



MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES GENERAL LIBRARIES

Currently, there are 12 Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Main Libraries; 17 Branches; a Bookmobile; 3 Brig Libraries and 3 Reading Rooms on the East and West Coasts, Hawaii, Japan and Korea. FY16 saw an increase in library usage and all statistics - 1,848,135 patrons walked through our doors, over, 1,062,016 items were checked out, computers were used over 627,911 times, virtual resources were accessed 1,200,520 times and over 4,781 programs were planned and presented. The value of materials, services and programs that we provided Marines and families in FY16 was \$8 for every \$ 1 spent in the MCCS Library Program. The base libraries continue to be a well used Quality of Life program. {FY17 statistics are still being compiled}

The 2016 DoD MWR Customer Satisfaction Survey findings showed that all MWR Libraries achieved a score of 73. All MWR Libraries were rated the highest of 9 MWR programs surveyed, tied with Tickets, Tours and Travel.

There are 6 MCCS installation libraries designated DoD Premier Libraries meeting all Core and Premier Standards. They are Camp Foster, Okinawa; Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni, Japan; Camp Lejeune-New River, NC; MCAS Cherry Point, NC; MCAS Miramar, CA and MCAS Beaufort, SC. Achieving Premier status requires substantial funding support from the installations. In FY17 3 more MCCS libraries achieved Premier status and will be awarded a certificate from DoD.

MCCS Libraries welcomed five new Directors this year. Stacey Kobe-Bellika is Director of MCB Camp Pendleton; Valerie Sutte is Director of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego; Kevin Giampa is Director at MCB South Carolina; Devin Farmer is Director of Camp Foster, Okinawa and Kelley Loftis is Director at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA.



In 2016, HQMC embarked on a five year renovation plan for the entire MCCS Library system, to include paint and carpet and expanded electrical capabilities; new lower, mobile shelving; display units; new comfortable seating; collaborative areas and new signage. In conjunction with the renovations we are converting the non-fiction collections from the Dewey Decimal system to Semper FindIt!, a subject based bookstore model of classification. Twelve of our libraries have completed their renovations and conversions to Semper FindIt!

In 2016, MCAS Cherry Point, NC; MCAS Beaufort, SC; MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA; MCAS Iwakuni were the pilot libraries for renovation and non-fiction conversion. This past year library buildings have been renovated and converted at Marine Corps Base Camp Johnson, NC; MCAS New River, NC; MCAS Miramar, CA; MCRD San Diego, CA; Camp Schwab, Camp Hansen, Camp Courtney and Camp Kinser, Okinawa. A new branch library opened 1 June 2017 at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA. Shadow Mountain Branch is our only dedicated Children's and Teen Library and located in the midst of installation housing.

MCCS Library services extend beyond brick and mortar facilities to online resources and support. "Bricks to Clicks" offers an online Library Catalog and a Google-like multimedia search engine that provides access to databases anytime, anywhere. We provide over 100 educational and recreational digital resources that are USMC; Department of Navy and DoD funded, for installation library patrons and for Marines and families stationed and deployed throughout the world. These resources also support Voluntary Education needs of Marines everywhere.

The MCCC Libraries have greatly expanded library programming beyond the traditional story time and book clubs to promote the library as an installation community center. With the installations of Makerspaces in 2016 we now offer spaces and programs to encourage innovative and creative pursuits; 3-D printing; robotics; circuitry and coding; astronomy; Lego and other construction projects; arts and crafts and photography. In addition, we offer video gaming and board gaming events for all ages. The libraries have also begun an Early Literacy initiative providing programs, for the youngest military children from birth to toddler and their caregivers.



The 2017 MCCS Library Program's annual Summer Reading Program has been the most successful ever with increased participation reported everywhere. The DoD funded "Reading by Design" theme worked well with our Makerspace programming on design and creativity. The MCCS Libraries registered 9,373 participants, they read a total of 5,536,655 minutes (92,278 hours). Libraries planned and presented 614 programs and events. Camp Pendleton once again had the largest participation in all DoD MWR Libraries with 2,737 participants.

The HQMC Library Program is also responsible for providing library support to deployed and remotely stationed Marines. We provide magazines and paperbacks to Marine Security Guards at 180 embassies and foreign missions and Marines serving in combat and humanitarian missions around the world. The HQMC Library Program also serves as the point of contact for access to all of the digital resources.

The MCCS Libraries look forward to another exciting year serving Marines and their families.

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