



LIMITLESS LIBRARIES

Opening Doors & Extending our Reach



Chester County Library System

2015

Vision

Chester County libraries are nationally recognized model welcoming centers of knowledge, inspiration and opportunity for all residents and contribute to healthy, safe and economically vibrant communities throughout Chester County.

Mission

The Chester County Library System strengthens and leverages the power of the public libraries in our community to ensure that every resident of Chester County has access to exceptional opportunities to read, learn, create, connect and contribute to a better quality of life.

Welcome from our Executive Director

2014; A year of stretching our limits to become limitless!

On the pages that follow you'll find information about each of the member libraries and highlights of the things they do to partner with their local communities. First, I want to talk about who we are and what we do together as a whole.

A very brief overview; the Chester County Library System was organized in 1965 (half a century this year!) and today we serve Chester County's 760 Square miles, 15 boroughs, 57 townships, 1 city, 14 school districts and 498,886 residents. There are 16 member libraries (12 non-profit organizations, 3 municipal libraries and 1 component unit of a School District) with 18 facilities. Our customers check out nearly 4 million items a year and 2 million people walk through our doors annually.

Those are the facts, but it doesn't begin to describe the reach of our libraries throughout each of their communities. Those 2 million visitors who come through our open library doors have a variety of reasons and purposes including, attending children's early literacy programs, job seeking, learning a language, doing research for school projects, using meeting space or quiet space, using a computer and accessing the Internet,

obtaining government forms and so much more. If you can envision a reason, there's probably someone who uses the libraries for that purpose. We extend our reach to everyone! We enrich and empower people to achieve success in all vital roles of life from citizens, students and parents, to employers, employees and consumers.

Physically, our libraries are growing. In the last 2 years: Phoenixville Public Library renovated their entire facility. Spring City Public Library built an entirely new facility. Downingtown Public Library purchased and renovated a building that is ADA compliant and expands all of their services. Oxford Public Library is adding on to their current building (approximately 4000 sq. ft.) and looks to complete its first phase in June of 2015. Easttown Library & Information Center is renovating to add more meeting rooms. All of these projects (and more) are designed so the libraries can more effectively meet the needs of their community as they live and grow. We are opening our doors and extending our reach!

Virtually, we strive to remain responsive to everyone's needs. With the generous support of the Chester County Library Trust,

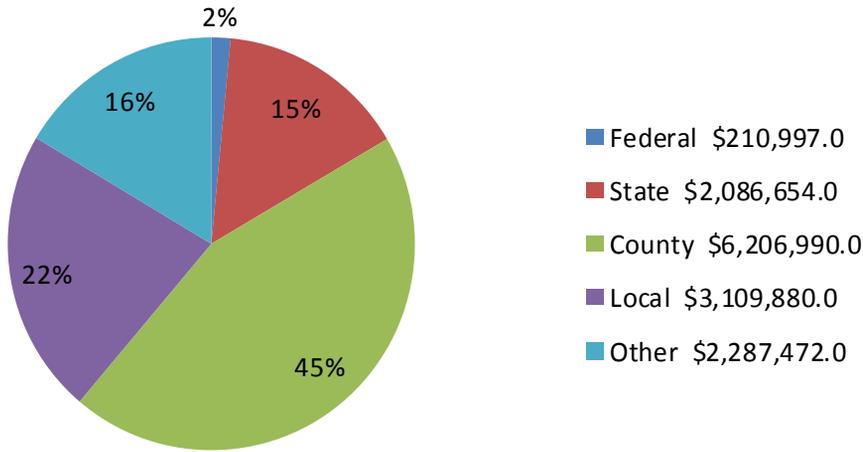
our Mobile App (powered by Boopsie) enhances access to our libraries, their programs and resources. We were one of the first libraries nationally to implement "Flipster", an electronic downloadable magazine service for our customers. We continue to add to our electronic materials that are available to the public. Our current e-book collection has grown to over 14,000 books that have checked out nearly 825,000 times since 2008.

No one organization today can meet everyone's needs. As you look through the following pages you'll see just a mention of some of our member libraries' partners. Together we strive to identify organizations where TOGETHER we can provide services to those in need throughout our community.

So come visit the libraries of the Chester County Library System, READ one of our books, work at one of our tables, CONNECT with family, friends or business associates, bring a child to a fun, educational session, DISCOVER our job finding resources, work on one of our computers, more than anything, do what ENRICHES your life!

- Joseph Sherwood, Executive Director
Chester County Library System

2014 Revenue (Total: \$13,901,993)



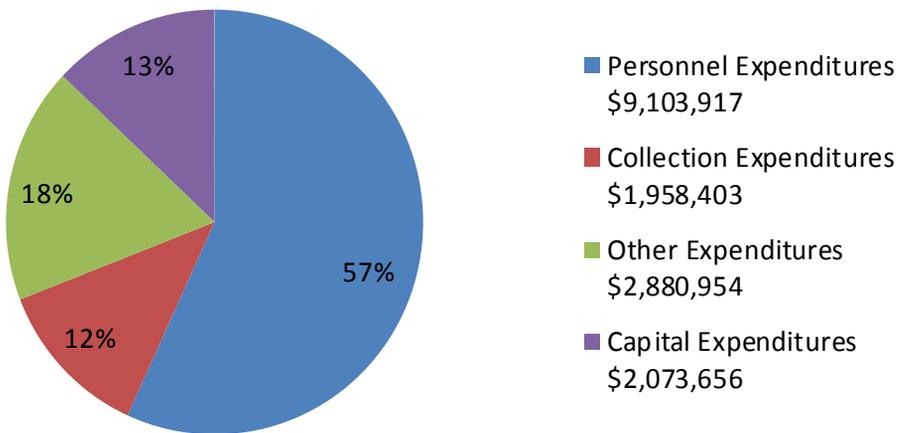
The Chester County Library System believes in cost effectively using the funds that are provided to us. We share resources throughout the system and provide centralized services where possible. Some example of these include:

- Internet Connectivity & WiFi
- Computer support
- Bookkeeping and Payroll
- Public Relations support
- Graphics support
- Reference support
- Inter Library Loan
- Delivery between member libraries
- Continuing Education
- Mail Order Delivery (for those in-need)
- Cataloging and Collection Development
- Electronic materials & databases

And recently added:

- A mobile App
- Flipster (electronic magazines)

2014 Expenditures (\$16,016,930)



Opening Doors to Our Communities:

OUR PARTNERS

Many of our member libraries work with partner organizations to help raise the funds to provide their services to the public. Those organizations include: Friends of the Library, Foundations, & Trusts help provide operating and endowment funds. Additionally, members and the system apply for Grants to better provide services to the public.

In 2014 over \$1.4 Million in revenue was brought in through Grants, Fundraising and Donations by the Libraries in the Chester County Library System. We appreciate the generous support.

Strength in Numbers: Planning for Our Future 2014-2017

The Chester County Library System Strategic Plan for 2014-2017 guides our efforts to create and deliver value to our member libraries and their patrons, donors, volunteers and community partners. By working together to achieve common goals, we can harness the strength in numbers of the people, resources and collections in public libraries throughout Chester County to educate and empower our residents, enrich our communities' quality of life and support the growth of a strong and vibrant economy.

Our Guiding Principles

Access	We deliver fair and open access to all library system resources.
Collaboration	We work together in partnership to achieve better results for our entire library system and the community.
Consistency	We provide reliable and dependable services to our member libraries and their patrons.
Customer Service	We focus on extraordinary customer service for all of our member libraries, patrons, donors, volunteers and community partners.
Literacy	We believe literacy is a fundamental need that enables every person to participate fully and equitably in our community.
Respect	We appreciate and strive to respond to the diverse backgrounds, cultures and capabilities of our entire community.

Our Services to Member Libraries

Advocacy	Actively promote the essential value of public libraries.
Capacity Building	Lead and provide planning, evaluation, professional development and consulting services to member libraries.
Communications	Coordinate, facilitate and manage internal and external communications, marketing, outreach and public relations (both print and online).
Content Management	Coordinate and develop systemwide collections and information resources, policies and practices.
Infrastructure	Provide computer, delivery, financial, reference, cataloging and related services.
Resource Development	Secure and distribute public and private resources that help to support member libraries.

Our Strategic Goals for 2014-2017

KNOWLEDGE AND INSPIRATION

Ensure our public libraries are centers of knowledge and inspiration that provide meaningful and relevant opportunities to read, learn and create.

ACCESS

Enhance online and physical access to public libraries for all Chester County residents

CUSTOMER VALUE AND EXPERIENCE

Deliver exceptional value & experiences to library users, donors, volunteers, community partners & the public.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Position our public libraries as hubs for community engagement and transformation.

SUSTAINABILITY

Build the capacity of our public libraries to ensure their long-term sustainability.

LIBRARY
VISITS
1,979,664

REFERENCE
QUESTIONS
ANSWERED
197,476

NUMBER OF
PEOPLE WHO
ACCESSED
CCLS.ORG
2,000,000 +

ATTENDANCE
AT LIBRARY
PROGRAMS
188,910

213,072
*registered
library
card
holders*

NUMBER
OF PUBLIC
COMPUTERS
257

NUMBER OF
EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS
FOR ADULTS
2,542

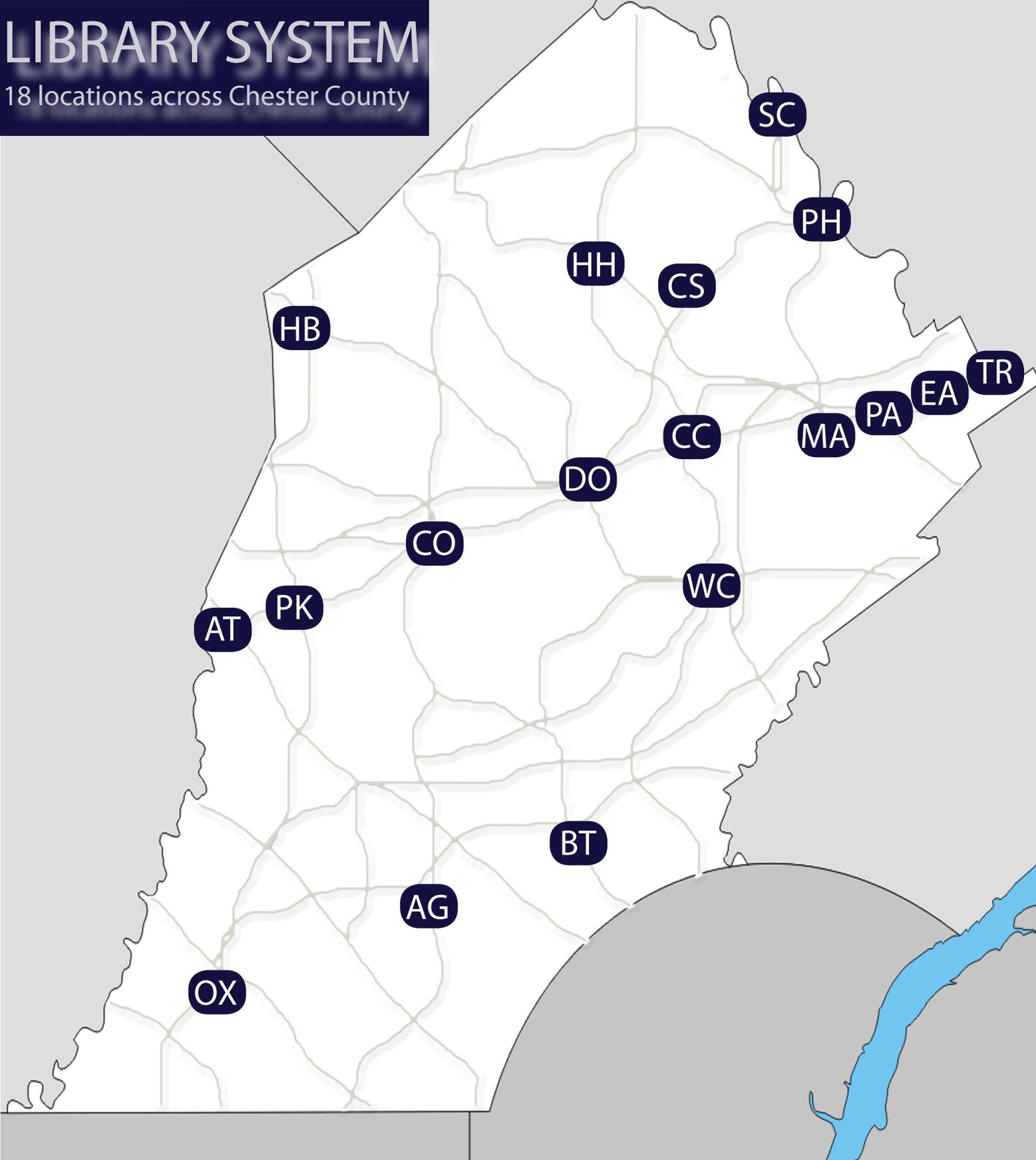
NUMBER
OF ITEMS
CIRCULATED
3,825,331

RESIDENTS
WHO USED
PUBLIC
COMPUTERS
284,900

*For every \$1.00 invested
in public libraries, \$5.50 is
returned to Pennsylvania
taxpayers.*

Many locations make a strong

LIBRARY SYSTEM
18 locations across Chester County





Atglen Public Library

The Atglen Public Library reflects our community and strives to exceed patrons' expectations by providing top-notch customer service and targeted resources and materials. Strong support from local municipalities helps us to realize this goal.

In order to maintain the high quality of service and abundance of resources, we rely on funding from the State, the County, and our service area municipalities. Over 61% of our revenue comes from those three entities. Over the last two years, we have added well-received programming for patrons of all ages.

By operating efficiently and effectively, the library fills many needs for the residents of Atglen, West Fallowfield and West Sadsbury. It serves as both library and community center. The Atglen Public Library truly is at the heart of the community.

Services

The Atglen Public Library provides resources, programs, and facilities to enable members of the community to pursue their intellectual and recreational goals.

Residents

The Atglen Public Library serves the residents of Atglen Borough, West Fallowfield and West Sadsbury Townships. Although we are a small, rural library, the population we serve ranges from Amish farmers to adults with PhDs.



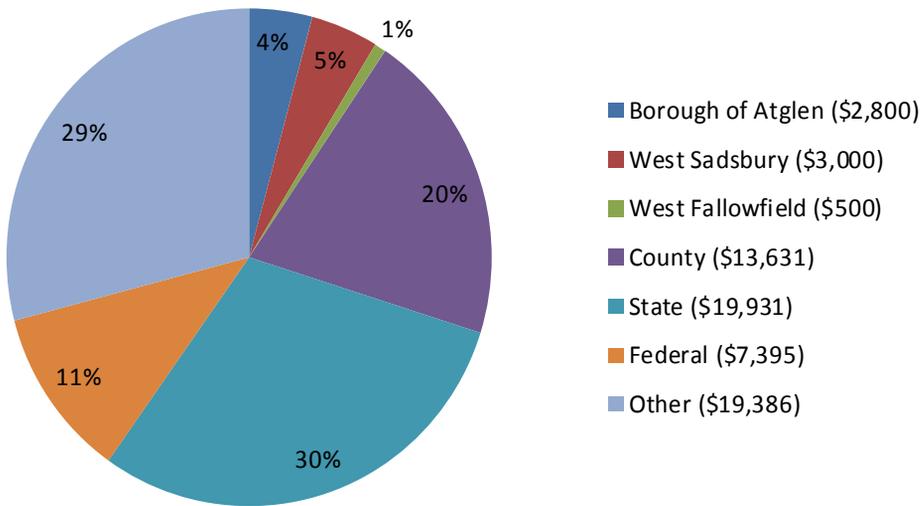
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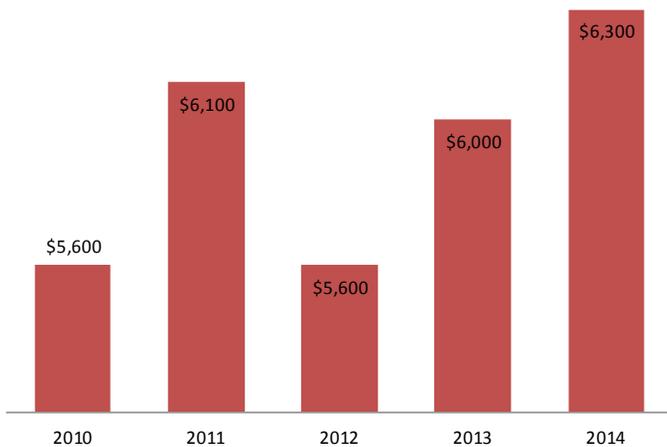
Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 3,911
 Customer Visits: 26,104
 Total Circulation: 27,958
 Total Programs: 208
 Program Attendance: 2017

2014 Revenue (Total:\$67,389)



2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



- Providing a safe environment for children and teens to learn, study and relax
- Hosting educational programs for children and families including Story Time and Lego Club
- Offering a variety of resources such as public access computers, fax and copier service and Wi-Fi.
- Presenting educational opportunities for adults including book discussion groups and an ESL group
- Partnering with local organizations to sponsor community events

2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Avon Grove Library

"Avon Grove Library is a vital educational institution, providing equal opportunity for self-directed education, research assistance and instruction, and enriching experiences for over 33,000 students of all ages in southern Chester County." –Lori A. Schwabenbauer, Director

Avon Grove Library delivers high-quality teaching and educational resources for all. Our mission is critical, because the public library is the only institution that provides lifelong education to students of all backgrounds, developing the workforce, advancing the economy, and improving the quality of life for everyone.

Our library is well known for its superior instruction of children. Not only do we provide in-house classes and events for children of all ages, we also hold outreach sessions to special communities, including area daycares, preschools, and the Spanish-speaking population.

Avon Grove Library is financially supported in part by state, county, and local governments. Additional funds are secured by civic organizations, local businesses, and private individuals. We wish to thank everyone who has generously supported our educational mission to the community.

What We Offer

Avon Grove Library provides universal access to instruction, classes and events, and educational resources for all the residents of our district.

Our Scope

Avon Grove Library educates the residents of West Grove and Avondale Boroughs, as well as those in the townships of Franklin, Penn, New London, London Britain, and London Grove.



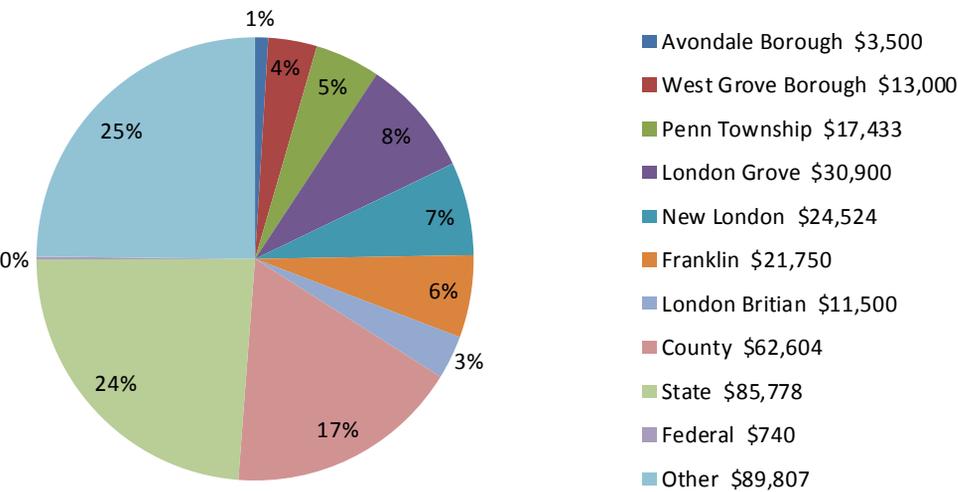
117 Rosehill Avenue, West Grove, PA 1939

www.avongrovelibrary.org

Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 30,080
 Customer Visits: 113,370
 Total Circulation: 161,065
 Total Programs: 836
 Program Attendance: 23,240

2014 Revenue (Total: \$361,736)

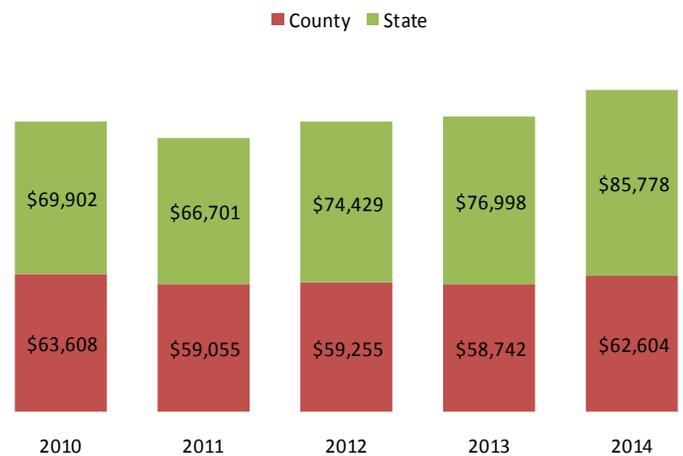


- Providing education for children, teens, and adults
- Developing a variety of class content for retirees, English language learners, crafters, gardeners, and other selected groups
- Delivering enriching events in local settings such as Starbucks and Danskø
- Teaching basic computer literacy one-on-one
- Conducting seminars on current topics such as Medicare and health reform

2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Bayard Taylor Memorial Library

Nearly 16,000 people of all ages attended 973 classes, lectures and enrichment events at the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library in 2014. More than 120,000 people visited the library to attend these events or to check out nearly 180,000 books, DVDs or other materials, including newly added video games.

Attendance at children's classes and events nearly reached 10,000. Adult Literacy classes in ESL, GED preparation and citizenship was more than 4,000. BTML became a SCORE site in 2014 with lectures, workshops and seminars got entrepreneurs on social media, maximizing the return on marketing expenditure, payroll and effective communication between generations.

To better serve the customers who visit the library, the Board of Trustees approved a renovation to the main floor to create additional meeting areas, a young adult section, better display shelving and an improved customer experience in the lobby. The renovation was planned along with a new branding campaign and is seen as a first step toward a new library facility.

The Board of Directors took a bold step in 2014 by voting to locate the new library building on Waywood Road, less than a mile from the current building. Five acres will allow a one-story building,

adequate parking, and room to grow. Plans for 2015 include a Feasibility Study, followed by the start of a Capital Campaign for the new library.

Meanwhile, BTML Adult & Young Adult Services staff member Ivy Weir was named an Emerging Leader by the ALA for the class of 2015. Ivy has given a workshop at the state library conference, attended ALA Midwinter in Chicago, and will speak at the ALA Conference in San Francisco.

Services

The Bayard Taylor Memorial Library provides resources, materials and programs to enrich the educational, recreational and cultural lives of the residents of our community.

Residents

The Bayard Taylor Memorial Library serves the residents of East Marlborough, Kennett Square, Kennett Township, Newlin, New Garden, Pennsbury, Pocopson and West Marlborough



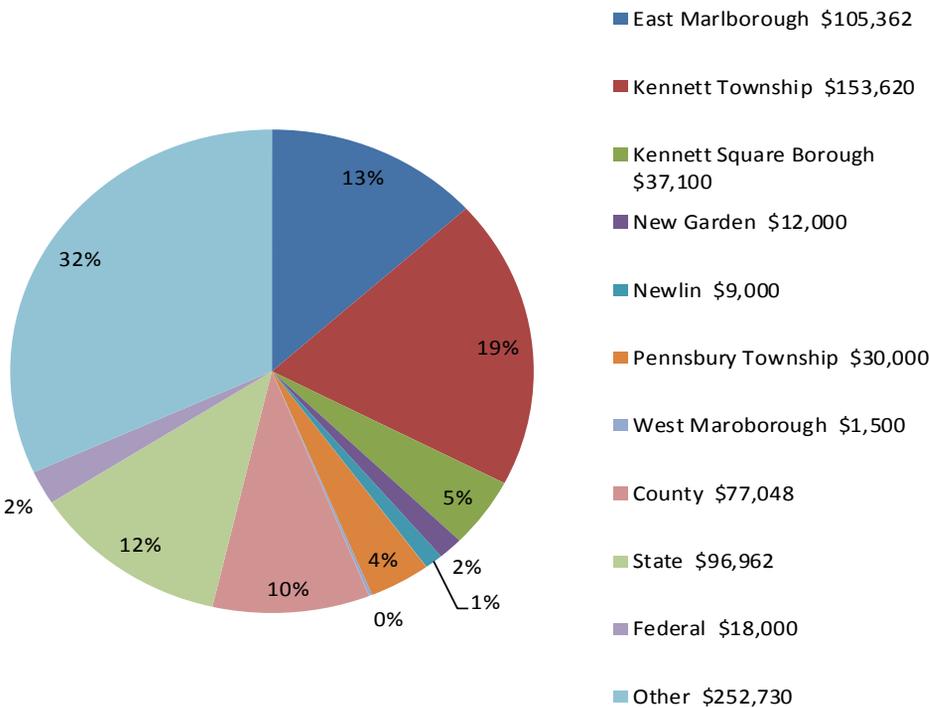
216 East State St., Kennett Square, PA 19348

www.bayardtaylor.org

Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 42,932
 Customer Visits: 120,679
 Total Circulation: 179,979
 Total Programs: 973
 Program Attendance: 15,831

2014 Revenue (Total: \$793,332)



- Planning a new, state of the art, "green" library building to better serve the community

- Joining the Family Place Libraries network to enhance family and early childhood programs

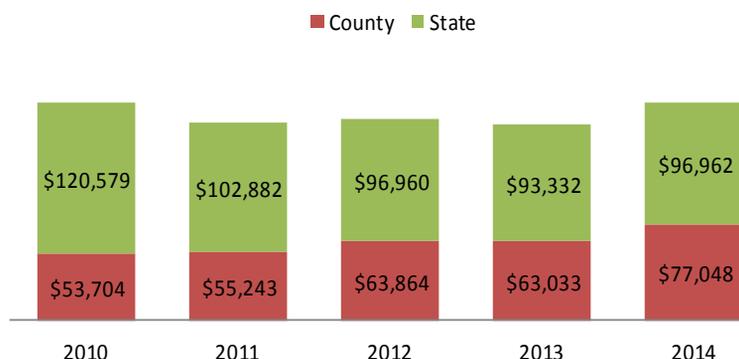
- Providing additional Adult Literacy programs funded by a grant from United Way

- Partnering with SCORE, Together 4 Education, The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County and other area service groups on classes and educational events.

2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Chester County & Henrietta Hankin Branch Libraries

The Chester County Library & District Center was established in 1962 and moved to its current location in 1980. Largely supported by the County of Chester, the library serves as the District Center as well as the Chester County Library System headquarters. Although we serve primarily West Whiteland and Uwchlan Township residents, our expansive and comprehensive collection of over 320,000 items helps to support the other 16 member libraries in the system.

The Henrietta Hankin Branch Library, also supported by the County of Chester, serves the northern townships of the county including West Vincent and Upper Uwchlan. Our collection of nearly 100,000 items provides a diverse selection of materials to meet everyone's popular reading and listening needs. The Digital Discovery Center gives customers an opportunity to use newer devices such as tablets and a Windows 8 system with guidance from our staff.

Both libraries serve as community centers, providing work space, meeting rooms, homework and research help, and a wide variety of educational and cultural programs. Our collections include books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, eBooks, and eAudiobooks for early literacy, education, and the enrichment of our residents.

"The Chester County Library and Henrietta Hankin Branch are the busiest libraries in the County with a wide variety of materials, resources and programs to enhance the educational, recreational and cultural lives of the residents of our community."

– Marguerite Dube, Director



450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton, PA 19341

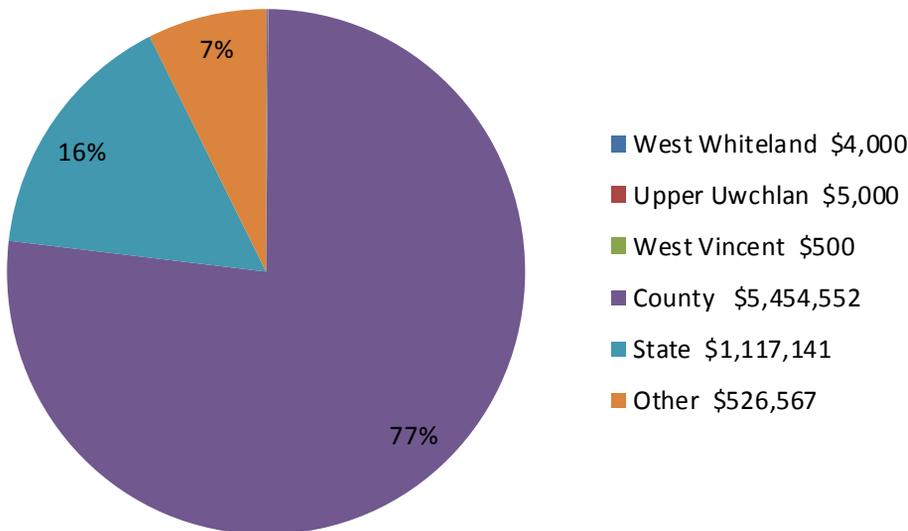
215 Windgate Dr., Chester Springs, PA 19425

www.chescolibraries.org

Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 78,350
 Customer Visits: 605,640
 Total Circulation: 1,774,288
 Total Programs: 2,058
 Program Attendance: 47,822

2014 Revenue (Total: \$7,107,760)



- Providing assistance for job seekers and small businesses through the Business Librarian on staff

- Delivering free public access to materials on fundraising and grant makers directories as a member of the Funding Information Network

- Partnering with the United Way of Chester County Financial Stability Center to offer computer tutoring

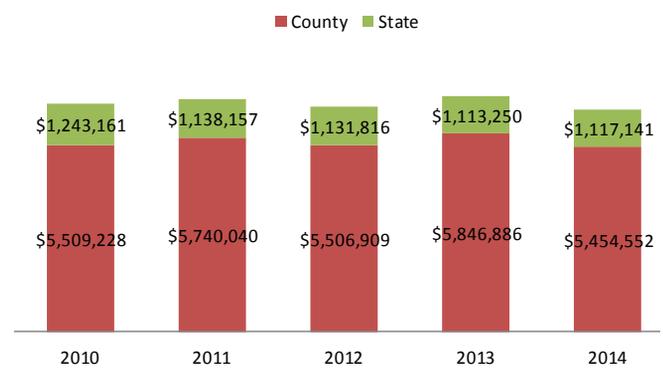
- Encouraging young readers through children's book groups at the Henrietta Hankin Branch

- Increasing computer skills through one on one tutoring sessions at the Digital Discovery Center at the Henrietta Hankin Branch

2010-2014 Local Financial Effort



2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Chester Springs Public Library

“Chester Springs Library delivers high-quality public education that is vital to the economic, social and personal quality of life in our community.” -- Nancy McLaughlin, Director

The Chester Springs Library combines the powerful capabilities of the larger library system with personalized instruction and enrichment. Users benefit from the vast resources of the CCLS system from powerful online tools to extensive holdings, while enjoying a friendly atmosphere dedicated to advancing the economic, social and personal quality of life in our unique community.

We loan more than 34,000 items – from books to DVDs to E-books – each year. In 2014 alone, we assisted students of all ages from 72 of Chester County’s 73 municipalities with research, instruction, literacy education and personal enrichment. In partnership with other educational institutions, businesses and non-profit organizations, we promote classes & events, seminars and workshops for students of all ages – from emerging readers to lifelong learners.

In May 2014, the Chester Springs Library asked our community to support education in a most fundamental way: with a referendum to increase taxes to support our mission. And the voters answered YES! While we continue to rely on outside funding to bridge a significant 20% budget gap, the solid support of local residents is testament to the role that education plays in our community – and guarantees the continuous delivery of public education for all.

Community Role

The mission of the Chester Springs Library is to EDUCATE, ENGAGE AND ENRICH. We deliver quality equal opportunity education to students of all ages. Users benefit from the vast resources of the larger library system – from powerful online tools to extensive holdings – while enjoying a friendly atmosphere dedicated to advancing the economic, social and personal quality of life in our community.

Residents

The Chester Springs Library educates students of all ages in West Pikeland, Uwchlan, Upper Uwchlan and West Vincent townships.



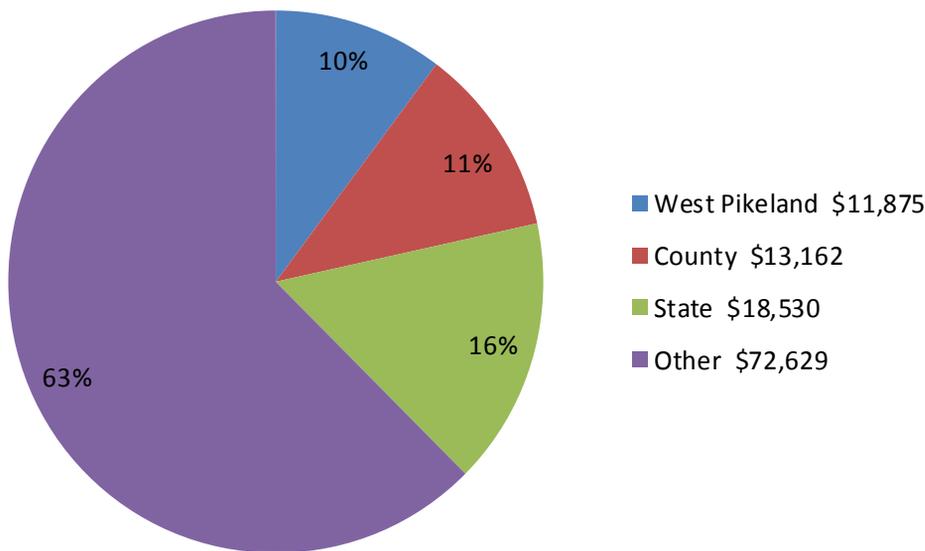
1685-A Art School Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425

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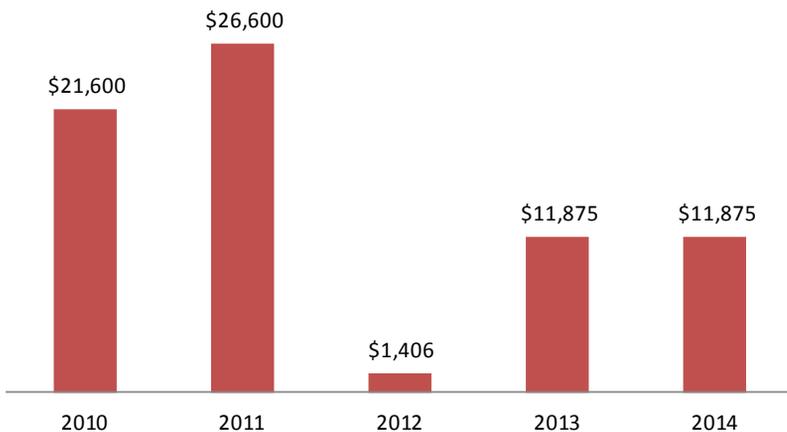
Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 9,115
 Customer Visits: 20,236
 Total Circulation: 34,185
 Total Programs: 125
 Program Attendance: 1,540

2014 Revenue (Total: \$116,196)



2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



- Providing children's literacy classes for emerging and early readers (toddler to age 5)

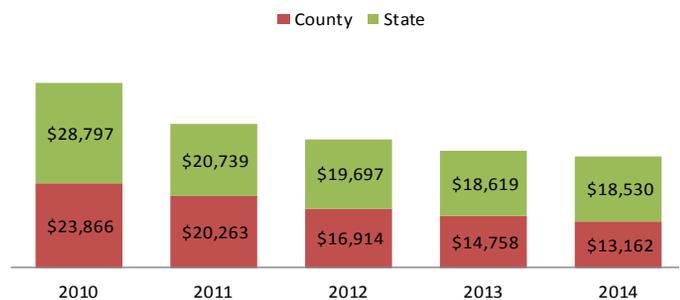
- Reading workshops with Zoe, a partnership project with Therapy Dogs International, which provides children a supportive environment to practice reading skills.

- Providing educational opportunities for children through Summer Reading and Science in the Summer

- Offering public access to technology including computers, printers, free Wi-Fi and e-materials.

- Presenting lifelong educational opportunities through classes, instruction and assistance with research.

2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Coatesville Area Public Library

"We provide human and material resources to inform, inspire, and empower the community."

-Lut R. Nero, PhD, Director

In order to provide access to a world of information resources, the Coatesville Area Public Library, housed in the Dr. Michael Margolies building, partners with CareerLink, SCORE, Citadel and Experience Works. We provide multicultural and multigenerational programming in our brand new information technology lab and remodeled Community Room.

The library's eleven public access computers logged over 27,000 uses by residents in 2014, providing homework help for students, employment information for adults and online social networking for all. As a member of the Chester County Library System, the library circulated materials to residents of all 73 Chester County Municipalities. The Library is open 51 hours per week providing materials and information for life, work and pleasure.

77% of the funding for the Coatesville Area Public Library comes from State, County and local municipal contributions.

Services

The Coatesville Area Public Library provides materials, and universal access to information and programming designed to meet the diverse educational, recreational and cultural needs of residents.

Residents

The Coatesville Area Public Library serves not only the City of Coatesville but residents of South Coatesville, Modena and the Townships of Caln, East Fallowfield, Sadsbury, West Bradford, West Brandywine and Valley.



Coatesville Area
Public Library

Read . Connect . Discover

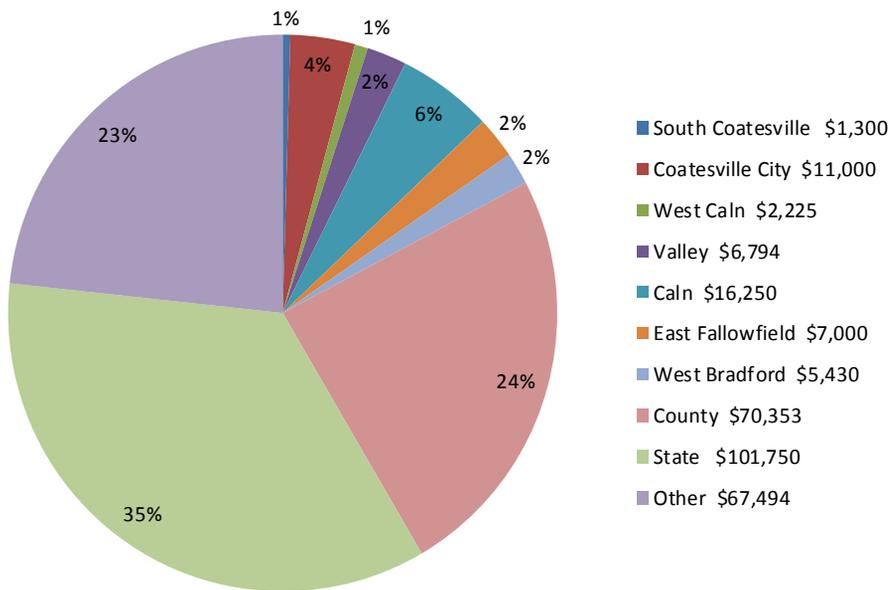
501 E. Lincoln Highway Coatesville, PA 19320

www.coatesvillearealibrary.org

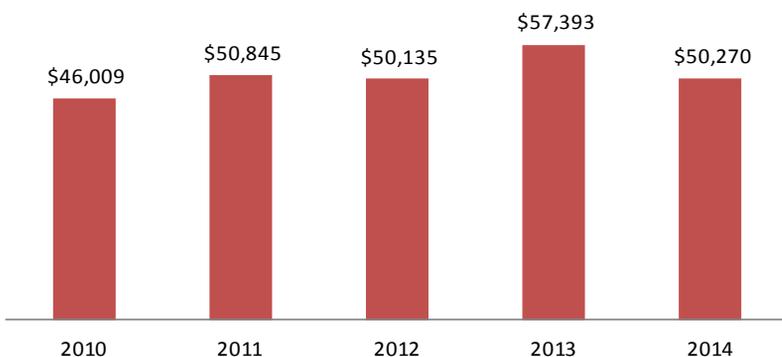
Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 47,991
 Customer Visits: 102,020
 Total Circulation: 58,789
 Total Programs: 245
 Program Attendance: 5658

2014 Revenue (Total: \$289,867)



2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



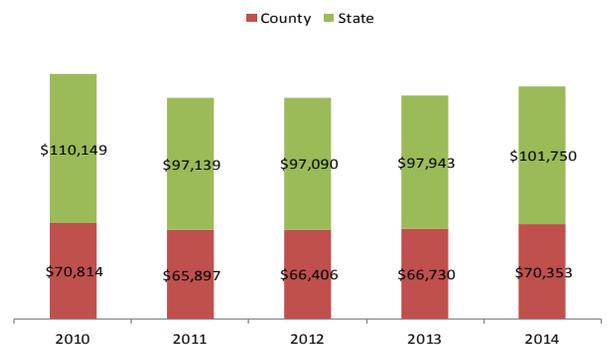
- Providing a new technology center and partnering with local organizations to provide educational programs including financial literacy and business development

- Collaborating with Cheyney and Lincoln Universities to support classes and provide student work experience

- Collaborating with the Coatesville Youth Initiative and Youth Service Corps, BOYS and G3 youth mentoring and family advocacy programs and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

- Serving as a CareerLink Satellite location to provide employment related assistance, counseling and educational opportunities

2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Downingtown Public Library

"After 100 years in the same location, Downingtown Library has moved to a new home in the center of Downingtown, adjacent to Kerr Park" -Karen Miller, Director

Renovations to the new library building were completed in December, 2014, and on a cold, snowy day in early January, 2015, a train of wagons filled with books made its way from the old library to the new, pulled by men, women and children who wanted to be part of Downingtown history. The "Wagons Ho" event capped a week of amazing volunteerism, a true example of the "can do" spirit of the community.

The new library, located on one level and surrounded by windows, offers tremendous possibilities: increased space for tutoring and educational programs; additional computer work stations; comfortable and quiet places to read and study; a Family Place Center; handicapped accessibility; ample parking; and a wonderful location adjacent to Kerr Park. A mural designed by local artist, Adrian Martinez, and painted by area high school students graces one wall. Three digital prints, bursting with color and movement and created by Donna Usher, hang on another. A handmade wooden bench, made by Hank Hamilton offers a convenient place to sit near the entrance. The buzz of activity is everywhere. Downingtown Library is quickly becoming a destination for the Greater Downingtown community.

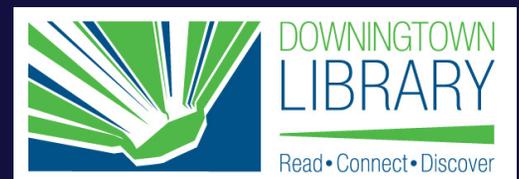
None of this would have been possible without help from officials at the state, county and local level. 65% of the library's revenue comes from these three sources. The support from Downingtown Borough and the townships of Caln, East Brandywine, East Caln, Uwchlan, and West Bradford cannot be overstated as the Library works to provide quality service to everyone in the Greater Downingtown area.

Services

The Downingtown Public Library provides all residents of the Downingtown Area access to exceptional opportunities to read, learn, create, connect and contribute to a better quality of life.

Residents

Downingtown Public Library serves the residents of Downingtown, Caln, East Brandywine, East Caln, Uwchlan and West Bradford.



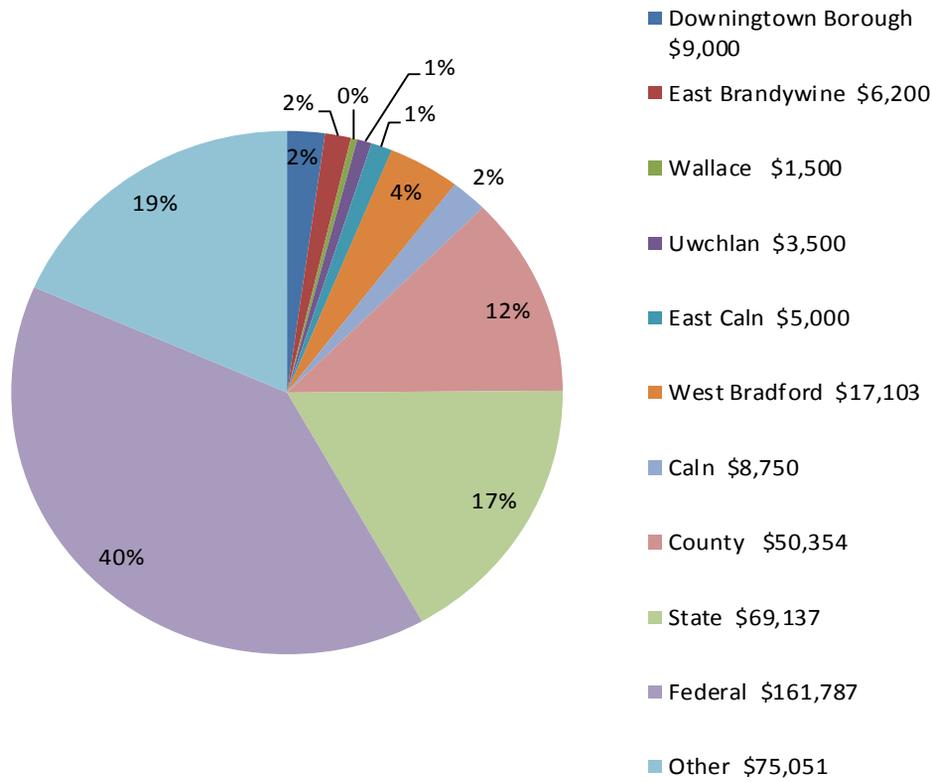
122 Wallace Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335

www.downingtownlibrary.org

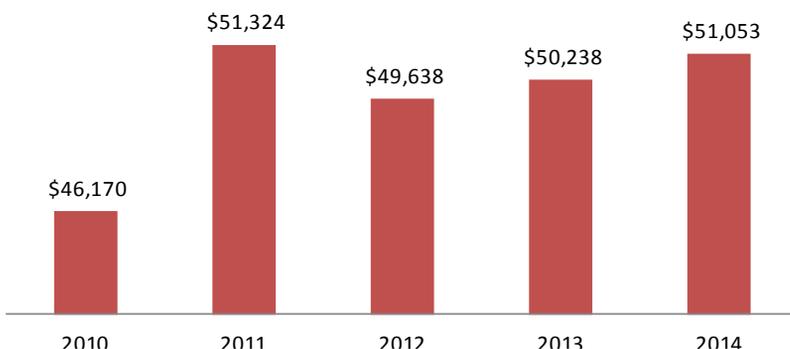
Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 43,124
 Customer Visits: 97,903
 Total Circulation: 97,247
 Total Programs: 450
 Program Attendance: 6,800

2014 Revenue (Total: \$407,382)



2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



- Moving to a new facility that provides ADA accessibility, enhanced resources, ample parking, and a comfortable Community Center

- Being a Family Place Library, a center for early childhood education, parent education, socialization, emergent literacy, and family support

- Providing outreach programs to Downingtown Area Senior Center and other local senior living communities

- Hosting a wide variety of educational programs for children, teens and adults

- Offering Wi-Fi and public access computers in an expanded technology center

2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Easttown Library & Information Center

“Through its strong collection of materials and diverse range of programs and services, Easttown Library serves as a destination, advancing literacy and creating a space where our community can gather to explore, interact, and imagine.” – Alan Silverman, Director

Easttown Library provides excellent materials, programs and services for the educational, informational, recreational, and cultural needs of the residents of Easttown Township. The library is a community center with comfortable places to study and read, featuring six meeting rooms, 22 public computers with high-speed Internet access, Wi-Fi, and an array of personal and small business services, such as notary public, fax, scanners, printers and a copier. Our helpful staff consistently provides excellent customer service. Through its membership in the Chester County Library System, Easttown Library offers its residents a wealth of materials that they can use any time of the day or night, including e-books and e-audiobooks through OverDrive, e-magazines through Flipster, Pennsylvania’s POWER Library, and other valuable online resources.

Easttown Library’s resources are well used. In 2014:

- The library’s 56,000 items were borrowed 271,666 times.
- 16,739 people attended 593 programs.
- 15,450 reference questions were answered.
- Our computers were used more than 26,400 times.
- There were more than 11,500 uses of our Wi-Fi.
- The library had 9,461 registered users.

Community Role

The library’s role as a community center has been enhanced recently by the addition of two new small meeting rooms and a renewed emphasis on quality programming for people of all ages. The library comfortably seats about 100 people reading, studying and working in our beautiful facility. Through the local and CCLS-wide provision of online resources, our users can access valuable library offerings at their convenience.

Easttown Township

Easttown Township is the primary source of funding for Easttown Library, providing nearly two thirds of the operating budget in 2015. Without this strong support from Easttown Township, the library would not be able to stay open 65 hours per week, 340+ days per year. Additional funding comes from Chester County and the state (totaling 13%), Easttown Library Foundation and the Friends of Easttown Library (totaling 12%), and fees for services (10%).



720 First Ave., Berwyn, PA 19312

www.easttownlibrary.org

Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 10,477
 Customer Visits: 163,679
 Total Circulation: 271,666
 Total Programs: 593
 Program Attendance: 16,739

- Providing inviting meeting and study space for our users

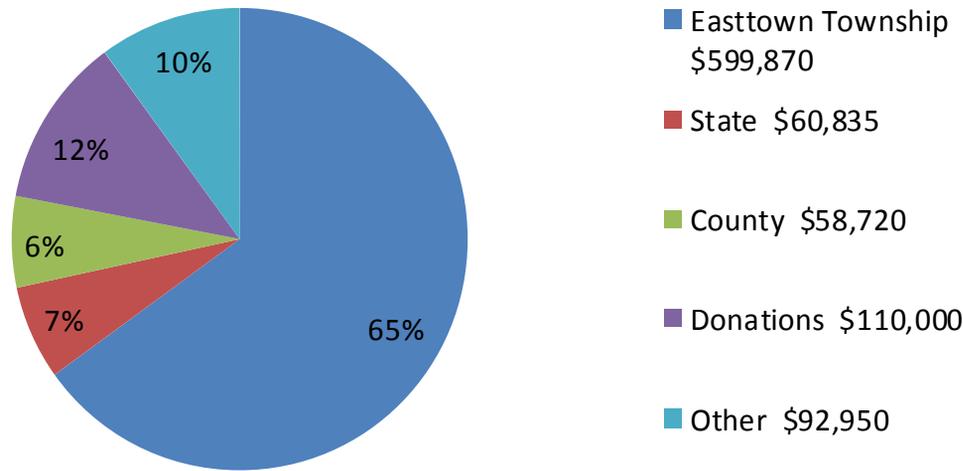
- Preparing young children for school with a variety of literacy and educational opportunities as well as collaborating with area schools to benefit students

- Offering online resources, Wi-Fi, 3 laptops and 22 computer workstations

- Hosting quality programs for people of all ages

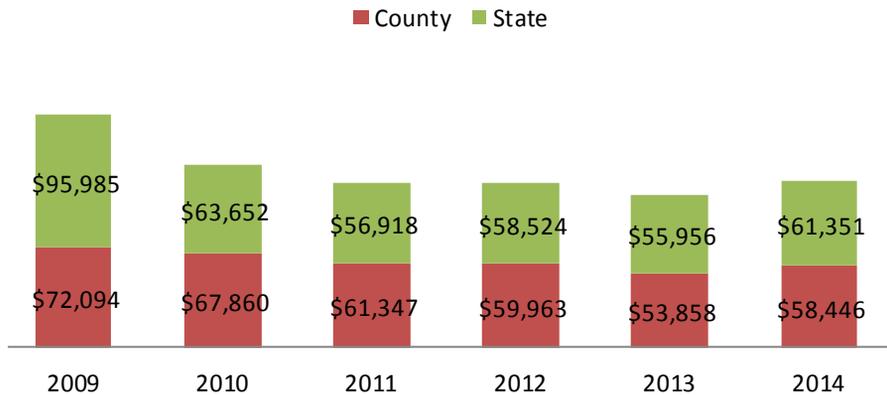
- Partnering with AARP to provide free tax preparation for seniors

2015 Projected Revenue (\$922,375)



Everybody Read and Sing program at the Easttown Library.

2009-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Honey Brook Community Library

"Honey Brook Community Library has been an important part of our community since 1963. We are committed to providing a wide variety of information, resources, and services while promoting literacy and education." – Jennifer Spade, Director

The Honey Brook Community Library's diverse membership includes residents of retirement communities, families with young children, and Amish and Mennonite families. We are a rural library that is appreciative of being a part of the Chester County Library System, so that we can offer to our community all of the resources offered throughout Chester County.

The Honey Brook Community Library provides books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and magazines to our patrons. We have year round programs for children, young adults, and adults such as Story Time and the Knitting Club. The Library has 4 public computers and 2 lap tops available to the public and free WIFI all of which are essential to our patrons.

In 2015, we hope to provide more space for meeting rooms and space for our many programs. Our vision is that the Honey Brook Community Library will be a center for community activities, a place for access to information, and a service to all residents in the area.

Services

The Honey Brook Community Library provides materials, and universal access to information and programming designed to meet the diverse educational, recreational and cultural needs of residents.

Residents

The Honey Brook Community Library services residents in Honey Brook Borough and Township, Elverson Borough, West Nantmeal and West Caln Townships, Chester County, and Salisbury and Caernarvon Townships in Lancaster County.



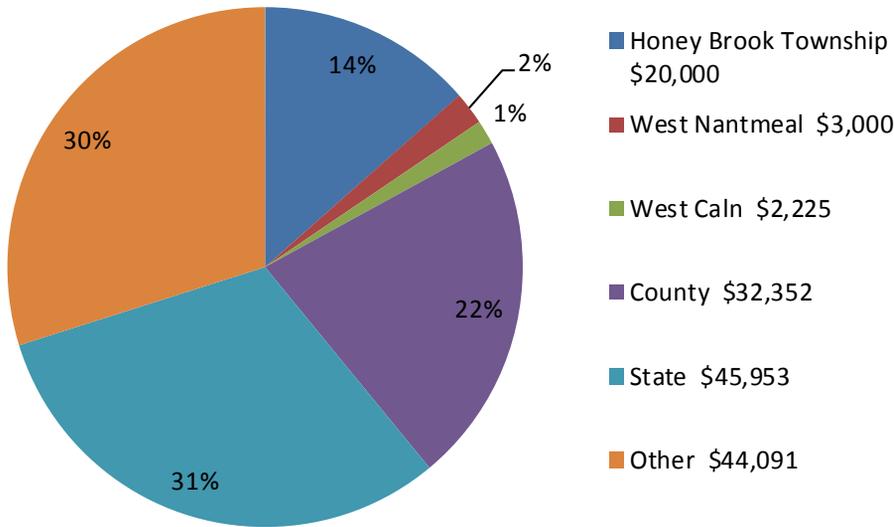
687 Compass Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344

www.ccls.org/cwo/Find_a_Library/HoneyB

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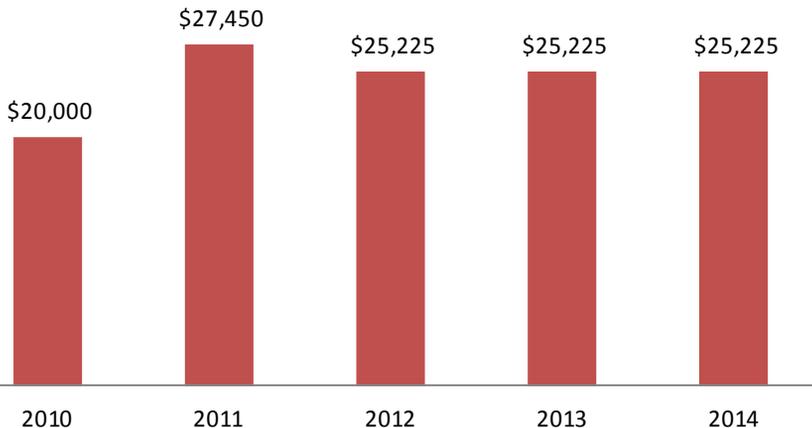
Population Served: 17,262
 Customer Visits: 36,795
 Total Circulation: 71,216
 Total Programs: 247
 Program Attendance: 2,627

2014 Revenue (Total: \$147,621)



- Presenting a variety of educational programs for preschoolers, children, teens and adults
- Providing a Young Adult room for teens to study, learn and relax
- Supplying raised bed gardens which provide fresh vegetables for the Chester County Food Bank
- Curating a collection of local history resources.
- Offering public access computers and Wi-Fi

2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Malvern Public Library

"Malvern Public Library has been and hopefully, will continue to be, an important and necessary institution in these communities because they have recognized the importance of libraries and followed through with financial support." – Rosalie Dietz, Director

In order to maintain the high quality of service and abundance of resources, we rely on funding from the State, the County and our service areas municipalities. Almost 80% of our revenue comes from those three entities. Of that 80%, almost 54% comes from the municipalities we serve.

Without the ongoing support of Malvern, East Goshen, East Whiteland and Willistown, we would not be able to serve their residents. In addition through cooperation with elementary schools in Great Valley School District, we "borrow" required reading books each summer. This sharing of resources ensures that students have access to summer reading books.

Since 2012, the Library has partnered with Willistown Park and Recreation in our GO WilMa program (Get Outside Willistown and Malvern). This program is in conjunction with our summer reading club and encourages residents to explore parks and neighborhoods in our municipalities.

Services

The Malvern Public Library provides resources, materials and programs to enrich the educational, recreational and cultural lives of the residents of our community.

Residents

The Malvern Public Library serves the residents of Malvern Borough, East Goshen, East Whiteland and Willistown.



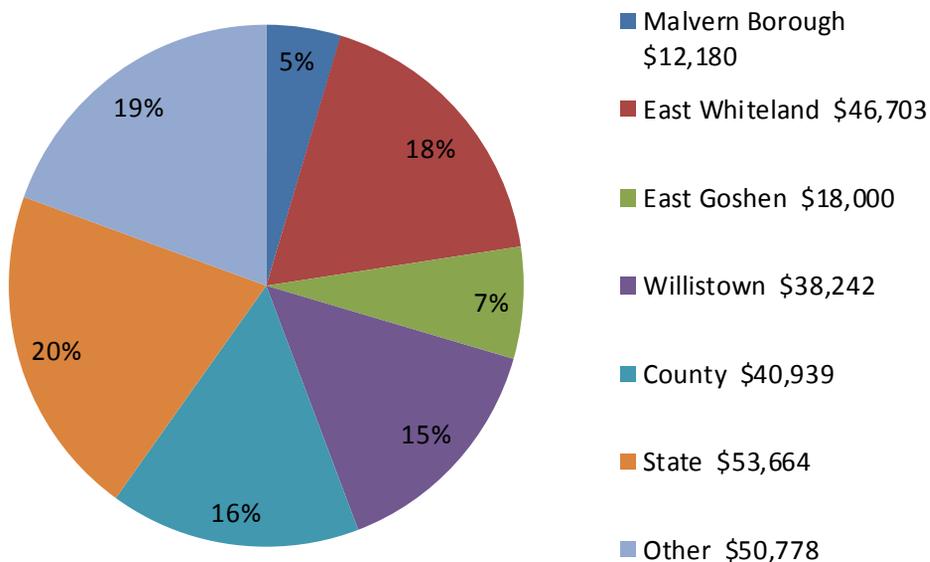
1 East First Ave., Malvern, PA 19355

www.ccls.org/cwo/Find_a_Library/Malvern

Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 36,923
 Customer Visits: 75,438
 Total Circulation: 135,317
 Total Programs: 393
 Program Attendance: 6,010

2014 Revenue (Total: \$260,506)



- Partnering to offer the GO WilMa Program (Get Outside Willistown and Malvern) in conjunction with summer reading

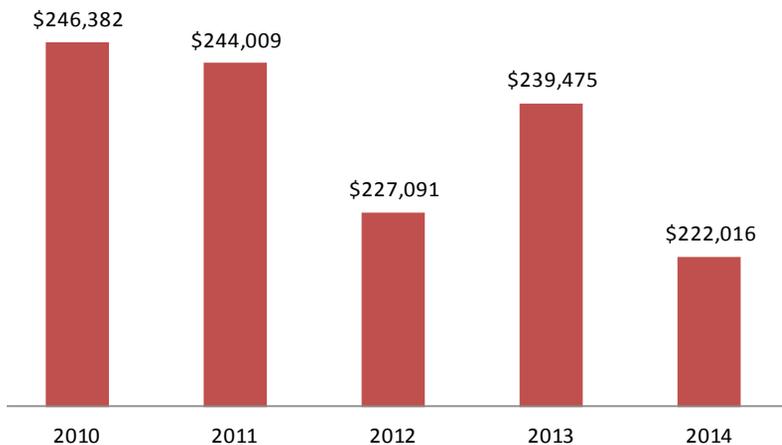
- Showcasing local artists through a rotating art exhibit.

- Delivering a variety of adult educational programs such as book club, knitting club and others activities.

- Collaborating with Great Valley School District to share resources for required summer reading.

- Providing early literacy programs for ages 0-6 and educational outreach activities to area nursery schools

2010-2014 Local Financial Effort



2010-2013 State & County Funding Trends





Oxford Public Library

"Communities rely on their local libraries to meet their information needs. The Oxford Public Library has a long history of success in supporting these goals through excellent service standards and well matched resources and materials."—Carey Bresler, Director

The Oxford Library Company began in 1784 making it the third oldest library in Pennsylvania. The Oxford Public Library continues a long tradition of valuing information and making it available to those who see it.

The library maintains and develops a physical collection of over 50,000 carefully selected resources to meet the information needs of the municipalities we serve. Customers also find the library to be a gateway to technology. Our programming reflects the interests of our community and we achieve this by showcasing our local organizations and talent. People of all ages enjoy programs and resources that are informative, engaging and entertaining.

As we move forward with our expansion project, our facility will be better equipped to offer a welcoming space filled with information resources and excellent service. The Oxford Public Library is an important and necessary institution that will always support the learning needs of the community.

Services

The Oxford Public Library makes information available in a variety of formats to satisfy recreational needs and promote lifelong learning.

Residents

The Oxford Public Library serves the residents in the Borough of Oxford, and the Townships of Lower Oxford, Upper Oxford, East Nottingham, West Nottingham, and Elk.



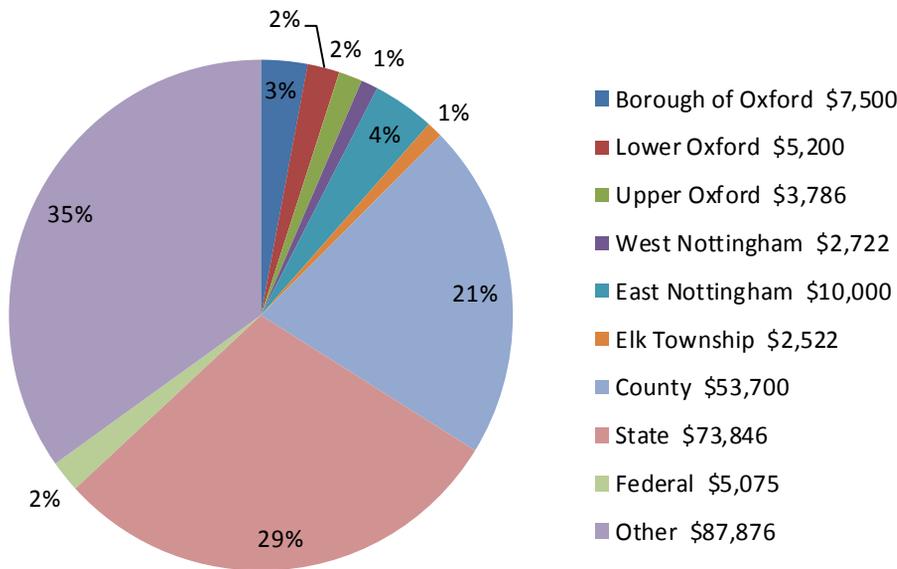
48 S 2nd St, Oxford, PA 19363

www.oxfordpubliclibrary.org

Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 25,814
 Customer Visits: 74,423
 Total Circulation: 131,131
 Total Programs: 489
 Program Attendance: 8,324

2014 Revenue (Total: \$252,227)



- Collaborating with 4-H and Penn State Extension to bring classes in gardening, textiles and healthy living to school age children

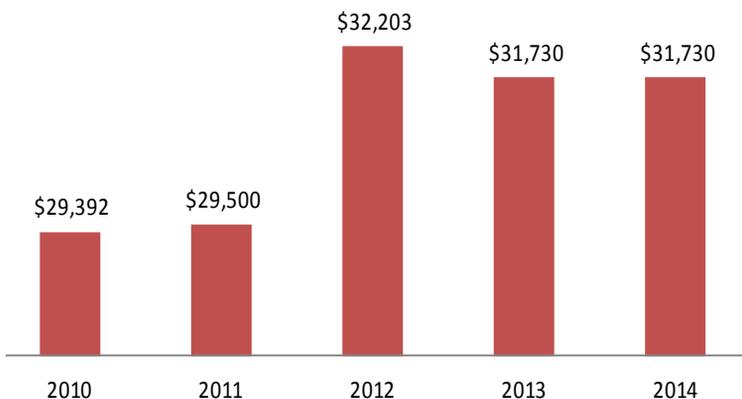
- Preparing young children for school with Story Time, Music and Me and our one on one reading sessions with trained therapy dogs

- Maintaining a local history collection which includes the Oxford Press, dating back to 1866

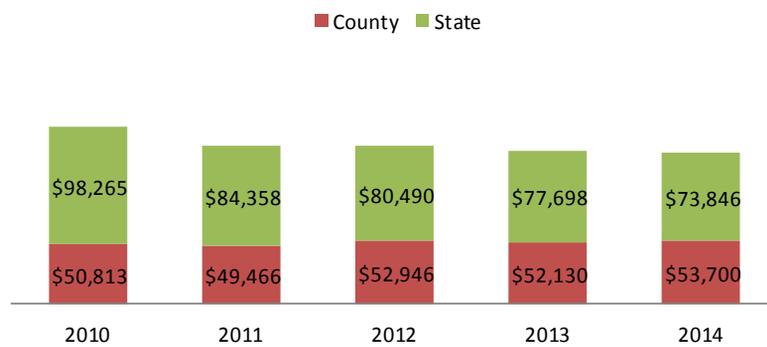
- Expanding the facility to provide a welcoming space to gather, learn, read, research and relax

- Providing public access computers and free Wi-Fi

2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Parkesburg Free Library

"Beginning in 1916, Parkesburg Free Library has had an increasing role in community enhancement and service to our residents, contributing to their enjoyment and success"

– Tom Knecht, Director

Since our library is a member of the Chester County Library System, we are able to provide access to a wealth of resources available outside of our immediate area.

Parkesburg Library provides books, materials, information, and computer access necessary for personal growth, life-long learning and employment opportunities.

Our funding comes from the State, the county, and the local areas we serve. We especially value the contributions from Parkesburg Borough as well as West Sadsbury, West Fallowfield, Highland, Londonderry and Sadsbury Townships. We look forward to their continued support, so we can serve these communities as an essential resource they can depend on.

Services

The Parkesburg Free Library provides materials, and universal access to information and programming designed to meet the diverse educational, recreational and cultural needs of residents.

Residents

The Parkesburg Free Library serves the residents of Parkesburg Borough, as well as West Sadsbury, West Fallowfield, Highland, Londonderry and Sadsbury townships.



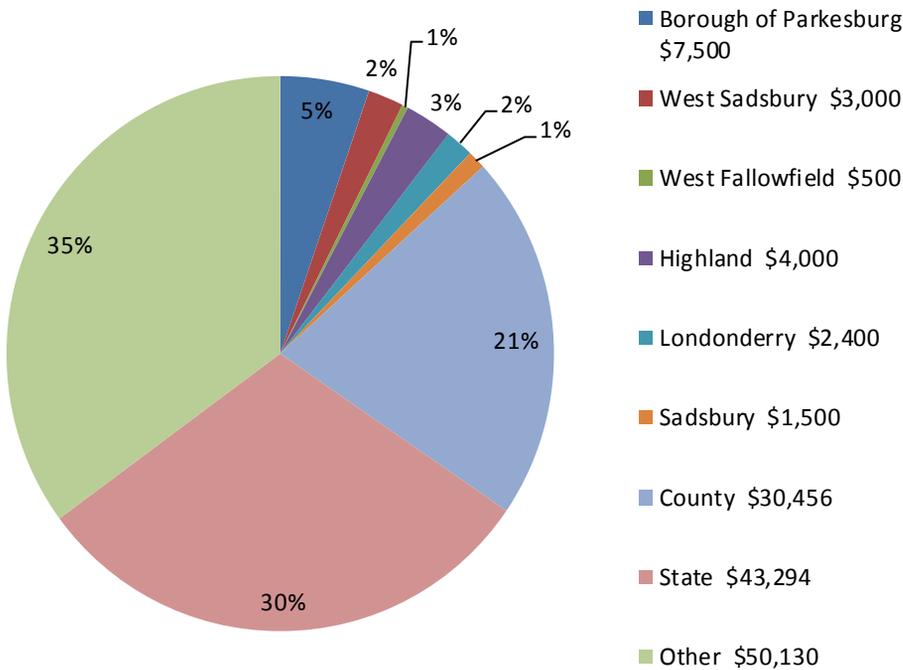
105 West St., Parkesburg, PA 19365

www.parkesburglibrary.org

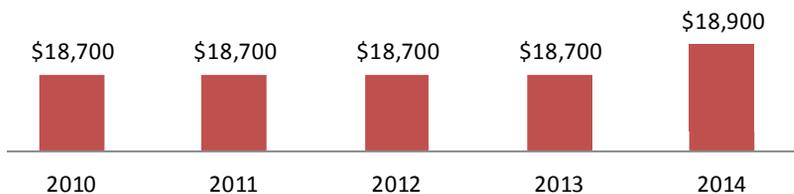
Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 13,089
 Customer Visits: 41,509
 Total Circulation: 72,173
 Total Programs: 141
 Program Attendance: 1,278

2014 Revenue (Total: \$142,780)



2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



- Improving reading skills through the PAWS for Reading Program: where children read to a friendly therapy dog

- Learning history through the American Girl Club where young girls learn history by reading the American Girl series

- Collaborating with local authors to offer a creative writing program for students, ages 5 to 17

- Providing raised beds for community gardening as well as arranging for a Master Gardener to be available every Saturday morning to assist customers with questions

- Maintaining the Maris Mullen Historical Parkesburg collection

2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Phoenixville Public Library

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.

The Phoenixville Public Library is constantly exploring new ways to provide services and materials that meet the needs of our community and more effective ways in which to provide these services. Currently, the library maintains a collection of 67,142 items. In 2013-2014 items from this collection were borrowed a total of 255,238 times. We provide 19 high speed internet access desktop computers along with 12 laptops for in library use. Our computers were used over 28,000 times last year. The Library is able to provide a wide variety of educations, recreational and cultural events, classes and activities for all ages. 17,769 people attended the 687 classes offered by the Library last year.

The Library's resources are a key component to the educational success of its children and the community at large. Phoenixville Public Library is funded by tax payer support through the Phoenixville Area School District, Schuylkill & Charlestown Townships, as well as state and county funding. The level of service that Phoenixville Library delivers would not be possible without private fundraising as well.

Services

The Phoenixville Public Library takes prides in offering unique services such as passport processing, exciting and educational programming for children, teens and adults, as well as one-on-one computer tutoring. Additionally, laptops, iPads and other technology are also available for in-library borrowing.

Residents

The Phoenixville Public Library services residents in Phoenixville Borough, East Pikeland, Schuylkill and Charlestown Townships.



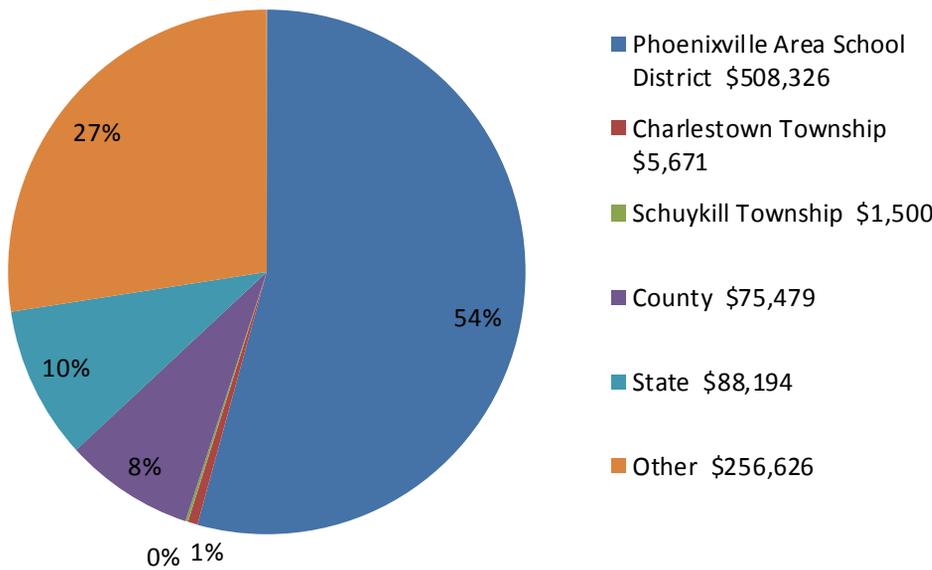
183 Second Avenue, Phoenixville, PA 19460

www.phoenixvillelibrary.org

Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 37,706
 Customer Visits: 150,836
 Total Circulation: 259,556
 Total Programs: 688
 Program Attendance: 17,772

2014 Revenue (Total: \$935,796)

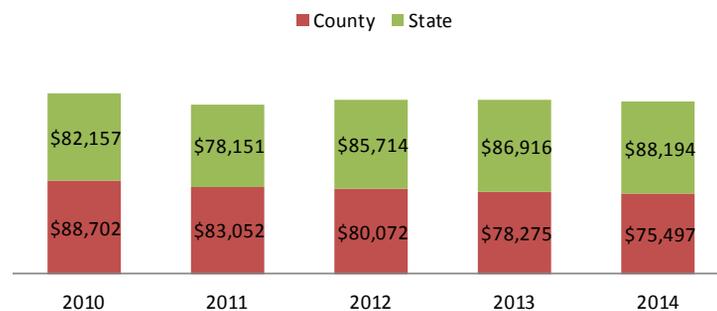


- Inviting spaces for youth and teens to learn, receive homework help and relax in a safe environment
- Offering passport application acceptance as a certified processing center
- Hosting a variety of programming and events for all ages
- Collaborating with local venues to host events such as “Thrilling Thursdays” at the Colonial Theater
- Providing vocational support in collaboration with the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation as well as laptops and computers for job search, education and recreational use.

2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Spring City Public Library

"Without the ongoing support of Spring City Borough and East Vincent Township, we would not be able to serve our patrons." – Lois Shupp, Director

The Spring City Public Library has been serving Spring City and East Vincent since 1910. In November 2013, the Library began construction of its new building, a project that has been in the works for over 10 years and opened its new doors to the public in June 2014. The new state of the art building features a community room and expansive spaces for studying, learning and creating. The new space has also allowed the library to expand its collections to better serve the communities of Spring City and East Vincent, as well as the rest of Chester County.

The opening of the new building brought excitement to the local community. Since the library's "soft opening" in late June, the library has provided over 140 new patrons with Chester County library cards. The library has also seen a large increase in traffic as well as in the attendance of its many programs for people of all ages.

Community Role

The Spring City Public Library provides resources and services that fulfill the educational, recreational and cultural needs of its residents. Although we are a small community library where customers are greeted by name, we also have access to the wealth of material provided by the Chester County Library System.

Residents

The Spring City Public Library serves the residents of Spring City Borough, and East Vincent Township.



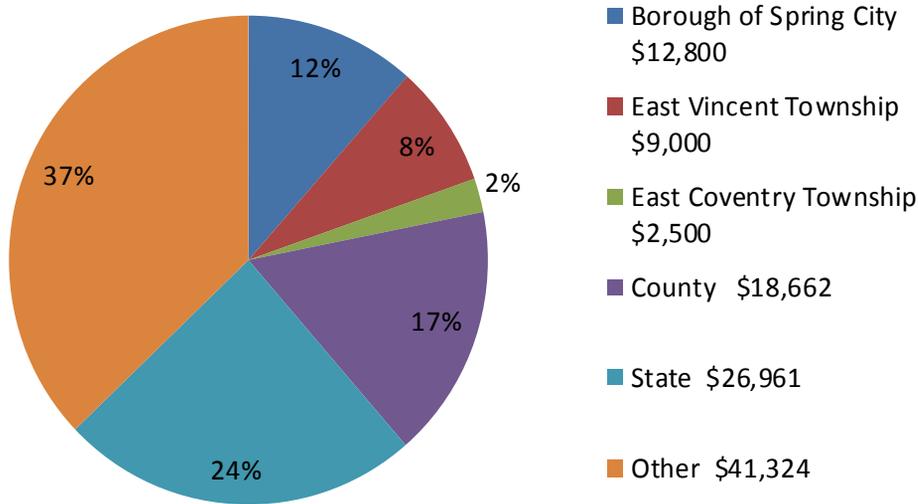
245 Broad St., Spring City, PA 19475

www.ccls.org/cwo/Find_a_Library/SpringCity

Opening Doors to Our Communities:

Population Served: 10,144
 Customer Visits: 30,130
 Total Circulation: 35,013
 Total Programs: 349
 Program Attendance: 3,556

2014 Revenue (Total: \$111,247)



- Providing a new, spacious and inviting space with ample parking to serve the educational needs of the community

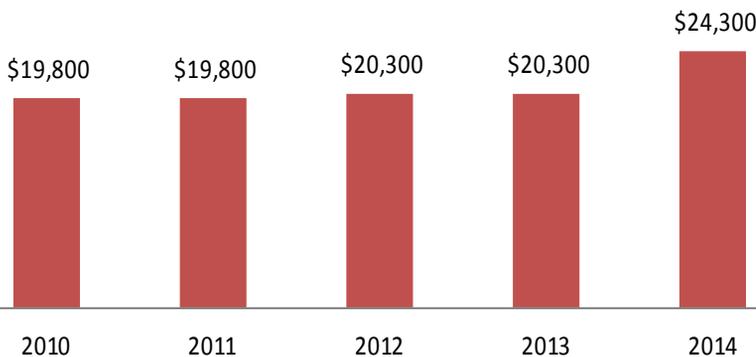
- Offering Wi-Fi and 6 public access computer workstations

- Hosting a variety of adult classes on topics such as business & financial preparation, history, wellness, and art

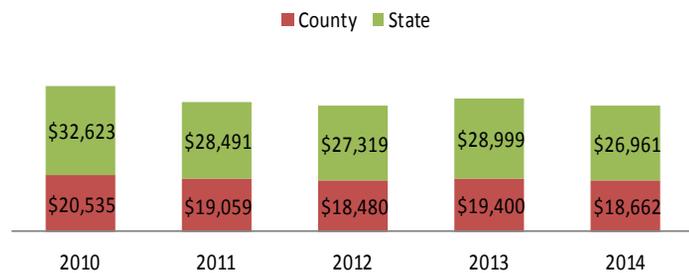
- Presenting educational opportunities and programming for early childhood through teens

- Delivering a designated Senior Space for reading and learning

2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





Tredyffrin Township Libraries

The ongoing support of Tredyffrin and Willistown Townships is crucial for providing library services to their residents.

Although very different in size, Tredyffrin Public Library and Paoli Library both provide access to an abundance of materials available through the Chester County Library System, dynamic programming for all ages, high-speed Internet service including free Wi-Fi, and much more.

In order to maintain the high quality of our materials and services we rely on funding from a variety of sources. Tredyffrin Township provides over 75% of the libraries' operational funding.

Other funds come from Willistown Township, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Chester County, and locally generated funds, including grants, donations, fines and fees.

It is because these municipalities recognize the importance of libraries and follow through with financial support that Tredyffrin Public Library and Paoli Library have been--and will continue to be--central to their communities, as fundamental educational and civic institutions.

Services

Tredyffrin Public Library and Paoli Library provide resources, materials and programs to enrich the educational, recreational and cultural lives of the residents of our community.

Residents

Tredyffrin Public Library and Paoli Library serve the residents of Tredyffrin and Willistown Townships.



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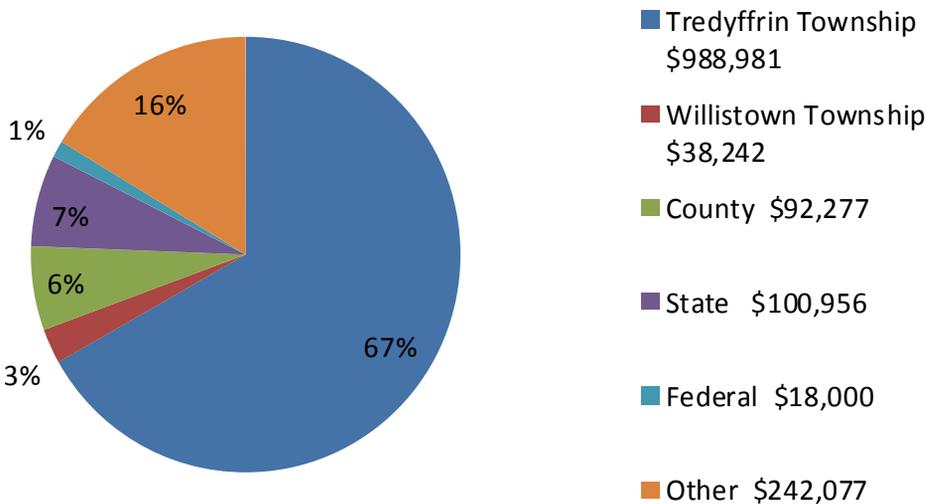
18 Darby Road, Paoli, PA 19301

www.tredyffrinlibraries.org

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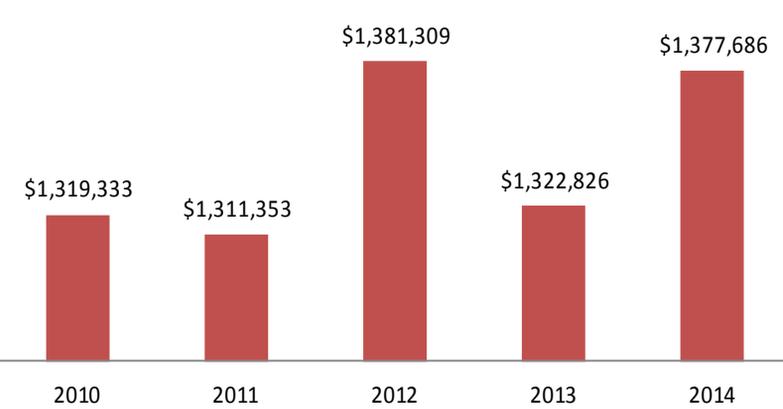
Population Served: 34,580
 Customer Visits: 217,874
 Total Circulation: 351,172
 Total Programs: 1,286
 Program Attendance: 21,746

2014 Revenue (Total: \$1,480,533)



- Hosting a variety of children’s classes including, German and Bilingual Spanish/English Story Times at Paoli Library
- Providing meeting space for over 30 community groups including ESL Conversation group
- Offering diverse adult educational programs including nine book discussion groups and Hatha Yoga
- Partnering with Malvern Public Library and Willistown Township to offer the Go WilMa program
- Housing unique local documents, resources, and artifacts which connect our citizens to local history

2010-2014 Local Financial Effort



2010-2014 State & County Funding Trends





West Chester Public Library

“West Chester Public Library is a destination for connection, collaboration and enrichment through knowledge and community engagement.” – Victoria Dow, Director

The West Chester Public Library is a community library with a 50,000 plus item collection available in-house to the community. Residents also have access to the wealth of material, including e-books, provided through the Chester County Library System.

In order to maintain a high level of service and an abundance of resources, West Chester Public Library relies on funding from the State, the County and our serve area municipalities.

It is because our contributing municipalities have recognized the importance of libraries and followed through with financial support that West Chester Public Library remains a valued and necessary institution in our community.

Services

WCPL serves its community with materials, programs, and information for all ages. The library circulates over 150,000 items annually and sees over 110,000 visits per year. The library’s PCs and free Wi-Fi connection provide access to the Internet as well as up-to-date document creation software. Programs include children’s story times and Summer Reading Club, and book discussion groups and special programs for adults and teens.

Residents

The West Chester Public Library serves the residents of the Borough of West Chester, and West Goshen, Westtown, Thornbury, Birmingham, East Bradford and Pocopson Townships.



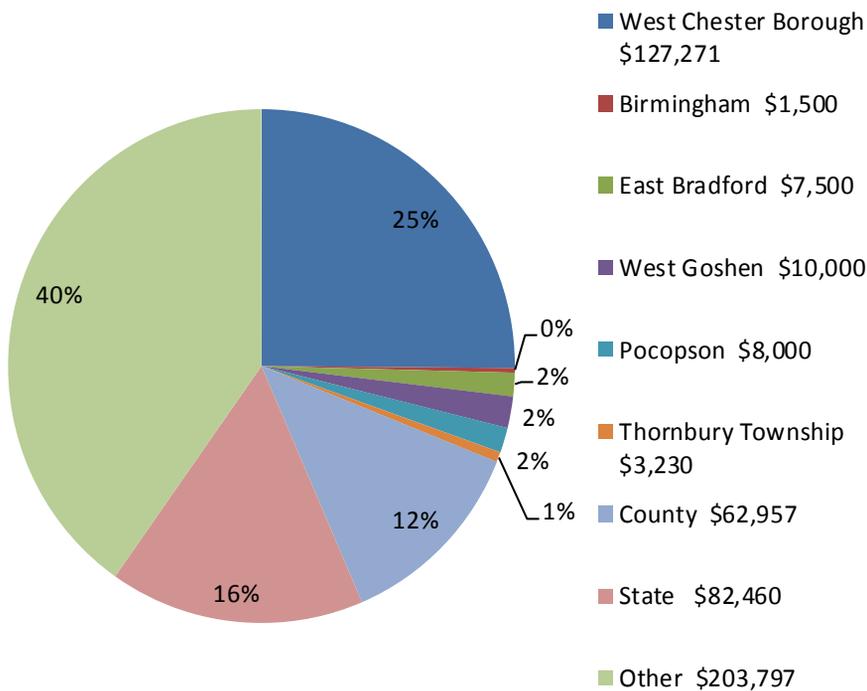
415 N. Church Street, West Chester, PA 19380

www.wcpubliibrary.org

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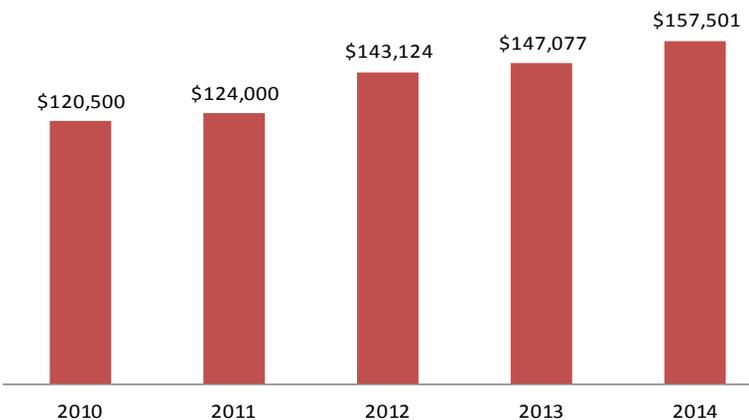
Population Served: 57,388
 Customer Visits: 102,028
 Total Circulation: 164,576
 Total Programs: 444
 Program Attendance: 7,950

2014 Revenue (Total: \$506,715)



- Partnering with local organizations to bring library services to the entire community
- Offering special children's programs through student internships and service projects
- Engaging young teens in creating programs for their peers
- Providing work, meeting and study space to local entrepreneurs, tutors, and students
- Curating our collections to keep them fresh, interesting and up-to-date for readers for over 125 years.

2010-2014 Municipal Funding Trends



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