

Selected Accomplishments & Highlights

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The **Children's and Teen Departments**, along with the Sewickley Area Librarians, hosted author Gordon Korman. Mr. Korman spoke about his life and career at the library and at the schools in the community.

Destination China was the 3rd installment of the library's Destination series. All departments devoted the month of September to the culture of China. The goal of the Destination series is to increase global awareness by promoting a positive image of a country through books, multimedia and programs.

The **Adult Department** initiated several new programs including two foreign language Conversation Groups: French and Spanish. Also, seniors services were a focus of the department with computer literacy programs sponsored by SeniorNet and Silver Scholars. Seniors also had the opportunity to stay healthy with programs such as the Wise Walk and Wii Sports for Seniors. For cultural stimulation, Afternoon Matinees and travel films were offered as well.

Friends of the Library:

The library received \$58,000 from the Friends of the Library. \$48,000 of the funds were used for the purchase of library materials such as books, DVDs, books on CD, and music on CD. With the additional \$10,000, the Friends supported:

- Children, Teen and Adult Summer Reading Clubs
- Battle of the Books programs for children and teens.
- Refinishing of chairs that are used in the Conference Room, History Room and scattered throughout the library. The chairs were purchased in 1923, when the original library building was constructed.
- The purchase Spanish books and audiovisual materials in support of a Spanish program for the Children's Department.
- Microfilming of the Sewickley Herald

The Friends introduced a new, uniquely designed "I'm a Friend" library card, available for a donation of \$25, with a key tag for added convenience. They also sponsored two programs at the library: 1.) The Story of Nellie Bly and 2.) How the Circus Helped Folks During the Great Depression.

Other News:

- The library offered patrons the option of directly receiving the library's monthly newsletter in their email account.
- A new health benefits contract was negotiated by the Board of Directors for full time employees.

2008 Library Board of Directors

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Mission Statement

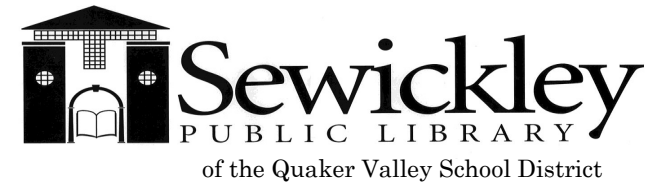
The mission of Sewickley Public Library is to serve as a center for lifelong learning by providing free access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library resources that address the interests and needs of the children and adults in the Quaker Valley region.

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 2008

The library serves the following communities (and beyond):

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

"The public library has been called 'one of the seven sustainable wonders of the world.' The written wisdom of the world is at the fingertips of anyone with a library card! The average American pays \$20 a year in taxes to support public libraries and can save that much by borrowing instead of buying just one or two books. A book that is loaned ten times cuts not only cost, but paper use per reader by a factor of ten."

Donella H. Meadows
Dartmouth College

Did you know...

The Library lent out 355,349 items in 2008. The collection consists of 92,215 items. This means, on average, every item circulated 3.8 times.

As a member of the Allegheny County Library Association, the library borrows and lends materials along with 70+ other libraries in the county. In 2008 Sewickley patrons borrowed 48,586 items from other libraries. Sewickley Public Library lent 51,952 items to other libraries in same year.

285,629 people crossed the library threshold in 2008.

What did they do?

- **Enjoy programs.** 21,044 people attended 1,086 programs offered by the library.
- **Use computers.** The library has 40 public use computers recording 94,145 logins and 253,707 minutes of use. 38 new PCs, leased for three years from the eiNetwork, and two Quaker Valley iMacs provide free high speed Internet connectivity and access to proprietary databases. Wireless laptop logins are not part of the login total above.
- **Attend meetings.** The library's community room, conference room and study room were reserved 1,395 times for tutoring, tax assistance, service organizations and a variety of other purposes.

Thank you to our generous donors!

199 individuals or families donated \$13,376 to purchase memorial books or books to honor a special person or occasion.

Statistically speaking...

Circulation of all library materials

2008	355,349 items	↑1.1%
2007	351,442 items	

Circulation of DVDs & audio

2008	131,840 items	↑13.1%
2007	116,578 items	

Young Adult (teen) circulation

2008	13,214 items	↑2.6%
2007	12,883 items	

Interlibrary Loans to other libraries*

2008	51,952 items	↑12.5%
2007	46,179 items	

*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
12 Librarians: 5 Full time, 7 Part time
26 Circulation Clerks: 1 FT, 25 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 for the Books on Wheels program. They logged a total of 1,155 hours.

535 hours were donated by 25 teens who volunteered for the Children's Summer Reading Club.

50 hours were donated by 17 teens to help with assorted jobs in the teen department.

Art Donation

The library received six limited edition Nat Youngblood prints from six local donors. The numbered prints depict the events of the French and Indian War. They will be on permanent display in the Community Room. The prints showcase historic scenes of regional forts, locations and events that lead to the founding of the City of Pittsburgh.

Financially...

2008 Financial Information

Income

Quaker Valley School District	\$467,004
Allegheny Regional Asset District	
Basic Distribution	162,386
Regional Use Reimbursement	48,039
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	
State Aid	60,275
Access PA	44,912
Friends of Sewickley Public Library	58,000
Fundraising	46,829
Other (Fines, fees, rentals, etc.)	<u>54,332</u>
Total	\$941,777

Expenditures

Personnel	\$577,149
Books, DVDs, CDs, etc	121,310
Building Maintenance & Supplies	64,731
Utilities	73,331
Automation	33,610
Other Expenses	<u>60,524</u>
Total	\$930,655
Restricted Funds	\$8,146

Notes:

- The library utilized funds from its reserve and withdrew its first draw of \$21,928 from the endowment's accumulated interest to pay for the air conditioning project. The financial information above excludes income and expense related to the HVAC project.
- The library received \$69,200 in grants and donations of \$139,714.

The Endowment

On December 31, 2008, library endowment investment funds were valued at \$306,826.