

Middletown Public Library



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Dear Resident:

As we enter into our 93rd year serving the community at large, Middletown Public Library is celebrating its sixth year as a nonprofit library (501(c)3 organization). We continue to be excited about the future because we are able to do more each year.

- We're offering more programs for children and families than ever before. For various projects we have been able to partner with local schools and other community organizations who serve area children.
- Local youth enjoyed our 2018 summer program. The summer program was also an opportunity for community involvement. Twenty local businesses and organizations helped support the program.
- We have been proactive in our fundraising. Funds were received from the Friends of the Library's two used book sales, a biannual spaghetti dinner, and a far-reaching appeal letter campaign.
- We were able to purchase equipment for our weekly STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) due to generous grants from TE Connectivity and the PPL Foundation.
- We are associated with the Science Fiction Book Club on Facebook, a science fiction literature discussion group, which has over 4,500 members from all around the world. This association has increased our adult programming numbers by 20% this past year.

We are committed to protecting your investment and providing our communities with quality library service, but we need your help. Our funding challenges are real and they are significant.

The library serves area residents in many ways. These people are your neighbors, your friends and quite possibly yourself. These are some examples from this past year.

- Children from a local nursery school come to the library every week to learn library skills and a love of reading and the arts.
- Saturday programming allows working families more opportunities for literacy and learning.
- Many people use our computers to work on their resumes and to apply for jobs.
- The library helps patrons evaluate the validity of online information.
- United Way's tax assistance program, held at the library, helped to prepare 147 tax returns. In addition, the library is one of the few remaining locations in the area that still offers paper tax forms.

This library was started through the generosity, vision and dedication of many benefactors and volunteers. These gifts of time and money represented a sacrifice on each donor's part and our goal is to honor that sacrifice by continuing to provide library service for many years to come. We have already taken the initial steps by reaching out to you, our residents. Your support is giving us the motivation to move forward. Your help plays a BIG part in our ability to make a difference in people's lives. Take a moment to reflect on what the public library brings to your community – and help keep it going for many more years to come.

Thank you, in advance, for whatever you are able to give. Your donation to our annual fund drive is greatly appreciated and is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

I would like to support the library through a donation to "The Middletown Public Library". Please accept my donation of:

____ \$25 ____ \$50 ____ \$75 ____ \$100
____ \$150 ____ \$250 ____ \$500 \$ ____ Other (please specify amount)

**This appeal is for the sole benefit of
the Middletown Public Library
and not part of any other fundraising activity**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____