

# Lakeview Area Public Library

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-Seasons of Growth

SERVING THE LAKEVIEW AREA COMMUNITIES



Lakeview Area  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**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!**

### 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



## There are library programs for every season

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 10 preschoolers attend Storytime each week in 2023. 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.



Library sponsored summer programs, ranging from STEM to a traveling zoo, painting, and a storyteller, were offered in July and August. Over 150 people including 95 children attended the programs this year. Katelyn Struthers, program coordinator, offered a Summer Incentive Reading Program with fifty children enrolled. Collectively the participants read 21,700 minutes and earned 549 badges for activities related to reading.



The Knitting club led by Barbara Yakimik continued to meet at the library the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. The group is open to all knitters and crocheters who want to share the skills and love of the craft with others.



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 10:00-11:30 a.m. It is open to all from elementary students to adults. This is a new program to our library and started in the fall of 2023.



The library offered the Digital Passport Program provided by Mercer County United Way during our STEM Saturday program last spring.

**WHAT ELSE?** 1. This summer the library hosted local author Todd Bromley for a book talk and signing. Fifty-four attended. 2. We assisted with Chalk the Walk during Sandy Lake Community Days. 3. We welcomed Trick or Treaters on Halloween. 4. The library greeted 350 people for Christmas Magic Light Up Night with treats and goodies and hosted 60 parents and kids for the Santa Breakfast at Grantham's Restaurant. AND....

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

## BY THE NUMBERS:



**5996 Physical Items checked out from the library**



**485 Card Holders**



**122 New Card Holders**



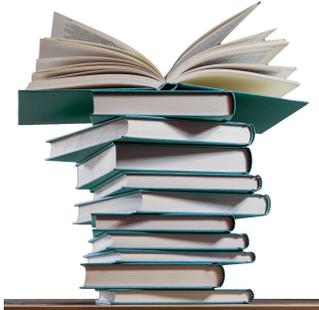
**439 Computer and Wi-Fi Users**



**4143 Patron Visits to the Library**

### Income Sources

- 35%** Individual & business/organizational giving
- 24%** Municipal Support
- 31%** 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 & keep these sources available to the public,

Provide programming and information sources,

Provide an accessible, comfortable facility,

Enable us to save and plan for future endeavors.



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### Important Updates

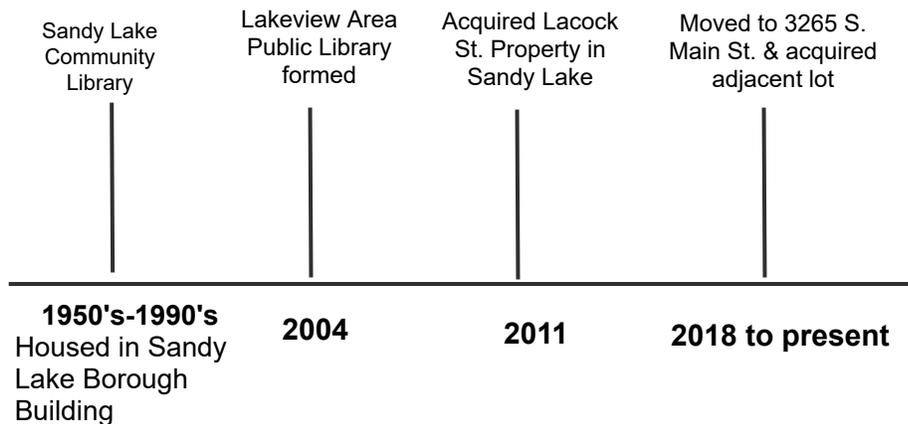
#### Q Are there plans for a new building?

*A. This is an on-going goal. The building committee is actively exploring options, design, cost, and requirements. This is a long-term goal in its early stages.*

#### Q. Will you hire a director?

*A. In January the library hired Katelyn Struthers as a part time library assistant. She will aid the director in the daily operation of the library. This is a step toward another long-term goal of a paid director's position.*

### 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, Wi-Fi, Ancestry Library
- Interlibrary Loan service for members.
- Online reading and learning resources free to members
- Copy and fax services for a fee

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES- 2024

**Chris Davis- President**  
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**Delta Zahniser**  
**Katelyn Struthers-Library Assistant**  
**Wendy Kellogg- Volunteer Director**

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### HOURS FOR 2024

**Tuesday 10-6**  
**Thursday 10-2, Story Time @ 10:30**  
**Friday 10-6**  
**Saturday 10-2**

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

