



MURRYSVILLE
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
Endless Possibilities.

2022-2023 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

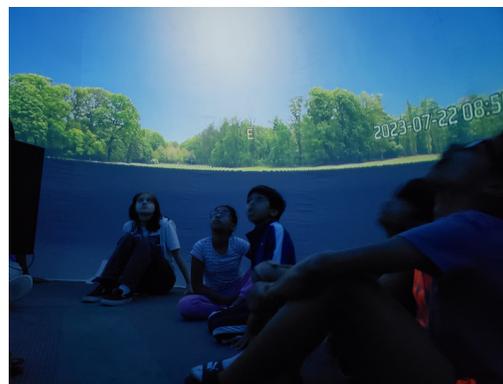
The Murrysville Community Library (MCL) celebrated its 100th/101st year of service in 2022/2023, which marked a period of introducing new programs while maintaining our current offerings. The library strives to offer endless possibilities for our patrons' learning, literacy, and enjoyment.

We adopted a new focus on three core tenants: flexibility, ingenuity, and inclusivity. We strive to change and adapt to our community's programming interests while focusing on offering a variety of programming for all age groups and abilities.

Summer Reading explored the theme "All Together Now" for preschool children, school-aged children, teens, and adults with over 90 programs! Patrons tracked their reading progress through the Beanstack app. In total, we had 730 participants who read for over 549,239 minutes!

We are very proud of our summer programming. Some of our more memorable programs include: O'Ryan the O'mazing, Andy Warhol Screenprinting, 3Rivers4 Barbershop Quartet, Steel City Shakespeare Center, Carnegie Science Center's Planetarium, the Zoomobile, Monarch Butterfly Release, and a Happy Birthday, Harry Potter party.

MCL added many new programs for adults. We now host a monthly ESL Conversation Group. This program is led by an English as a Second Language teaching professional, and allows people to practice English conversation skills in a guided and welcoming environment. The library also started two new monthly programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In collaboration with Milestone PA and PA Connecting Communities, we now host a monthly storytime and a monthly craft program. These programs promote literacy, creativity, as well as offer an opportunity for socializing. Finally, the library's continued partnership with the Murrysville Garden Club and the Murrysville Recreation Department resulted in a Spring Gardening Series of programs, taught by Master Gardeners from the Westmoreland County Penn State Extension.



The past year in teen services included the continuation of the Teen Advisory Board, held monthly and attended by a consistent group of teens, as well as the Teen Writing Club, a group for teens who want to improve their writing skills. Highlights in programming outside of Summer Reading include the creation of a Teen Dungeons & Dragons group, a Teen Zine Workshop series, and monthly display selections for the Young Adult section.

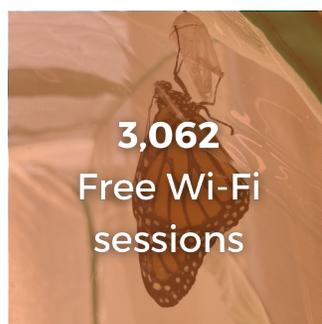
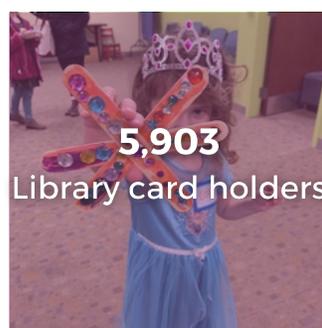
MCL took on an ambitious and highly requested program: a Craft Show. 45 vendors participated and displayed their wares using most of the library's building space. This event, which also functioned as a fundraiser, saw the single highest amount of foot traffic in one day since returning from the pandemic. It was highly successful and we plan to host another in 2024.

The library was gifted a sensory board by Girl Scout Troop 16380. It has objects of varying colors and textures that encourages discovery, sensory exploration, fine motor skill practice, and enjoyment. The Troop was awarded the Bronze Award for their creation. This endeavor truly embodies the library's vision of embracing flexibility, ingenuity and inclusivity!

Thank you to all of our donors, supporters, and patrons who made the 2022-2023 year memorable! We look forward to offering more informed and creative programs next year!



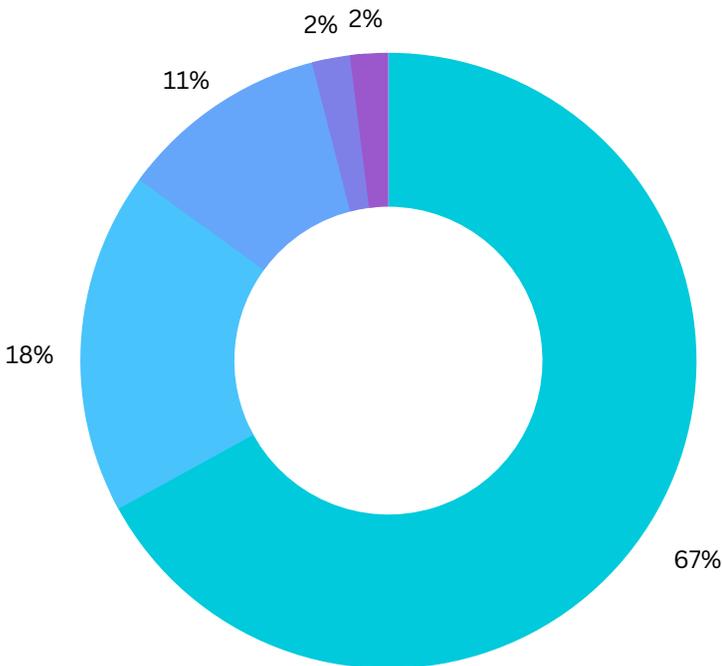
Our Impact in 2022



2022 Income and Expenses

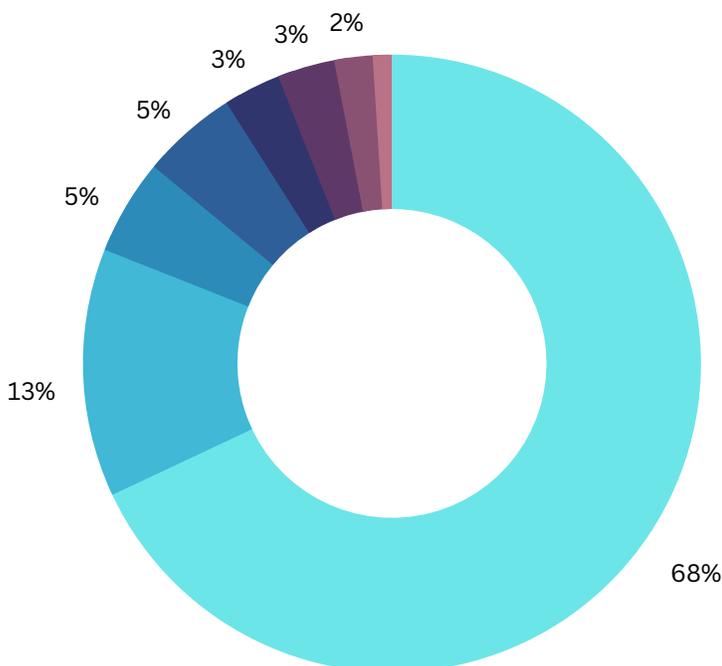
The Murrysville Community Library is a non-profit corporation that enjoys tax-free benefits as a 501(C)3 IRS organization. It receives much of its funding from government resources, as shown in the diagram below, including from the Municipality of Murrysville (MOM), the Office of Commonwealth Libraries (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.

MCL measures its success by how well and how comprehensively it uses its budget for the 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 2022 are indicative of the budgeting success. Thank you all for being a big part of our success.



MCL Income, 2022 Cash Basis

- Murrysville Municipal Support (67%)
- State Aid (18%)
- Foundation Support, Gifts & Memorials (11%)
- Westmoreland County Aid (2%)
- MISC Income (2%)



MCL Expenses, 2022 Cash Basis

- Payroll (68%)
- Library Materials (13%)
- Utilities/Phone (5%)
- Maintenance (5%)
- Programs (3%)
- Misc Expenses (3%)
- Office/Computer Expense (2%)
- Insurance (1%)

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*

Melanie Artice-Moore, *Youth Services Librarian*

Anna LeDonne, *Coordinator of Acquisitions and Technical Services*

Amy Velella, *Coordinator of Circulation*

Kelly George, *Adult and Volunteer Services Librarian*

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

Judith Shoemaker, *Administrative Assistant*

Susan Frey, *Book Club Coordinator, Library Associate*

Catherine Westendorf, *Social Media Coordinator, Library Associate*

Kaitlyn Lewandowski, *Library Associate*

Heather Zeller, *Library Associate*

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