

Mt. Lebanon Public Library 2012 Annual Report

OUR VISION

The Mt. Lebanon Public Library will enhance its status as one of the premier public libraries in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

OUR MISSION

The Mt. Lebanon Public Library provides informational resources, programs, and services for the personal enrichment, education, and enjoyment of all citizens and for the betterment of the community.



"I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture, and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries."

Carl Sagan

In 2012 we identified four Principles of Excellence that are critical to our continuing success: Mt. Lebanon Public Library is committed to Community, Fundraising and Advocacy, Quality Library Services, and Technology and Innovation.

Community: Mt. Lebanon Public Library is dedicated to providing the community with services and programs that not only reflect the wants and needs of its patrons but also enhance and contribute to the development of the community.

Fundraising and Advocacy: Mt. Lebanon Public Library depends on sustainability of resources through prudent stewardship of finances and partnerships that enrich services, expand outreach, and leverage public investment through private support.

Quality Library Services: Mt. Lebanon Public Library provides services and programs that promote discovery, reading, learning, and teaching through a wide variety of media and methods.

Technology and Innovation: Mt. Lebanon Public Library provides access to and training in innovative technology, electronic resources, and digital information.

These principles form a foundation for our future plans and initiatives and ensure that the library maintains its margin of excellence and continues making a difference in the lives of the people we serve.

The achievements highlighted in this report demonstrate the work we do to enhance the library's value to the community. Our accomplishments are the tangible result of the dedication of many: the library staff, Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, Mt. Lebanon Commission (our largest funder), and all the members of the public who support our initiatives year after year. We offer our deepest thanks to the thousands of individuals who invest in our library's future by supporting its mission of free and open access to resources, programs, and services for the personal enrichment, education, and enjoyment of everyone.



Cynthia K. Richey, Director

By the numbers

382,027

visits to the library

112

visits to the library per hour

340,183

visits to the library's

website at

www.mtlebanonlibrary.org

529,966

items lent

155

items checked out per hour

20,845

Mt. Lebanon residents

have active library cards

29,025

adults, teens, and children

attended **1,476**

library programs

156,800

total physical items in
the library's collections
(e-resources are in
addition)

24,199

books, DVDs, CDs, and
other items added to the
collections

13,402

hours donated to the library

by more than **275**

volunteers

3,431

hours the library was open;
includes year-round
Sunday hours

2,849,219

minutes patrons spent on
the library's public
computers

1,134,465

minutes patrons spent on
the library's WiFi

Value of Library Services in 2012

In 2012, the cost per resident for Mt. Lebanon Public Library services was \$42*, about the cost of a couple of bestsellers on sale.

(*based on municipal funding for the operation of the library, utilities, insurance, and building maintenance.)

Books borrowed: 375,614

·If people had purchased the books

at an average price of \$30 each.....\$11,268,420

eReaders:

25 Kindles & Nooks (230 books on each) = 5,750 eBooks

·If people had purchased the eReaders at an

at an average cost of \$140 each.....\$3,500

·If people had purchased the eBooks at an

at an average price of \$12.99 each.....\$74,693

Total value.....\$78,193

Audiobooks, CDs and DVDs borrowed: 156,065

·If people had purchased 59,208 audio items

at an average price of \$40 each.....\$2,368,320

·If people had purchased 96,857 DVDs & BluRays

at an average price of \$35 each.....\$3,389,995

·If people had rented the DVDs

at an average price of \$5 each.....\$484,285

Reference Questions: We answered 68,145 questions.

·If people used a fee-based service for each question (\$15)\$1,022,175

Magazines: We subscribed to more than **280** magazines,

journals, and newspapers valued at.....\$15,398

On-line Databases: We subscribed to **27** databases valued at.....\$40,000

Programs: 29,025 people attended more than 1,476 programs for adults and children.

·If people had paid \$5 each.....\$145,125

Internet Access: We provided **47 public computers** with high-speed

Internet access. Value of access.....\$50,760

Household costs for high speed Internet access (cable or FIOS)

averages \$1,080 per year.

The library also offered other **free** public services, such as scores of on-line subscription databases and other on-line resources; public documents from municipal, county, state, and federal services; tax forms; information on local events; plus access to other public libraries.

The Mt. Lebanon Public Library generated more than

\$19 million worth of great public services.

(That's a value of \$573 per resident!!)

And library cards are **FREE!**

Library Board of Trustees

The Board sponsored two fundraising activities: *Books & Bubbly Soiree* and The 22nd Annual Library Garden Tour and Garden Party. The Board also conducted the library's third Annual Appeal in partnership with Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library.

James Cappucci, President

Michelle Heck, Vice President

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Harold Hall, Immediate Past President

Cherie Moshier, Member

Marylynne Pitz, Member

Joseph Wertheim, Member (deceased August 2012)



Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library raised more than \$92,000 from *The Book Cellar*, a used book shop within the library operated entirely by volunteers, and other book sales. The Friends also published ten issues of the *more Friends Library Newsletter*, edited by volunteer Kelly Lotter. More than 800 residents are members of The Friends.

Friends' Board Members:

Joe Wertheim, President (deceased August 2012)

Bill Lewis, Vice President; Acting President (beginning August 2012)

Diane Gerber, Treasurer

Bob Hagerty, Secretary

Debbie Edwards, Membership Chair and Friends board member

David McKibben, *The Book Cellar* Co-coordinator and Friends board member



Grants & Awards

We received a \$50,000 grant from the state's **Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund** with a match of \$50,000 from the municipality of Mt. Lebanon for automated entrance doors, automated restroom fixtures, and improved, energy efficient lighting in the library building.

We received a generous grant from **Eden Hall Foundation** to establish a Family Place Library within our children's library and to acquire *Brainfuse* online homework and learning service for all ages. Our Family Place Library will serve as a community center for early childhood information, parent education, socialization, emergent literacy, and family support. These projects are in partnership with Clairton Public Library where another Family Place Library will be established.



The **Mt. Lebanon Public Library Courtyard Garden** was the "Medium Garden" winner of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Great Gardens Contest in the Fall/Year-Round category. Special thanks to Master Gardener Nancy Smith and all the other dedicated volunteers who make our outdoor spaces so wonderful.

Library Director Cynthia K. Richey was named a 2012 **Legacy Laureate** by the University of Pittsburgh.



Program & Service Highlights

- York—Greg Kenney's first person performance as the man accompanying Lewis & Clark
- Stacey Innerst—interactive program about his book, *Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea*
- Movie Stop—new releases of DVDs—grab and go
- Gadget Gallery—with a Kindle, Kindle Fire, Nook, Nook Color Tablet, and iPad. Our Gadget workshops teach people how to use them.
- Media Station—for the public, with Adobe Photoshop, Windows Movie Maker, Windows Photo Gallery, and Audacity audio editor
- Centennial Videos—we recorded residents' stories for Mt. Lebanon's Centennial celebration and posted them on our web site.
- International Women's Conversation Circles—programs and social opportunities for women who have recently moved here from other countries
- Hot Topics in Current Affairs—National Security, The Dictator's Learning Curve, The 2012 Election and America's Place in a Changing World, Fifty Shades of Fannie Mae: the fateful history of the mortgage company
- Star Wars Extravaganza
- Zombie Sleepover for Teens
- Teen Volunteer Night at the Library
- Fright Night—Spooky Halloween fun for all ages
- Carnegie Science Center Robot Day at the Library
- Tail Waggin' Tutors—children read to therapy dogs
- Battle of the Books—summer reading fun for grades 4 - 6
- Yoga for Children—yoga and stories for ages 3 - 5
- Preschool French Club—stories and language fun for ages 2 - 5
- The Peep Program—stories and fun with marshmallow peeps
- Family Sing-Along with Margaret Hooton and Bob Barnett
- Open Art Studio—weekly craft making for children
- Summer Reading Club for children—910 children; 7,062 books read
- Book Clubs—Thirteen different groups for children and adults; all meet at the library
- Local Author Forum
- Concerts in the Courtyard—jazz, folk, bluegrass, classical
- New Magazines: *HGTV magazine*, *Journal of Early Americas*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*



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Send us your comments or questions, any hour day or night.
www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/about/general-contact

Text-a-librarian

Ask a librarian a question by texting "askLebo," then type your question and send it to 66746.

Mobile Library app

Search the catalog, download eBooks, email a librarian from your mobile device.
<http://mobile.mtlebanonlibrary.org>

Books | Bytes | Buzz

Our online library newsletter.
<http://enewsletter.mtlebanonlibrary.org/>

Friends' Library Newsletter

Free by mail or email with a membership to the Friends.
<http://www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/sites/default/files/documents/friendsmemberapp.pdf>

KidsRead Email

Monthly updates on children's library news and programs.
 Email: mtlebanon@einetwork.net

Overdrive

Download eBooks to your mobile reading devices, phones, or computers for free.
www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/edia/ebooks



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See pictures of library programs and events.
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mtlebanonlibrary/sets>



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adult library: <http://twitter.com/MtLebLibrary>
 children's library: <http://twitter.com/MLPLKids>



Facebook

Look for Mt. Lebanon Public Library on Facebook.



You Asked Us- We Answered!

Q: What is the "Oxford comma"?

A: A comma before the 'and' in a listing, as 'bread, butter, cakes, and jam', so called in the house style of Oxford University Press. It is also the standard North American style. Also called the serial comma.

From "Brewer's Dictionary of Modern Phrase & Fable" in the library's subscription database *Oxford Reference* <http://www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/reference/databases-topics#Dictionaries>

The Oxford comma even has its own Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Oxford-Comma/48254769340>

Q: What instrument did Glenn Miller play and how did he die? Who played him in the movie and do you have it?

A: Trombone. His plane disappeared over the English Channel during WWII, believed to be shot down by friendly fire. Yes, we have the movie, "The Glenn Miller Story," starring James Stewart. Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com) verified all facts.

Q: Where can I find topographical maps of swamps, such as Ox swamp, in South Carolina?

A: Topoquest.com provides topographical maps of swamps and water ways. They include map coordinates, local features and terrain information. You can actually zoom in on a selected area for a more detailed picture.

<http://www.topoquest.com/map.php?lat=33.69933&lon=-80.19175&datum=nad83&zoom=4>

Q: What is the spelling and meaning of "eleemosynary"?

A: Eleemosynary: Of, relating to, or dependent on charity. Contributed as an act of charity; gratuitous. Synonym: benevolent. In *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 4th edition. rj423 AME

Digital Resources

Overdrive

Download eBooks to your mobile reading devices, phones, or computers for free.
www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/emedial/ebooks

The library subscribed to these online databases in 2012. Find them here:

<http://www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/reference/databases-topics>

America's Newspapers
 Brainfuse Homework /Learning Service
 Career Transitions
 CulturGrams
 Ferguson's Career Guidance
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 Gale Virtual Reference
 Health Reference
 Heritage Quest
 Learning Express
 Lexis Nexis Library Express
 Muzzy Language Learning
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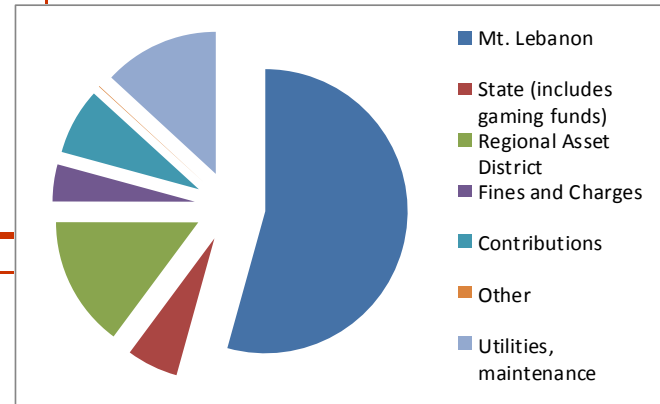
Additional digital resources available for our patrons:

- Laptops to borrow for use in the library
- eReaders (Kindles & Nooks)
to borrow with more than 230 books pre-loaded on each
- Playaways
unabridged books and movies on self-contained MP3 players
- Flatbed Scanners
- BluRay videos and Wii, Xbox 360 and PS3 video games to borrow
- Kurzweil—adaptive reading software and computer equipment for persons with visual disabilities.
- Zinio—more than 300 magazines to download for free
<http://www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/emedial/emagazines>

2012 Operation Revenue & Support

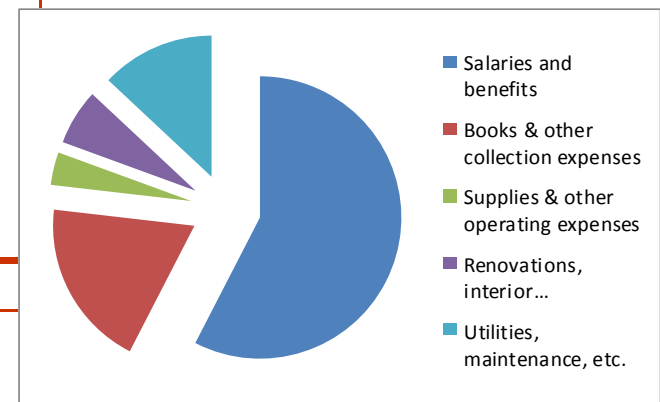
Operating Revenue & Support

Mt. Lebanon	1,131,060	54%
State (includes table gaming funds)	121,859	6%
Regional Asset District	309,729	15%
Fines and Charges	87,739	4%
Contributions	157,273	8%
Other	1,614	0%
Utilities, maintenance	273,642	13%
Total	2,082,916	100%



Operating Expenditures

Salaries and benefits	1,209,783	58%
Books & other collection expenses	404,911	19%
Supplies & other operating expenses	78,999	4%
Renovations, interior...	134,356	6%
Utilities, maintenance, etc.	273,642	13%
Total	2,101,691	100%



Thank You!

The Mt. Lebanon Public Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of Mt. Lebanon Library, and the library staff offer sincere thanks to the generous individuals, organizations, and foundations that contributed to the library in 2012. 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, particularly in a challenging economy. Thank you!

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