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ANNUAL REPORT

Libraries Transform



Carnegie
Library of
Pittsburgh

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Libraries are the catalysts for powerful individual and community change. Our founder, Andrew Carnegie, a Scottish immigrant, recognized the value of libraries as places of opportunity. Since 1895, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has stayed true to that mission by supporting and nurturing literacy and learning.

Pittsburgh has a strong and cherished library system. As a community anchor, the Library plays an instrumental role in the transformation of our region. It fosters civic pride and responsibility. It provides strong literacy tools, including books, Internet access, children's story times, Makerspaces, classes and workshops. In addition, the Library encourages cultural diversity and tolerance as a welcoming place for immigrants and international visitors.

Children who are at the earliest stages of development are building learning skills that can last a lifetime. Students meet at the Library to work on homework, supplementing their education with hands-on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) programs. Authors, poets and designers are born through our Makerspaces – where patrons bring their ideas to life.

Libraries are transforming the region's economic landscape. Today, applying for a job is about more than filling out an online application; it's about making personal connections with potential employers. Job seekers, including recent college graduates, veterans, mature workers, immigrants and refugees, build relationships through library services that often lead to employment.

The Library empowers residents and helps transform their lives through life-long learning, digital literacy, entrepreneurship and engagement. Through the community's investment, the Library is able to do this and much more, helping to make life better for people in our region.



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2016 was a year for the books – literally and figuratively – for Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh! We know Pittsburghers love a competition. So, when our staff challenged residents of all ages to read a collective 90,000 books over the summer months, we knew our community would not disappoint. We exceeded our goal and read 150,244 by the end of summer.

We know that the Library is more than the books and materials we make available. It is what people do with the information and experiences from the Library that makes an impact.

The Library is a center of reading, culture, learning and civic engagement. While not bound by walls, the Library anchors neighborhoods, connects people with information and organizations and provides a neutral place to explore interests and ideas. Staff bring learning and reading opportunities to people where they work, live and play.

Thanks to your commitment, the Library is keeping pace with innovation directly aligned with the voice of the community. We have expanded hours so all of our neighborhood libraries are open evenings, after school and on weekends. Young people are engaged in learning and focused on their future thanks to an investment in high-quality early learning and out-of-school programs that reflect individual interests. Last year, our staff connected with more than 188,000 children and teens both in the Library and at outreach visits.

All residents have equal access to information, including online resources. eResource usage continues to increase as more people use downloadable resources to access books, music, magazines, databases and entertainment. We are investing in our buildings through capital maintenance, ensuring that all of our locations are accessible, comfortable and inviting. Our newest renovated location, CLP – Knoxville, is a bright, eco-friendly space that has expanded areas for children, teens and families to enjoy.

When Andrew Carnegie founded this library system more than 120 years ago, he could not have imagined the dramatic transformation that library services and spaces would undergo. Our Board of Trustees and staff remain committed to finding fresh and innovative ways to protect and grow the Library's resources; working hard to initiate new funding streams and grow corporate, foundation and individual giving. We are excited about what the future holds for our library system and invite you to continue on our journey. Thank you for valuing library services and providing residents with enriching out-of-school learning, workforce and economic development, early childhood learning and community engagement opportunities.



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#PGHREADS

Summer reading is such an important part of library services and the Library's commitment to education and literacy. It helps children and teens develop life-long reading habits and enables parents to take an active role in the fun and learning that reading provides.

Parent Opal Middleton of Beechview agrees. She and her husband Tyler and their three children accepted the Library's Summer Reading challenge. "Remarkably our three-year-old son began to read at an early age and devoured hundreds of children's books," Middleton reports.

The family joined more than 14,000 readers, helping the city log a record 150,244 books between June 5 and August 31 – far exceeding the Library's 90,000 book challenge. Participants actually met the goal a whole month early!

During the summer, notable Pittsburghers, including Rick Sebak, Pittsburgh Dad, rapper Jasiri X, fashion designer Kiya Tomlin, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Mayor Bill Peduto posed with their favorite book for photos using #PGHREADS to showcase the Pittsburgh community as a city of readers.

As children returned to school, a test of the challenge's success was in the impact on learning. Research has proven that if children and teens read between four and six books over the summer they will be a lot more likely to retain or even improve the skills they learned the previous year. Students who read in the summer go back to school ready to learn. With better reading skills, they have higher test scores when school starts again.

COMMUNITY GOAL:

**READ 90,000 BOOKS
TO CELEBRATE PITTSBURGH'S
90 NEIGHBORHOODS**

8,732 KIDS

2,144 TEENS

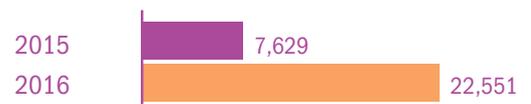
3,877 ADULTS



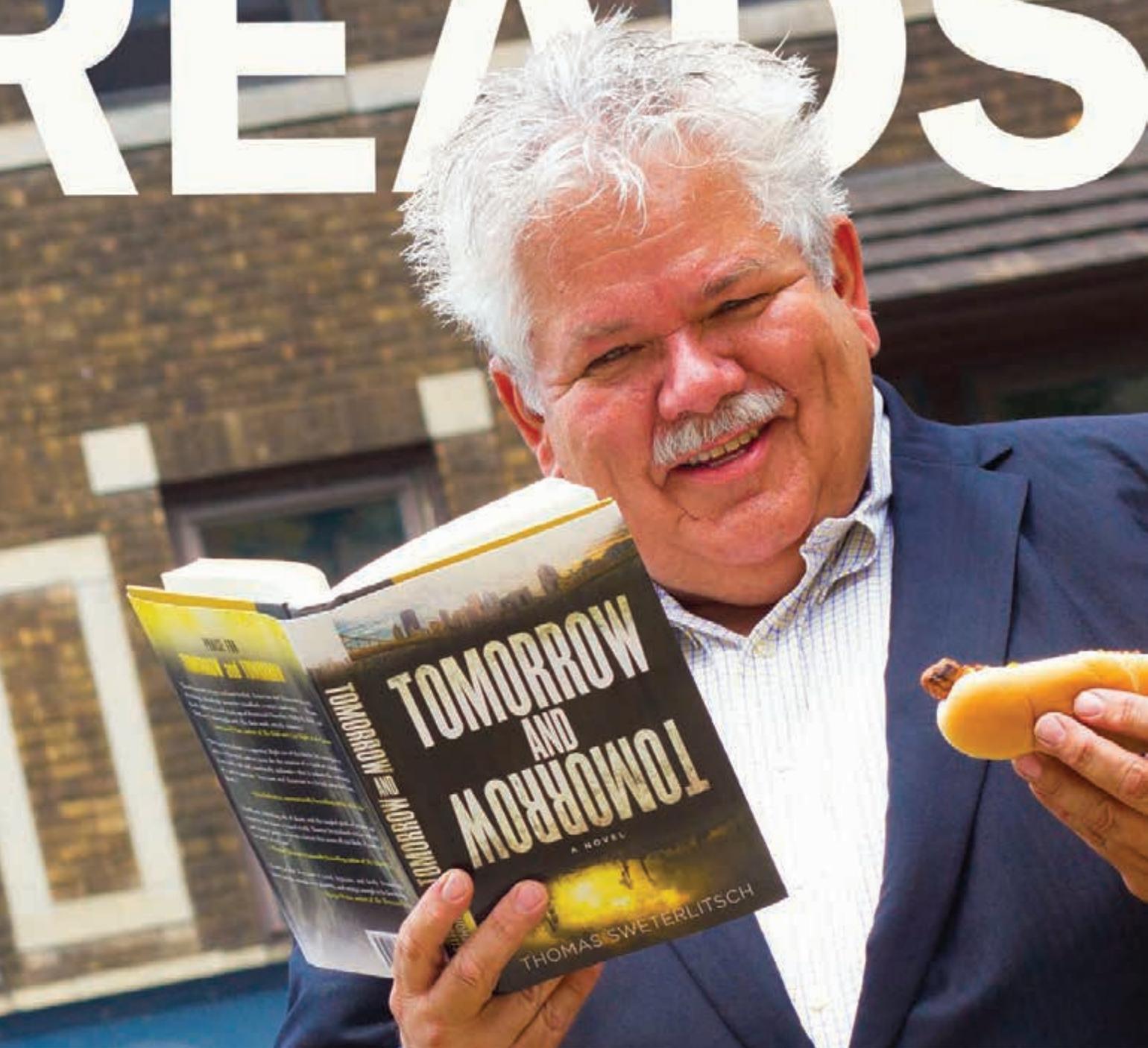
Books Logged by Kids and Teens



Books Logged by Adults



READS



 **265%**
INCREASE

Adults signed up in large numbers to join the #PGHREADS challenge.

353 READERS SIGNED UP FOR COACHING!

For the first time, the Library offered coaches to patrons as part of Summer Reading. Readers received personalized email reading suggestions from staff.

"We participate in Summer Reading every year. When we saw that there was a focus on adult summer reading, it was exciting. Our library really is the heart of our community. Having this beautiful new library building provides us with the space to do all of this great programming. I participated in the summer book club and read books I never would have read otherwise."

— Opal Middleton, patron,
CLP – Beechview

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

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There's a lot to love about libraries! No longer just places for books, libraries are viewed as anchors, centers for academic life and research and cherished spaces. A library brings value to the community. It teaches, inspires, opens doors and creates community.

In 2016, Allegheny County residents showed their library love by investing in a first-of-its-kind, county-wide donation campaign developed by Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Library Association.

Throughout the month of September, the Jack Buncher Foundation supported the innovative programs that spark learning, creativity and work/life skills created by libraries throughout Allegheny County by providing a matching pool of \$134,251 for the campaign.



46 LIBRARY
SYSTEMS
\$665,161
DOLLARS RAISED

“For me as a youngster, ‘going to the library’ was a venture into a grown-up realm full of row upon row of enormous bookcases where smells of old paper, wood, cloth and leather were all wrapped in a quiet hum. Now libraries are alive with color, light and energy. Computers have replaced card catalogues; dull reading corners have been changed into play nooks for children; and the libraries themselves have become far more than book repositories. They are the safe haven, resource center and community hub – libraries are the heart of a neighborhood.”

— Karen Emmerich, Grants Manager, The Jack Buncher Foundation



POP DES FLEURS: THE LIBRARY IN BLOOM

Despite Pittsburgh's cold, dreary winter, colorful and creative flower installations popped up at 16 Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations thanks to Pop des Fleurs, a community outreach project of the Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh. Library staff, volunteers and patrons of all ages spent months with fiber artists creating the imaginative and durable foliage from largely repurposed materials – plastic bags and tablecloths, CDs, yarn, pipe cleaners and wire. Each installation was different, capitalizing on an individual neighborhood library's unique outdoor elements and structures to display their flowers. The blooms of color got patrons excited about fiber art, connected neighbors and Pittsburgh communities and provided an outlet for skill sharing opportunities with local artists.

READING BUDDIES: LINKING CHILDREN AND VOLUNTEERS TO PROMOTE LITERACY

Kids learn best when they have an adult to encourage them! As a new Hazelwood resident, Tameeka Jones-Cuff volunteers for "Reading Buddies" not only as a way to get to know her new neighbors, but also to involve her own children. She finds fulfillment in the smiles on children's faces as they get excited about reading. Tameeka has applied her work in early childhood development to help customize approaches for reluctant readers. A recent coup was convincing a die-hard video gamer to enjoy a ghost story when the computers were all in use. "He now returns asking me to read to him!"

Supportive relationships with extended family members and other caring adults are critical to child and youth development. Four additional locations joined CLP – Hazlewood in 2016 to host Reading Buddies, a program where volunteers are stationed in the Libraries' Children's Departments to support kids as they explore and learn. The volunteers act as caring mentors who read with kids, provide homework help, play games, make crafts, learn about technology and facilitate other library activities.





RENOVATION LENDS LIGHT TO NOTABLE ARCHITECTURE

Every evening, passersby on Brownsville Road are treated to a unique light display. Thanks to lighting designer Jason Marsico and Pittsburgh's Ultra Low Res Studio, teens visiting the Library's newest renovated location, CLP – Knoxville, are learning about lighting animation. In addition to 900 square feet of new useable space, an outdoor deck for the Children's Area, a recessed reading nook and a Teenspace area, the library space boasts an interactive "light wall" that animates the Library's façade at night. A computer application allows teens to customize the lighting animation from the building's interior. The light wall not only offers beautiful lighting outside the building in the evening, but also benefits the community by providing innovative technology experiences for youth.

"I am so thrilled to see all of the amazing work and improvements at CLP – Knoxville. What an asset to the community this space and its many services will prove to be for years to come."

— Bruce Kraus,
District 3, City Councilman





DEVELOPING THE NEXT GREAT SONGWRITER: AUDIO RECORDING LABS INTENSIVE

For five weeks in the summer, musicians worked side-by-side with teens in a comprehensive audio engineering program that took lyric writing and music to the next level. The result – a studio-quality original album written, produced and recorded entirely by teens from the North Side. Performing at an after-hours concert at the Library, the teens were able to share their perspective with the community and initiate conversation through song. Equal access to strong mentors, digital tools and media, such as professional recording equipment, is increasingly important in high-poverty areas where students are less likely to have encouragement and home access to state-of-the-art technology. The Labs Intensive at CLP – Allegheny was one of several throughout the library system that supported youth in their passions by connecting teens with professional musicians, songwriters, street artists and photojournalists.



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Fourteen of our country's newest citizens took the Oath of Allegiance at CLP – Main during the Library's first naturalization ceremony. During the ceremony, staff presented books and other materials pertaining to the home countries of the naturalized citizens, which included Bhutan, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Liberia, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and Venezuela. The Library is more than a center for information and learning. It provides a safe and welcoming experience for residents from all backgrounds.

ARTSEXCURSIONS UNLIMITED

Thanks to a partnership with ArtsExcursions Unlimited, more than 700 Hazelwood residents tackled issues such as the environment, urban design and social justice through art. Free arts and cultural experiences from museums and galleries to former steel mills empowered residents to know more about their city and expand their own personal development. Residents received behind-the-scenes access to cultural destinations not open to the public, private screenings and unique meet and greets with a number of notable Pittsburgh personalities.

"After an excursion I often hear people say, 'I didn't know about that,' or 'I'd never been there before.' Hazelwood is part of Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh has a lot going on with the arts."

– Edith Abeyta, Artist in Residence, Artist in the Public Realm Residency at CLP – Hazelwood

IN “LIVING COLOR”

The Teen Alternative Homecoming Planning Committee spent more than 60 hours in planning meetings, preparing the event space, brainstorming activities, assembling programs, selling tickets and distributing promotional materials. The 90s-themed, sold-out event attracted 200 teens from all over Pittsburgh for a night of dancing, literature, art and culture. Now in its fifth year, Alternative Homecoming demonstrates how the Library cultivates teen engagement and provides an inviting and safe environment for teens to express themselves without peer pressure or anxiety.

“Alternative Homecoming is an awesome idea for everyone to feel welcome and comfortable with their peers – no matter who they are, where they are from or their sexual orientation. There are no social stereotypes here.”

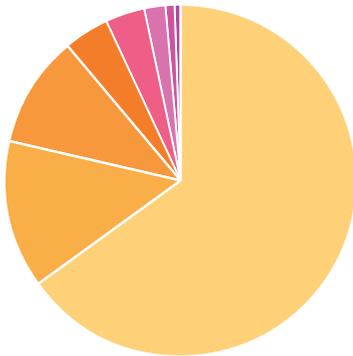
*– Hope LeGrande,
Committee Member and Teen Library Volunteer*





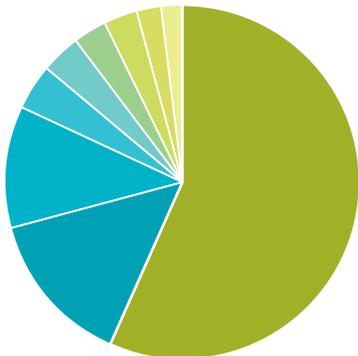
2016 Operating Budget Information

2016 Operating Revenues (Actual)



65.2%	Regional Asset District	\$20,836,740
13.6%	City Library Tax	\$4,357,946
10.5%	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$3,342,213
4.3%	Fundraising (annual)	\$1,358,273
3.8%	Earned Income	\$1,216,245
2.1%	Table Games	\$681,264
0.4%	Other Government	\$114,053
0.1%	City of Pittsburgh	\$40,000
Total Revenues		\$31,946,734

2016 Operating Expenses (Actual)



56.8%	Salaries and Benefits	\$18,137,391
14.1%	Library Materials	\$4,514,131
11.1%	Facility-Related	\$3,549,942
4.3%	Supplies and Professional Services	\$1,369,424
3.5%	IT and Electronic Services	\$1,125,238
3.1%	Debt Service	\$996,450
3.1%	Utilities	\$989,859
2.1%	Fundraising and Communication	\$685,828
1.8%	Fund Balance	\$578,472
Total Expenses		\$31,946,734

2016 Fundraising Revenues by Source and Purpose

This report reflects private philanthropic revenues received in 2016. The Library also received \$307,088 in revenue from competitive government grant programs to support services and capital projects.

	Unrestricted Operating (Operating Budget)	Restricted Operating	Capital	Endowment	Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped	Grand Totals
Individuals	\$424,956	\$21,739	\$1,700	\$48,697	\$20,419	\$517,511
Bequests	7,251	40,831	–	–	82,580	130,662
Corporations	179,584	360	5,600	–	1,559	187,103
Foundations	272,402	644,112	176,000	209,868	42,250	1,344,631
Groups and Organizations	474,080	139,471	151,900	–	6,796	772,247
Trusts	–	17,388	–	–	–	17,388
	\$1,358,273	\$863,901	\$335,200	\$258,565	\$153,604	\$2,969,542

For additional financial information, email donors@carnegielibrary.org or call 412.622.6276.

A young girl with dark hair is shown in profile, looking intently at a tablet computer. Her right hand is raised, with fingers spread, as if she is interacting with the screen or explaining something. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting like a library or classroom.

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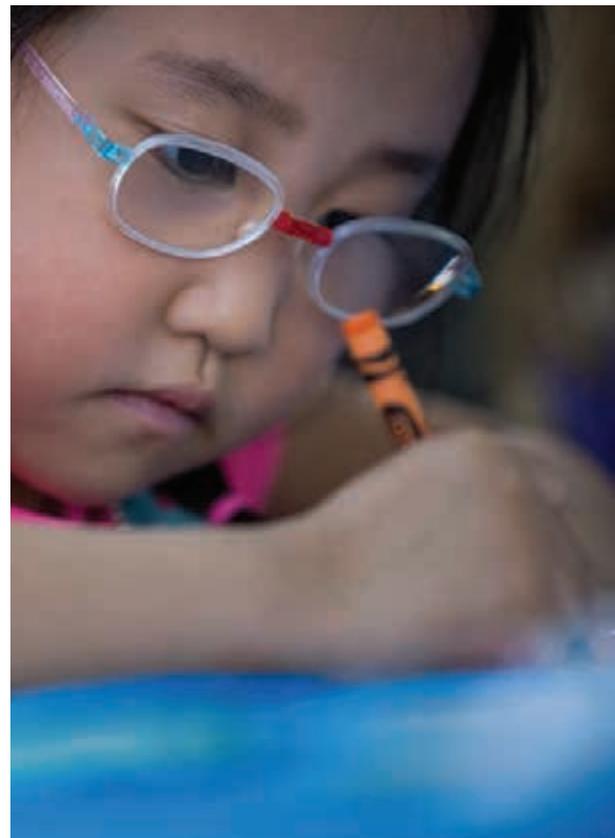
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