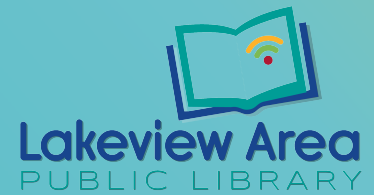


Lakeview Area Public Library

Annual Report 2020



A Year of Challenges



Challenges

- *Overall 50% reduction in operations including fewer hours, which led to fewer visits and checkouts.
- *Cancellation of in-person programming
- *Children's play area closed

Lessons Learned



- *Quarantining books
- *Safety protocols
- *Offering Curbside Service
- *Initiating contactless, self check-in for patrons
- *Adapting, adapting.....

Encouragement



- *Increase in membership (15%)
- *Increase online reading (40%)
- *Encouragement from Patrons
- *Volunteer Support
- *Community support

Supporting Municipalities in 2020

Jackson Township
Lake Township
Mill Creek Township
New Lebanon Borough
Sandy Lake Borough
Sandy Lake Township
Stoneboro Borough
Worth Township



Our library is a non-state aided library operated by volunteers with no paid positions. As part of the New Castle Library District, we receive services available to libraries in the area such as interlibrary loan, consultant services, and a network of information.

Our goals are to continue to improve services, hire professional staff, and build a new facility to house the library.

Community Support



We are a community supported library. We are grateful for your support, especially during this trying year! Our financial support, through the combined efforts of municipalities, organizations, businesses and individuals in our area, allows the library to fulfill our mission and goals. In addition, memorial gifts, bequests, grants and fundraisers are an important source of funds.

During the 2020 year we received a grant from Mercer County funded through the CARES Act and a United Way grant. We also received increased support from our municipalities. We appreciate and acknowledge our municipal partners!

We are able to sustain our operations and continue to lay a foundation to meet our future goals of hiring professional staff and building a new facility to house the library due to your continued support. Thank You! If you haven't already, consider donating to our annual fund!

We also thank you for your support of our fundraisers which have been a real challenge this past year. Watch for fundraisers in 2021 ... Soup sales, auction, bake sale, raffle and more!

Dedicated volunteers provide valuable support to our library in a variety of ways - Volunteer leadership, staffing, maintenance, fundraising and services. Our library is sustained and better by working together!

Imaginations Soared with Summer Quest!

Although we were not able to have in-person programming this year, kids and parents still celebrated reading with a theme of "Imagine Your Story." We used an online program found at lakeviewreads.readsquared.com to facilitate and structure activities. We were able to build activities and track kids' progress. In addition to reading for points, kids completed activities such as art projects, building gardens, completing a family tree, and participating in a scavenger hunt.



Thanks to our families who added a bright spot to our summer with their enthusiasm and dedication. Thanks to our sponsors who made it possible to fund the program and reward our families with prizes earned by their hard work!



Children in the Lakeview Area may receive free books through the Imagination Library. This program continues to expand and currently serves 87 children, a 40% increase this year. Thanks to the Stoneboro Lions and community donors for additional support with this program. See our website for more information.

Library Services

*Open for In-person Service:



Tuesday & Friday 10-6

***Curbside Service:** Reserve online or call the library during open hours.

Pick-up during open hours.

***Computer & free Wi-Fi available**

Free Wi-Fi always available in area outside the library

using HomeworkHub

***Copy & Fax services per fee**

***Online 24/7-** Download books, access information, reserve and renew books, and much more.

Go to our website catalog for links.

Due to the pandemic, we closed our in-person programming in March. Until that time we offered a weekly preschool Story Time, a monthly STEAM kids' after-school program, a Creative Cards crafting program, and hosted a bustling Daisy Troop. Our book clubs resumed during closed hours, led by library volunteers, and maintained social distancing.

We look forward to resuming programming in the future and welcoming everyone back!



Thanks to Mercer County United Way for their support in Children's Programming

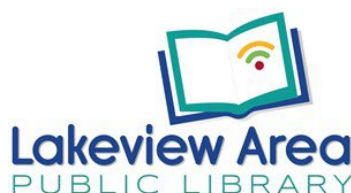
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The board meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Our Mission

The mission of the Lakeview Area Public Library is to offer a family-oriented community center that serves to stimulate the development of intellectual curiosity and provide resources for the entertainment and enlightenment of all.



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