



2019 Annual Report

A Year of Accomplishments



SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This past year marked the 25th Anniversary of South Fayette Township Library. Celebrating this milestone served as a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of our library through the hard work and support of countless individuals; patrons, donors, volunteers, community members, and library staff.

As I now reflect on 2019, I truly feel proud of what we have collectively achieved; celebrating the past, capitalizing on the present, planning for the future. Perhaps what is most gratifying, is our success is difficult to quantify in just a few examples. Instead, it is reflected in the countless ways we work for and with our community every single day. Libraries provide the fuel for lifelong learning and discovery, simultaneously serving real-life needs and encouraging the pursuit of knowledge.

I am pleased to present our 2019 Annual Report to each of you who are, and continue to be, a part of our story. I would also like to thank our patrons and donors who support our library all year long, and encourage you to share your love of the library with your friends and neighbors. After all, a strong library is a hallmark of a strong community.



Ben Hornfeck

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Library Director

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the South Fayette Township Library is to serve as a civic, social, cultural, and educational center promoting lifelong learning.

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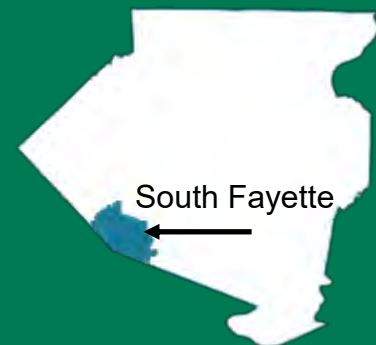
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COMMUNITIES SERVED



- South Fayette
- Bridgeville
- Cecil
- Cuddy
- McDonald
- Morgan
- Oakdale
- Presto
- Sturgeon

... *and beyond!*

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$28,098
Allegheny Regional Asset	\$92,998
South Fayette Township	\$143,000
Administrative Revenue	\$28,500
Gifts, Donations, & Sponsorships	\$19,913
Friends of the Library	\$2,685
Library Fees & Miscellaneous	\$24,301

TOTAL \$339,495

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$207,205
Library Materials & Programs	\$48,937
Facility & Equipment	\$13,732
Office Expenses & Professional Fees	\$7,762
Contracted Services	\$18,577
Miscellaneous	\$6,104

TOTAL \$302,317

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Launched in 2016, this September marked the fourth Love Your Library campaign; an initiative to raise awareness of and promote giving to Allegheny County libraries. Sponsored by the Jack Buncher Foundation, all contributions received in September are eligible for a pro-rated match. This year our library hosted our 2nd Annual Beer for Books at Helicon Brewing as well as a DIY event at the Wooden Loft - Bridgeville and a Teddy Bear Campout at the library. Thanks to the extreme generosity of our community and the Jack Buncher Foundation our library received \$14,573!



**SOUTH FAYETTE
TOWNSHIP**
A Community Growing Together



2019 STATISTICS

307 NEW LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS

2,949 TOTAL CARDHOLDERS



828
LIBRARY
PROGRAMS

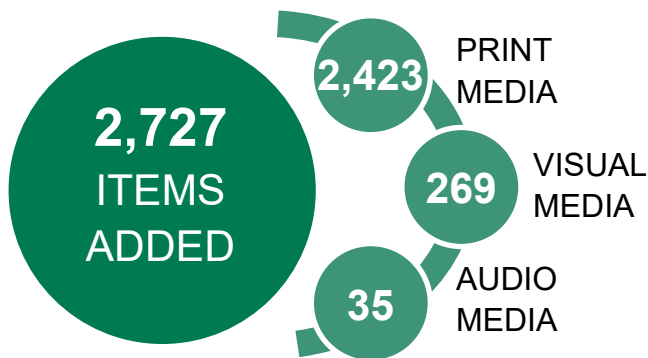


15,918 ATTENDED
LIBRARY PROGRAMS



37,044
VISITORS
TO THE
LIBRARY

COLLECTIONS

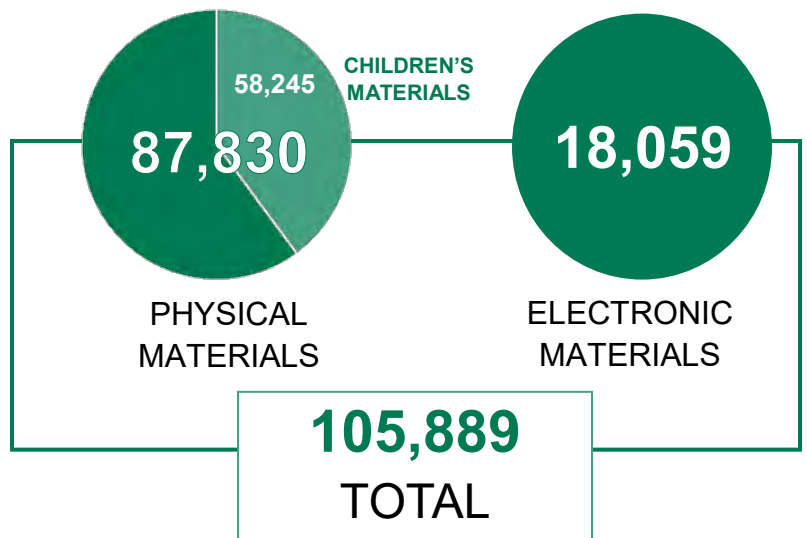


22,342
PHYSICAL
MATERIALS

194,142
DIGITAL
MATERIALS
(COUNTYWIDE)



CIRCULATION



TECHNOLOGY

3,042
WI-FI SESSIONS

3,752
COMPUTER
SESSIONS

BETWEEN LIBRARIES



20,002
LOANED TO
OTHER LIBRARIES

25,511
BORROWED FROM
OTHER LIBRARIES

27,546 WEBSITE VISITS

SOUTH FAYETTE
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY USERS'
2019 COST SAVINGS

\$3,769,595



CHILDREN'S

One of the ways our librarians seek to make the biggest impact is with our youngest learners. From favorites like Toddler Time, Kids in Motion, Preschool STEAM, and Puppy Tales to our newest additions Sensory Storytime and Story Time Chess, our goal is to continually provide robust programming that will support preschoolers and their families in their educational journey. We know that early learning is the foundation for future success. Early learning at our library is focused on the natural development of skills through the enjoyment of books and literacy-rich experiences.

Throughout the summer we were able to host 111 programs with 2,343 children attending, an increase of almost 40% compared to 2018.

TOP: Children enjoy a special Halloween Storytime **MIDDLE:** Learning probability through dice games at Crazy 8's Math Club. **BOTTOM:** Creating shadow puppets during a STEAM Light and Shadow lesson.



Nicole Harding
Youth Services
Coordinator / Librarian

PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

Our youth services librarians work to meet the needs of all ages in our community. This is never more true than during our Summer Reading and Learning. We continue to collaborate with Bridgeville Public Library designing curriculum that can be offered at both libraries, extending learning opportunities to more families and children. This year we were thrilled to partner with a number of local organizations to offer more programming than ever before, some include:

- ALCOSAN - 'Urban Watershed' & 'Munchin' Micros'
- Allegheny County Parks – 'Animal Tracks and Scat'
- Bella Capelli Academy – 'Back to School Hair'
- Carnegie Science Center – 'Science of Me'
- The Citizen Science Lab – 'Lab Experiments'
- Pittsburgh Botanic Garden - 'Bird Buddies'



Judy Dobies
Youth Services
STEAM Coordinator

LEFT: Magnifying investigations during Nature Explorers at Fairview Park.

RIGHT: Editing digital photographs with green screen technology during Remake Learning Days.

"Coming to the South Fayette Township Library Preschool STEAM program inspired me to start a STEM program at Zion Lutheran Preschool. After visiting just one of Judy and Nicole's programs, Tools of Science, I knew I wanted to use what I had experienced to enrich children in our school. Now in full swing with our STEM program at Zion, Judy and Nicole were instrumental in getting me started, and I continue to attend the energetic and enriching STEAM programs at the Library. They not only continue to inspire me, but it is also a way for me to give back what Judy and Nicole have given to me. We all have a love for enriching the knowledge of our youngest learners."

- Barb Oechslein, Preschool Teacher

OUTREACH

Children's programming expanded in a new direction this year... beyond the library, and into the community! Through the creation of a new position, Children's Outreach Specialist, the library is now able to bolster literacy through regular visits to preschools and daycares in the South Fayette and Bridgeville communities. Ms. Nicole visits



Puppet play during a visit to Kiddie Academy South Fayette.

approximately 40 classrooms per month in 13 locations; that is almost 600 children, typically ages 6 months to approximately 4 years old. Monthly Early Literacy Storytimes include a blend of books, songs, movements, and other elements aimed at fostering a love



Families busy working on a neighborhood themed craft at South Fayette Township's Annual Touch-a-Truck.

of reading in youth; these skills are reinforced with a monthly family newsletter. More regular visits also occur with Extended Day Services at South Fayette Elementary School, South Fayette Intermediate School, and Chartiers Valley Primary School.

Additionally, many other staff offer outreach to area high schools and other community events. Keep an eye out, you never know where you may see your librarian next!

"Storytelling isn't just a book. You're getting them to hear language and the rhythm of the words. Enjoy books and sing and have fun with your kids — they get big too fast!"

Nicole Seitz

Children's Outreach Specialist



TEENS

“Our teen department is devoted to establishing connections with our local teens through programs and outreach. In 2019, we have been dedicated to producing a safe and welcoming space for our teen patrons within the library.”

Carrie Lowery

Youth Services Library Specialist



Teens attend weekly DIY club; some projects include (clockwise, from top left) Fandom Stuffed Animals, LED Galaxy Painting, and Gingerbread Zombies.



Youth Services expanded in more ways than one this year. Our library also welcomed a new Youth Services Library Specialist; a shared position with Bridgeville Public Library focusing on teen services. In 2019 our library offered 53 programs with 415 local teens attending. Not to mention, our library also expanded our teen volunteer program through collaboration with the local school districts; 28 teens completed almost 300 hours of community service this summer! Volunteering is not just limited to the summer, teens work diligently all year long assisting at library programs, preparing materials, cleaning the library, and more. Through our volunteer program, our teens give back to the community, but we also strive to give our teens important life

experiences like mentoring and learning about the job interview process.

Thank you to all of the teens for everything you do for us!

ADULTS



LEFT: Local Historian John K. Oyler discusses his book *Almost Forgotten*, which remembers 113 men from the Bridgeville and South Fayette area who perished while serving our country in the military from the Civil War until the present.

As the old adage goes: variety's the very spice of life. This perfectly encapsulates adult programming where individuals 19+ can learn about everything from decluttering to genealogy, paranormal investigations, and suicide prevention; to name just a few. Still the true strength of adult programming lies in the curiosity and enthusiasm of our community. The vast majority of programs are not only conceived and executed based on the suggestions and interests of our patrons, but quite often feature local instructors sharing their talents, skills, and knowledge. In 2019, this resulted in 202 programs for adults with a total attendance of 1,507.



"My mission is to bring adults in the South Fayette and neighboring communities together to learn new things, to create new things and to enjoy spending time together. I attempt to appeal to various ages within the adult population."

Sarah Grebinoski
Adult Programming Coordinator

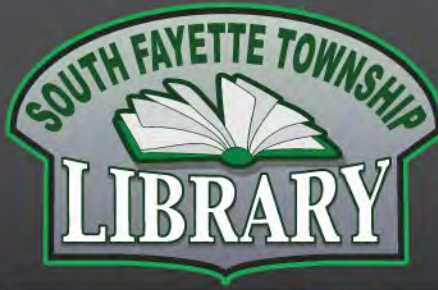
Our maker and do-it-yourself programs are consistently our most popular.

This year alone our patrons had the opportunity to explore flower arranging, paper crafting, sushi making, and homemade bath bombs and essential oils.

Two of our most in demand DIY programs were offered in partnership with St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church featuring Pysanky Egg decorating and pierogi making.



TOP: South Fayette resident, Mary Brown, uses rubber stamps, pencils, and specialty paper as she instructs how to create handmade greeting cards perfect for any occasion. **MIDDLE:** Pysanky Eggs are decorated with traditional Ukrainian folk designs using a wax resist method where the designs are not painted on, but written with beeswax. **LEFT:** Pierogis stuffed with mashed potato and featuring a freshly crimped edge just before boiling.



WELCOME TO OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY SILVER CELEBRATION

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On Saturday, March 9, 2019, our library hosted a community celebration commemorating 25 years of service. This family friendly event featured performances and contributions from many local organizations and individuals, of which a handful are pictured below. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a huge success; here's to the next 25 years!



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT: Teens pose with props before entering the photo booth. **Sanskruti School of Indian Dance student performance.** One of many book-inspired cakes donated by Heidelberg Shop 'n Save. **South Fayette Middle School's Rock of Ages Musical student performance.** Librarian Nicole Harding reads aloud. **Members of the South Fayette Historical Society.** Popular children's book characters Elephant & Piggie pose with attendees. **Troop 2 BSA volunteer demonstrates how to make a DIY button.** Magician TJ Hill and his pet dove interact with the audience.



FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Life is better with friends, and that is certainly true when it comes to ours. The Friends of the South Fayette Township Library is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers and much bigger group of donors. Through a variety of fundraising activities, the Friends raise money for special projects and programs. Last year the Friends donated almost \$3,000 towards events and programs, children's summer programs and storytime with the Grinch.



Mission Space was one of the many summer programs made possible by the Friends during 2019. Each week kids were able to learn skills astronauts use, and fun facts about space.

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Treasurer: Mary Ann Kerting

Secretary: Lois Levi

Membership: Betty Lewis

Betty Lewis (left) and Mary Ann Kerting (right) attend the 25th Anniversary Silver Celebration.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We'd like to thank all the following individuals and organizations for their gifts to the library throughout 2019.

For more information on giving to the library, visit our website at southfayetlibrary.org/donate

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At the Library's Annual Beer for Books Fundraiser, held every September during Love Your Library Month, you can enjoy Helicon Brewery's vast pinball machine collection.

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In Middle Grade Makers this summer, teens were able to learn various skills. Pictured here is a student learning how to use a sewing machine by practicing basic stitches.

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In April kids learned how robots worked by creating their own Art Bot — a robot that draws — in our Preschool STEAM program. This program series explores STEAM skills and concepts through stories, songs, play, creativity, investigation, and exploration.

Tribute Gifts

In Memory of **Ray Bourg:**
Nancy and Greg Domhoff

In Memory of **William Caye, Sr:**
South Fayette Township Library
Board and Staff

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