

Staff & Volunteers

The Library staff, led by Library Director Lynn Burkholder, includes 3 full-time and 16 part-time workers. There were 123 volunteers who donated 3,243 hours of service in the Library. Many other volunteers contributed their time for fundraising activities. In recognition of this service, the Library Board hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social in August.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Lower Providence Community Library support the Library through volunteer work and fundraising efforts. In 2017 they assisted with the Annual Wine Tasting and sponsored other fundraising activities, including an ongoing used book sale, supermarket receipt refund programs, calendar sales, and basket raffles. The Friends donated \$18,000 to the Library in 2017, which was used to fund children's and teen programs and the museum pass collection, purchase new library materials, and purchase an AWE Early Literacy tablet loaded with hundreds of learning activities.

The **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)** is the junior division of the Friends. Members take an active part in supporting the Library by helping with Library fundraising events, children's programs and activities, the LPT Easter Egg Hunt and Fall Festival, and decorating the Library for the holidays.

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Mission

The Lower Providence Community Library provides the highest quality library services to its patrons of all ages. The materials, resources, services and facility meet community needs for education, recreation, technology, and cultural enrichment.

Vision

Lower Providence Community Library is an essential gathering place; a center of culture, intellect and technology; and a portal for discovery of information and enlightenment for its community.

2017 Library Board of Trustees

The Library is governed by a 7-member volunteer Board of Trustees appointed by the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors.

Marie Altieri, President
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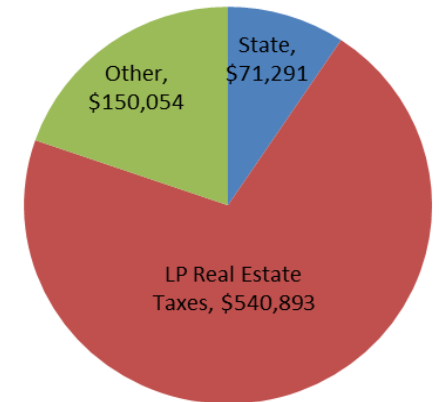
Library Executive Director
Lynn Burkholder

Funding

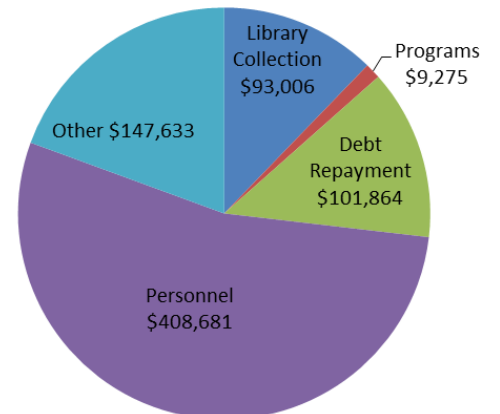
The Library is partially funded by allocations from the state and from Lower Providence Township real estate taxes. The remaining funds for the operating budget are raised by the Library through fundraising events, donations, grants, interest, fines, and fees. The Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

In 2017 the Library spent \$29.90 per capita for each Lower Providence Township resident, \$21.26 of which came from local tax dollars.

INCOME \$762,238



EXPENSE \$760,459



Highlights of 2017

The Library received 175,185 visitors in 2017 and loaned 216,954 items.

Twelve new computer workstations were installed in the summer to replace the tables holding the public access computers. The new workstation provide library patrons more space in which to work, a greater degree of privacy, and space free of clutter from cords and wires. Other improvements include a fresh coat of paint to interior walls.

In response to a New Library Services Survey distributed early in the year, these new services were added:

- Hoopla — a digital service providing streaming and downloadable video, music, audio books and ebooks
- Wi-Fi hotspots — hotspots to check out for a week at a time to provide internet service at home or on the go
- More museum passes — passes for four new sites were added plus an additional pass for the most popular site

EBSCO Discovery, a powerful new search tool, was added to the catalog search feature on the Library website. Patrons now have the option to choose Catalog to search in the online catalog only or

choose All Resources to search in the catalog plus online databases subscribed to by the library to find articles in magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias and more.

Children's & Teen Programs and Events

The Children's & Teen Department, under the leadership of Sandrah Moles, hosted 473 programs attended by 10,622 children, teens, and adults.

- Story Time—held 4 days a week, 2 sessions each day
- What's the BIG Idea?—two 10-week sessions of this math and science based early literacy program
- Summer Reading Club—678 children and teens registered for the Summer Reading Program
- Science in the Summer—4-day science workshop sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline.
- Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child—annual parent/child interactive early literacy event
- Many new STEM learning activities
- TAB (Teen Advisory Board)—met monthly to plan programs, help with library events and have fun

Many other programs and special events were held throughout the year including

author visits, crafts, Legos Club, a preschool Halloween party. Families enjoyed programs by magicians, storytellers, musicians, theater groups, and puppeteers. The Lower Providence Township Police Department provided a demonstration of its K9 unit in action. The Library worked cooperatively with Methacton schools by participating in Back-to-School night events in the schools and hosting the Skyview Upper Elementary "Spring Into Poetry" event in the Library.

Outreach events were provided to several area preschools. Library tours were provided for scout groups and preschool groups and library space was made available for home-school groups.

The Library participated in the Lower Providence Township Easter Egg Hunt with help from the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and in the Lower Providence Fall Festival. Children in the township summer camp programs also participated in some of the library summer programs.

Adult Programs & Events

The Adult Department, under the direction of Barbara Loewengart, offered 572 programs with an attendance of 5,845. Weekly programs included Mahjong Club, Crafters Club, Canasta, Cercle Francais, English Conversation Class (ESL), yoga, chair yoga,

and meditation. Other programs included:

- Monthly book discussion groups
- Computer and technology classes
- Adult Summer Reading Program
- Movie showings
- Programs on various topics including gardening, art, crafts, finances, food, Medicare, Social Security, musical performances, writing, and more
- Volunteer Fair with 17 community organizations participating

The two major fundraising events for the year were the 17th Annual Wine Tasting held in March and a Murder Mystery Dinner in October.

Library Resources

The Library collection totals 55,388 physical items; 350,508 e-books, 356,845 downloadable audiobooks and music, 36,135 downloadable and streaming videos, and 109 digital magazines titles. Library patrons had access to 33 electronic resources, 10 public desktop computers, 10 laptops, an early literacy computer and tablet, 4 iPads, and a wireless internet access point.