

Middletown Public Library



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Dear Resident:

As we enter into our 96th year serving the community at large, Middletown Public Library is celebrating its ninth year as a nonprofit library (501(c)(3) organization). The library continues to find ways to innovate and is excited about the future as the world continues to return to normal.

- Our adult programs like our monthly book clubs (General Book Club and Mystery Book Club) have returned to in-person meetings (but still offer virtual meetings too). Our children's programs such as Storytime and the Reading to the Dogs programs have also returned to in-person meetings.
- Our Summer Reading Program in 2021 was once again held in-person. We had free live performances each week for area children after being fully virtual in 2020. The summer program was also an opportunity for community involvement. Many local businesses and organizations helped support the program and we received large donations from the George Frey Trust and the Middletown Kiwanis.
- We have been proactive in our fundraising, receiving grants/funds this past year from the Paycheck Protection Program, Dauphin County CARES funding, Middletown Masonic Lodge, UGI, and the Hershey Rotary. We had a far-reaching appeal letter campaign, and we held book sales in late 2020, and Spring and Fall 2021.
- We are associated with the Science Fiction Book Club on Facebook, a science fiction literature discussion group, which has almost 9,000 members. This is an increase of almost 2,000 members in one year. The group has members in all 50 states and 64 other countries around the world.

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 of services provided from this past year.

- Patrons borrowed many types of items: books, DVDs, audiobooks, e-books, and e-audiobooks.
- Children from two local nursery schools came to the library weekly to learn library skills and develop a love of reading and the arts.
- Many people used our computers to work on their resumes and to apply for jobs.
- The library helped patrons evaluate the validity of online information.
- United Way's tax assistance program, held at the library, helped to prepare tax returns for 2,367 families in the capital region that resulted in almost \$3,396,000 in refunds. 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 step 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: _____