

# Huntingdon Valley Library

2025  
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.



# Huntingdon Valley Library Board of Trustees

February 2025

President, Steve Ciment

Vice President, Joseph Canale

Treasurer, Jaclyn Kenny

Secretary, Patricia Balitsky

Members at Large, Mitchell Fink, Barbara Koppel, Aivy Dowds

## Active Committees

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



## 2025 Statistics

6,038 Residents have Library Cards

154,247 Physical Items Checked Out

24,480 Electronic Items Checked Out

126,683 Visits to the Library Building

4,258 New Titles Added

7,848 Reference Questions Answered

1,538 Hours Contributed by Volunteers

337 Days Open

# Our Library's Impact on the Community

## The Value We Provide:

### Financial Savings for Patrons

In 2025, our patrons saved an impressive \$1,690,279.41 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 enhanced our facility with the acquisition of fifteen new tables and 25 new chairs for our Quiet Study Area.

### Strong Community Engagement

Our library hosted 608 events, attracting 10,677 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 85 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.





# 2025 Funding

## Revenue

Lower Moreland Township	\$ 511,285
State Aid	\$ 47,666
Grants, Gifts, Other Income	\$ 100,811
Friends of HV Library	\$ 33,974
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 693,736</b>
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*Friends In Kind Donations \$11,041*

Staff Expense	\$412,365
Occupancy and Admin	\$ 175,197
Collection and Programs	\$ 97,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 684,598</b>

## 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

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