

Mt. Lebanon PUBLIC LIBRARY 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

WITH A LIBRARY YOU ARE FREE, NOT CONFINED BY TEMPORARY POLITICAL CLIMATES. IT IS THE MOST DEMOCRATIC OF INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE NO ONE – BUT NO ONE AT ALL – CAN TELL YOU WHAT TO READ AND WHEN AND HOW.

—Doris Lessing



Dear Friends,

Every year library directors across country submit their annual statistics to their respective state agencies. These statistics are not only a great way to look back and see how library dynamics grow and change over the years, but they can also be used to determine the amount of funding a library receives.

Our annual report numbers help to tell the library's story, but mere numbers alone don't reveal the impact that our library's services have in our community. The most important part of any library is you, the patron. We count you as you walk in the door, we count your attendance at programs and the number of books you check out; what we find really important, though, is what you think about us and the job we're doing for you.

In these pages you'll find numbers galore, but you'll also find pictures of our patrons reading books, attending programs and fundraisers, and using technology. You'll read real quotes from patrons about the quality of our services. You'll see the names of your many friends and neighbors who have donated their hard-earned money to help our library remain one of the best in the state. This evidence of your love for and investment in your library means more to us than any statistic ever will, and is the real 'proof' that our library is as successful as ever.

Thank you for attending our programs, checking out materials, and showing us you care through kind words, donations of books and money, and positive word-of-mouth. Thank you for taking such pride in Mt. Lebanon Public Library. Thank you for helping us create a stronger community in 2016.

Sincerely,



Robyn E. Vittek, Director

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.

BY THE NUMBERS

ADDING IT UP

328,774

visits to the library

95

visits to the library per hour

381,836

visits to the library's website at
www.mtlebanonlibrary.org

549,468

physical items lent

55,875

eBooks, eVideos, eAudios lent

175

items checked out per hour

18,680

Mt. Lebanon residents
with active library cards

35,882

adults, teens, and children
who attended **1,654**
library programs

153,225

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

16,155

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

22,771

hours donated to the library
by more than **350** volunteers

3,451

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

2,561,457

minutes patrons spent on
the library's public computers

3,736,219

minutes patrons spent on
the library's free WiFi

VALUE OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN 2016

In 2016, the cost per resident for Mt. Lebanon Public Library services was

\$44, about the cost of a couple of bestsellers on sale.*

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

Books borrowed: 391,452

·If people had purchased the books
at an average price of \$30 each.....\$11,743,560

eReaders:

24 Kindles & Nooks (1,193 books on each)

·If people had purchased the eReaders at an
at an average cost of \$140 each.....\$3,360

·If people had purchased the eBooks at an
at an average price of \$12.99 each.....\$15,497

iPad minis: 5 for adults and 3 for children to borrow with educational and library apps.

·If people purchased the devices at \$399 each\$3,192

Audiobooks, CDs and DVDs borrowed: 167,378

·If people had purchased 66,888 audio items
at an average price of \$40 each.....\$2,675,520

·If people had purchased 100,490 DVDs & Blu-ray's
at an average price of \$35 each.....\$3,517,150

·If people had rented the DVDs
at an average price of \$5 each.....\$502,450

Reference Questions: We answered 57,909 questions.

·If people used a fee-based service for each question (\$15)\$868,635

Magazines: We subscribed to more than 270 magazines, journals, and newspapers valued at.....\$18,491

Online Databases: We subscribed to 20 databases valued at.....\$33,741

Programs: 35,882 people attended more than 1,654 programs for adults and children.

·If people had paid \$5 each.....\$179,410

Internet Access: We provided 44 public computers with high-speed Internet access. Value of access.....\$47,520 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 online
subscription databases and other online resources; public documents from
municipal, county, state, and federal services; tax forms; information on local
events; plus access to other public libraries.*

In 2016 alone, The Mt. Lebanon Public Library generated almost

\$20 million worth of great public services.

*(That's a value of nearly **\$600** per resident!!)*

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board sponsored two fundraising activities:

- A Novel Affair: "A Knight in Camelot"
- 26th Annual Library Garden Tour and Garden Party.

The Board also conducted the library's seventh Annual Appeal in partnership with Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library.

Cherie Moshier, President

Chris Cahillane, Vice President

Jane Broeren, Secretary

Harold Hall, Treasurer

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Game of Thrones Night at the Library

FRIENDS OF THE MT. LEBANON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library raised nearly \$65,000 for the library from The Book Cellar, a used book shop within the library operated entirely by volunteers, and from two fundraising events: *Brews for a 'Chili' Night* in January (\$7,328) and *Beer Garden Bash* in August (\$5,908), both chaired by Bob Hagerty and M.A. Jackson. The Friends also published ten issues of *:more Friends*, the library's newsletter, edited by volunteer Kelly Lotter.

More than 750 residents are members of the Friends.

The Friends' Board

William F. Lewis, President

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Susan Tracey, Board Member & Membership Chair

The Book Cellar Coordinators

David McKibben, Susan Fretterd, Susan Tracey, Eileen Jacobs, Barbara Doherty,



Ben Wertheim, Elaine Wertheim, Alexander McCall Smith

GRANTS & AWARDS

The Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library awarded volunteer Sadie Saxton with a \$1000 scholarship.

Sadie provided over 100 hours of service to the library.

The David Kenneth Held Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 was awarded to Jake Moore.

OUR PATRONS CONNECT

Contact Us

Send us your comments or questions, any hour, day or night. www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/27/Ask-a-Librarian

Text-a-librarian

Text "start" to 412-685-4004 to get started.

Mobile Library

Search our website that offers full functionality to mobile devices. www.mtlebanonlibrary.org

Friends' Library Newsletter

Free by mail or email with a membership to the Friends. www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/230/Friends-of-Mt-Lebanon-Public-Library

KidsRead News Flash

Weekly updates on children's library news and programs. Sign up at www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/Kids

Digital Media

Download eBooks, magazines, online music, and videos to your mobile reading devices, phones, or computers for free. www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/digitalmedia

Twitter

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

Facebook

Look for Mt. Lebanon Public Library.

Shortcuts to all our social media accounts can be found on the bottom of our website.



OUR PATRONS SAY

- "A place to explore through the books they read, keep their mind hungry for learning more and more. A very interesting place."
- "A place of awesome! Librarians!"
- "As a working mother, I feel I always have so much to do and sometimes feel guilty if I sit and read, but with the Summer Reading Program it took away the guilt."
- "Love all the programs! We are so lucky to have a thriving library."
- "The library is a fun and valuable resource for us, year round."
- "The play area is a good, free resource for us—a place to play and see friends."
- "Thank you for all you do for the community. All of the activities are fun and/or educational. The employees are also very nice and friendly and helpful."
- "The staff is more than unbelievably wonderful...they have helped me get so much information and help...everybody at the desk is so kind and so solicitous, to everyone who comes in the library!"
- "How blessed we are to have such a great library in our city!"
- "A big thank you for ordering the vinyl albums...I love the selection and that you have the vinyl collection itself!"
- "Now that I have no car and failing vision, I am realizing what your library means to me. Your library is the BEST."
- "It's a place where we appreciate being a part of a community that is excited about reading and learning. What other library has a line at the door waiting to get in on weekend mornings?"
- "The library is a wonderful resource and we try to take advantage of all it has to offer. I recommend it to others OFTEN!"

"Mt. Lebanon Public Library is one of the reasons I stay in the community."



PROGRAM & SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

MORE FUN

- Our final "Downton Abbey" tea featured English-inspired food and trivia fun.
- Two-Part sold-out Beer Tasting Event by East End Brewing Company.
- Musician Tom Roberts presented our first Artist-in-Residency for Kids Program, "Silents Please!," to 16 very enthusiastic upper elementary children. Over 3 nights they learned about silent films, the importance of music to those classic films, and then created and starred in their very own silent films which were accompanied by Mr. Roberts on the piano and enjoyed by an audience of family and friends.
- The Vinyl Event, part of our Live-Learn-Stay-Play series, was coordinated with four Mt. Lebanon businesses.

MORE TO LEARN

- A Spring Walks and Talks collaborative programming series was promoted with Upper St. Clair Library.
- Presence Collaboration with Artsmiths and Himalayan Institute. The Library hosted Crown of Eternity vibrational healing concert, our first Live-Learn-Stay-Play event.
- 75 attendees learned the art of casting flies outside the library
- 4 sessions of "Play and Learn," Family Place Workshops featuring play stations for children and consultations for parents with visiting childcare professionals in the areas of childhood development, speech and hearing, nutrition, and music and literacy.
- At our first Robot Maker Marathon children visited computational thinking stations throughout the library where they could create algorithms, play with Beebots, and learn some binary code.
- A partnership for a new career counseling service at the library developed with the Center for Career Development.

MORE ENTERTAINMENT

- Concerts in the Courtyard series welcomed Christopher Mark Jones (folk), Nan Hoffman (folk/family), RML Jazz, and the MTLHSstring quartet (classical).
- Music Theory for Kids with musician and teacher Charles Rieger III helped children ages 5 and up build confidence and enhance their musicianship skills.
- Music for Homeschoolers was an all ages program that explored musical instruments during its 4 weekly sessions.
- Music teacher Margaret Hooton, and her brother Bob Barnett, once again led their fun and interactive after-Thanksgiving Family Sing-Along, which was enjoyed by over 100 people!

MORE STORIES

- Author Alexander McCall Smith presented as part of the Wertheim Lecture series (now the Mt. Lebanon Public Library Speaker Series) and attracted over 750 attendees.
- The Summer Reading Program challenged patrons of all ages to read for fun and prizes. Adult Summer Reading participation was more than quadrupled from past participation. The youth Summer Reading Program this year set records for both the number of children who registered and who completed the requirements of the program.
- The library hosted a Collaborative Veteran's Memorial program series with the Mt. Lebanon Historical Society, Mt. Lebanon School District and Denis Theater
- The library collaborated with the Mt. Lebanon Historical Society to provide a multi-part Civil War Summer Series. The Ulysses S. Grant reenactment program filled the church yard.

MORE TO CREATE

- Collaborative hands-on art programs were hosted with the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and The Society for Contemporary Craft, a grant funded project.
- Eight budding musicians shared their talents at the first Kids Song Circle.
- Kids in grades 3 – 5 learned some essential coding skills during the four Coding Club with Scratch Jr. sessions.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

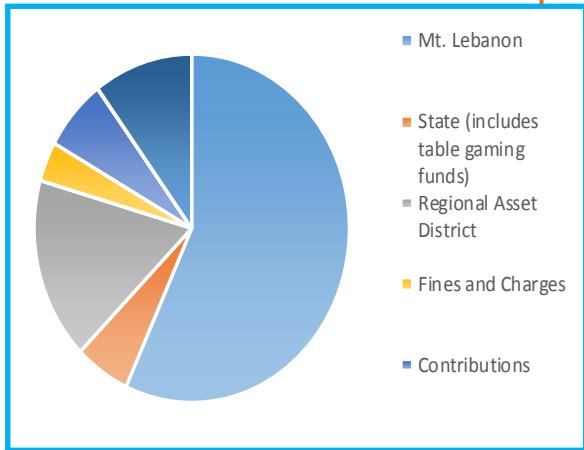
- Overdrive (ebooks), EBSCOhost (ebooks), OneClick Digital (audiobooks), Zinio (magazines), Freegal (music), InstantFlix (video) and Hoopla (movies, TV shows, and music) are all free to download to your mobile reading devices, smart phones, or computers.
www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/digitalmedia
- The Library subscribed to these online databases in 2016. Find them here and use them for free.
www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/234/Online-Databases

America's Newspapers - Newsbank
Brainfuse: homework help and online learning and test support
Career Transitions - Gale
CultureGrams - Proquest
Ferguson's Career Guidance - Facts on File
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IndieFlix: 4,500 free independent movies - Recorded Books
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World Book Online
- More free digital resources available for our patrons to borrow or use in the library:
Laptops for use in the library
eReaders (Kindles and Nooks) to borrow with more than 760 titles available
iPad Minis for adults and children to borrow
Playaways - unabridged books and movies on self-contained MP3players to borrow
Wii, Wii U, 3DS, Xbox 360, Xbox One, and PS3 & PS4 video games to borrow
Flatbed scanners to use in the library
Kurzweil - adaptive reading software and computer equipment for persons with visual disabilities to use in the library
3D Printer to use in our Maker Space
iPad Airs for use during library programs

2016 OPERATION REVENUE & SUPPORT

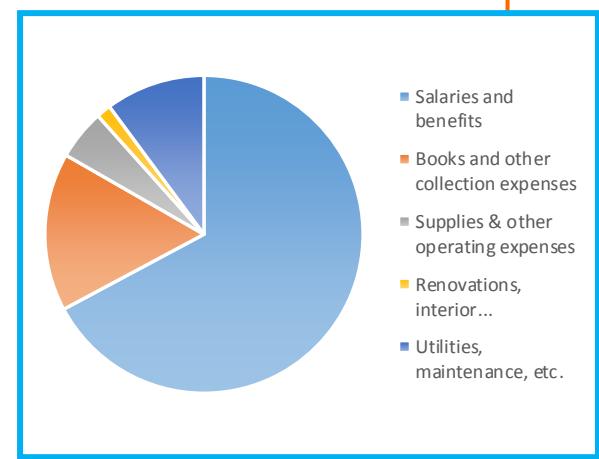
2016 Operation Revenue & Support

Mt. Lebanon	1,238,250	57%
State (includes table gaming funds)	122,999	6%
Regional Asset District	368,869	17%
Fines and Charges	80,178	4%
Contributions	145,487	7%
Other	788	0%
Utilities, maintenance, etc.	221,656	10%
Total	*2,178,227	100%



Operating Expenditures

Salaries and benefits	1,469,708	67%
Books and other collection expenses	352,429	16%
Supplies & other operating expenses	111,489	5%
Renovations, interior...	32,331	1%
Utilities, maintenance, etc.	221,656	10%
Total	*2,187,613	100%



Garden Party Attendees

*Difference in totals due to use of restricted (donated) funds



Making a new friend at the library

THANK YOU!

The Mt. Lebanon Public Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Library, and the library staff offer sincere thanks to the generous individuals, organizations, and foundations that contributed to the library in 2016. 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!

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