



Celebrating 100 years
**MURRYSVILLE
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY**
Endless Possibilities.

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Our Mission

We are proud to serve the communities of Murrysville, Export and Washington Township, "To inspire ideas, enrich lives, and create lifelong opportunities for learning, literacy and enjoyment."

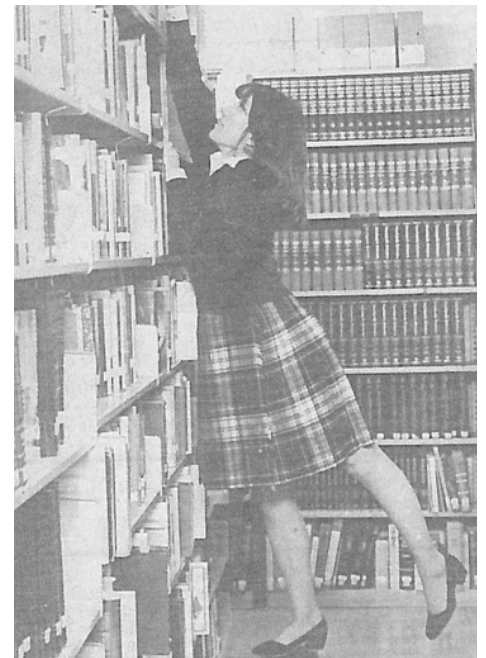
Our Accomplishments

The Murrysville Community Library (MCL) celebrated its 99th/100th year of service in 2021/2022, which marked a period of rebuilding, ingenuity and celebration. We spent much of our time looking back and honoring our founding on March 13th, 1922 by the Murrysville Woman's Club. We are also excited to look forward to the next 100th years of serving the communities of Murrysville, Export and Washington Township.

MCL expanded its Storytime program in 2021. In addition to Babies and Books and Toddler Time, we offered a Mother Goose on the Loose series, STEM Storytimes, Family Evening Storytimes, and Open Play Discovery sessions. We provided monthly STEM take and make craft kits for at home learning. Furthermore we held children's programs on Star Wars, Minecraft, and Pete the Cat, which the children greatly enjoyed.

The Library also established a Teen Advisory Board, which first met in November 2021. The Teen Advisory Board, a group of people ages 12-18, helps the Library run teen-centered programs, recommends young adult materials for the Library to purchase, promotes the Library to their friends, and generally helps the Library better serve teens.

Our Jingles n' Gingerbread event returned in December with three hours of festivities and fun. Participants enjoyed musical acts from Franklin Regional students, the Newlonsburg Music Academy, the East End Kids and a special screening of Calvin Can't Fly, an American Sign Language story book film. Children enjoyed crafts and games. A locally owned food truck served hot chocolate and cookies, including gingerbread.



During 2022, we celebrated the Library's centennial with a party on March 13th, which was attended by over forty participants, including representatives from the Murrysville Woman's Club. We specially designed and distributed new library cards and t-shirts with our centennial logo. During the end of Summer Reading, we created a time capsule, which will be kept on display in the Library.

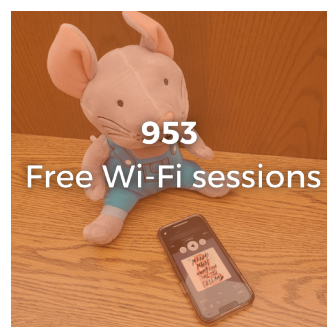
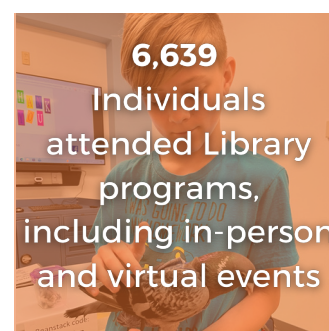
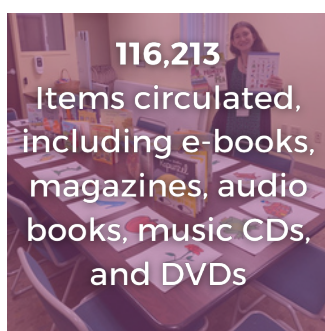
Summer Reading explored the theme "Oceans of Possibilities" for preschool children, school-aged children, teens, and adults with over 70 programs! Patrons tracked their reading progress through the Beanstack app. In total, we had 734 participants who read for over 426,130 minutes!

We are very proud of the programming we offer. Some of our more memorable programs this past year include: A live monarch butterfly release, a three part Heinz History Center Speaker series, Mad Science Presents: Amazing Oceans, Citizen Science Camp: Cloud Quest, Teen Tie-Dye & Smoothie Luau, and Andy and Judy Sing Sea Shanties.

Thank you to all of our donors, supporters, and patrons who made the 2021-2022 year memorable! We look forward to serving our community for another 100 years.



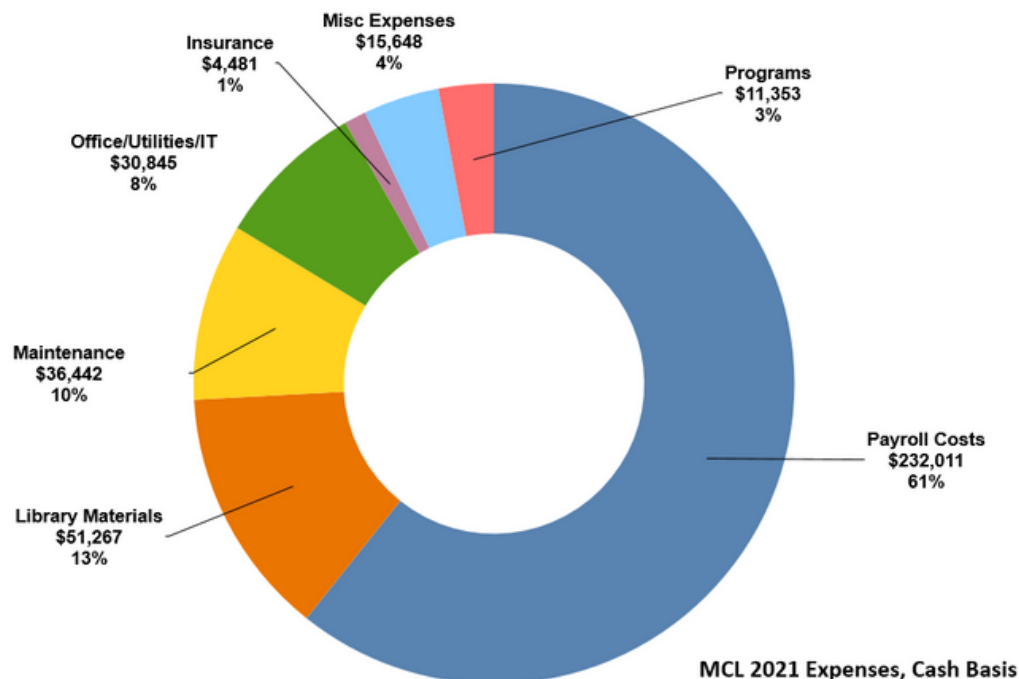
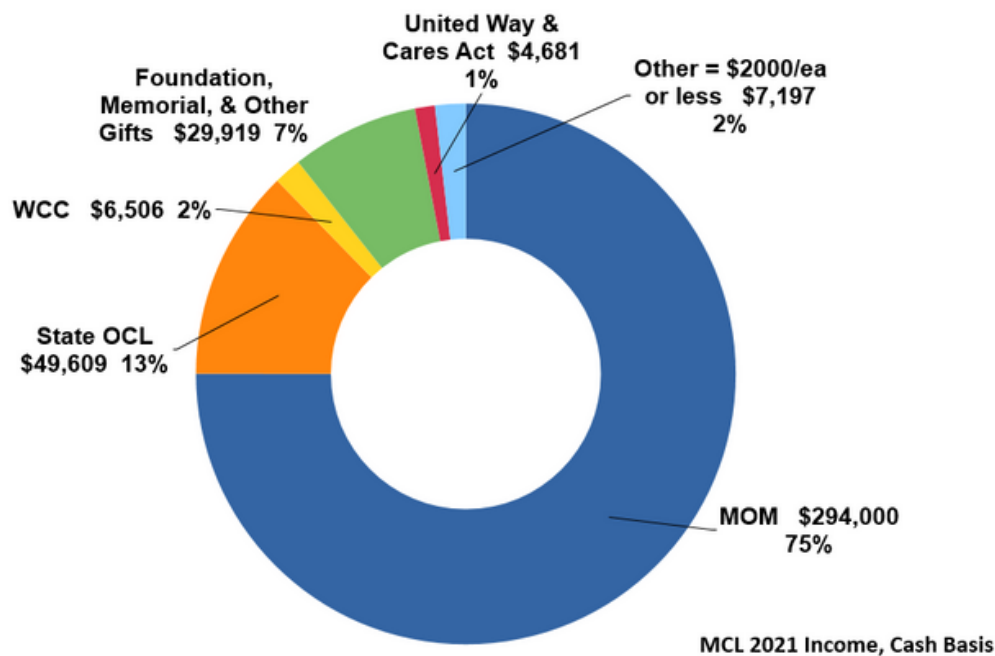
Our Impact in 2021



2021 Income and Expenses

The Murrysville Community Library is a non-profit corporation that enjoys tax-free benefits as a 501(C)3 IRS organization. It receives much of its funding from government resources, as shown in the diagram below, including from the Municipality of Murrysville (MOM), the Office of Commonwealth Libraries (OCL) in the PA Department of Education, and the office of the Westmoreland County Commissioners (WCC). It also receives funding from direct and indirect patron donations.

The MCL measures its success by how well and how comprehensively it uses its budget for building/lending of catalog items, programming, and information services. It has consistently kept to budget and excelled as a provider of services year after year. The following income/expense charts for 2021 are indicative of the budgeting success. Thank you all for being a big part of that.



Our Strategic Plan

The core values of our strategic plan are to:

- Foster **LEARNING AND LITERACY** by maintaining a robust collection in all major media forms, creating abundant learning opportunities for all, and inspiring life-long learners.
- Build **COMMUNITY** by creating purposeful alliances with schools, organizations and businesses, collaborating with other libraries, being the major intellectual resource center where people of diverse backgrounds and interests can collaborate and learn from each other.
- Focus on **PEOPLE** by being accessible and free to all, and listening and responding to individual needs and input, creating a respectful environment for all, and investing in ongoing development of our staff.
- Promote **SUSTAINABILITY** by seeking, growing and maintaining diverse funding streams, adapting and innovating to assure we meet the changing needs of our community, and encouraging everyone to contribute to continually improving of our Library.

Our Partners

Our Partner: Murrysville Community Library Foundation

The Murrysville Community Library Foundation's mission is to enhance the Murrysville Community Library as a community resource by raising public and private funds for operations and special projects and by building an endowment for its financial security and long-term excellence.

The Foundation was started in 1998 by a group of dedicated Library Board and community volunteers who sought to ensure the future of Murrysville Community Library through fundraising for special services and projects.

Today, the Foundation is guided by a group of committed citizens with the same goal in mind. Through a combination of individual donors, corporate donors, and grants the Foundation raises thousands of dollars every year to support our Library, fund special projects and ensure the Library's future through the formation and growth of an endowment.

Our Partner: Westmoreland Library Network

Westmoreland Library Network™ (WLN) is an alliance of 23 public libraries, encompassing 25 library sites in Westmoreland County, including Murrysville Community Library. It is one of 29 District Centers under the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, PA Department of Education. WLN is dedicated to achieving excellence in library and information sharing for all county residents through the coordination of resources and services, the sharing of information expertise, and the promotion of library staff development for the mutual benefit of all member libraries.

WLN provides its member libraries with a unified electronic catalog, giving libraries such as MCL access to over 950,000 items belonging to libraries within the WLN system. Patrons are able to search the on-line catalog, place holds and have materials delivered to their own library. WLN provides both the technology and delivery logistics for this service.

WLN also provides a range of services to libraries through its upgraded technology infrastructure to provide internet service, website services, IT support, cloud backup and security for library data- all enabling member libraries to save money and operate in a safe, secure IT environment. By securing grant funding, WLN is able to invest in technology, such as expanded WI-FI, for all its member libraries.

Our Team

Amy Riegner, *Director*

Rebecca Martinazzi, *Coordinator of Youth Services*

Anna LeDonne, *Coordinator of Acquisitions and Technical Services*

Laura Seiple, *Coordinator of Circulation*

Katherine Neidig, *Adult Services Librarian and Acquisitions and Technical Services Assistant*

Evan Hrobak, *Volunteer Services Coordinator and Programming Assistant*

Judith Shoemaker, *Administrative Assistant*

Susan Frey, *Book Club Coordinator, Library Associate*

Catherine Westendorf, *Social Media Coordinator, Library Associate*

Kaitlyn Lewandowski, *Library Associate*

Marco Chand, *Library Associate*

Our Boards

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