

METROPOLITAN
NEW YORK
LIBRARY COUNCIL

2014-2015
ANNUAL
REPORT

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It's my pleasure to have joined the stellar team at METRO at the tail end of the 2015 fiscal year.

As many of you know, my roots are in New York. I grew up in Binghamton and got my start in the field at Brooklyn Public Library. After a few years as Web Librarian at San Jose Public Library and then Deputy Director at Chattanooga Public Library, I'm super excited to return to New York City to head up the staff at METRO.

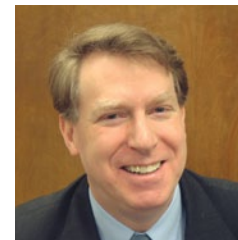
Right now, I'm working with METRO staff to explore new ways to sustain, expand, and improve our member services. We are seeking innovative ways to facilitate collaboration among our members, and creating new projects that will help move the library and archives field forward. I've met with many of you over the past several months to discuss these plans, and I'm more excited about these opportunities than ever. We have some great projects in motion.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with all of you as we make METRO membership more valuable than ever.

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Nate Hill
Executive Director

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



With the arrival of Nate Hill this year as its new director, METRO will once again increase its value to our members and to the greater New York metropolitan community.

Many of us realize that this new century offers new opportunities for libraries to become essential, leading institutions of the knowledge economy.

Nate Hill and the staff of METRO have already made the board proud of their role as leaders and innovative pathfinders for our members. Among many other examples, METRO has brought the Empire State Digital Network to life as an important part of the Digital Public Library of America and broke new ground in training the next generation of digital stewards. We look forward to being even more amazed by new and ongoing projects in this coming year.

As METRO continues to add value to its current members, we also expect that more librarians, archivists, and other information professionals will join. Adding new members will enable us to provide a more interesting forum for everyone. Including a diverse set of backgrounds in our membership will enable the cross-fertilization of ideas, which will in turn help to create important innovations. And, after all, the METRO staff is small; we need your help and your intellectual power to move forward.

Finally, of course, we thank you for your past support and interest in making METRO the vibrant organization described in the rest of this annual report.

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Norm Jacknis
President

OUR PROJECTS



Culture In Transit Funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation; a collaboration with Queens Library and Brooklyn Public Library to capture and share New York's cultural memories via mobile digitization units.



Digital Culture of Metropolitan New York Online home for 23 digital collections from METRO members; launched on May 7 with approximately 25,000 digital objects. See dcmny.org.



Empire State Digital Network The New York state hub of the Digital Public Library of America; contributor of some 87,000 records to DPLA. A collaboration of NY 3Rs, Inc.



Hospital Library Services Program One of the longest-running initiatives at METRO; provides grants to hospital libraries for collection development, interlibrary loan, technical, and other needs. Provided \$220,539 in funding to 97 recipients this year.



Innovative Internships An internship program that funded four projects at member institutions including Center for Jewish History, New York Public Radio, Columbia University Libraries, and New York Public Library Labs.



myMETRO Individual membership to METRO's programs. Founded in 2008. Served 286 members this year.



National Digital Stewardship Residency IMLS-funded project, now entering its second year. Onboarded 5 new professionals, each of whom are passionate about preserving our digital cultural heritage. Host institutions were American Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Hall, Museum of Modern Art, New York University, and New York Art Resources Consortium.



Special Interest Groups Led by a team of 32 volunteer conveners; provides space for our community to meet around topics of mutual interest. Presented 38 programs this year, reaching 677 participants.

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



87,667 RECORDS CONTRIBUTED TO DPLA BY ESDN

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE METRO MONTHLY

7,378

87

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS CURATED BY OUR PRO DEV STAFF

NATIONAL DIGITAL STEWARDSHIP RESIDENTS ONBOARDED

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DIGITIZATION PROJECTS FUNDED

1,828

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS AT METRO'S EVENTS

\$220,539

IN GRANTS PROVIDED BY OUR HOSPITAL LIBRARY SERVICES PROGRAM

METRO MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

250

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

19

25,000

DIGITAL OBJECTS AVAILABLE IN OUR NEW DIGITAL CULTURE OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SITE

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS HELD

38

2,564

TWITTER FOLLOWERS

CURRENT MYMETRO MEMBERS

286

\$79,595

IN GRANTS AWARDED TO DIGITAL PROJECTS

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND NET ASSETS

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

Support and Operating Revenue:

Grant revenues—State of New York	1,761,903
Other grants	293,168
Contributions	207,700
Membership Fees	352,140
Program Fees	51,582
Miscellaneous	21,416
Total Support and Operating Revenue	2,687,909

Operating Expenses:

Program Services	2,363,311
Management & General Expenses	467,288
Fundraising	18,868
Total Operating Expenses	2,849,467

**Deficit of Support and Operating Revenue
over Operating Expenses**

-161,558

Investment Return:

Interest Income	86,929
Net unrealized gain from investments	88,498
Total Investment Return	175,427

Change in Net Assets 13,869

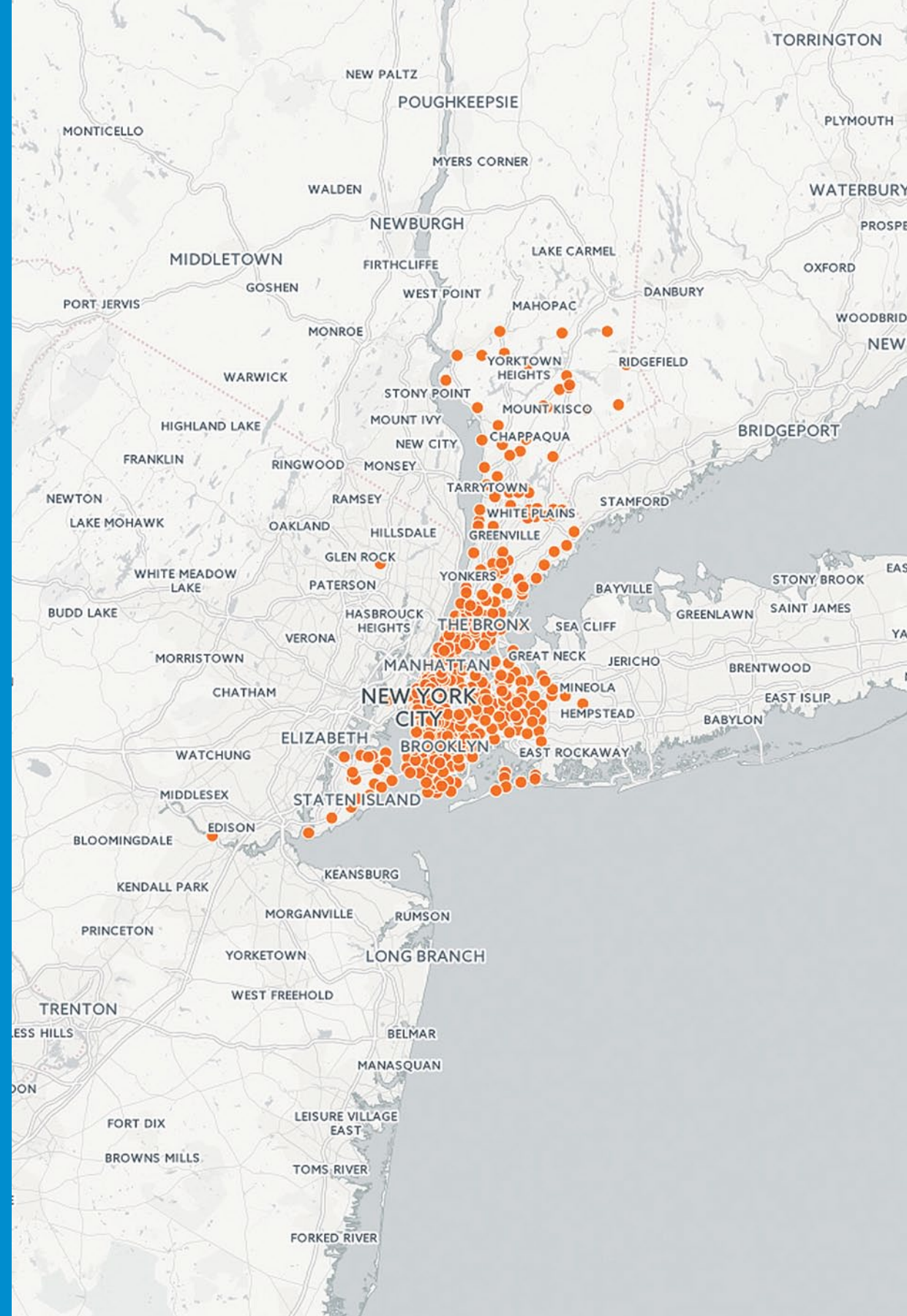
NET ASSETS:

Beginning of the Year	4,578,790
End of the Year	4,562,658

FINANCIAL NOTE:

METRO works hard to provide maximum value to its members while operating on a limited budget. This fiscal year, METRO once again received vital support from the State of New York and our member institutions that helped us launch or sustain a broad range of new and traditional programs and services.

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