



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.

Year in Review

“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass. It’s about learning how to dance in the rain.” ~ Vivian Greene

2021 gave Kutztown Community Library plenty of chances to dance in the rain, literally and figuratively. A tropical storm informed us with a steady drip, drip, drip that it was time to seal the metal roof. The job was completed in time for the next storm and our collection of books, DVDs, and audiobooks stayed dry. With the watertight roof over our heads, we focused on unforgettable library experiences.

The new full-time Assistant Director, or as we like to say “Enjoyment Coordinator”, enhanced our ability to offer interesting programs, provide remarkable customer service, and be accessible to our community. Treasured events such as Story Times continued, new opportunities to connect grew from our Pen Pal program, and Grab & Go Kits allowed patrons to bring their creativity home.

We learned that there are no limits to programs with a virtual platform. We can discuss books with an author in New York, ask a professional from North Carolina questions on how to stay organized, or meet an elephant from Oklahoma. We can find the right expert to enlighten us on experiences from anywhere in the world.

Fundraisers were reimagined. The Holiday House Tour featured churches with expansive spaces and exquisite stained glass. The Country Cruise toured our municipalities while building relationships with residents and businesses. Donning fascinating hats, we enjoyed tea and sandwiches at the Sayre Mansion with pinkies up.

Patrons used our computers and free Wi-Fi for school, work, entertainment, and to connect with the world. A patron was able to get a job and find a new home using our technology. The hotspot program offers affordable internet.



Taylor Kutz demonstrates the use of a hotspot at a virtual story time. Photo by Ben Hasty, Reading Eagle.

Two amazing teen interns from the Kutztown Area School District and the Inclusive Internship Initiative provided input for programs and an equality project.

Our patron told us that “I love the library. It is like my second home.” We agree and find that as the year ends, we have discovered the joy of dancing in the rain where all can learn, discover and connect at the library.

Janet Yost, Director
Kutztown Community Library

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| Total Circulation..... | 101,311 |
| Collection Size | 29,813 |
| Registered Borrowers..... | 3,185 |
| Service Area Population..... | 18,845 |
| Patron Visits | 37,370 |
| Number of Programs | 379 |
| Program Attendance..... | 7,467 |



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