WLN™ Westmoreland Library Network

2018 Annual Report

Our Mission

Westmoreland Library Network (WLN) is an alliance of 25 public libraries in Westmoreland County, and is one of 29 District Centers under the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, PA Department of Education. It is dedicated to achieving excellence in library and information services for all County residents through the coordination of resources and services, the sharing of information expertise, and the promotion of library staff development for the mutual benefit of all member libraries.

Our Vision

Westmoreland Library Network is committed to leading the public libraries within Westmoreland County by ensuring all libraries remain relevant for the future of the communities they serve.

Our Accomplishments
Supporting Member Libraries in 2018

Westmoreland Library Network (WLN) dedicates itself to providing excellent library services to all residents of Westmoreland County. Through a combination of technology upgrades and support, professional development opportunities, and programming partnerships, WLN helped libraries meet ever-changing community needs.

Through a combination of $174,880 in federal eRate funding and a $450,000 grant from the R.K. Mellon Foundation, WLN undertook a multi-year project to upgrade and standardize member libraries' technology infrastructure. The upgraded wiring and equipment meets today's standards for improved Internet service to our libraries and our patrons. In addition to wiring and equipment upgrades, the project included hiring a full-time IT support technician, implementing free cloud backup for member libraries, and centralized web filtering and anti-virus projection. As a result, WLN member libraries saved thousands of dollars by no longer having to contract with outside vendors for technical support, WLN support service to member libraries was drastically improved with the standardization of internal networking, and libraries elevated the level of service they provide to Westmoreland County residents.

WLN also raised the professional knowledge and skills of member library staff through free workshops and financial support for conferences. In 2018, WLN staff held nine free workshops for on topics such as statistical analysis, designing for social media, and website development. In addition, WLN provided scholarships for library staff to attend regional and national conferences, including the Public Library Association Conference and Pitt Greensburg Children's Literature Conference.

Partnership with organizations like Computer Reach, Seton Hill University, and CareerLink allowed member libraries to offer free computer classes, author visits, and workforce development programs to Westmoreland County residents.

In addition to all of 2018's accomplishments, a committee of WLN board members, staff, and library directors created a strategic plan that will guide WLN's work into 2022.

Our Impact

128,550 registered library cardholders

790,833 visits to WLN member libraries

874,388 items available to borrow

1,339,409 items borrowed by cardholders
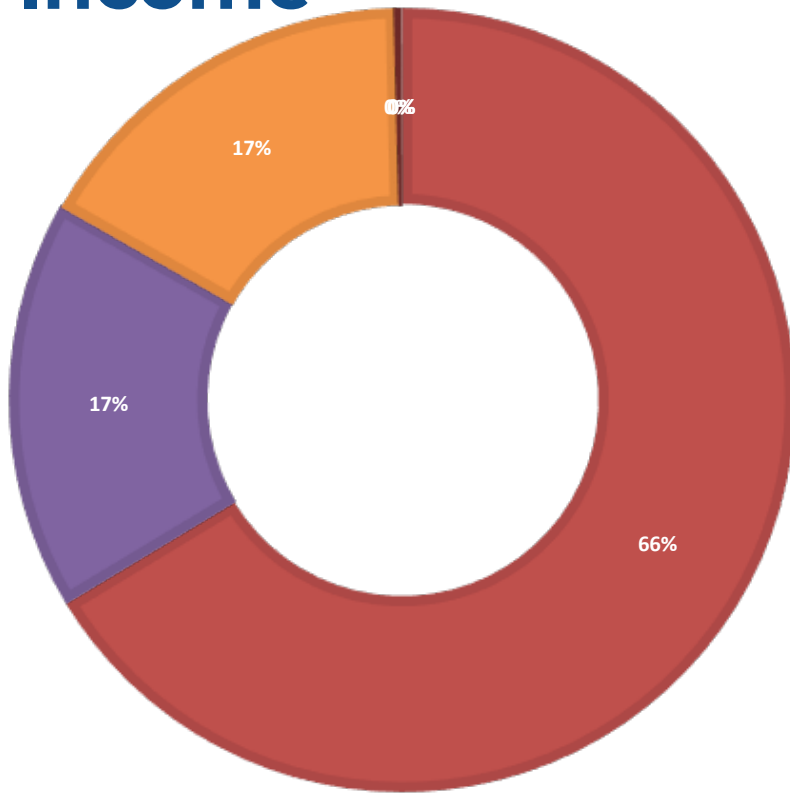
116,460 free eBooks and eAudio borrowed

121,890 hours of free Internet accessed by cardholders

4,916 free programs for kids, teens, and adults

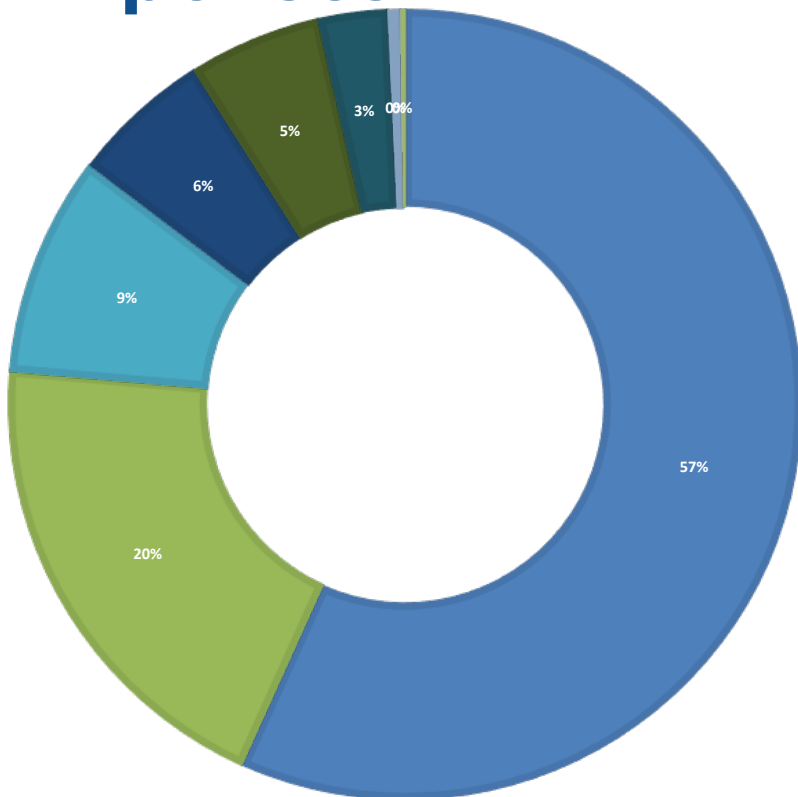**83,734** people attended library programs

170 volunteers donated their time & expertise

Income

66%	State Aid	$	1,118,387
17%	County Aid	$	285,000
16%	District Aid	$	276,695
0.3%	Grants	$	4,933
0.04%	Donations	$	645
0.02%	Miscellaneous	$	417
		$	1,686,077

Expenses

56.8%	State Aid Distribution	$	956,920
19.6%	Salaries & Benefits	$	330,739
9.0%	Services to Member Libraries	$	151,169
5.7%	County Aid Distribution	$	95,863
5.4%	Library Materials & Programs	$	91,421
2.9%	Facility Related	$	48,119
0.5%	Office Expenses	$	8,818
0.2%	Unrestricted net assets	$	3,028
		$	1,686,077

Our Team

Cesare Muccari
Executive Director

Dana Farabaugh
District Consultant

Joseph Fee
Technology Resources Coordinator

Kathleen Miller
Finance/Office Manager

Kenneth O'Toole
IT Support Technician

Diane Nowakowski
Administrative Assistant

Our Board

Westmoreland Library Network is governed by a 7-member board of trustees. Two board members are appointed by the Westmoreland County Commissioners, and the rest serve as representatives of WLN member libraries.

William Scheeren
President
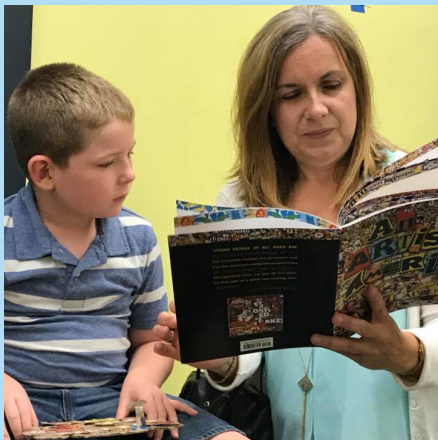
Lynn Wackenhuth
Vice President

Mary Stubbs
Secretary

Charles Greenberg
Treasurer

Karen Stefl
Member

Dan McKinnon
Member

Cindy Soltys
Member

Our Members

Adams Memorial Library
Director: Tracy Trotter
1112 Ligonier Street
Latrobe, PA 15650
724-539-1972
www.adamslib.org
Branch: Caldwell Memorial Library
988 N Chestnut Ext
Derry, PA 15627
724-694-5765

Belle Vernon Public Library
Director: Elina Filander
505 Speer Street
North Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-929-6642
www.bellevernonlibrary.org

Delmont Public Library
Director: Denni Grassel
77 Greensburg Street
Delmont, PA 15626
724-468-5329
www.delmontlibrary.org

Greensburg Hempfield Area Library
Director: Jamie Falo
237 S. Pennsylvania Ave
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-837-5620
www.ghal.org
Branch: Youngwood Area Public Library
17 South 6th Street
Youngwood, PA 15697
724-925-9350
www.youngwoodapl.org

Jeannette Public Library
Director: Angela Betz
500 Magee Avenue
Jeannette, PA 15644
724-523-5702
www.jeannettepubliclibrary.org

Ligonier Valley Library
Director: Janet Hudson
120 W. Main Street Ligonier, PA 15658
724-238-6451
www.ligonierlibrary.org

Manor Public Library
Director: Stephanie Capasso
44 Main Street Suite 500
Manor, PA 15665
724-864-6850
www.manorpubliclibrary.org

Monessen Public Library
Director: Dave Zilka
326 Donner Avenue
Monessen, PA 15062
724-684-4750
www.monessenlibrary.org

Mount Pleasant Public Library
Director: Mary Kaufman
120 S. Church Street
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666
724-547-3850
www.mountpleasantlibrary.org

Murrysville Community Library
Director: Emma Beaver
4130 Sardis Road
Murrysville, PA 15668
724-327-1102
www.murrysvillelibrary.org

New Alexandria Public Library
Director: Jennifer Graham
Keystone Plaza
New Alexandria, PA 15944
724-668-7747
www.newalexlibrary.org

New Florence Community Library
Director: Margaret Betz
122 Ligonier Street
New Florence, PA 15944
724-235-2249
www.newflorencelibrary.org

Norwin Public Library
Director: Diana Falk
100 Caruthers Lane
Irwin, PA 15642
724-863-4700
www.nowinpubliclibrary.org

Penn Area Library
Director: Dorene Miller
2001 Municipal Court
Harrison City, PA 15636
724-744-4414
www.pennlib.org

Peoples Library
DIrector: David Hrivnak
880 Barnes Street
New Kensington, PA 15068
724-339-1021
www.peopleslibrary.org

Branch: Peoples Library Lower Burrell
3052 Wachter Avenue
Lower Burrell, PA 15068
724-339-1565

Rostraver Public Library
Director: Naomi Cross
700 Plaza Drive
Rostraver Township, PA 15012
724-379-5511
www.rostraverlibrary.org

Scottdale Public Library
Director: Patricia Miller
106 Spring Street
Scottdale, PA 15683
724-887-6140
www.scottdalelibrary.org

Sewickley Township Public Library
Director: Mandy Luchs
201 Highland Avenue
Herminie, PA 15637
724-446-9940
www.sewickleytownshippubliclibrary.org

Smithton Public Library
Director: Adrianne McConville
615 Center Street
Smithton, PA 15479
724-872-0701

Trafford Community Library
Director: Jessica Beichler
416 Brinton Avenue
Trafford, PA 15085
412-372-5115
www.traffordlibrary.org

Vandergrift Public Library
Director: Vanessa Groholski
128 C Washington Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690
724-568-2212
www.vandergriftpubliclibrary.org

West Newton Public Library
Director: Robin Matty
124 N. Water Street
West Newton, PA 15089
724-972-3229
https://www.westnewtonlibrary.com

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