

**MT. LEBANON  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

**2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Four years out from the virus who-shall-not-be-named, our community embraced the joy of gathering together once more. 2024 found Mt. Lebanon Public Library staff members, Board members, and Friends in the thick of things all year long, with programming at the library and events in the community bringing us together with all of you. Although the number of visitors to the library was about the same from 2023 to 2024, in 2024 program attendance increased by 43 percent from the previous year! That tells me that more and more residents and patrons are using the library to gather together with old friends and new: to learn, to have fun, and to share ideas. This year we welcomed over 1,000 readers to our Mt. Lebanon Speaker Series featuring celebrated author Michael Pollan, hosted Mid-Summer and Holiday festivals, and increased our outreach to schools, summer camps, and public events. The Library's Garden Tour brought in garden lovers from around the region. Library staff attended Earth Day, Lebo Pride, the Independence Day Celebration, and many other community events. We hosted a solar eclipse event and public programs for all ages and interests. We held our annual Storytime Spooktacular in the parking lot and that same week shared the excitement of the huge crowds at the Pumpkin Patch Parade! Take a look through the following pages to learn more about how Mt. Lebanon got together through the Library in 2024.

-Robyn E. Vittek, Director

***“It’s such a happiness when good people get together.”***

***– Jane Austen***

# LIBRARY OVERVIEW

## 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.

## Board of Directors

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 2024.

## 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.

## 2024 Board

- Robert Taylor, President
- Anthony Moretti, Vice-President
- Marcia Taylor, Treasurer
- Holiday Adair, Secretary
- Kristen Baginski
- Monica Ruane Rogers
- Susanne Wagner
- Peter Halesey

# OUR VALUE

In 2024, the cost per resident for Mt. Lebanon Public Library services was \$58.30, based on municipal funding only (not RAD, State, or table gaming). That's about the price of two new hardback bestsellers at Barnes & Noble!

## Physical Items Circulated in 2024: 596,208

**23,658**

Reference Questions  
Answered

**299,713**

Annual Visits

**167,440**

e-books, Audio &  
Video Circulated

**1,499**

Live Programs

**35,297**

Attendance at  
Live Programs

**763,648**

Total Collection  
Use for 2024

**113,991**

Interlibrary Loan to  
Other Libraries

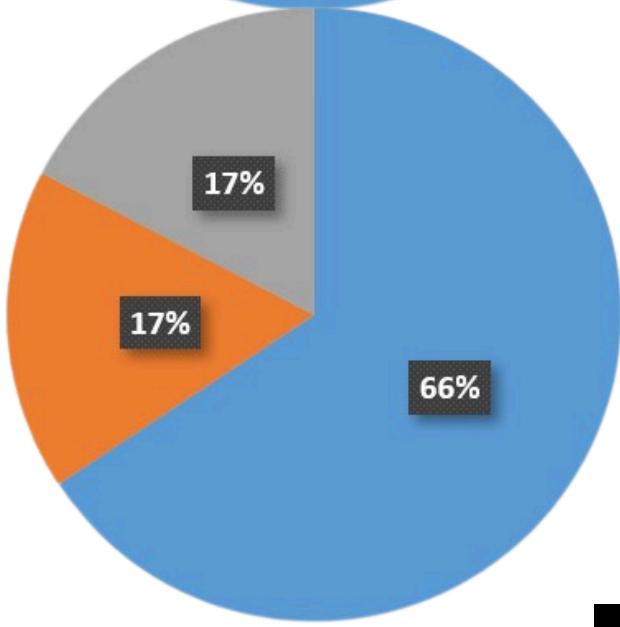
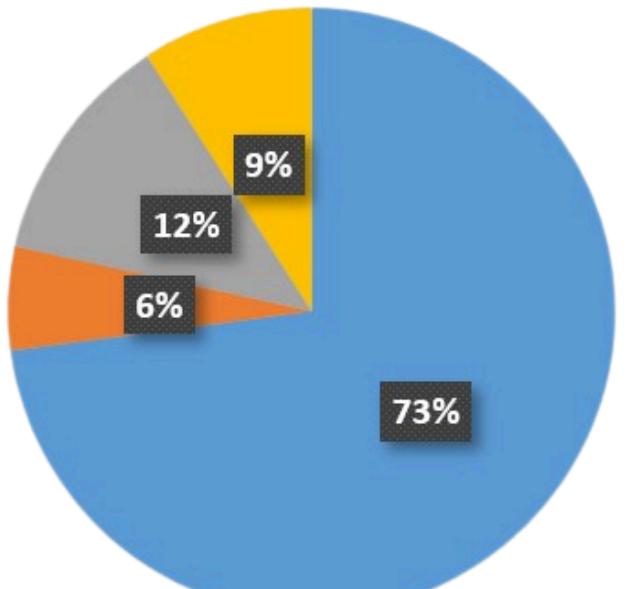
**19,177**

Mt. Lebanon Residents  
with Active Library  
Cards

**17,037**

Uses of Public  
Computers

# 2024 OPERATION REVENUE & EXPENSES



2024 Operating Expenditures		
Salaries and benefits	1,742,201	66%
Books and other collection expenses	450,027	17%
Supplies, technology, programming, and other operating expenses	460,273	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,652,501</b>	100%

2024 Operation Revenue and Support		
Mt. Lebanon	1,986,518	73%
State (includes table gaming funds)	150,476	6%
Regional Asset District	339,327	12%
Other (Donations, Grants, Fines and Fees)	248,005	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,724,326</b>	100%

# ADULT LIBRARY

Mt. Lebanon Public Library continued to thrive in 2024 with circulation of both print and digital collections increasing from previous years. Browsers enjoy our new book area and multiple monthly display tables for reading suggestions. In fact, the popularity of our book displays has contributed to an increase in our circulation and has provided many opportunities for our staff to engage the public with reading suggestions.

Adult librarians have spent hours organizing our collections for easier access and to fill in gaps. Over the next few years, a major focus will be to improve our already diverse and popular collections. Connecting with our readers is one of our highest priorities, and we accomplish this by hosting nine adult book clubs, creating a monthly "Shelf Motivated" book-centered podcast, and planning several author talks and multiple gatherings throughout the year. We are always aware of how fortunate we are to be serving a reading community that continues to reward our endeavors with enthusiasm and high participation.

We expanded our in-house social services to include drop-in hours with municipal social worker Jaqui Stilson and added additional job and career-related assistance with PA Women Work. In addition to our annual Jolabokaflod winter festival, the library added a Mid-Summer Night's festival in June to celebrate the Summer Solstice with music, storytelling, and collaborative book sale with Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library.

# CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

There is always something going on at Mt. Lebanon Children's Library.

Children's Librarian Dana Jones presented her "Stay and Play" program--no-registration activities for all ages--at the PALA conference. These programs help to make the library an inclusive destination for everyone.

Our newest children's librarian, Ginny Husak, strengthened our outreach to community programs by visiting Mt. Lebanon preschools and daycares, reaching 800+ kids in 2024. Ginny also offered monthly storytimes to three kindergarten extended-day centers connecting with 120 additional students.

The children's staff participated in many community events, including Earth Day, Lebo Pride, First Fridays, 4th of July, Winter Market, and Artists Market. Each event drew 50 to 100 families.

Children's Librarian Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer participated in the Early Childhood Diversity and Inclusion Conference at Temple Emanuel.

New this year was the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. Eighty-four kids registered and 10 have completed the program to date, receiving a certificate, special tote bag, and a book to keep. ).

Other programs new in 2024:

- Matt's Maker Space Earth Day Extravaganza
- Toddler Olympics
- Pokemon Party
- Science with Sophie and Laila
- Wicked
- The Wild Robot Book Club
- Happy Noon Year's Eve
- Community Celebration of the Solar Eclipse
- Erin Frankel (local children's author)
- German Storytime
- International Family Playgroup
- We partnered with the Allegheny Land Trust for Forest Friends (ages 3-6), Needs of Seeds (Grades K-2), and Better for Bees (Grades 3-5)

Our International Family Playgroup welcomed new and established international families to make friends, play and craft together, and learn about life in Lebo.

Our partnership with the school district was even more vital this year as the school library budget has been reduced. We continue to offer our resources and services to the community and to support the school librarians in many ways.

# TEEN LIBRARY

Activities for teens included several popular offerings from previous years, including online gaming via the Teen County Discord, Tea Club, and teen-led D&D.

In January 2024, Kathy Finch, a retired high school art teacher, took over the library's twice-a-month art programs while Brittany continued teen yoga class meetups in the summer and fall.

Summer Reading events included an RPG (role playing game) meetup to play a game called "Void 1680 AM" where teens used their creative writing skills and musical interests to imagine their own radio station; a weekly teen-led Pokemon card gaming meetup; a paint-your-own enamel mugs program; a tarot card basics class; a LEGO "mimic" project; and a sew-your-own plushies series with a local seamstress.

Thanks to a generous \$1,000 PALA grant, we commissioned teen artist Logan Kuhlmann to create a Summer Reading commemorative patch for the library's Mid-Summer Festival.

Children's librarian Ginny Husack began monitoring our teen area once a week after school, which allowed teen librarian Katie Donoghue to do more hands-on projects with the kids, including skeleton pet decoration for Halloween and moving the teen book group to a more convenient after school time for the kids. Ginny added a few of her own events, including Lego and craft projects.

Rebekah Diaz from the Pittsburgh Opera began an outreach program during the school year, and we also welcomed a monthly series of Park Ranger and National Aviary programs (see photo above).

Teen librarian Katie began monthly volunteer meetings to help manage the many kids who are interested in finding ways to help at the library.

# FACILITY & TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

In 2024, we upgraded our automated materials handler (i.e. book sorter) to a newer, more efficient unit that has a smaller footprint in our library circulation office. The patron induction point--which most folks would refer to as the library's indoor "book return"--was upgraded with a new, modern interface, brighter screen, and offers additional language options.

We also upgraded our patron self-check kiosks--two on the adult side and two on the children's side--to the latest Bibliotheca models (see photo below), which are more modern, user-friendly, more easily serviceable, and take up less counter space. The new self-checks will eventually be placed on pedestals that will allow us to adjust their placement in the public space without needing to move around heavy furniture to support them.

The library's aging emergency generator was replaced in 2024.

Public Works completed a facility-wide upgrade to an addressable alarm system – a three-year phased project that allows Mt. Lebanon Fire Department and repair technicians to have printouts that allow them to pinpoint specific devices for troubleshooting.

The library's fiction and non-fiction book stack area light fixtures were upgraded from T5 to LED.

# FRIENDS OF MT LEBANON LIBRARY

2024 was a year of measurable growth for the Friends of the Mt Lebanon Public Library. The Book Cellar and the Online book store continue to be staffed exclusively by volunteers. The shop was open six days a week: summer hours are 10 am to 8 pm, Monday through Thursday and 10 am to 4 pm Friday and Saturday. During the winter, The Book Cellar closes at 6pm, Monday through Thursday.

During the Allegheny County Library Association's "Love Your Library" month in September, Friends hosted a membership table in the library, which brought attention to the Friends and increased membership by 238 new members.

Fundraising is key to the Friends ability to support the library. In 2024, they held two plant sales: a spring flower and herb sale and a fall mum sale. Bartsch Farms supplied the plants. Local Mt. Lebanon gardeners donated about 80+ plants from their own gardens. The combined total of revenue from the LYL and the two plant sales was \$16,800.

The Friends Holiday Book Sale was held the Saturday before Thanksgiving in collaboration with the Library's Jolabokaflof event. The Friends also partnered with the library for the Mid-Summer Reading event by holding a book sale/membership awareness evening. The Friends look forward to continuing with this collaboration. The Holiday Shop sales totaled more than \$6,000 in 2024, the Book Cellar Shop brought in \$79,415 and our online shop brought in \$14,341, totaling \$93,756.

The Friends President Susan Tracey currently serves on the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries as the vice president.

***"I would like to express a special thank you to our 149 volunteers who donated 10,298\* hours in 2024. These people kept our book store open, sorted and priced the thousands of donations we received, and helped with our special events."***

**Susan Tracey,  
Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library President**

\*this number includes time donated by the library's gardeners.

## **FRIENDS BOARD**

Susan Tracey, President  
Harold Hall, Vice President  
Cherie Moshier, Secretary  
Diane Gerber, Treasurer  
Laurie Garvey  
Sylvia O'Donovan

## **BOOK CELLAR**

### **COORDINATORS**

- Susan Tracey
- Judi McCarthy
- Eileen Jacobs
- Barbara Doherty
- Mandy Mitchell
- Susan Bloom
- Gretchen Beck
- Sylvia O'Donovan

## **SPEAKER SERIES**

On May 1, 2024, popular non-fiction writer Michael Pollan became our tenth Speaker Series author. Michael's nine books--seven of which have been *New York Times* bestsellers--focus on the intersection of the places where human and natural worlds meet; on our plates, in our farms and gardens, and in our minds. Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Marylynne Pitz interviewed Michael on the Mellon Middle School Auditorium stage before a sold-out audience of more than 1,000 attendees.

# FESTIVALS

## NEW THIS YEAR: MID-SUMMER NIGHT FESTIVAL

We kicked-off summer with a new family-friendly, all-ages, folk festival with live music from Calliope; local food trucks; family-friendly stories of magic, mischief, & revelry; live art demonstrations; crafting; Steel City Shakespeare; and a Book Cellar book sale. The event was held outside and drew about 300 attendees.

## JOLABOKAFLOD RETURNS

Our November Jolabokaflod Festival transformed the library into a winter wonderland of crafts, music, treats, merchandise, and, of course, books. More than 350 people attended the event that included the Friends of Mt. Lebanon Public Library's annual Holiday Book Sale. There were local artists and crafters selling unique handmade goods and the Roaming Bean offered specialty hot cocoa, coffee drinks, and goodies. The Celtic Trio and folk singer/songwriter Liz McBride performed. For families, there was Nordic storytelling and seasonal craft-making.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## ECLIPSE PARTY

More than 200 people gathered in the library parking lot to watch the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse (also known as the Great North American Eclipse). Viewing glasses were provided for the public to share. The Citizens Science Lab had science stations around the lot for families to learn about the eclipse. The clouds cooperated and everyone was able to enjoy this momentous occasion together!

## HALLOWEEN

Halloween is always a big event at the library with special book displays and programs for all ages. Story Spooktacular attracted 250 families who walked from station to station in the parking lot to hear stories read by our children's librarians.

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 2024. 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.*

**GIFTS GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF  
OUR ANNUAL APPEAL:**

Eve Abu-Obaid  
Michael & Joyce Adamcyk  
Zoe Akhtar  
Sarah Ali  
Kimberly Allera  
Paula Altschul  
Rachel Amorose  
Erin Angus-Snapka  
Judy Annesley-Sippey  
Marsha Arnold  
Anne & Matthew Atwood  
Moira Aulbach  
Elizabeth M. Austin  
Frani Averbach  
Andrea Babb  
Leslie Bachurski  
Kristen Baginski  
Maria Baldwin  
Michael Balfe  
Lydia Balogh  
Ann H. Bart  
Cameron Baverso  
Lauren Beatty  
Justin Beaver  
Samuel Becherer  
Susan Becroft  
Luella Belluomini  
Linda Benedict-Jones  
Lori Benson  
Mary Bermel  
Cristina Beuger  
Amit Goutam Bhatia  
Michele Bieltz  
Carol Bilec  
Rudy & Pam Bilich  
Linda Binek  
David Blair & Marianne Bokan-Blair

David Blaushild  
Noel Bliman  
Ron Block  
Rick & Susan Bloom  
Alex Blue  
Lois Bodnar  
Kerry Boehner  
Steve & Deb Boisvert  
Jennifer Bolas  
Gurney Bolster  
Mary Kay Bonn  
Gregory Boris & Joan Reddy  
Charles Boyer  
Donna Bozzo  
Ruth Bradshaw  
Jeff Bragdon  
Miriam Breslow  
Claudia Broman  
Elizabeth Brooks  
Karen Brown  
Katrina Brown  
Mary & Montgomery Brown  
Dan & Laura Buerger  
Norma Buhrman  
Judith Burrows  
Carolyn & Bill Byham  
Maureen Callan  
Rosalyn Cambest  
Penelope Canel  
Carol A. Capson  
Frank Caputo  
Patricia Carr  
Sue Carris  
Claudia Caruso  
Kathryn Cashman  
Gerald Chotiner  
Litherland Chris  
Sherry Chrystal  
Mary & James Cesar  
Michael Coffee  
Jane Compagnone  
Jan Conley  
Patricia Cook  
Erin Cooper  
Paige Costello  
Zachary Coy  
Sara Cozzens  
Vicki Cremonese  
Shannon Crew  
Lynn Crogan  
Allison Dang  
The Danver Family  
Diane Dattilo  
Barbara Daubner  
Diane Davis  
Sally & James Dawson  
Christine & Daniel Deady  
Georgia Deemer  
Jim DelBianco  
Leslie deLongpre  
Charlene F. Devlin  
Aviva Diamond  
Michael DiClemente  
Donna Diethorn  
Megan DiTommaso  
Foundation Dollar Bank Foundation  
Mike & Cyndy Donahoe  
Kevin Donaldson  
Sally Douglas  
Maureen Dumbaugh  
Michael & Jen Dunbar  
Ken Duncan  
Benjamin Dwulit  
Marshal Eaton  
Joan Echard  
Grace Edwardo  
Terri Elias-Joyce  
Susan Ellsworth  
Kelly Elphinstone  
Lizz Emanuel  
Robert S. & Sara Englesberg  
Kathryn English

Donald & Pierrette Eriksen  
Marian Essey  
Joan Ewing  
Minda R. Fall  
Sally Fallat  
Louise Farbman  
Jamie Fargo  
Susan L. Farrell  
Nancy K Faust  
Paul Feldman  
Margaret Fisher  
Laura Flanner  
Mary Fleck  
Anne Fleming  
Sheila Fleming  
Beth Folger  
Ruth Foltz  
Debra Foote  
Wil Ford  
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Gail Francolini  
Roseanna Frankowski  
Jennifer Franz  
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Harry & Peggy Gaughan  
William & Barbara Geary  
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Julie Giangarolo  
Karen Gibson  
John & Lindsey Gilkes  
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Isaac Gittlen  
Teresa Glace  
Robert & Susan Gold  
Dennis & Jennifer Goldenson  
Philip Goldstein  
Mary Good  
Jacqueline Goslin  
Clarence Gourley  
Carl Green  
Lana Greenawald  
Karen Greenberg  
Donna K. Greene  
Joan Gregory  
Kristine Griffin  
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Susanna Hamilton  
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Kate Rosenthal  
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Geraldine Stoner  
Beverly Sullivan  
Barbara Supinka  
Stacia Swanson  
Peter Swartwout  
Dennis & Martha Sweeney  
Kate Sweeney  
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Diane Tkocs  
Jan & Doug Toth  
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Kathryn Tuck  
Joyce Turkaly  
Maddy Twardy  
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Cecile Usner  
Anne Valentino  
Susan Valli  
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Barbara Vancheri  
Corey Vasbinder  
Claire Vatz  
Eva Vaughan  
Lucy Vayo  
Renee Very  
Tamara Vickroy -Bondy  
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Nancy & Michael Vudragovich  
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Ruth Lynn Walliser  
Ellen Warner  
Elizabeth Warren  
Beverly Wass  
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Susan Watson  
Alfred Watterson  
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David Weisberg  
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David White  
Delia White  
Jeremy White  
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Bridgit Wolf  
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Darlene S. Wood  
Winifred Woodland  
Linda S. Wostein  
Theresa Wubben  
Fangming Xiang  
Karen Yocca  
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Susan Young  
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Daniel Miller  
Sandra Miller  
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LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH:**

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Gretchen Eckert  
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Paul Huffman & Tracy Frank  
Huffman  
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Terrell S. Jefferson  
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Ruth Young Novice  
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Rose Mary O'Malley  
Sara Ondrejko  
Helen Palascak  
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Lina & William Pascoli  
Dennis Pittman  
Marylynne Pitz  
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Lorraine Reed  
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John Fredland  
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Dale Williams  
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OF LOVED ONES:**  
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The Orchard & Friends Book Club in honor of Dana Mackey  
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Maureen Perrino in memory of Eleanor Bicanich  
Bonnie Harshbarger in memory of Margaret "Peg" Alex  
Jeff & Alex Frye in memory of Sandy Fox  
Gail Friedman in memory of Margaret Ludwig  
Abbie & Steve Greenberg in memory of Michael Weissman  
Alan & Kirstina Popey in memory of Diane Tylka  
Mt. Lebanon Newcomers & Neighbors in memory of Eileen McNichol  
Rhonda Rankin in honor of Leslie Kunkel  
Jean Baldwin in memory of Kathy Healy Ligday  
Maria Baldwin in memory of Kathy Ligday  
Athena & Jamie Petrolias in memory of Roy Gillian  
Alice Burger in honor of Charles Succop  
Mt. Lebanon Newcomers & Neighbors in memory of Davia Herrera  
Athena & Jamie Petrolias in memory of Donna Contes  
Mt. Lebanon Newcomers & Neighbors in memory of Linda Petrilli  
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Jessica Shoemaker in memory of Charlotte Ford  
Richard Walsh in memory of Charlotte Ford  
Patrick Kimmel in honor of his Grandsons  
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Ethel Peal in memory of Sara Herrup  
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Michelle Herwald in memory of Michael Weissman  
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Donna Bozzo in memory of Mary Steiner Dale  
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**Mary Kay Mitchell in memory of Joe Wertheim**  
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**Renee & Tom Very in memory of Mary Minella**  
**Jean Hufnagel in memory of her daughter**  
**In memory of Dr. Patricia D. Meltzer**  
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**Denise Sedlak in memory of Jim Carr**  
**Cristina Beuger in memory of Domenico Vozza**  
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**Linda & Wes Nietmeier in memory of Martha & Lew Slenkamp**

# OUR PATRONS SAY....

## a few of the many positive comments we received in 2024

Your folktale collection is the best in the area, I grew up reading these stories and like to share them with my son.

Thank you for the Spy Tank [in the Children's Library]. It brings my daughter so much joy.

I love our library!! Thank you all.

I enjoyed the flower arranging class by Miss Flowers.

I love this library and the amazing staff. Thank you.

I am so impressed and grateful for the programming you provide after school for the middle school crowd.

I collect your seasonal booklists and make the majority of my book selections from them. It is such a joy to visit this library.

Keep putting diverse books out in the kids section! I've learned soooo much about things I didn't know. Thanks.

The library staff are all so awesome! Thank you for all that you do.

This place is great. More philosophy books please.