



KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Mission Statement

The Kutztown Community Library is a gathering place for minds of all ages to connect with the world and each other through our services and programs. Our vision: to be the welcoming heart of our community where all come to learn, discover and connect.

Year in Review

You build a thousand castles, a thousand sanctuaries, you are nothing; you build a library, you are everything! —Mehmet Murat ildan

2019 marked the 70th anniversary of Kutztown Community Library (KCL). We have been powered by the generous actions of local residents from our founding to the present day, and we share in the affirmation of Mehmet Murat ildan that our supporters “are everything!”

KCL strives to make the library a gathering place for minds of all ages to connect with the world and each other through our services and programs. We go beyond just lending books to the public in hopes of bettering the lives of those in the Kutztown area. The extraordinary ways we reached the community throughout 2019 include:

- Provided safe haven for community members who have limited resources and need a comfortable place to go.
- Collaborated with Kutztown University (KU) and Albright College to host five interns.
- Kids participated in programs, did homework and made new friends.

- Groups met in our Community Room: gardeners learned new skills, caregivers found support, and book clubs connected individuals.
- Patrons used our computers for school work, job searches, entertainment, genealogic research, and to connect with the world.
- Received citations from State Senator Judy Schwank and State Representative Gary Day saluting 70 years of achievements and successes.

KCL is the welcoming heart of our community where all come to learn, discover and connect. As we end our 70th anniversary celebration year, we proudly exclaim that we have *built a library!*

Janet Yost, Director
Kutztown Community Library



Jared Landquist builds with blocks.

2019 Awards

- PA Forward Gold Star library
- Barbara Stolz-Linda Baer Friend of the Year Award
- Chet Hagan Memorial Public Relations award
- Kutztown Community Partnership’s Non-profit of the Year Award
- Taylor Kutz-Lehigh Valley Chapter of Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) Support Staff of the Year



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Total Circulation	97,091
Collection Size	30,564
Registered Borrowers	3,624
Service Area Population	18,845
Patron Visits	70,436
Number of Programs	746
Program Attendance	14,819