

Huntingdon Valley Library

2024
Annual Report



HUNTINGDON
VALLEY LIBRARY

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Library History

Huntingdon Valley Library dates back to 1871. It was located on Huntingdon Pike near the present Gulf Station. The second library was formed in 1919 by the Community Club. All the volumes were donated. The Community Club ran fundraising movies and minstrel shows to keep the library going. After a few years, due to the lack of funds and volunteers, the library closed.

In 1953, the Women's Club of Huntingdon Valley started the third library as a community project. Yerkes Cleaners cleared a shelf in their cleaning establishment to house the donated books. Soon the library's growth necessitated a move to a rented house on Huntingdon Pike. The Women's Club formed a Library Committee and staffed the library with volunteers. Residents in the area paid the rent.

In 1961, a referendum was passed, and the library was incorporated as a non-profit organization with a Board of Trustees. Two years later, the library found a new home in the former Memorial Baptist Church where it stayed until an addition was built on the old Red Lion School site located across the street.

The library moved into the new facility in April 1995. With the new facility came a need to update technology. In 1995, the library joined the Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium (MCLINC), a non-profit organization whose members are the public libraries in the county. As a resource and information center, the goal of Huntingdon Valley Library is to enrich the lives of the residents of Lower Moreland Township by meeting their educational, cultural and recreational needs.



Mission Statement

To provide a vibrant welcoming environment where everyone will engage, explore and enjoy.



Strategic Goal Priorities

Collaboration - We seek partnerships and cooperation with all who share our common goals.

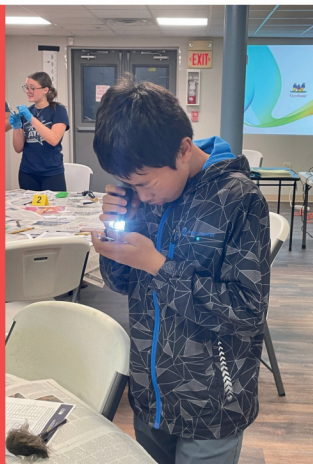
Destination - We will continue to be the hub of our community.

Education - We support lifelong learning for all members of our community.

Innovation - We support and encourage enhanced technological literacy in the community.

Inspiration - We aspire to be an environment for exploration and creative expression.

Participation - We are a catalyst to spark community involvement.



Huntingdon Valley Library Board of Trustees

February 2024

President, Jack Bernstein

Vice President, Joseph Canale

Treasurer, Judith Trichon

Secretary, Steve Ciment

Members at Large, Mitchell Fink, Jeffrey Rubin, Aivy Dowds

Active Committees

Bylaws, Building Services and Contracts, Finance, Nominating,
Personnel, Strategic Planning



2024 Statistics

6,039 Residents have Library Cards

176,624 Physical Items Checked Out

15,708 Electronic Items Checked Out

115,218 Visits to the Library Building

3,982 New Titles Added

10,352 Reference Questions Answered

1,932 Hours Contributed by Volunteers

338 Days Open

Enhancing Our Library's Impact on the Community

The Value We Provide:

Financial Savings for Patrons

In 2024, our patrons saved an impressive \$1,682,250.26 by borrowing materials instead of purchasing them.

Commitment to Collections

We surpassed the state requirement by spending 15% of our budget on collections, ensuring that our community has access to a diverse and relevant range of materials.

Innovative Facilities

We are enhancing our collaborative spaces with the acquisition of five new meeting pods, two of which are ADA-compliant. All pods were funded by donations. These pods provide inclusive environments for studying, video conferencing, and community meetings.

Strong Community Engagement

Our library hosted 554 events, attracting 10,099 attendees. These programs strengthen community bonds and promote lifelong learning across all age groups.

Youth and Adult Programming

Our youth services offered a variety of programs, including storytimes, book clubs, and the Teen Advisory Board, which engaged 75 students. Adult services have also expanded, introducing new programs and collaborations to meet community needs.

ESL and Literacy Initiatives

We trained 30 volunteer tutors for our ESL program, promoting language skills and integration for non-native speakers through conversation clubs and partnerships with local organizations.

Digital Resource Expansion

Our investment in digital resources has grown, offering patrons access to valuable databases and streaming services, ensuring that everyone can find the information they need.





2024 Funding

Revenue

Lower Moreland Township	\$ 430,998
State Aid	\$ 47,666
Grants, Gifts, Other Income	\$ 64,831
Friends of HV Library	\$ 34,249
Total	\$ 577,744

Expenses

Staff Expense	\$ 376,201
Occupancy and Admin	\$ 168,197
Collection and Programs	\$ 92,545
Total	\$ 636,943

Thank You

Our library is not just a place for books; it is a vital community hub that supports education, fosters creativity, and promotes connection. With your support, we can continue to enhance our services, expand our reach, and ensure that every resident has the opportunity to benefit from what we offer.

Call to Action: Join us in our mission to empower and enrich our community. Your contributions will directly support our programs, facilities, and outreach efforts, ensuring that our library remains a cornerstone of knowledge and connection for generations to come.

You can donate on our website or via the QR code below. If you would like to help further our mission of literacy with a larger gift, please contact Pam Dull, Library Director

 215-947-5138

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