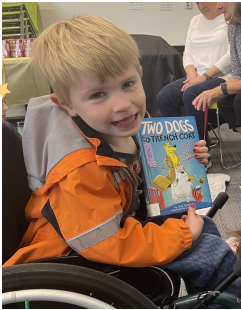




WVPL'S 100th Anniversary

To mark this historic 100th year anniversary, WVPL invited the community to join in a day of festivities on October 21st from 10am-5pm at both the branches. The celebration featured fun games, crafts, a 1920s themed scavenger hunt, photobooths, Old McDonald balloon show, live music, snacks and much more. As part of the centennial celebration, WVPL had curated a timeline exhibition showing the libraries journey through the years. The event was attended by the Mayor of Ambler at the Ambler Branch, Representatives Hanbidge and Cerruto, and Whippain Supervisor Kim Koch at the Main Library. They presented a special proclamation in honor of the celebration.



Main Library Renovation Update

As much as the 100th anniversary was about celebrating the past, it is also about looking towards the future. We aim to continue our mission of promoting literacy, supporting education, and building a stronger, more connected community. In order to do that we are renovating the main library in Blue Bell.

The roof on the main library was 40+ years old, and it needed to be replaced. The library applied for and was awarded a Keystone Grant to pay half of the cost (from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Department of Education, with funds provided from the Keystone Recreation, Park Conservation Fund). The bids were advertised on PennBid and a roofer was chosen. Roof replacement was completed in October.

Next, we need to fix plumbing issues and renovate the bathrooms, which haven't been touched since 1994. After that, the parking lot needs to be resurfaced. Only after those major tasks are completed will we start working on interior changes such as new and improved study rooms and conference room. Then we will upgrade the carpet, replace some furniture, and paint. We would also love to have the outside of the library reflect all the wonderful activities going on inside.

How can you help? While we are working hard on getting grants, we still need between \$200,000 to \$400,000 to complete the project. Won't you help us create a safe and attractive environment for children to play and learn, a place where students and adults feel comfortable reading and studying, a modern building where families can enjoy spending time together with their kids and a welcoming space where adults and seniors can socialize and learn new things?

DONATE

Please help support our efforts to make a better library for the community. An envelope is enclosed or if you prefer to donate online, please go to www.wvpl.org.

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AMBLER BRANCH

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We thank all of the wonderful donors who have already donated to the 2023-2024 annual appeal. We are immensely grateful for your loyalty and donations throughout the years. Thank you for being an essential part of our library's history.

The Blue Bell Friends gave the library \$1,250 to purchase 2 book carts, \$2,028 to purchase 100th Anniversary promotional materials and \$2,038 to subscribe to fundraising software. The Ambler Friends gave the library \$3,400 in 2023 to support adult and children's programs.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Ambler for donating the funds to pay for a whole new set of children's books on all 50 states.



Accessibility Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed WVPL's Accessibility Survey. We were happy to learn that 77% of the respondents felt that the library was accessible to them. We also learned what types of accommodations people with mobility, hearing, visual and cognitive disabilities need. This will help us to make the library a more welcoming place, one of our strategic planning goals. We were also happy that so many people used the comment fields to pay the library and staff wonderful complements:

I'd like to say that our librarians are so helpful and pleasant. Thank you for that.

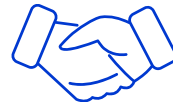
I love and have always enjoyed WVPL.

The programs this summer were fantastic and my crew is already talking about seeing them again next year.

Grateful for the cheerful responses to the phone requests for book reservations.

Just keep being a wonderful resource for us.

Love that there is a new ramp at Ambler Library.

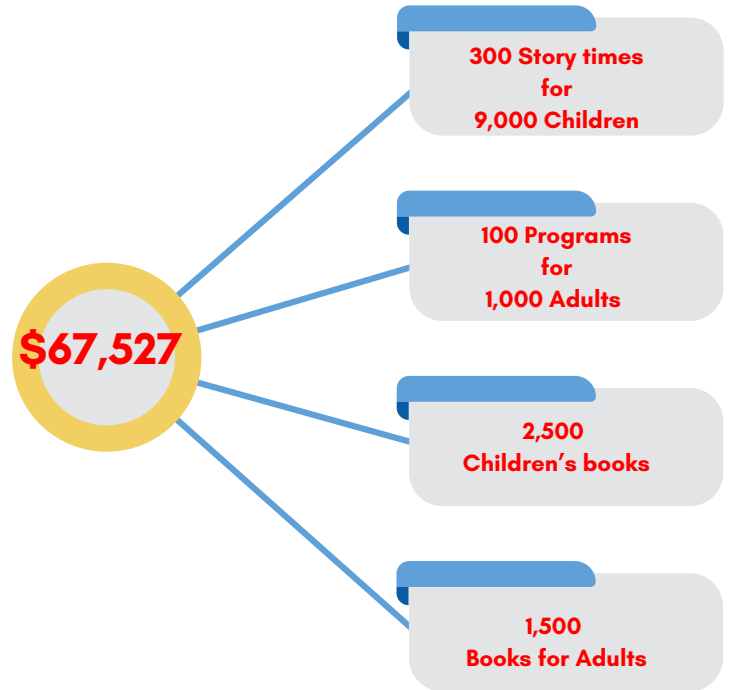


You Did It

How you helped the library

In the fiscal year 2022-2023, you donated \$67, 527.

Those funds provided:



Thank you! Each year your gift helps fund areas of need like books and programming. We are grateful to you for allowing us to provide these resources. Can we count on your participation this year? Please donate today.

How to Donate



Donations are tax deductible

- **Mail donations in the enclosed envelope.**
- **Donate online at www.wvpl.org. Click on *Donate*.**
- **Sign up for company matching donations.** *The library gets matching donations from General Electric, Exxon Mobil, Merck, Citizens Bank, Johnson & Johnson, Penn Virginia Corporation, Pfizer Foundation, Quaker Chemical Foundation, Vanguard, Oracle, Wells Fargo, and GlaxoSmithKline.*
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Ongoing Programs at the Library

Blue Bell Branch:

Mondays

Online ESL Group
Yoga
Advanced Tai Chi
Intermediate Tai Chi
Beginning Tai Chi
Chess Club

Tuesdays

Storytime (Ages 2+)
Knitting
Online ESL Group
Movie Matinee
Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesdays

Book Club (1st Wednesdays)
NAMI Family Support Group (3rd Wednesdays)

Thursdays

Storytime (Ages 2+)
Socrates Café (2nd Thursdays)
Thursday Movie Club (1st Thursdays)
NAMI Connection group (1st and 3rd Thursdays)

Fridays

Baby Wiggles (Under 2 years)
Mahjong Group

Saturdays

Mystery Book Group (3rd Saturdays)

Ambler Branch:

Mondays

Preschool Storytime
Online ESL Group
Beading Group (1st and 3rd Mondays)

Tuesdays

Baby Storytime
Online ESL Group

Wednesdays

Beginner ESL
Queens of Mystery Book Club (1st Wednesdays)

Thursdays

Yoga
Book Group (2nd Thursdays)
NAMI peer support group (2nd and 4th Thursdays)

Fridays

Yarn café
Ambler Artist Group

Saturdays

Reading to the Dogs (3rd Saturday)



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Current Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10-8 PM
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(Sept-May)



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