

## Selected Accomplishments & Highlights

### Pa. Library Association (PaLA) Conference:

Librarians and staff from the Children's Department, Young Adult and Adult Department were invited to speak at the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) conference about the library's **Destination Series**. The goal of the Destination Series is to increase global awareness by promoting a positive image of a country through books, multimedia and programs. Each year a different country is selected, studied and presented for an entire month.. The program is well received and since part of most libraries' Mission Statements is to offer ongoing education to people of all ages, PaLA deemed it important for Sewickley Public Library to share the planning and presentation of the program to other libraries in the Commonwealth of PA.

At the same conference, the Children's Department was also asked to present a program on **Collaboration in the Community! Early Childhood Literacy in Your Hometown**. This is a successful collaboration between SPL and the Quaker Valley School District emphasizing the cooperative partnership of preparing toddlers for school. Such collaborations include the Preschool Storytime Plus program, QV's Story Walks, Early Childhood Educators Workshops, Saturday Enrichment Days, which are community programs for families and others.

### Air Conditioning Replacement Project:

After evidence of declining attendance and circulation during the summer months of the previous two years, the library Board of Directors undertook the replacement project of the rooftop air conditioning units. After consultation with engineers, two old rooftop units were removed and a higher platform was installed to hold two new units. The higher platform will keep the units air-cooled, which will prevent early burn-out of the motors and compressors. The two new units were placed on the roof in October. The cost of the project is \$372,081.

### Young Adult Department:

A Wii was purchased by the teen department to encourage teens to come to the library so they can learn about the many offerings the library has for them. Games such as bowling, baseball, tennis, shuffleboard and darts drew large numbers of teens into the library after school for gaming events.

### Friends of the Library:

The library received \$58,000 from the Friends of the Library. Almost all of the funds were used for the purchase of library materials such as books, DVDs, books on CD, and music on CD. The Friends support the library's Summer Reading Clubs and the Battle of the Books programs for children and teens. This year the Friends purchased a wood storage cabinet for the YA librarian in the circulation area, a set of Reading Rainbow DVDs for the Children's Department and four book carts. The Friends also sponsored a program at the library titled, Tea With Mussolini: Why Do Italians Have So Many Children? Lastly, the Friends hosted their most successful Savoring Sewickley fundraiser to date, raising almost \$17,000. The Friends also donated an additional \$30,000 to the air conditioning project.

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### Mission Statement

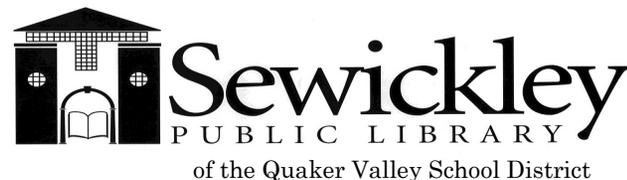
The mission of Sewickley Public Library is to serve as a center for lifelong learning by providing free access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library resources that address the interests and needs of the children and adults in the Quaker Valley region.

The Library seeks to fulfill its mission by providing access to the world of ideas and imagination through its educational and informational resources, enrichment programs, welcoming environment and competent staff and volunteers.

Adopted by the Board of Directors July 12, 2004

The Library is open 65 hours per week,  
seven days a week, 52 weeks per year,  
and closed on only 11 major holidays.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Monday—Thursday: 9:30 a.m.— 9:00 p.m.  
Friday— Saturday: 9:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.



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## Annual Report 2007

The library serves the following communities (and beyond):

Aleppo  
Bell Acres  
Edgeworth  
Glenfield  
Haysville  
Leet  
Leetsdale  
Osborne  
Sewickley Borough  
Sewickley Hills  
Sewickley Heights

Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify himself, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant and interesting.

Aldous Huxley  
1894—1963

## Did you know...

*The Pennsylvania taxpayer return on investment (ROI) in public libraries is \$5.50 for every \$1 spent for library service.*

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Commonwealth Libraries awarded a contract to the School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to "determine the economic benefit of public libraries for Pennsylvanians and to what extent citizens feel the public library contributes to their overall economic well-being."

The report finds that PA public libraries are used extensively for:

1. Addressing personal or family information needs such as health issues; solving problems; learning about culture, religion or genealogy; and keeping up with current events.
2. Formal educational use by students and teachers at all levels.
3. Lifelong informal learning by pre-school children and adults such as retirees and others interested in their continued learning; and
4. Supporting work or job-related information needs such as research and legal, finance, and marketing activities.

The report notes, "if there were no public libraries, citizens and organizational users would be faced with a much higher cost in terms of both time and money to obtain the needed information from alternative sources. Not only is there an economic return-on-investment to citizens and organization users, the surrounding communities receive an economic return in ripple effects from salaries and wages paid to staff, library purchases made, and a halo effect from spending in the nearby community by visitors during their trips to the public libraries."

Mathematically speaking (estimated):

Total cost to use alternative sources: \$1,647 million

Total cost for libraries in PA: \$683 million

It would cost public library users \$964 million more to obtain needed or desired information if there were no public libraries.

To review the results of the complete study, go to <http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us/libraries/cwp/view.asp?a=15&q=99788>

## Statistically speaking...

### Circulation of all library materials

2007	351,442 items	
2006	349,160 items	↑0.7%

### Circulation of DVDs & audio

2007	116,578 items borrowed	
2006	115,196 items borrowed	↑1.2%

### Young Adult (teen) circulation

2007	12,883 items	
2006	12,491 items	↑3.1%

### Interlibrary Loans to other libraries\*

2007	46,179 items	
2006	43,157 items	↑7.0%

\*The library receives funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Allegheny Regional Asset District for lending materials to non-residents.

### Staff & Volunteers

The library employs 45 people:

- 2 Full time Administrators
- 11 Librarians: 4 Full time, 7 Part time
- 31 Circulation Clerks: 1 FT, 30 PT
- 1 Part time Maintenance/Handyman

Nine volunteers assist with the day to day circulation duties. Three volunteers order, sort and deliver materials to homebound individuals through the Books on Wheels program. Six volunteers provide assistance to the library with other duties. They logged a total of 1,189 hours in 2007.

518 hours were donated by 21 teens who volunteered for the Children's Summer Reading Club.

### Service Measures:

- \*292,374 people crossed the library threshold in 2007.
- \*1,128 programs were offered throughout the year.
- \*10,051 reference questions answered.

### Computer Use:

The library has 40 public use computers for which 96,307 logins were reported. 38 PCs and two iMacs provide free high speed Internet connectivity and access to proprietary databases. Wireless laptop logins are not part of the login total above.

## Financially...

### 2007 Financial Information

#### Income

Quaker Valley School District	\$449,004
Allegheny Regional Asset District	
Basic Distribution	158,835
Regional Use Reimbursement	50,566
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	
State Aid	81,582
Access PA	47,374
Friends of Sewickley Public Library	58,000
Fundraising	56,535
Grants	69,200
Donations	94,773
Other (Fines, fees, rentals, etc.)	<u>51,914</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,117,783</b>

#### Expenditures

Personnel	\$564,353
Books, DVDs, CDs, etc	127,702
Library & Office Supplies	9,004
Contract Services	68,902
Utilities	62,151
Programs, Publicity, Fundraising	11,570
Automation	27,745
Air Conditioning Replacement	179,664
Other Expenses	<u>20,301</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,071,392</b>
Restricted Funds	<u>46,391</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,117,783</b>

#### The Endowment

On December 31, 2007, library endowment investment funds were valued at \$466,102.