



MT. LEBANON PUBLIC LIBRARY

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

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"Some things get better with age. Like me." – Keith Richards

In 1932, Mt. Lebanon Lions Club recognized the need for a community library. They asked other community groups to help form a library board, sent the Boy Scouts door-to-door to collect donations of books and funds (and even a few magazine subscriptions – *Fortune* magazine was the library's first magazine!), and hired a librarian. They opened the library on the second floor of the municipal building at 710 Washington Road with a \$500 budget and a lot of community support.

Over ninety years, our community and our library have seen many changes. We moved into a brand-new building in the mid-sixties, with a major renovation just thirty years later. We circulated 30,162 items in 1932; ninety years later, we circulated 773,113 items.

Our library has thrived through the Depression and World War II, survived a "Red Scare" lawsuit in the 1950's, and grown with our community. Most recently, we supported Mt. Lebanon through the terrifying days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through it all, we continued to discover new and exciting ways to support our patrons, while they continued to support us.

Like Keith Richards, our library is getting better with age! Read through these pages to learn more about our 90th anniversary year and the exciting programs, materials, and services we offer our patrons every day.



-Robyn E. Vittek, Director

OUR VISION

Mt. Lebanon Public Library, located in a community that aspires to be safe, welcoming, connected, and dynamic, offers MORE: learning, laughter, exploration, and empowerment.

OUR MISSION

Mt Lebanon Public Library (MLPL) will provide for all patrons an inclusive, welcoming environment of intellectual enrichment, creativity and enjoyment, and a forum to exchange ideas by providing top-tier programs, materials, services, and community support.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board of trustees is a seven-member governing board. Each member is eligible to serve two three-year terms and is appointed by the municipality of Mt. Lebanon. The board's duties include advocacy, policy adoption and revision, and general support. We would like to thank the board members who served in 2022.

- Evan Jones, President
- Mary Menk, Vice-President
- Eve Reynolds, Secretary
- Marcia Taylor, Treasurer
- Anthony Moretti
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- Lorna Kearns
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Robyn with 2022 Held Scholarship winner Harry Mullin

OUR VALUE

In 2022, the cost per resident for Mt. Lebanon Public Library services was \$52.14*. That's the price of three new hardback bestsellers at Barnes & Noble!

17,452



Reference Questions
Answered

248,872



Annual Visits

201,413



e-books, Audio &
Video Circulated

1,391



Live Programs

22,502



Attendance at
Live Programs

773,113



Total Circulation
for 2022

107,062



Interlibrary Loan to
Other Libraries

17,606



Mt. Lebanon
Residents with
Active Library Cards

13,473



Uses of Public
Computers

ADULT LIBRARY



More than 400 people signed up for our adult Summer Reading program.

As 2022 progressed, the library began to feel more "normal" for us as indoor programming resumed and COVID-19 restrictions lifted.

Our adult summer reading program had 400+ participants, and we had a lot of fun trying out a new format that encouraged participants to browse our shelves to find hidden gems. We highlighted small press titles and received a lot of positive feedback from participants who read differently in the summer.

We hosted our first Welcoming Week since 2019 where we enjoyed a traditional Lion Dance performed by the Steel Dragon Martial Arts School.

In May of 2022, the Mt Lebanon Public Library in collaboration with Outreach Teen and Family Services, Matt's Maker Space, and the Himalayan Institute of Pittsburgh kicked-off the "Shine@MLPL" initiative, which supports mental wellness and self-care for all ages.

Overall, we increased our programs and events throughout the year. We extended our musical events well into the fall and held multiple hands-on learning programs each week.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



Families love our annual Build Your Own Gingerbread House program!

2022 saw the children's department as busy as ever, especially once in-person programming resumed in April. Some highlights include...

- The 7th annual Peep Diorama drew 50 children's entries and 200+ votes.
- In May, the children's librarians visited all seven elementary schools to promote the summer reading program. 883 kids registered.
- Wellness Wednesdays were introduced. Coordinated with Maggie from Outreach Teen and Family Services as part of the library's "Shine@MLPL" initiative, the programs help kids with their social, physical and emotional health.
- Camp Kindergarten boxes were a new feature this year. Over 100 kids practiced kindergarten readiness skills by borrowing the activities box for in-library use with their caregiver.
- In September, the children's librarians visited every first grade elementary class to celebrate National Library Card Month. All first graders who visited the library (regardless of whether or not they got a card) received a free book.
- Three Family Place Play-n-Learn sessions were held with the expertise of Positive Steps, TEIS, and All aBoard books to discuss child development, nutrition and early literacy in a relaxed play-based environment.
- "Dino-vember," which featured a find the dinosaur game, dinosaur toys, and dino books, was a huge hit.



Shortly after the war in Ukraine began, Alexander Konitsky shared his hand-painted Ukrainian Easter Egg collection.

In 2022, the children's librarians put together 200 Express Bundles and 131 Book Bundles. Express Bundles are selections of four grab & go picture books for children ages 0-2, 2-4, and 4-6. Book Bundles are patron requests for up to 10 specifically chosen books, videos, audio books, and music for children ages birth-12. Grandparent Bags, Sick Day bags, and Vacation Bags are included as Book Bundles.

TEEN LIBRARY & PROGRAMS

In 2022, we continued our partnership with Outreach Teen & Family Services to provide weekly Mental Health Monday activities during the school year, including a fall geocache program in Bird Park.

We partnered with local artist Kai Ayase for a series of weekly teen art classes (**pictured at right, bottom**), which continued into the school year. Kai led two weekly art series (one of larger, sometimes multi-day projects, the other a journaling class).

The Teen Space underwent some minor renovations to repair and update shelving, adding some hooks for decor, as well as large weeding projects in the fiction and manga sections. We have expanded our offerings of e-books and e-audio for teens using the library's Axis 360 account.

The beloved Teen Tea Club continued, with monthly tea tasting pairings. As a special event, local candle creator Katie Oh visited for a teacup candle-making program using upcycled teacups as May's Teen Tea Club.

The teen space continues to be used after school by between 30-50 kids (**pictured at right, top**).

The county-wide Discord games for video gaming and Dungeons & Dragons have continued to be popular and successful with Mt Lebanon having the highest numbers of teens from any library in the county participating in the online gaming service. We hosted a successful in-person gaming meetup in the summer for some of the teens from the online group to get to know one another better.

SPEAKER SERIES

New York Times bestselling author Amor Towles (**pictured**) spoke to a sold-out crowd of 1,000 people at the seventh annual Mt. Lebanon Public Library Speaker Series on April 5, 2022. He discussed his novel, *The Lincoln Highway*, which has now sold more than one million copies.

Jennifer Coburn joined us in the Learning Lab on October 17 to discuss *Cradles of the Reich*, a historical novel about three very different women living at a Nazi Lebensborn breeding home at the start of World War II.

Marylynne Pitz and Laura Malt Schneiderman joined us on November 1 to discuss their new book *Kaufmann's: The Family That Built Pittsburgh's Famed Department Store*.



GRANTS & PARTNERSHIPS



Outreach
Teen & Family Services, Inc.



We are grateful to the **Kathryn DiNardo Foundation** for their support of Mt. Lebanon Public Library's Speaker Series. Their generous grant, received in 2022, will allow the Speaker Series to continue to offer inspiring and informative Speaker Series events moving forward.

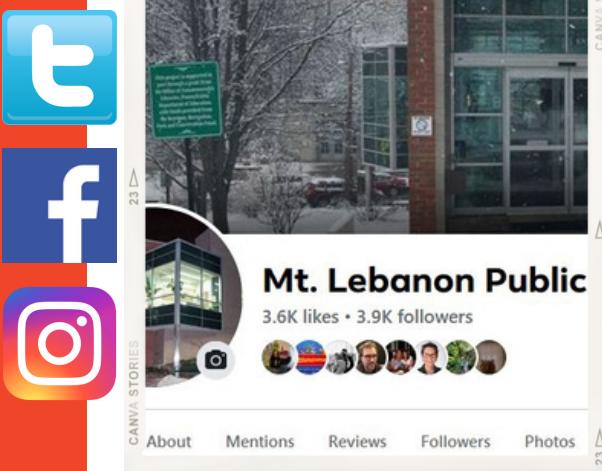
We also wish to thank the **Jack Buncher Foundation** for their tremendous generosity in supporting the county-wide Love Your Library fundraising campaign.

Matt's Maker Space has generously funded our STEAM programming for youth since 2018. This funding has allowed us to emphasize STEAM programs for youth throughout the year, including our afternoon STEAM Club where 4 & 5th graders learn about robots, circuits, coding, animal science, and more! It also provides funding for many of our after-school making programs for teens. This year Matt's Maker Space expanded its funding to include programs that support mental wellness for all ages. This support is used to fund the library's "Shine@MLPL" initiative that includes sound baths, workshops, and meditation for all ages.

Outreach Teen and Family Services has been supported by a grant from the Mt. Lebanon Municipality to provide after-school mental wellness activities for youth. These programs for both elementary and school-age students have been very well received and are a core component of our "Shine@MLPL" initiative.

The library continues its partnership with **JFCS's Career Development Center** to offer weekly career counseling and career development programs. Our long-standing partnership with **Literacy Pittsburgh** has resulted in many students meeting weekly at our library for ESL support as well as weekly conversation classes.

SOCIAL MEDIA

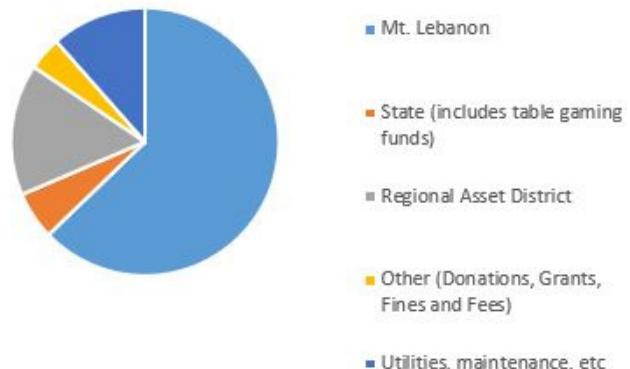


Mt. Lebanon Public Library's Facebook, Instagram, twitter, and e-newsletters/e-blasts are important ways to get information out to the public accurately and quickly and keep patrons up-to-date on services, programs, and our collection. Facebook followers increased nearly seven percent in 2022, and by year's end we had 1,561 Instagram followers and 1,593 twitter followers. Our e-newsletters and e-blasts alerted our 3,459 subscribers to events and programs.

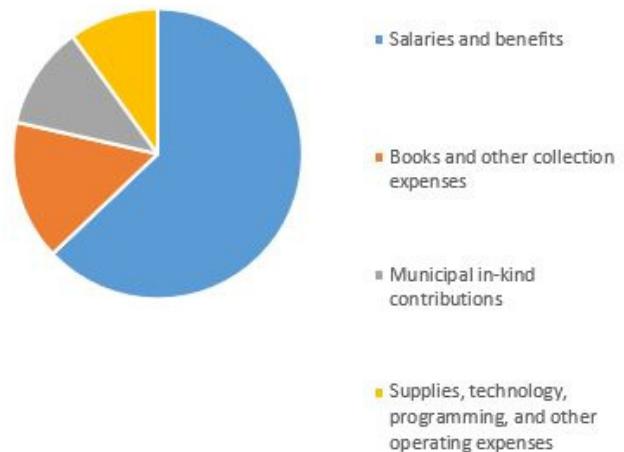
The "**Mt Lebanon Library Lebo Reads**" Facebook group, which provides a place where people can discuss books and share reading suggestions, grew nearly 42 percent in 2022. A "Question of the Month" kept people engaged; one responder was selected at random monthly to win a prize (books donated by The Book Cellar). We used readers' suggestions for our monthly book displays.

2022 OPERATION REVENUE & SUPPORT

2022 Operation Revenue and Support		
Mt. Lebanon	1,501,470	63%
State (includes table gaming funds)	137,959	6%
Regional Asset District	379,734	16%
Other (Donations, Grants, Fines and Fees)	96,396	4%
Utilities, maintenance, etc	275,367	12%
Total	2,390,926	100%



2022 Operating Expenditures		
Salaries and benefits	1,503,770	63%
Books and other collection expenses	373,362	16%
Municipal in-kind contributions	275,367	12%
Supplies, technology, programming, and other operating expenses	238,427	10%
Total	2,390,926	100%



OUR PATRONS SAY....

A FEW OF THE MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS WE RECEIVED THIS YEAR

- *In response to a Facebook post about the second anniversary of the library closing for COVID-19: "Mt. Lebanon Public Library has been brilliant throughout—the programming, the community building with reader polls, etc. Big and small things. Thank you!"*
- *"You ordered a bunch of Manga books for my daughter, and they came in and she was so delighted! It was like Christmas morning. I just wanted to thank you."*
- *"I appreciate your taking the initiative by providing resources about Ukraine and its history. Thank you for your thoughtful and creative work."*
- *"Oh, my goodness....such friendly and prompt service!"*
- *"Thank you very much to whoever came up with contactless pickup, this is wonderful!"*

• *"I have grown up in this library, my kids have grown up in this library, and now my grandkids have grown up here. The library is the gift that keeps on giving for generations!"*

• *"Thank you – I think I got the job!"
--A patron after using one of our study rooms*

"I have said it before, and I will say it again--you are the super heroes of our community. Your summer programs were spectacular, and you really have your finger on the pulse of what the children love. Thanks for being so patient and creative and for always welcoming us with a smile."

OUTREACH & SPECIAL EVENTS



Mt. Lebanon Public Library celebrates artists of all ages at the Mt. Lebanon Artist Market, with a dedicated craft table both days of this annual event. The library provides the materials and inspiration for children, teens, and adults to explore their inner artists.

At left, Librarian Rachel Blier assists a young artist with an art project at the Library's craft table.



In August, we welcomed live musical entertainment to our Courtyard every Thursday night for the 21st season of the **Concerts in the Courtyard** series. **Steel City Calypso**, Pittsburgh's premier steel drum-calypso-reggae-Latin-funk-troprock band, kicked off the series followed by the smooth jazz and bebop sounds of **RML Jazz**. Next up was **Duo Forte**, a Klezmer and Greek music inspired twosome and then **Mt Lebanon High School String Quartet** finished off the season.

At left, Librarian Eric Meisberger (standing at right), moves to the rhythm of the RML Jazz Band.



The Friends of Mt. Lebanon Public Library donated funds that were used to buy the library an **e-bike and attached cart**. The Library "Book Bike" made appearances at community events all over town, including Relay for Life, First Friday, Rock the Block parties, and the Lions Club Farmers' Market. The Book Bike increased the library's visibility and reach as we interacted with families throughout the community, promoted library programs and services, and provided mobile story times and games.

At left, Librarian Eric Meisberger pilots the Library's e-bike to a Farmers' Market event.



We brought our **Jolabokafloð Holiday Market** back in 2022 after a two-year hiatus and paired it with the **Friends' Holiday Book Sale**. Events took place throughout and around the library with 10 local artists and crafters enduring the cold at outside booths, the Friends Holiday Book Sale in Room A, a warming space featuring cookies, hot chocolate, and wassail in Room B. Upstairs in the library there was live music by the **Maureen Renihan Duo**, winter poetry readings, and crafting activities for the kids.

At left, a young patron chooses from the beautiful selection of a local crafter's wares.

90TH ANNIVERSARY

We celebrated the library's 90th anniversary with a number of small, but well-received, events.

At the April Speaker Series event with Amor Towles, State Rep. Dan Miller presented a **proclamation** recognizing the library's 90th anniversary.

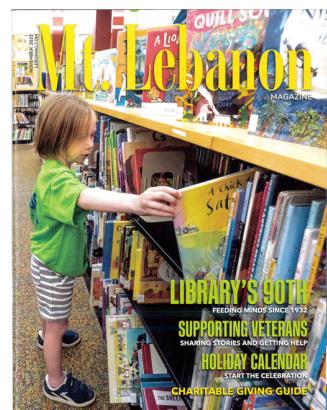
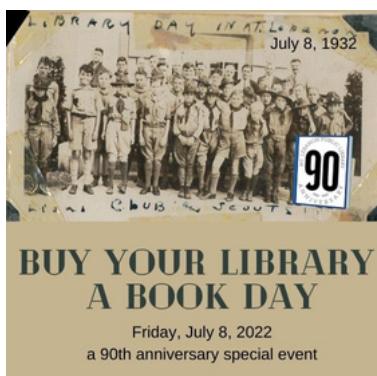
The **Buy Your Library a Book Day** in July commemorated the anniversary of the July 8, 1932, event during which local Boy Scouts canvassed Mt Lebanon for book donations. The thousands of items collected that day comprised the library's first collection.

Mt Lebanon Magazine graphic designer Christopher Leeper created a **90th anniversary logo** (pictured below center) and two designs for T-shirts (pictured at right, top). About 400 shirts--from toddler sizes to adult XXL--were sold to patrons (staff all received a free shirt).

Every Saturday we posted pictures and other items taken from our scrapbooks on Facebook. The "look backs" proved very popular. We received a lot of comments from people who recognized themselves or their children from years--and even decades--earlier.

On November 15, the library's **actual anniversary**, patrons were treated to free cookies (pictured at right, middle) and we raffled off a totebag and four books published in 1932 to anyone who submitted a reply to the questions: "What is your favorite library memory?" and "Why do you love the library?" That evening, former Mt. Lebanon Library Children's Librarian Judith Sutton presented a talk about the **history of the library**.

Finally, the library was featured as the **cover story** on Mt Lebanon Magazine's November issue (bottom, right).



FACILITY UPGRADES



Solar panels were added to the library's roof to help offset electricity consumption for our building. In 2023, we will install a digital informational display near the circulation desk that will offer information to the public about our solar panel energy production, carbon offset, etc.

We installed new, branded, collection-identifying signage along the perimeter of the library's main stacks (pictured at left, top).

The library updated its overhead public address system sound equipment and expanded the speaker network to our new study rooms.



We extend a heartfelt thank you to the outstanding team of volunteer gardeners who tend to the library's gardens from early spring to late fall.

E-RESOURCES

We were excited to introduce a library mobile app in 2022. The app provides quick access to core library services, including:

- Access to checkout records, holds, and reading history.
- Convenient links to popular resources, including eBooks, databases, and RAD Pass.
- The ability to create a digital library card that can be used when visiting the library in person.
- The ability to link a child's card to an adult account, which allows convenient access to multiple accounts.



FRIENDS OF MT LEBANON LIBRARY & BOOK CELLAR

In 2022, the Friends of Mt. Lebanon Public Library were busy working through the ever-changing needs in the community. At this point, we recognize and embrace opportunities for change.

In September of 2022, we used the Allegheny County 'Love your Library' campaign as a base for a **Membership Drive**. By the end of 2022, our membership had reached, 904, an increase of about 104 from the previous year.

Our **Plant Sales** were well received again in 2022. Since the farm we previously used was no longer supporting fundraisers, we used the Bidwell Center, Bartsch Farms, and Bob's in the Strip District as our suppliers. Our local community gardeners donated more than 180 plants from their own gardens in support of our sales. Profits from our plant sales totaled \$7,949.

Our Holiday Book Sale (pictured below) returned the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We partnered with the Library Jolabokaflod activities and our one-day sales totaled \$4,615.



Safety is still the driving force behind much of the Book Cellar operations. This year, we have been able to increase our volunteer staff to 122. We worked with a limited hour schedule throughout 2022. From January-June, 2022, we were open four days a week and July-December 2022, we expanded the schedule to six days a week. During that time, the Book Cellar brought in approximately \$76,000 (this includes the Holiday Book Sale revenue).

Our online Book Shop is open 24/7 and continues to do well with sales totaling \$12,770 last year.

The Friends of the Mt Lebanon Public Library was featured in the Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries newsletter. It was nice recognition of how we support our library.

**Susan Tracey,
President, Friends of Mt Lebanon Library**

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The Mt. Lebanon Public Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, and the library staff offer sincere thanks to the generous individuals, organizations, and foundations that contributed to the library in 2022. Each gift, no matter the size, is important in helping our library carry out its mission and serve the community. We are grateful for the unflagging support of our many donors. Thank you!

Great care has been taken in preparing these lists to ensure they are accurate. If you believe there is an error, please contact the library at 412-531-1912.

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David White	Diane Levkulich	
Roselyn Wilkinson	Barbara Logan	
Darlene Wood	Deborah Lutz	
Robert Woolridge	Milan Mamula in honor of Emily Rose	
Jennifer Yocca	Mamula	
90th Anniversary		
Buy-a-Book Day		
Anonymous	Sue Martin in memory of Richard Page	
John & Judy Armstrong in honor of Madi Senneway	Trista Mentz-Johns	
Anne Atwood in honor of Peter & William Atwood	Jan Moessner in honor of Laurena	
Patricia Carr	Schultz, godmother of the Knitting & Crochet Group	
Kathryn Cashman in honor of Jordan and Ida Cashman	Erin Morey	
Michelle Choromanski in memory of Robert L. Vargo	Katherine Morin in memory of George	
Mary & Jim Cesar	Morin	
Matthew Clark in honor of Abigail and Henry Clark	Peg Moulton	
Thomas Cordell	LuAnn & Sam Mudrak in memory of Jane	
Donna Erisman in memory of William J. DiSanti Sr.	Mudrak and Lou Creel, our mothers who loved to read	
Anna Marie Eyler in memory of Thomas Edward Kutchener and in honor of Sr. Brycelyn Eyler, SC	Marina Nielsen in honor of the wonderful circulation staff	
	Eileen O'Toole	
	Susan Pettigrew in memory of Clarence	
	Downs	
	Lauren Pusateri-Nilson in memory of Lyra	
	Leigh	
	Barbara Raco	
	Eve Reynolds	
	Jennifer Rick in honor of Mt. Lebanon Library being exceptional	

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Gifts made in honor or in memory of

Mary Harwick in memory of Eleanor Rattie
Patricia Cain in memory of Elinor Redfern Wagner
Diane Cohen in memory of Peter Kenney
Richard & Barbara Vigrass in memory of Raymond R. Golli
Denise Sedlak in memory of Richard Coulson
Martha Farkasovsky in memory of William Kunkel
Joanne Viscomi in memory of Joanne Viscomi
Caroll Paletta & Family in memory of Father George Livanos
Dick & Barbara Vigrass in memory of Harry S. Orendorff
Jodi Sunseri in memory of Jonathan Bahm
Jean & Nick Cardello in memory of William Schwartz
Bob Shure in memory of Pete Horn
MLPL Staff in memory of Ethel T. McGill
Lori & Bob Shure in memory of R. Graham Dunlop
Bess Joftis in honor of Minda Fall's birthday
Bonnie Harshbarger in memory of Joan K. Schubert
Dottie & Harvey Goldstein in memory of Marjorie A. Carpenter
Lebo Ladies Book Club in memory of Sean Hughes O'Loughlin
Linda Binek in memory of Jennie Ann Sckilken
Penelope Hunt in honor of Neiley Hunt
Dick & Barbara Vigrass in memory of Sarah Jean "Sallie" Beck
MLPL Staff in memory of Noreen Poploski
Bess Joftis in honor of Minda Fall's birthday
Lonnie Piposzar in memory of Shirley Rosensky
Rana Grossman Tonti in memory of Nadia Goldstein
Dottie & Fred Lust in memory of Richard K. Cross
Soul Sisters Bible Study in memory of Chris Gruneberg
Gifts in memory of Louise Strickland Vance

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Ann Callen in honor of Laurena Schultz
Christopher Christman in memory of Apphia Christman
Fiona Balfie in honor of Sally Skillen
Janet Tant in memory of Susan Hnath
Veronica Judd in memory of William J. "Bill" Judd
Barbara Logan in honor of Cynthia Bognar
Mary Jane Bowes in memory of Stuart Coblin
Anne Watzman in memory of Stuart Coblin
Mark & Mary Ann McCloskey in memory of Donald Hobaugh
Timothy Reidy in memory of Kara Holmes
Dolores Casali in memory of Karen Uhrin
Kate Laffey Lobell in honor of Gretchen Beck
Kathy & Mark Hanna in memory of Richard Dunn

In Memory of Dianne Carpenter
Jane Compagnone
Ann Bart
Mickey Gatto
Karen Hagy
Linda Hoffman
Jan Kerr
Darla McCormack
Ruth Novice
Jane Stokar
Tracey Palmieri

In Memory of Mary Carney

Morgan Frazier
Allison Escher
South Hills College Club
Paul Lazorcak
George Veltri
Mary Ellen Voelker-Brown
Jeanne Palone
Janel Subjack
Gifts made in memory of Mary Carney by her friends

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Susan & Larry McAllister
Michael DiClemente
Kristina & R. Scott Deutsch
Starr L. Hull
Anne & Mark Frederickson
Alberta Boyd
Charles Queenan
Pat and Bill Dimmock
Nicole and Richard Virgi
Megan Cummins
Susan & Larry McAllister



In Memory of Anabeth Dollins

JoAnn and Aaron Goldberg
Cynthia & Jerome Richey
Robert Hauser
Sharon & Maynard Hansen
Round Table Quilters
Gail Friedman
Jean Baldwin
Jack Gaddess





Top: Staff donned their cardigans for WQED's Cardigan Day, a celebration of Fred Rogers, the host of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," to spread his message of kindness.

Above: Children's librarians gather before hosting the Story Spooktacular!, a Halloween event for ages 3 through 7 and their families. The event was held in the library parking lot.

Inset: After 36 years at Mt Lebanon Library, Senior Children's Librarian Holly Visnesky retired in March.