

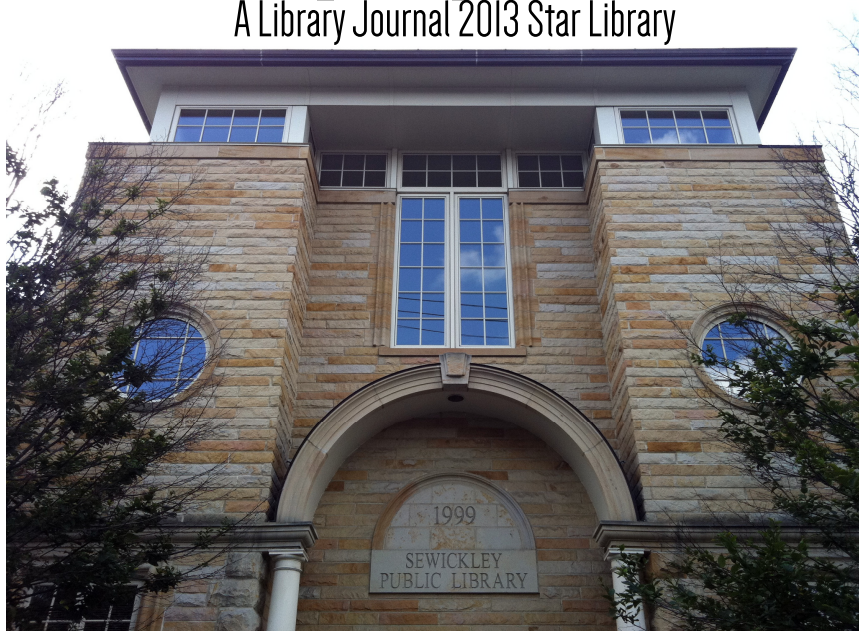


# 2013 Annual Report

OF THE QUAKER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



A Library Journal 2013 Star Library



## Message from the Director

Programming, programming and more programming! The library made a decision to focus on, and increase, program offerings to the public in 2013. Our statistics indicate it was a wise decision. Adult, teen and children's librarians offered 1,563 programs in 2013. That's four programs per day! Our community room, conference room and story time area are full of activities and events for people of all ages. 27,812 people attended programs whether they were here in the library or part of an outreach event.

We also focused on some much needed grooming of the library. Almost all of the walls in the library received a fresh coat of paint; the water damaged ceiling in the Adult Reference Department and the walls in the History Room were patched and repainted; we replaced patio doors that were not part of the 1998-1999 major construction project and the carpeting in the Community Room was replaced with a commercial linoleum for easy clean-up. We were able to brighten the corner of Broad and Thorn Streets with lights and letters identifying the facility from Broad Street as the Sewickley Public Library.

As you browse through this Annual Report, you will find other interesting accomplishments and highlights from 2013. If you have any comments or suggestions, we'd like to hear from you.

### Director Carolyn Toth

#### 2013 *Sewickley Herald* Woman of the Year



#### 2013 Library Board of Directors

- ◇ Wayne T. Murphy, President
- ◇ Clifford Bob, Vice President
- ◇ William Kleeman, Treasurer
- ◇ Joyce Cortese, Secretary (Ex-officio)
- ◇ Autumn Redcross
- ◇ Lawrence Castner
- ◇ Thomas Szuba
- ◇ Gianni Floro\*
- ◇ Sarah Heres\*
- ◇ Joseph Marrone\*

*\*Representing Quaker  
Valley School District  
Board of Directors*

#### 2013 Schedule & Hours

**Sundays : 1-5 PM**  
**Monday-Thursdays : 9 AM-9 PM**  
**Friday : 9 AM-6 PM**  
**Saturdays : 9 AM-5 PM**

The library was open 69 hours per week, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. The library was only closed on 11 major holidays.

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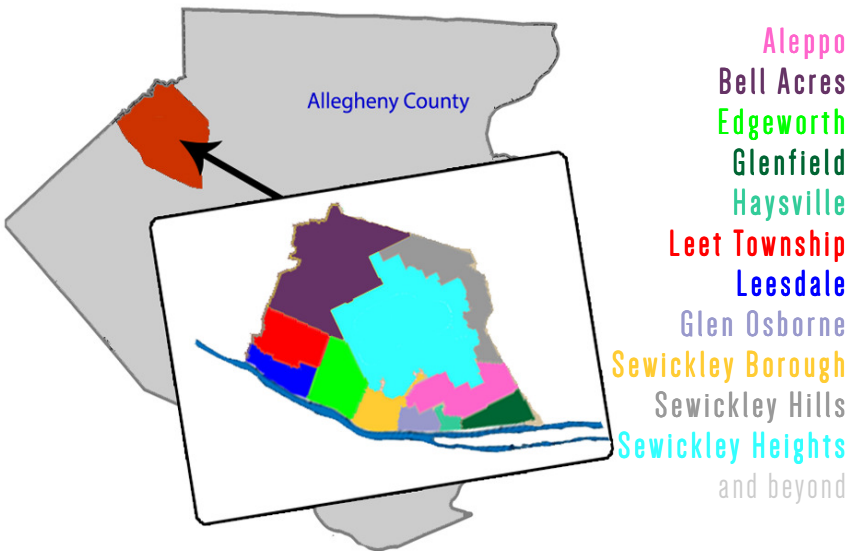
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## Mission Statement

The Mission of the Sewickley Public Library is to serve as a center of 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 community.

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, a welcoming environment and competent staff and volunteers.

## The communities the library serves



Sewickley library users had access to over 4.2 million books, media, and more in Allegheny County in 2013. Users borrowed 57,108 materials from other libraries.

## Technology

- Purchased new barcode scanner technology that allows reading barcodes on smart phones with apps like KeyRing or CardStar.
- Began offering free subscriptions to 300 eMagazines downloadable through a computer, tablet, or mobile device. The resource, called Zinio, was made available with funding provided by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.
- Leased new color copiers and printers for patrons and staff. Our color copier also provides document scanning to email accounts or flash drives for patron use.
- Expanded our computer selection with four Apple iMac computers.



## Exhibits

Curator Randi Morgan organizes and arranges art and collections for public display. 2013 Exhibits included carved figures from Oaxaca, art by Masonic Village residents, ceramics by Jody Gaber, metalsmithing by Pat Falbo, sculpture by Kina Crow, and dog photography by Seth Casteel and Valerie Shaff.



## Children's Department

### Early Literacy Programs

The Children's Department continued with a heavy emphasis on early childhood literacy. In 2013, programs such as Babies for Books and Preschool Story Times were offered at least 8 times weekly.

### Battle of the Books

The popular Battle of the Books, a team-based competition, encouraged each team to read 15 selected books. Participants put their knowledge of what they read to the test in a game show style question and answer. In 2013, 43 teams of 4th and 5th graders participated!



27,800 people attended programs at the library in 2013. That's enough to fill Chuck Knox Stadium more than 13 times over.

## Adult Department

### How-to-Festival

In collaboration with Avalon, Cooper Siegel, Hampton, Northern Tier, Northland and Shaler Libraries, Sewickley Library hosted a one day event of fun and learning at the **How-to-Festival**. Specialists in the fields of container gardening, juggling, beer brewing, photography, animal track identification, to name just a few, shared their expertise at special stations that were set-up throughout the library.

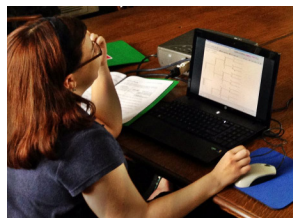


### Healthy Aging Exercise Program

The Adult Department hosted, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh, an exciting new program in 2013 titled the Healthy Aging Exercise Program. Participants were invited to participate in a research study that included free health screening assessments. These healthy aging exercise classes are continuing in 2014.

### Individualized Assistance

- Oasis, small group basic computer literacy classes.
- Tech Café, one-on-one assistance with mobile devices.
- Resume Assistance, one-on-one resume help for patrons.
- 15,097 reference questions answered.



## Teen Department

### After-Hours Parties

After-hours parties like our quarterly 'Swag Fests' give students in grades 6-12 a fun, safe place to go for entertainment in the community. In 2013, we held **eleven** after-hours events, attracting a total of **351** students in grades 6-12 to the library. The program has featured partnerships with Moon Township Public Library, Sewickley YMCA and Penguin Bookshop.

### Community Outreach

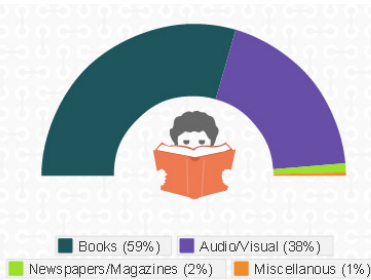
In 2013, the Teen Department focused on outreach outside of the library to schools and community organizations. The teen librarian made 107 outreach visits and reached over 4,500 teens.



In 2013 the library visited the Sewickley Farmer's Market to help spread the word about the programs and services we offer.

# Statistics

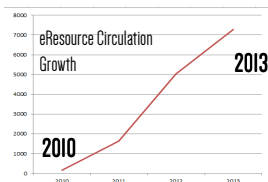
## Checkouts by Format



**Total Items Checked Out:**  
**337,510**

## eResource Circulation

eBooks: 5,726 eVideo: 29  
eAudio: 1,616 Zinio: 1,078



## Programs

- Total Attendance: 27,812
- Number of Programs: 1,563

## Computer Usage

- Computers for Public Use: 34
- Patron Logins: 54,122
- Time Used: 63,968 Hours

## Meeting Room Usage

- Total Reservations: 1,770

## New Materials

- Audio/Visual: 2,369
- Printed Material: 7,034

## Staff and Volunteers

### The Library employed 41 people:

- ◆ Full time Director
- ◆ 13 Librarians:  
4 full time, 9 part time
- ◆ 23 Circulation Clerks & Pages:  
1 full time, 19 part time
- ◆ Part time Maintenance
- ◆ Part time Accountant
- ◆ Full time Office Manager



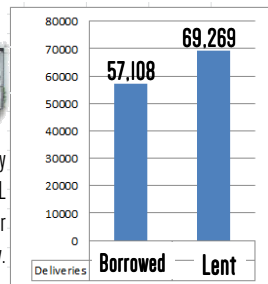
Mary Jean Voigt, Head  
Technical Services. 12  
Years at SPL

**2013 Volunteer Hours: 1,331**

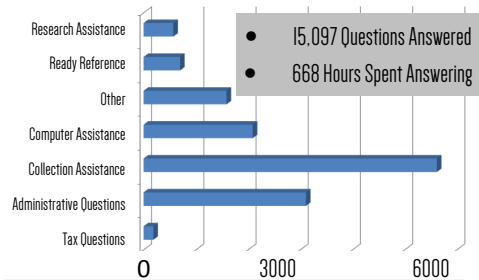
## Interlibrary Loans



As a member of the Allegheny County Library Association, SPL shares materials with 74 other libraries in the county.



## Reference Questions



## New Registered Patrons

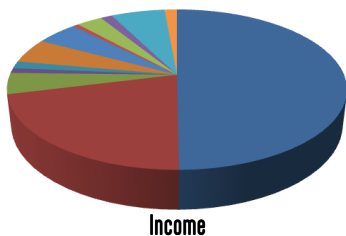
1,160 New Library Cards  
12,952 Total Registered Cards



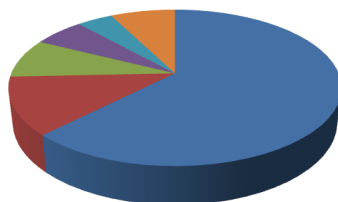
255,651 people used the library in 2013. That is equivalent to 18 visits for every resident of the Quaker Valley School District.



Income	
Quaker Valley School District	\$ 497,000
Allegheny Regional Asset District	\$ 212,083
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	
State Aid	\$ 42,582
Gaming Table Funds	\$ 10,003
Pgh Foundation Day of Giving	\$ 14,379
Friends of Sewickley Public Library	\$ 49,767
Fundraising	\$ 47,490
Gifts & Memorials	\$ 6,428
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 29,258
Restricted Donations	\$ 13,167
Fines, fees, rentals, etc	\$ 61,027
Other	\$ 14,003
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 997,187</b>



Expenditures	
Personnel	\$ 620,027
Books, DVDs, CDs, etc	\$ 118,564
Building maintenance & supplies	\$ 80,704
Utilities	\$ 58,804
Automation	\$ 41,232
Other expenses	\$ 74,676
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 994,007</b>



## The Friends of the Library

The Friends, through fundraising activities such as used book sales and Savoring Sewickley, donate \$50,000 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. They also purchased DVD security cases for our highly popular DVD collection.



## Endowment

On December 31, 2013, library endowment investment funds were valued at \$685,261.

Sewickley Library users saved \$3.2 million by choosing to borrow books and media from the library instead of purchasing.



"The greatest gift is a passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind. It is moral illumination."

Elizabeth Hardwick



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