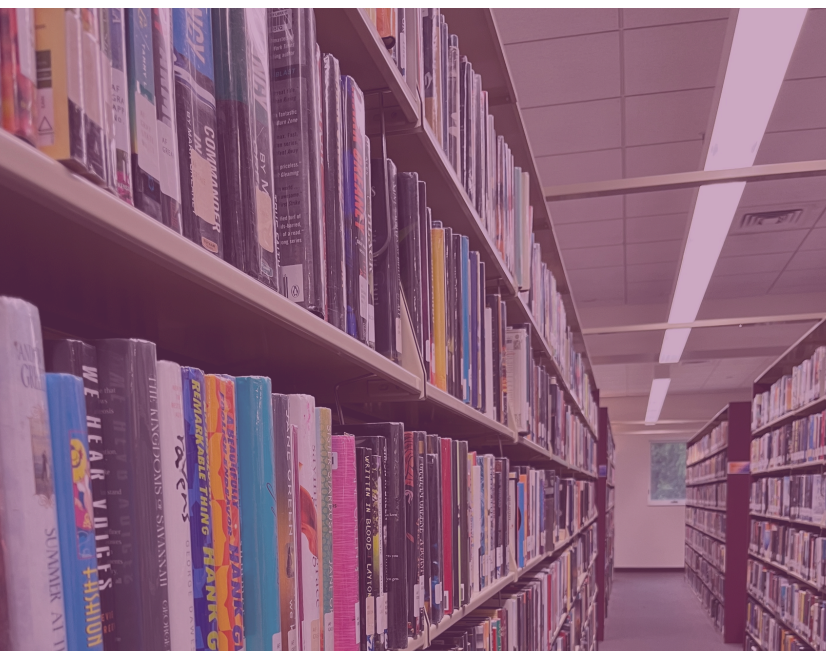




MURRYSVILLE
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
Endless Possibilities.

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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

At The Murrysville Community Library, we foster a safe and inclusive environment that encourages exploration, supports lifelong learning, and inspires both personal growth and enjoyment.

Founded by the Murrysville Woman's Club in 1922, the library started with only 660 books and five magazine subscriptions. Today, MCL houses over 70,000 items, including museum passes, e-resources, juvenile media kits, cake pans, programming for all ages, newspapers, magazines, DVD's & Blu-Rays, and of course, books!

This year's Summer Reading theme was Color our World! Art has the power to transform, uplift, and connect us. It allows us to see the world through different lenses, fostering empathy and understanding. For 2025, libraries across the country encouraged patrons of all ages to embark on a journey of art and creativity, celebrating the many different ways in which art enriches our lives. Program highlights this year included O'Ryan the O'Mazing, Westmoreland Cleanways, Export's Rewind-Reuse Center, Bright Beginnings, Wonders of Wildlife, the Andy Warhol Museum, Kids on the Block Puppet Show, and more.

Year-round children's programming features popular offerings such as Babies-n-Books, Preschool Storytime, Dungeons and Dragons, Dog Reading Pals, Toddler Time, and After School Art.

For teens, the library continues to offer the Teen Advisory Board, Teen Writing Club, Teen Read-Ins, and Teen D&D, alongside special programs like author talks, career exploration, crafts, social events, and STEM initiatives.



Adult summer programming included sessions with The Murrysville Garden Club, East Suburban Artists League, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Stand Gordon, the Andy Warhol Museum, and Homer the Pigeon.

Regular adult programs include the Library Knitters Group, Socrates Café, PACC Craft, ESL Conversation Group, Milestone PA Storytime, Murrysville Garden Club, Plant-Based Nutrition, Yoga for Grief, and Tuesday/Thursday Book Club Groups.

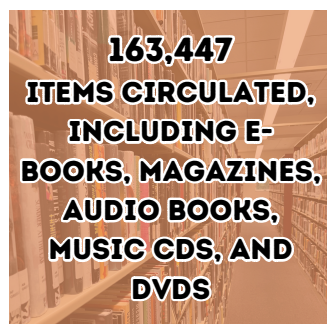
In addition to its many engaging programs, 2025 stood out as a year of fresh opportunities and bright new beginnings.

In October 2024, the Library was awarded nearly \$400,000 as part of the COVID-19 ARPA Pennsylvania Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program, a competitive grant program funded under the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Library will be using this grant to renovate the adult and teen sections and install quiet study rooms.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our donors, supporters, and patrons who made 2024-2025 such a special year. We look forward to providing even more enriching and innovative programs in the coming year!



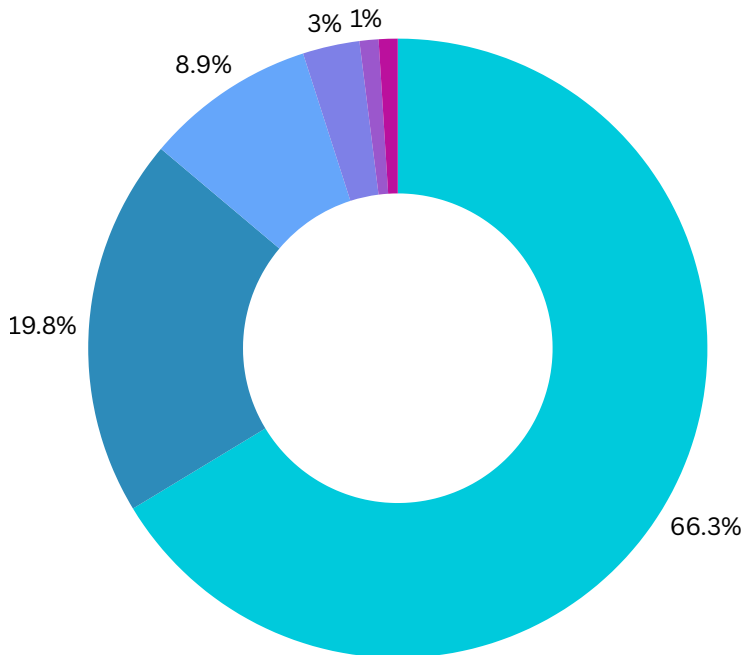
Our Impact in 2024



2024 Income and Expenses

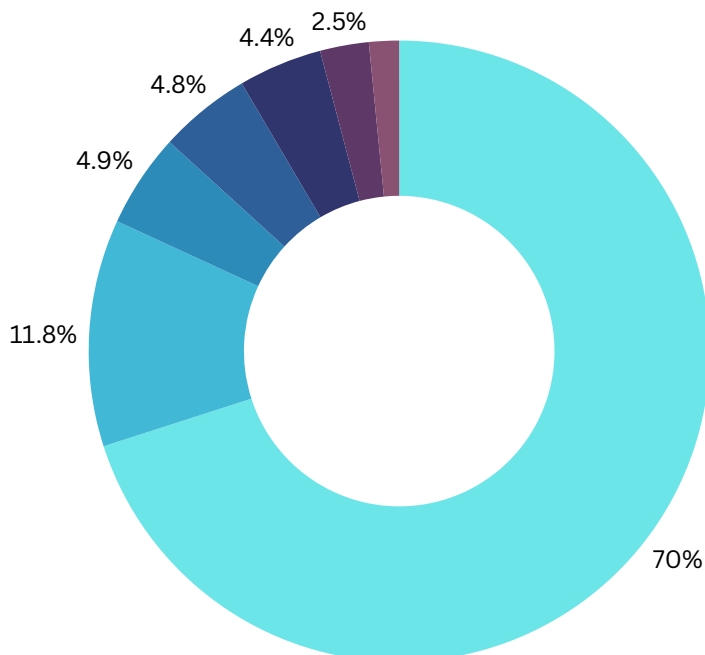
The Murrysville Community Library is a non-profit corporation that enjoys tax-free benefits as a 501(C)3 IRS organization. It receives much of its funding from government resources, as shown in the diagram below, including from the Municipality of Murrysville, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries (OCL) in the PA Department of Education, and the office of the Westmoreland County Commissioners (WCC). In addition to direct funding, the Municipality of Murrysville provides the library's space on the second floor of the municipal building rent free. MCL also receives funding from direct and indirect patron donations.

MCL measures its success by how effectively and comprehensively it uses its budget to support the collection, programming, and information services that serve our community. Year after year, the library continues to excel as a trusted provider of resources and opportunities. The following income and expense charts for 2024 highlight this strong record of fiscal responsibility and service. Thank you for being an essential part of our continued success.



MCL Income, 2024 Cash Basis

- Murrysville Municipal Support (67%)
- State Aid (20%)
- Foundation Support, Gifts & Memorials (9%)
- Interest Income (3%)
- Westmoreland County Aid (1%)
- MISC Income (1%)



MCL Expenses, 2024 Cash Basis

- Payroll (71.69%)
- Library Materials (12.1%)
- Utilities/Phone (5%)
- Maintenance (4.9%)
- Misc Expenses (4.46%)
- Programs (2.6%)
- Office/Computer Expense (1.6%)

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

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