

Selected Accomplishments & Highlights

Library Board Initiates Strategic Planning

As the library approaches its 140th anniversary in 2013 and since the major renovation and addition of the library was completed in 1999, the Library Board began the process of defining a new vision for a library of the future. Focus groups, community and staff surveys and specialists in the field of libraries were consulted for the purpose of providing input in such areas of service, facility, communication and marketing, collection, technology, fundraising and so on. The results of the initiative will be available in 2013.

Technology & Facility Improvements

- ◆ The second year of a two year roof improvement project was completed. The flat roof of the library was outfitted with a new rubber membrane.
- ◆ The parking lot was slurred, sealed and new parking and safety lines were painted. Sinking grates were repaired.
- ◆ 14 original-construction (1923) windows in the Adult Reference Department were repaired, glazed and painted.
- ◆ Added signage and plaques as needed in the library. Most notably was the signage placed on the back of the fountain identifying the library from Broad Street.
- ◆ The Village Garden Club removed and donated two new trees to the planters in front of the library. They are Bloodgood Japanese Maples.
- ◆ At the request of the eiNetwork, the library's technology provider, the library became a hub site for eight other libraries in Allegheny County. The transition included equipment upgrades and a switch to the Sunesis fiber Internet services.
- ◆ The library began loaning e-readers to patrons. The Nooks were loaded with digital books for reading.
- ◆ A colorful, rotating banner of newly added items to the library's collection was added to the website.

Friends of the Library

- The Friends of the Library significantly contributed to the library's functional operations this year. First, they provided a long needed improvement to the audio/visual equipment in the Community Room. The room was outfitted with a new master control panel so that staff can easily use and integrate a variety of equipment for programming. The video and sound equipment consists of a new projector, DVD/CD player, Apple TV and more.
- Second, the Friends purchased, on behalf of staff requests, new display furniture for the Children's and Adult Departments. The Children's Department received a new upright, book display unit; the Adult Department received a new wood wedding cake style displayer for the circulation foyer. Both units are intended to display books and other items in a more visual and attractive manner.
- ◆ A Kuerig Coffee maker was purchased for the Community Room kitchen to assist with program beverage service.
- ◆ 10 Playaway Views were generously donated to the Children's Department. Playaway Views are all-in-one audio and video devices for the entire family that's on the go.

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Mission Statement

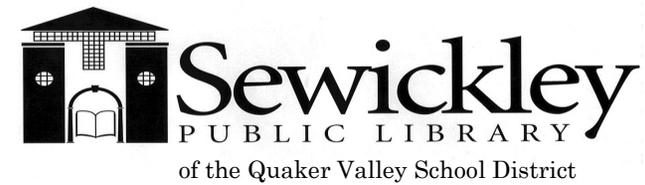
The mission of Sewickley Public Library is to serve as a center for lifelong learning by providing free access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library resources that address the interests and needs of the children and adults in the Quaker Valley region.

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 was open 62 hours per week,
seven days a week, 52 weeks per year,
and closed on only 11 major holidays.**

In 2012, the Library Board authorized seven additional operating hours—opening at 9 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays and an extended hour on Fridays until 6:00 p.m.
Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mondays - Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fridays 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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The library serves the following communities (and beyond):

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

Sewickley Heights

The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species.

Carl Sagan, Cosmos

Did you know...

The library checked out 337,121 items to patrons in 2012. The library owns 94,975 items. This means that the turnover rate, or how many times each item is checked out, is 3.5 times per item. The national average is 2.6. This means that SPL has a hard working collection of books, CDs, DVDs and more.

As a member of the Allegheny County Library Association, SPL shares materials with 74 other libraries in the county. In 2012 Sewickley patrons borrowed 62,006 items from other libraries—at no expense to the borrower. Sewickley Public Library lent 67,279 items to patrons at other libraries in Allegheny County.

254,162 people crossed the library threshold in 2012.

What did they do?

- **Enjoy programs.** 25,243 people attended 1,348 programs offered by the library. Program attendance increased by 5% over last year and the number of program offerings increased by 9%.
- **Use computers.** The library has 43 desktop computers and three laptop computers available for the public to use. In 2012, the library recorded 44,549 logins on the computers for a total use of 2,227,522 minutes.
- **Attend meetings.** The library's community room, conference room and study room were reserved 1,692 times for tutoring, literacy instruction and testing, service organization meetings and a variety of other purposes. This is a 13% increase above last year's use. Attendance at the meetings increased by 21%.
- **Get e-reader training.** Training programs for the use of e-readers and downloading of digital materials were hosted by SPL's librarians and were very popular. 5,182 items (e-books, e-audio, or e-video) were downloaded in 2012. 1,475 digital items were downloaded in 2011 and only 28 items in 2010.

Statistically speaking...

Circulation of all library materials
337,121 items

Book circulation:
196,106 books

Add e-books of 4,156 = 200,262 books

Audio & video circulation:
125,163 CDs, DVDs, etc.

Add 963 e-audio and 63 e-video = 126,189 AV items

Newspaper and magazine circulation:
6,300 items

SPL subscribes to over 200 journals

Miscellaneous circulation:
2,707 items

Misc. refers to scores, multimedia items, kits, special AV, electronic resources, etc.

Program & meeting attendance
29,045 people

Staff & Volunteers

The library employed 38 people:

- 1 Full time director
- 1 Full time office manager
- 1 Part time accountant
- 12 Librarians: 4 full time, 8 part time
- 24 Circulation clerks & pages: 23 part time; 1 full time
- 1 Part time maintenance/handyman

Daily, volunteers provided significant support to the library by assisting with day to day circulation duties. Two volunteers order, sort and deliver materials to homebound individuals for the Books on Wheels program. Our volunteers logged a total of 1,877 hours.

486 hours were donated by teens and adults who assisted with the Children's Summer Reading Club and other programs in the Children's Department.

The hours recorded above do not reflect the uncounted hours the Friends of the Sewickley Public Library donate on behalf of fundraising and volunteer activities for the library.

Financially...

2012 Financial Information

Income

Quaker Valley School District	\$497,000
Allegheny Regional Asset District	204,633
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	
State Aid	42,582
Gaming Table Funds	6,040
Pgh. Foundation Day of Giving	10,845
Friends of Sewickley Public Library	74,215
Fundraising	41,919
Gifts & Memorials	9,623
Unrestricted donations	10,917
Restricted donations	16,019
Fines, fees, rentals, etc.	63,122
Other	12,306
Total	\$989,221

Expenditures

Personnel	591,598
Books, DVDs, CDs, etc	123,765
Building maintenance & supplies	108,507
Utilities	62,951
Automation	34,812
Other expenses	78,753
Total	\$1,000,386

The Friends of the Library

The Friends, through fundraising activities such as used book sales and Savoring Sewickley, donate \$54,000 to the library in support of our many collections. Annually, they provide an extra \$10,000 for Summer Reading Club prizes; Battle of the Books prizes and books; payments toward a five year lease for a color/copier printer and the yearly microfilming of the *Sewickley Herald* and other staff requests.

In 2012 the Friends began a new fundraising collaboration with Bruegger's Bagel Bakery in Sewickley. Presentation of a library coupon at Bruegger's every other Saturday garners the Friends with a percentage of the sales.

The Endowment

On December 31, 2012, library endowment investment funds were valued at \$472,966.