



Washington County

LIBRARY SYSTEM

Building Better Communities

2017 Annual Report



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Washington County Libraries Working to Build Better Communities

All across Washington County, residents have worries. Will their kids grow to be responsible adults? What is the best way for them to stay current in their jobs? Will their parents continue to flourish as they age? Every day, the libraries in the County are helping to answer these fears by providing resources like classes, materials and access to devices.

This year over 63,000 patrons attended classes that helped ease those fears. Children learned the basics of reading, seniors met friends and reminisced. and people of all ages met with their neighbors to create art or gather and wonder at the heavens during 2017 solar eclipse programs.

These classes, as well as books and other materials, have given our neighbors a fighting chance in this changing future. In addition, the libraries offer one-on-one help for questions along with access to the newest technology. These resources help our neighbors and communities be the best they can be.

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Library staff not only participated in local parades by building floats and even helped to organize a parade, bringing communities together.



During the 2017 solar eclipse, libraries throughout Washington County handed out protective glasses to go along with educational programming to help bring neighbors together!





Children gained opportunities to experience possible career choices!

Historical programs taught residents about their past, like Michael Neiberg captivating listeners with stories about World War I in America!





Libraries taught children about the scientific process which helped them gain skills for their future training them to become better citizens!

Library classes were offered for every member of the community. In 2017, almost 13,000 adults attended classes!



At Summer Reading Programs, kids learned to work together while stopping the Summer Slide!





Libraries supported local artists by holding art classes and offering display spaces



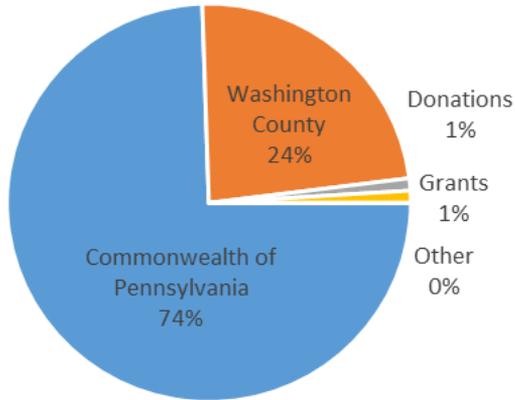


The Library System obtained a grant to create the Media Center at Citizens Library, the System Headquarters, so that patrons from throughout the county can come in and make video or audio recordings of themselves. Call to make an appointment to check it out yourself!

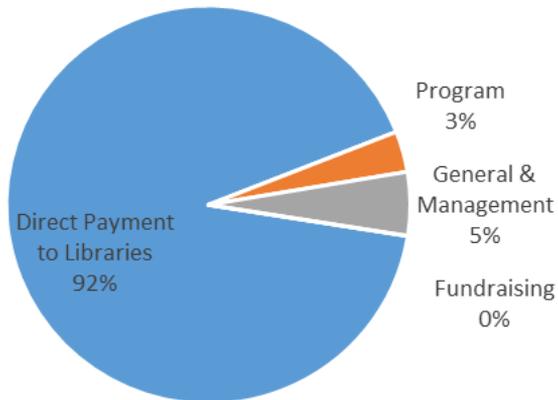


Finances

2017 Income Sources



2017 Expenses



Statistics

Washington County Library System

2017 Stats

Amount		Value of this Service to the Community
170,084	Adult Books Borrowed	\$2,891,428.00
13,837	YA Books Borrowed	\$166,044.00
169,342	Childrens Books Borrowed	\$2,878,814.00
22,764	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$226,501.80
2,128	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$53,200.00
25,833	eBooks Downloaded	\$387,495.00
7,416	Audiobooks Downloaded	\$148,245.84
10,124	Magazines Read	\$50,620.00
102,119	Movies Borrowed	\$408,476.00
7,740	CDs Borrowed	\$77,013.00
22,806	Songs Downloaded	\$22,806.00
7,455	Meeting Room Use	\$186,375.00
1,281	Number of Adult Programs	
12,983	Adult Program Attended	\$194,745.00
743	Number of Young Adult Programs	
5,752	Young Adult Program Attended	\$69,024.00
2,233	Number of Children's Programs	
44,949	Children's Program Attended	\$314,643.00
81,433	Computer Use	\$977,196.00
55,583	Wi-Fi Use	\$277,915.00
32,910	Database Searches	\$656,554.50
42,971	Reference Assistance	\$300,797.00
	Total	\$10,287,893.14

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



50,701
Classes for
Children
under 18



81,433
Computer
Sessions



42,971
Questions
Answered

Washington County Libraries



Avella Public Library

Frank Sarris Public Library

Bentleyville Public Library

Fredericktown Area Public Library

Burgettstown Community Library

Heritage Public Library

California Area Public Library

John K. Tener Public Library

Chartiers-Houston Community Library

Marianna Community Public Library

Citizens Library

Monongahela Area Public Library

Donora Public Library

Peters Township Public Library

Thank You to Our Donors!



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!

For every dollar that was spent by libraries in Washington County, \$3.14 was saved by the community! That is like having a bank account that pays 213% interest!

It is because of you that we are able to continue to help build our communities!