



Phoenixville

PUBLIC LIBRARY

2021 - 2022 Annual Report



PHOENIXVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Thank you for your steadfast support of the Library! Last year marked the return to normality for some Library services and programs. Online programs had steady participation and we saw an increase of in-person visits. We also hosted our 18th Annual Wine, Wit & Wisdom virtually and our second Novel Tea virtually.

We work to meet the ever-changing needs of the community by providing recreational and educational resources. We do this by partnering with local organizations and experts to provide a variety of opportunities for patrons. We also make sure these resources are easily accessible. We persevere through challenges thanks to your support of the Library!

Lara Lorenzi
Executive Director

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The Mission of the **Phoenixville Public Library** is to provide access to information and services that address the educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community the Library serves.

2021-2022 STATISTICS

**Although some of our programs and services returned to normal. The numbers below still reflect the impact of COVID-19 and the measure we took to ensure the safety to our patrons.*

Operational info:

- Total number of library visits: 75,469

Collection and Circulation:

- Total circulation: 218,017
- Circulation of physical items: 147,765
- E-materials circulation: 70,252
- Total number of items owned: 57,537
(physical items only)
- Book Locker: 1,315
(1/2021-6/2021)

Volunteers:

- Volunteers: 18
- Volunteer hours: 864.25 hours

Computer Usage:

- Number of public computers with internet access: 7 desktops, 3 laptops
- Number of internet sessions: 14,288
Desktop: 5,948 sessions
Wireless: 8,340 sessions

Programs:

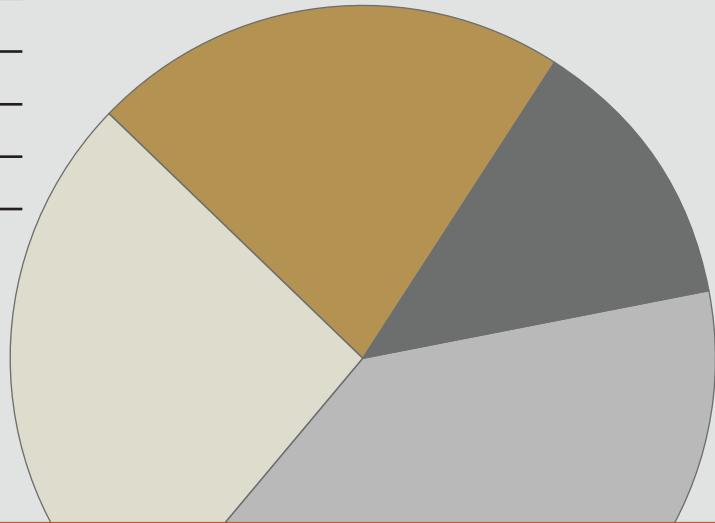
- Youth programs (in-person): 154
- Attendance: 2,831
- Youth programs (online): 39
- Attendance: 896
- Total Youth Programs: 193
- Total Youth Attendance: 3,727
- Young Adult programs (in-person): 26
- Attendance: 93
- Young Adult programs (online): 4
- Attendance: 9
- Total Young Adult Programs: 30
- Total Young Adult Attendance: 102
- Adult programs (in-person): 160
- Attendance: 1,552
- Adult programs (online): 86
- Attendance: 837
- Total Adult programs: 246
- Total Adult attendance: 2,389

“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.”

-Sidney Sheldon

Phoenixville Public **Library**
DEVELOPMENT FINANCIALS of 2021-2022

Total amount received	\$117,601.30
Annual Appeal	\$36,889.02
Donations	\$1,899.86
Grants	\$34,600
Restricted-General	\$362.00
Restricted-Children	\$608.53
Special Events	\$20,101.97
Corporate Engagement	\$13,139.92



DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



NOVEL TEA WITH ERIK LARSON AND ABBOTT KAHLER

A Virtual Event

We took part in the second virtual Novel Tea event hosted by the Chester County Library System (CCLS). It was a massive success as a collective as well as for our local Library. The virtual event almost doubled its participants from last year. The event moderator was Abbott Kahler, a New York Times bestselling author. Her works include *Sin in the Second City*, *American Rose*, and *Liar Temptress Soldier Spy*. The event's featured speaker was Erik Larson, author of six New York Times bestsellers. They discussed Larson's book *The Splendid and the Vile*. The book shed light on Winston Churchill in surviving the German air campaign. A fascinating aspect of the event was the Q&A session at the end of the event, where audience members inquired about Erik Larson's perspective on parallels regarding his book and current world event.

Each of the libraries promoted the event in their respective communities. Tickets included a signed copy of *The Splendid and the Vile*, a Library branded tea tin, chocolates from Bridge Street Chocolates, and a few different tea options. The Hankin Group and Janney Montgomery Scott LLC sponsored the event. We are grateful for their generosity.



Abbott Kahler



Erik Larson

WINE WIT & WISDOM

Wine, Wit & Wisdom is the Library's signature fundraising event. For 18 years this event has played a vital role in raising funds and awareness for the Library. One night a year patrons come together to celebrate the Library. Due to lasting effects of the pandemic, Wine, Wit & Wisdom was a virtual event for the second year.. Although we missed seeing everyone in person, we were thankful for everyone's participation and financial support.



Our featured author was Mod Betty, aka Beth Lennon, creator of Retro Road Maps.

Participants got to enjoy a gala box from the comfort of their home. The box included a Library-branded cheese cutting board and knife, cheese donated by Seven Stars Farm, and crackers donated by Kimberton Whole Foods.

Wine, Wit & Wisdom is made possible by the support of local businesses. We are extremely grateful for the silent auction contributions and sponsorships. We are also grateful for our literary partners in crime Reads & Company. They are instrumental in helping us to secure authors for the event as well as promoting the event.

FEATURING MOD BETTY



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