



Washington County

LIBRARY SYSTEM

Moving Washington County
Forward

2018 Annual Report



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Working to Move Washington County Forward

Libraries play critical roles in their communities as essential parts of a strong education, including the libraries in Washington County.

In recognition of libraries role in educating Pennsylvanians, the Pennsylvania Library Association developed their literacy initiative, PA Forward, which shows how our residents rely on libraries for self-improvement in five essential areas: Basic, Information, Civic and Social, Health, and Financial Literacies.

These areas are essential to ensure that Washington County residents are able to lead successful lives and communities. As such, the libraries in Washington County have provided a wide range of programming and resources to help them meet these goals, by holding programs that help kids learn to read, let residents try out the newest technologies, and even teach them to save a lives.

The libraries that have done exemplary programming in these areas can work their way through the STAR Libraries program. We have chosen to feature a few of these programs from 2018 so you can learn more about the libraries' work.

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Chartiers Houston Community
Library
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Center

Gold STAR Libraries:
Monongahela Area Library
Peters Township Public Library



Basic Literacy

Libraries work to help Washington County literacy rates increase, giving us a better trained and more skilled workforce, and a growing tax base, economy, and population.



As a part of the 2018 One Book Every Young Child celebration, author Zachariah OHora visited Frank Sarris Library and talked about writing the book with many young fans.



Families are preparing to attend Story Time at Burgettstown Library, which will help develop language acquisition skills.



These girls are creating their own stories through the use of Story Cubes at Citizens Library. These cubes encourage the girls to create their own stories through the use of prompts, broadening their vocabulary and story narrative skills.

Information Literacy



Libraries work to help Washington County residents learn how to use online resources and current technology to improve their education, to enhance their job skills, and to participate fully in a digital society.



A room full of patrons learning about the finer points of Microsoft Excel at Monongahela Library.



Patrons learning how to use a telescope and related technologies to study the stars at Heritage Library.

Kids using technological standards to design a lunar landing module that will safely protect its load at Citizens Library



Civic & Social Literacy

Washington County libraries give citizens of all ages the knowledge and skills they need to improve their lives, contribute effectively in their communities, and participate in civil discourse.



Residents in Donora watch a viewing of the WQED production of The Donora Smog at the Donora Library to learn about the history of their community.



Patrons at Peters Township Library are learning about the Civil War.



The Director of the Marianna Library as they preserve local history in a time capsule to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their library.

Health Literacy

Libraries in Washington County play an important role in helping citizens actively manage their own and their family's well-being, making them effective partners with their health care providers which reduces costs for everyone.



Patrons at Chartiers Houston Library learn how to perform CPR.

Kids at Citizens Library learn about the importance of covering your nose and mouth when you sneeze to avoid spreading germs to protect their families and communities.



Kids experience the effects of drinking on coordination at a program at Bentleyville Library.





Financial Literacy

Libraries help citizens become informed consumers, and guide individuals, small businesses, and other organizations in ways to better manage their finances, and contribute to the economic vitality of their communities.



A seminar on protecting your estate at Heritage Library.

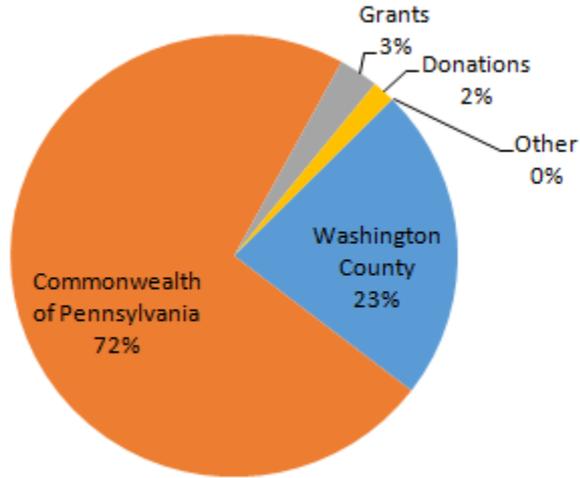
Learning about finances at Peters Township Library with a toy cash register. This prepares kids for training on basic money concepts.



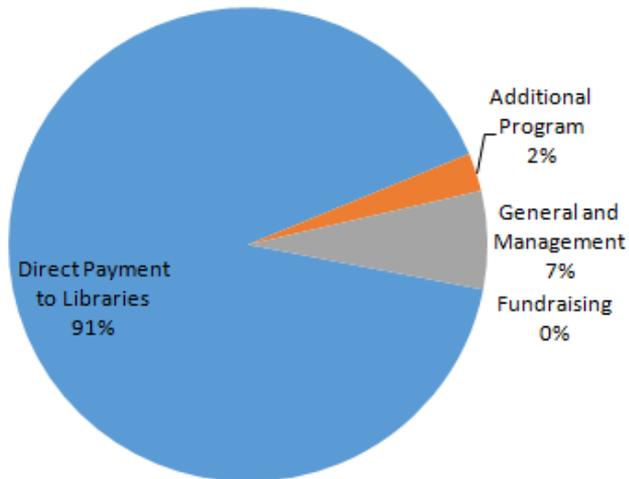
This little one is learning how many objects are in each number, a first step in financial literacy at a program in Burgettstown Library.

Finances

2018 Income Sources



2018 Expenses



Statistics

Washington County Library System

2018 Stats

Amount		Value of this Service to the Community
185,558	Adult Books Borrowed	\$3,154,486.00
19,143	YA Books Borrowed	\$229,716.00
193,702	Children's Books Borrowed	\$3,292,934.00
24,669	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$245,456.55
2,386	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$59,650.00
28,257	eBooks Downloaded	\$423,855.00
10,567	Audiobooks Downloaded	\$211,234.33
11,307	Magazines Read	\$56,535.00
105,426	Movies Borrowed	\$421,704.00
7,280	CDs Borrowed	\$72,436.00
25,582	Songs Downloaded	\$25,582.00
8,610	Meeting Room Use	\$215,250.00
1,807	Number of Adult Classes	
17,365	Adult Classes Attended	\$260,475.00
593	Number of Young Adult Classes	
3,392	Young Adult Classes Attended	\$40,704.00
2,407	Number of Children's Classes	
43,985	Children's Classes Attended	\$307,895.00
63,158	Computer Use	\$757,896.00
41,573	Wi-Fi Use	\$207,865.00
21,631	Database Searches	\$431,538.45
50,865	Reference Assistance	\$356,055.00
	Total	\$10,771,267.33

This Library Value Spreadsheet was created through the use of the American Library Association's Library Value Calculator. More information, including explanations of the values, are available at: http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthe-case/library_calculator



398,403
Books
Checked Out



63,158
Computer
Sessions



28,257
eBooks
Checked Out

Thank You for the Support!



We at the Washington County Library System would like to thank all of our donors, especially the Washington County Commissioners and Budd Baer Subaru for their support!

If you calculate the value community members would pay to purchase materials and attend programs themselves, they save \$2.46 for every dollar invested.

It is because of YOU that we are able to continue to save our communities money while moving Washington County forward!