

MUHLENBERG COMMUNITY LIBRARY

2022 Annual Report Key Statistics



49, 234 Physical Items Loaned
56,617 Total Circulation



7,387 eBooks
Loaned



**40,247 Visits
to the Library**



5,183 People Attending Programs



1,978
Facebook
Likes



2,102
Facebook
Followers



620 Music CD's Loaned
9,678 DVD's/Visual Loaned

1,309



Audiobooks Loaned



5278
Reference
Questions
Asked



385
New
Registered
Users



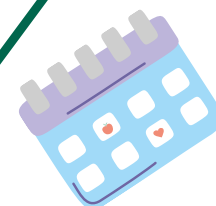
9,989
PC USE



144
Museum
Passes
Used



278
Programs
Offered



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Hours

Mon 10am-8pm
Tue 10am-8pm
Wed 10am-8pm
Thu 10am-8pm
Fri Closed
Sat 9am-4pm
Sun Closed

Mission & Vision Statement

The mission of the Muhlenberg Community Library is to promote lifelong learning opportunities by offering free library services to all who seek to change, improve, enrich, and enjoy their lives.

Muhlenberg Community Library's vision is to build an awareness of the library as a center for knowledge and resources as well as a springboard for creative ideas to enrich our community. Muhlenberg Community Library will be a welcoming safe hub of knowledge, resources, programs, and activities for all citizens to make connections towards community progress.

2022 Annual Year In Review

The Muhlenberg Community Library began 2022 with a 'pre-Covid' business as usual approach by having fully open hours and in-person programs and browsing. In spite of staffing shortages and lingering Covid issues we had an extraordinarily successful year.

Notable events included welcoming a new Library Director, Christie Brown, onboard.

Also, volunteer Sylvia Shaner received the Berks County Public Library System Volunteer Award for over twenty-five years of library service.

In 2021, the library was awarded a \$1,000 Berks County Arts and Culture Ramp-Up grant from the Berks County Community Foundation to encourage in-person programming for 2022. MCL hosted two amazing programs for our community. The first was a performance by accomplished Violinist Amy Fernbach followed by a violin demonstration, with firsthand instruction for the audience. The second was the Literacy Luau which featured Polynesian food and performers from the Culture Shock Performing Arts Center giving an interactive dance instruction.

Other highlights included a variety of fun, well-attended events, and programs. Our teen community enjoyed an Anti-Valentines Day party with food and a pinata. Summer Quest concluded with a Carnival with prizes and games, and over five hundred patrons attended our Trunk or Treat Fall Event. In December, we hosted our Annual Holiday Open House which featured a chorus, a visit from Santa, and Conductor Dave's celebrated toy train display!

The Board of Trustees, with support from the staff, held fundraisers for the library that included our First Holiday Trail of Lights, and our Second Annual Harvest Craft Fair that took place at the Muhlenberg Township Building. Additionally, there were Nellie Walter Psychic Medium Sessions, raffles, book sales and three fundraising collaborations with local restaurants.

Moving forward into a new year, we remain dedicated to providing our community with access to the latest technology and services, quality programs for all ages, and a wide variety of the latest library materials.

LIBRARY STAFF 2022

Christie Brown - Library Director
Eileen Simms - Assistant Library Director
Tara Ring - Public Relations Coordinator
Elizabeth Lash - Senior Library Assistant
Melissa Carroll - Youth Services Coordinator
Alexia Sahaida - Library Assistant
Alejandrina Levy - Library Assistant
Colton Friedersdorf - Library Assistant
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