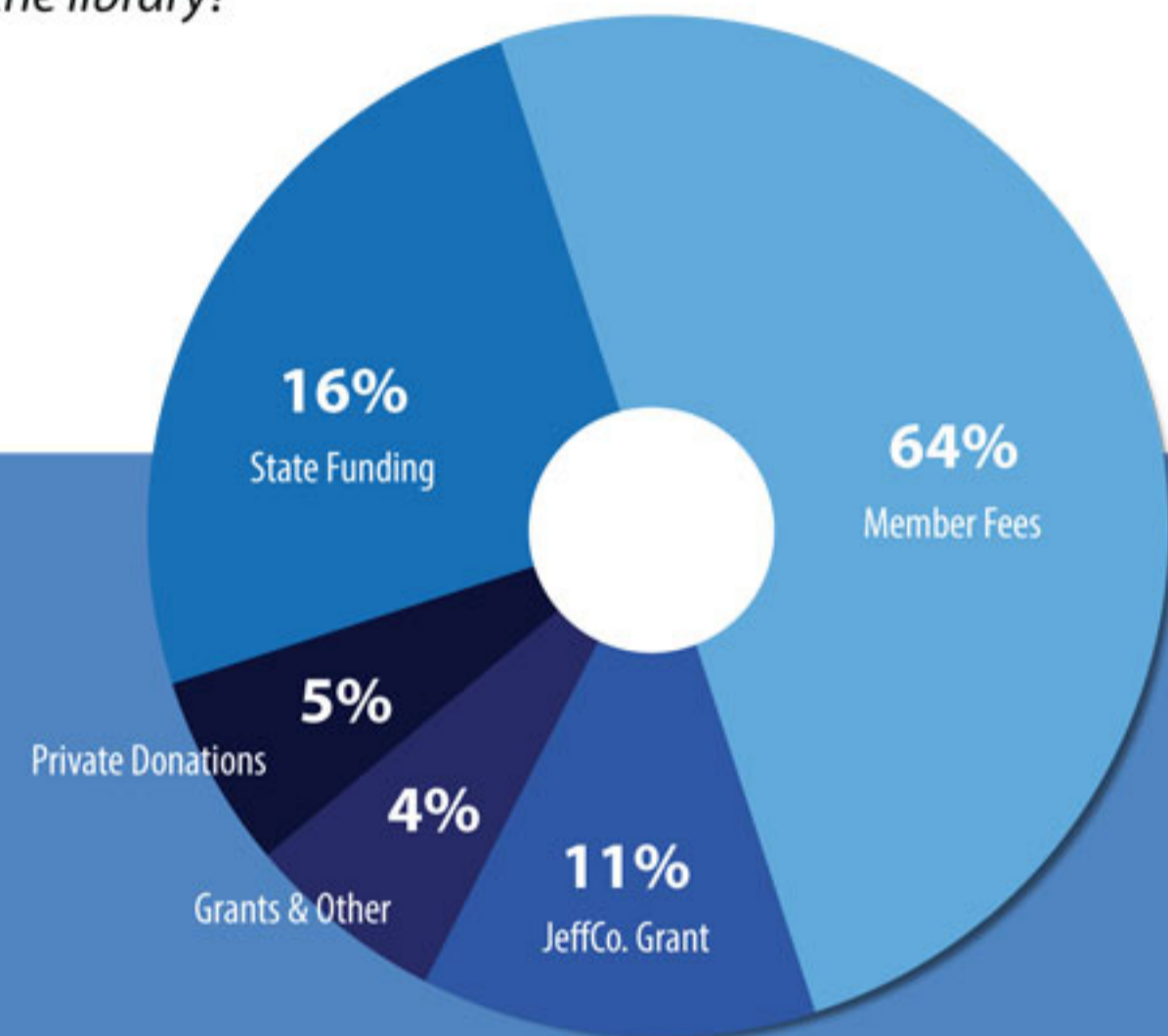


Did you know that with your library card you could...

- Read the latest issue of most magazines?
- Attend free classes, seminars and youth programs?
- Use Books-By-Mail (videos also) if you or someone you know is unable to come into the library?
- Check out eReaders? (available at some libraries)
- Download eBooks and eAudio books for free?
- Request and return materials at 40 libraries or make requests online?
- Manage your library account online?

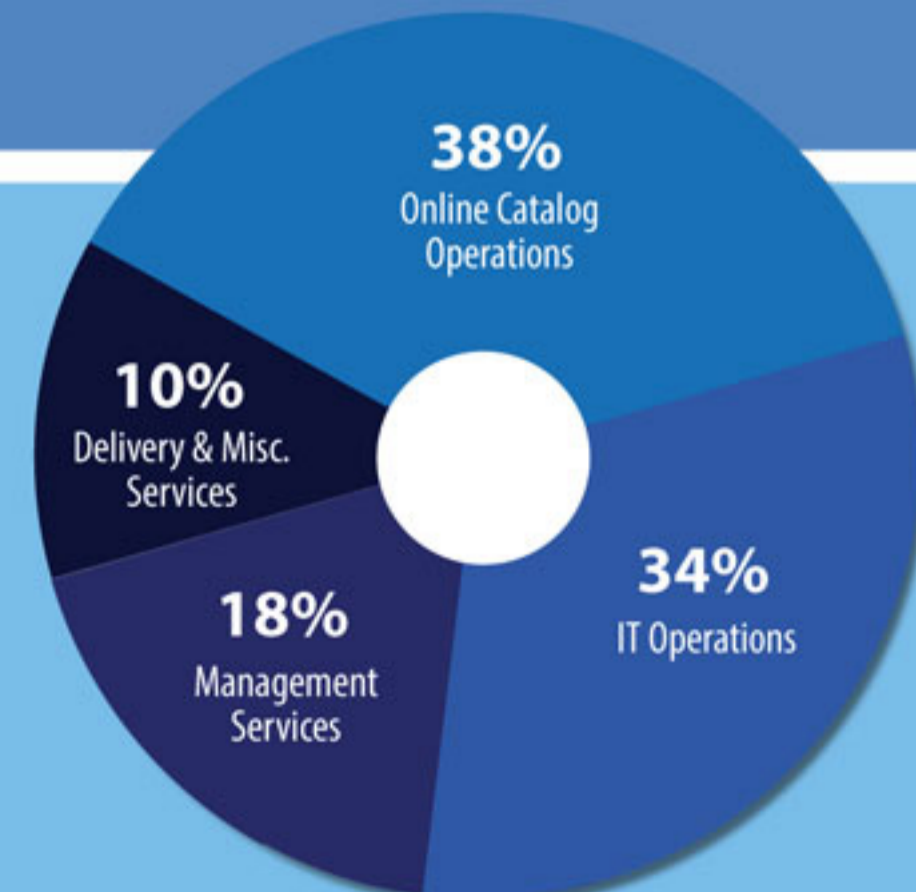
Jefferson County Library Cooperative FY2015-2016 Revenue

64%	Member Library Fees	\$784,727
16%	State of Alabama	\$195,727
11%	JeffCo Grant – Vehicle/ Hardware upgrade	\$137,000
5%	Private Donations	\$62,742
4%	Grants & Other Revenue	\$45,772
	Total Revenue	\$ 1,225,968



Jefferson County Library Cooperative FY2015-2016 Expenses

38%	Countywide Online Catalog Operations	\$458,787
34%	Telecommunications IT Operations	\$406,769
18%	Management and General Services	\$213,759
10%	Delivery & Misc. Countywide Services	\$122,964
	Total Expenses	\$1,202,279



Thank you!

To **You, our users**, who visit our 40 member libraries, in a library or remotely; to each of our **22 local municipalities** that fund their local library staff, building and operations through local city funding; to the following partners – the **State of Alabama** (State Legislature) which provides State Aid funding for public libraries statewide through the Alabama Public Library Service, the **Jefferson County Commission** for funding over the past three years as outlined above, and our **private donors** since 2010 who help to supplement our budget. Last year our donors helped JCLC exceed our \$60,000 donation goal to reach \$62,742.

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