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A DONATION TO THE SEWICKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Sewickley Public Library Patron,

I am writing today to ask you to continue your support for the Sewickley Public Library by making a donation now to our 2016 campaign. The Library is unique among our local institutions. It provides free informational resources for the entire Sewickley community - from toddlers to teens; for millennials and the "greatest generation." Your financial support is essential for us to be able to continue to offer the breadth and excellence of the resources at the Library.

Our Teen Department, which is run by Librarian Emily Fear, is a great example of the Library's amazing impact on our community. Last year, over 10,000 teens attended 335 library programs created by Emily and her team. Many of these programs were collaborations with other Sewickley institutions such as our local schools, the YMCA or the Sewickley Community Center. These programs included Anime Club, Film Making, Make'n More, Young Writers Group, and the Summer Reading Club.

The most popular teen program is Battle of the Books. Over 300 teens participated in this annual reading contest. The parent of one of the recent Battle participants noted the profound impact this program has had on her son when she wrote that he "just started his second sequel from the battle books. He actually asked me to get him more books to read...I think this year's competition might have been the jumpstart he needed. Thank you!" I am excited when I hear how the Library has helped cultivate such a love of reading and of libraries.



A Battle of the Books Team

We hear similar testimonials about the positive impact of our programs and our staff on patrons of all ages. Storytime in the Children's Library provides a great introduction to learning and reading during one of the most critical periods of development. For adults we offer book clubs, help with new technology, and assistance with job searches. And of course we have thousands of books available for everyone to borrow or download free of charge. It is no surprise that the average family in Sewickley used over \$2,100 in library services during 2015.

Please continue to invest in our community by donating now to the Sewickley Public Library's 2016 annual appeal.

Thank you,

Lawrence V. Castner
President of the Board of your Sewickley Public Library