

2023 Commission Report

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**AUGUSTA-RICHMOND
COUNTY**
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



Headquarters



Appleby



Diamond Lakes



Friedman



Maxwell



Wallace



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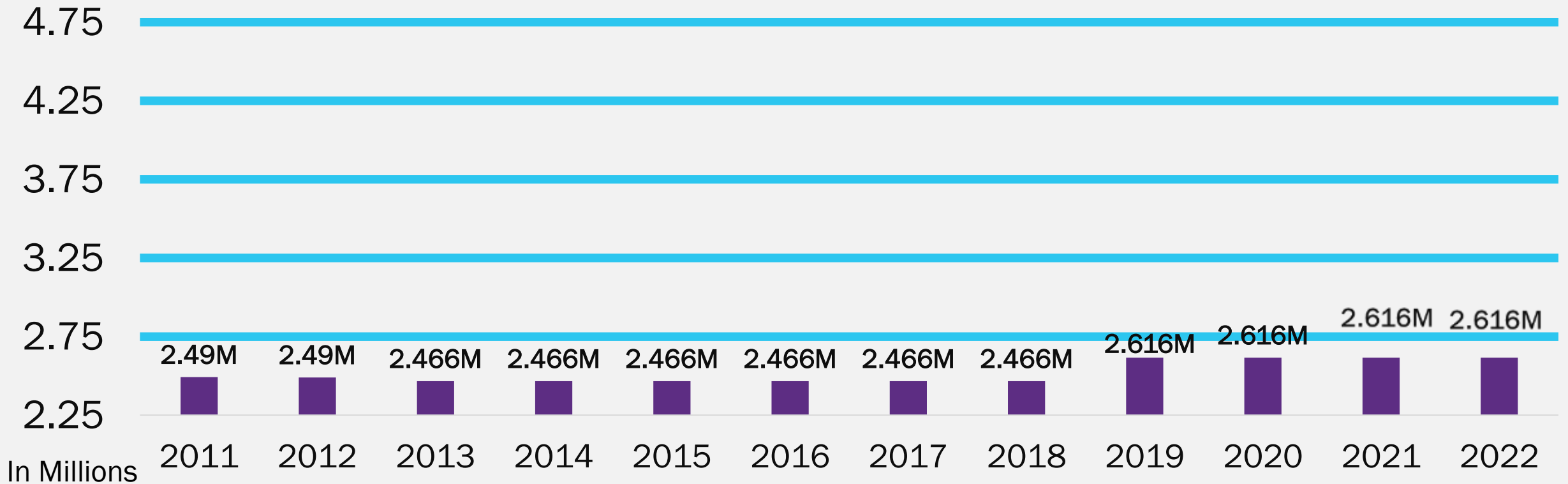
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Objectives

1. Explain ARCPLS deficit (\$1,312,322.18), cost saving measures and the results of those measures.
2. Provide more information on why ARCPLS needs additional funding.



Local Funding Since 2011



***New Headquarters Opened in 2010**

During this time, ARCPLS only received one 6% budget increase in FY 2019

New Library Building in June 2010



Former ARCPLS Headquarters
35,000 square feet



New ARCPLS Headquarters
95,000 square feet

Utility Bill Cost Analysis

Power Bill

ARCPLS Headquarters
902 Green Street
35,000 Square Feet
April 6, 2010

\$4,453.45

ARCPLS Headquarters
823 Telfair Road
95,000 Square Feet
April 7, 2011

\$20,301.50

- Difference of \$15,848.05 from 2010 to 2011
 - One Year Cost \$190,176.60
- Increased Cost of Utility Bill Over 12 Years \$2,282,119.20



Staffing
Library Hours
Materials

Public Programs
Maintenance
Online Resources

Budget Cuts



Essential Vacant Positions

Customer Service Supervisor

(3) Librarian I

(6) Library Assistant III

(2) Office Assistant

(6) Senior Librarian

(4) Library Assistant II

(3) Library Associate

(1) Custodian

***Total of 24 Essential Unfilled Fulltime Positions**

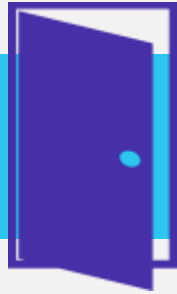
Budget Cuts

- ARCPLS hours were reduce by 15.5 hours a week, 62 hours a month and 744 hours a year
- Materials and Resources budget cut \$40,858.71 yearly
- Programming reduce by 76%
- Online Resources reduce by \$30,050.79

Statistics at a Glance



13,753 Hours
Open



168,503 Library
Visits



618 Library
Programs

251,728
Materials
Borrowed

4,442
Attendance at
618 Programs

13,670
Books Read
for Summer Reading
Program

80,999
Reference
Transactions



38,286
Computer
Sessions



17,739
Wireless
Sessions

FY 22

Comparable Counties Local Funding



2022 Library Budget: \$2,616,000	2022 Library budget: \$7,792,701	2022 Library Budget: \$4,334,372
2022 General Fund: \$182,297,480	2022 General Fund: \$164,174,088	2022 General Fund: \$232,355,990
Population: 203,329	Population: 236,605	Population: 305,229

Comparable Counties Local Funding



2023 Library Budget: \$2,916,000	2023 Library Budget: \$8,000,901	2023 Library Budget: \$4,334,372
2023 General Fund: \$189,350,120	2023 General Fund: \$186,100,000	2023 General Fund: \$259,737.451
Population: 203,329	Population: 260,206	Population: 309,046

Comparable Peer Library Funding



2023 Library Budget: \$2,916,000		2023 Library Budget: \$9,473,101
2023 General Fund: \$189,350,120		2023 General Fund: \$207,708,324
Population: 203,329		Population: 208,734

Plan for Reducing Debt:



- 1) Establish a Repayment Plan
- 2) Continue to Create Cost Saving Measures
- 3) Continue Conducting Annual Audits
- 4) Work with Augusta-Richmond County to Reduce Deficit
- 5) Establish a Budget Line for Library Payroll within Central Square
- 6) Develop Training for New Library Director on how ARC Conducts Business

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ARC Library billing and payment reconciliation:																
AR account	101-00-0000-1119210	(was 1119110 before 2020)														
Vendor #	83															
Date	Description	Ref#	Payroll (101065110)			Misc exp. (101065110)			Security (101032516)			Custodian (101016211)			Total	Balance
			Billing	Payment	Balance	Billing	Payment	Balance	Billing	Payment	Balance	Billing	Payment	Balance		
1/1/2022	Beginning balance				1,194,566.61			5,952.18			5,616.81			9,394.58	1,215,530.18	
1/24/2022	Check# 35602	162203		(61,292.45)	1,133,274.16			5,952.18			5,616.81			9,394.58	1,154,237.73	
1/28/2022	Check# 35611	JE88887		(61,393.64)	1,071,880.52			5,952.18			5,616.81			9,394.58	1,092,844.09	
2/11/2022	Check# 35636	166211		(60,227.84)	1,011,652.68			5,952.18		(5,616.81)	-		(9,394.58)	-	1,017,604.86	
2/18/2022	Check# 35653	166213		(67,163.96)	944,488.72		(5,952.18)	-			-			-	944,488.72	
3/16/2022	Check# 35696	166222		(59,913.15)	884,575.57			-			-			-	884,575.57	
3/25/2022	Check# 35714	166224		(60,997.37)	823,578.20			-			-			-	823,578.20	
3/31/2022	Inv# 3835/3836/3837/3838		350,849.78		1,174,427.98	4,692.13		4,692.13	8,946.36		8,946.36	2,866.59		2,866.59	1,190,933.06	
4/18/2022	Check# 35750	166229		(61,221.58)	1,113,206.40			4,692.13			8,946.36			2,866.59	1,129,711.48	
4/28/2022	Check# 35783	166232		(64,126.15)	1,049,080.25			4,692.13			8,946.36			2,866.59	1,065,585.33	
5/18/2022	Check# 35799	166238		(59,366.00)	989,714.25			4,692.13		(8,946.36)	-		(2,866.59)	-	994,406.38	
5/23/2022	Check# 35812	166240			989,714.25		(4,692.13)	-			-			-	989,714.25	
6/6/2022	Check# 35839	166243		(59,279.24)	930,435.01			-			-			-	930,435.01	
6/30/2022	Inv# 3846/3836/3837/3838		370,821.01		1,301,256.02	4,865.67		4,865.67	19,287.87		19,287.87	9,503.48		9,503.48	1,334,913.04	
7/25/2022	Check# 35921	167759		(117,758.52)	1,183,497.50			4,865.67			19,287.87			9,503.48	1,217,154.52	
8/8/2022	Check# 35922	167766			1,183,497.50		(4,865.67)	-		(19,287.87)	-		(9,503.48)	-	1,183,497.50	
8/26/2022	Check# 35984	167773		(74,327.64)	1,109,169.86			-			-			-	1,109,169.86	
9/20/2022	Check# 36021	167781		(82,431.98)	1,026,737.88			-			-			-	1,026,737.88	
9/30/2022	Inv# 3851/3852/3853/3855		432,388.93		1,459,126.81	4,986.03		4,986.03	20,979.48		20,979.48	4,944.63		4,944.63	1,490,036.95	
10/14/2022	Check# 36087	167788		(60,846.41)	1,398,280.40			4,986.03			20,979.48			4,944.63	1,429,190.54	
10/25/2022	Check# 36099	167797			1,398,280.40		(4,986.03)	-		(20,979.47)	0.01		(4,944.63)	-	1,398,280.41	
11/28/2022	Check# 36160	167800		(58,197.02)	1,340,083.38			-		(0.01)	(0.00)			-	1,340,083.38	
12/2/2022	Check #36177	168604		(58,865.38)	1,281,218.00			-			(0.00)			-	1,281,218.00	
12/9/2022	Check #36192	168606		(62,135.10)	1,219,082.90			-			(0.00)			-	1,219,082.90	
12/22/2022	Check #36219	168614		(57,025.94)	1,162,056.96			-			(0.00)			-	1,162,056.96	
12/22/2022	Check #36228	168614		(57,392.06)	1,104,664.90			-			(0.00)			-	1,104,664.90	
12/31/2022	Inv# 3876/3852/3853/3855		425,876.84		1,530,541.74	5,015.36		5,015.36	19,820.69		19,820.69	7,763.47		7,763.47	1,563,141.26	
	Total		1,579,936.56	(1,243,961.43)	1,530,541.74	19,559.19	(20,496.01)	5,015.36	69,034.39	(54,830.51)	19,820.69	25,078.17	(26,709.28)	7,763.47	1,563,141.26	
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											Plus: unbilled payroll & expenses in 101065110					-
											Minus: Withhold credit in 1211303 &1211991 in 001000000					-
															Total balance as of 2/07/2023	1,563,141.26

Payment Plan

AR account	101-00-0000-1119210	(was 1119110 before 2020)														
Vendor #	83															
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1/1/2023	Beginning balance				1,530,541.74			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	1,563,141.26	
1/6/2023	Check # 36233	168616		(117,242.35)	1,413,299.39			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	1,445,898.91	
1/13/2023	Check # 36246	168619		(59,481.43)	1,353,817.96			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	1,386,417.48	
1/30/2023	Check # 36273	168622		(118,642.02)	1,235,175.94			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	1,267,775.46	
2/20/2023	Check # 36317	168628		(70,892.82)	1,164,283.12			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	1,196,882.64	
2/27/2023	Check # 36323	168631		(62,121.31)	1,102,161.81			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	1,134,761.33	
3/7/2023	Check # 36338	168633		(65,023.18)	1,037,138.63			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	1,069,738.15	
3/31/2023	Check # 36395	168643		(57,273.86)	979,864.77			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	1,012,464.29	
4/10/2023	Check# 36431			(120,807.54)	859,057.23			5,015.36			19,820.69			7,763.47	891,656.75	
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	Total		-	(671,484.51)	859,057.23	-	-	5,015.36	-	-	19,820.69	-	-	7,763.47	891,656.75	
					-						Plus: unbilled payroll & expenses in 101065110				467,614.48	
											Minus: Withhold credit in 1211303 &1211991 in 001000000				(46,949.05)	
											Total balance as of 4/10/2023				1,312,322.18	

An open book with aged, yellowed pages lies flat on a dark wooden surface. From the center of the book, a brilliant, ethereal light bursts forth, creating a vertical column of shimmering particles and wispy, smoke-like tendrils that rise into the air. The background is a deep, dark blue night sky, densely populated with numerous bright, multi-pointed stars of varying sizes. Some of these stars appear to be part of the magical light emanating from the book, blending into the overall celestial theme. The lighting is soft and focused on the book, making it the central point of interest.

QUESTIONS?