

Lakeview Area Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT 2024: Soaring into 2025

SERVING THE LAKEVIEW AREA COMMUNITIES



Lakeview Area
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Municipal Support

We are so grateful to our partnering municipalities for their yearly support. If you live in one of these boroughs or townships, you may receive a free library membership.

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

DONORS- Our backbone! Individuals, municipalities, businesses and organizations all provide a financial base to allow us to offer services and plan for the future.

LAPL BOARD OF TRUSTEES- Provide vision, planning, & guidance

STAFF VOLUNTEERS- Oversee daily operations and programs

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS- Raise funds & care for our adjacent lot

PATRONS- Pull it all together with their support and belief in our library

Ordinary people providing extraordinary support!
THANK YOU!

Programming to help our community soar



Our pre-school story time continues to be very popular. Led again this year by Debbie Young and Jane Buckley, we had an average of 15 preschoolers and their parents attend Storytime each week in 2024. Preschoolers meet each Thursday at 10:30 to play, hear great stories, and participate in group activities. Along with their parents and grandparents, they are a welcome part of our Thursdays!



Our volunteers continue our book clubs. Julie Shambaugh leads a book club the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. at the library. Thoughts on current and popular fiction are shared. All are welcome.



"Adventure Begins at Your Library" brought summer reading programs, ranging from Geocaching, Kilted Kiln traveling pottery, Mad Science, Smokey Bear, and Josh & Gab musical comedy duo in July and August. Over 270 people attended the programs this year. Katelyn Struthers, program coordinator, offered a Summer Incentive Reading Program with 54 children and adults enrolled. Collectively the participants read 18,616 minutes and earned 480 badges for activities related to reading.



The chess club, made up of the participation of LHS and community patrons, meet the first and third Saturday of the month at the library from 10-11:30 a.m. It is open to all from elementary students to adults. The club participated in and saw success and placement at several tournaments. The library became an official US Chess Federation Affiliate bringing discounted membership and tournament prices to team members and subscriptions to *Chess Life* and *Chess Life Kids* magazines.

WHAT ELSE? ♦Spring: Gave away 500 pairs of eclipse viewing glasses FREE and held an informative program on the event in March; Sponsored a Lego Building Contest; hosted a Medicare Informational session. ♦Summer: Hosted local author Daisy Townsend; African Gospel Music; Nantucket Basket Weaving; Succulents and Self Care; An Escape Room; and Therapy Dogs. We assisted with Chalk the Walk during Sandy Lake Community Days. ♦Fall/Winter: Hosted an 8-week American Sign Language Class; Greeted 260 people for Christmas Magic Light Up Night and 75 parents and kids for the Santa Breakfast at Grantham's Restaurant. AND....

...Our Community Supporters held several successful fund raisers for the library including Annual Auction, Bake Sale, Summer Raffle, and a Purse Bingo Night. Thank you to all who contributed to these efforts!

BY THE NUMBERS: 2024



5812 Physical Items checked out from the library



561 Card Holders



130 New Card Holders



520 Computer and Wi-Fi Users



4771 Patron Visits to the Library

2024 Income Sources

21% Individual & business/organizational giving

18% Municipal Support

18% Fundraising

Remaining support comes from other sources within the library operations.



Your continued support has allowed us to:

Provide newly published materials for our patrons,

Update our technology in 2025 which includes purchasing two new computers and keeping these sources available to the public,

Provide programming and information sources,

Provide an accessible and comfortable facility,

Enable us to save and plan for future endeavors.



Important Updates

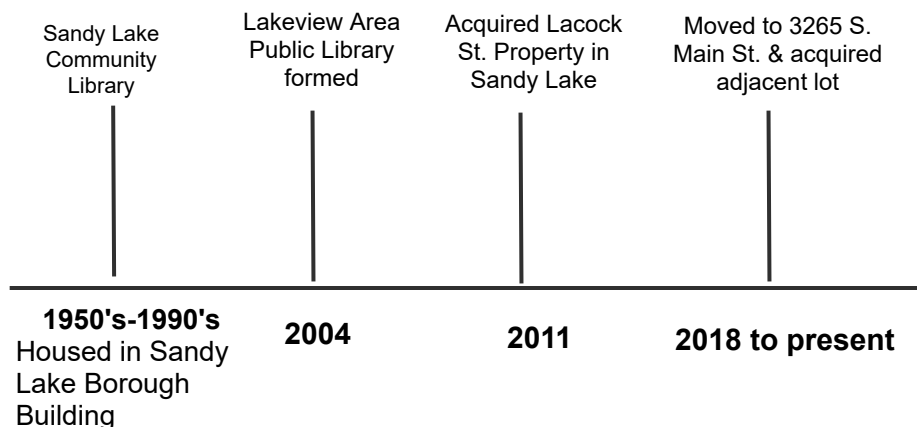
* Building a new facility is an on-going, long-term goal in early stages. The building committee is active and exploring options, design, cost, and requirements.

* Our long-time volunteer director, Wendy Kellogg stepped down in January 2024. Wendy's knowledge and dedication to the library was a driving force behind its current success, and we are grateful for her years of commitment and wish her the best. She continues to serve as a desk volunteer.

* In April of 2024 the Library Board hired Katelyn Struthers as a part time, paid library director. Katelyn brings new energy, insight, and ideas to the position and the library.

*The library received a \$1200 grant from the Pilcrow Foundation for children's materials. Approximately 80 new children's books will be added to the collection through this grant.

LIBRARY HISTORY



Who We Are:

- Non-aided state library seeking to grow
- A non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization.
- Governed by a Board of Trustees
- Part of the New Castle Library District Center

What We Offer:

- Check-out books, audio books, DVD's to members
- Free in-library to all: Computer use and Wi-Fi
- Interlibrary Loan service for members.
- Online reading and learning resources free to members
- Copy and fax services for a fee
- Programming for all ages

BOARD OF TRUSTEES- 2025

Jennifer Ditzenberger - President
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HOURS FOR 2025

Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 10-2, Tech Help
Thursday 10-2, Story Time @ 10:30
Friday 10-6
Saturday 10-2

Free Wi-Fi in area outside the library- "HomeworkHub"

