Supporting Literacy and Learning

Every day, the library impacts every aspect of the community with dynamic and diverse resources

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

A 2015 report
I Support...
Life is better in the Greater Pittsburgh region because you choose to support Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Your support impacts education, ensures business success, and creates and sustains a sense of community. Every day, the Library impacts every aspect of the community with dynamic and diverse resources whether it’s a book, a job, free Internet access, a place to gather with friends or a connection to our community.

Thanks to you, our staff is able to do great work both in and out of the Library’s walls. When Andrew Carnegie founded this Library system 120 years ago, he could not have imagined the dramatic transformation that library spaces and services would undergo. With strong community support, the Library continues to use our great legacy to shape the future.

Individual donors speak volumes. Together, along with the Regional Asset District, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and city taxpayers, you are making the difference between a good library and a great one. And as a great Library, we are a key partner in the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County and in the growth and vitality of our community.

On behalf of our Trustees, staff and the visitors who rely on library services, thank you for valuing literacy and learning.
As a teenager Susan Dowd’s first real job was just a five minute commute from home — at the town library. It would cement what would become a life-long enjoyment of reading.

Concerned that school libraries were being eliminated due to a decline in public school funding, Susan wanted to make sure local students had access to books. Donating to the Library’s BLAST (Bringing Libraries and Schools Together) program, which brings public library programs and resources into area schools, Head Start programs and Early Intervention Classrooms, ensures that students benefit from the services of a library specialist right in their classroom. With nearly one third of Pittsburgh children living in poverty, library resources, technology and research-based literacy programs help bridge the economic and digital divides.

Young people learn best when their learning is connected to their passions, desires and curiosities. Library staff offered more than 7,900 storytimes, parent workshops, technology programs, summer reading programs, school and home visits to underserved residents. For many, it may be the only interaction they have with their neighborhood library. Your contributions are hard at work helping to improve school readiness.

“...offered me a chance to be involved in something that satisfied many of my concerns about the decline in public school libraries. Over the past decade the Library has expanded the program to impact more than 20,000 children.”

Susan R. Dowd, Donor since 2002
Returning to her childhood neighborhood of East Liberty last year, retired school teacher Shirley Page found the bustle around businesses she remembered was replaced by new community development. Just a few bastions from the 1940s remained.

In Center City Philadelphia where Shirley lives today, budget cuts have forced many schools to close their libraries. Shirley points out that the Pittsburgh region is fortunate to have so many libraries, especially Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Calling libraries “the great equalizer,” Shirley established an endowment for children’s services at CLP – East Liberty, noting, “Libraries are beacons for families — anchors — a second home. I want to ensure that every child can take part in library resources and programming, I can’t imagine children not having access to books.”

Because of you, children who are at the greatest risk for reading challenges are starting Kindergarten with strong language skills, knowledge of letters, expanded vocabularies and a love of reading — essential skills they need to succeed in school and in life.

**Shirley Page, First time endowment donor**

“We need to make an effort to raise a child’s level of aspiration. It’s not just having that high school diploma. You’re going to have to be a learner all your life.”
As president of *Ace the Interview, LLC*, Hanni Cordes’ own entrepreneurial path started at CLP – South Side during a small business workshop. She found the program to be valuable because of the rich resources offered, the time the business librarians spent sharing their knowledge with her and the encouragement she received. “I don’t know that I would have made the progress I made in the time frame that I made it if I didn’t have the Library backing me up.”

Individuals in our region are mapping out their career paths, continuing their educations and reaching their fullest potential. In 2015, the Library assisted thousands of residents in realizing their job and career goals — providing resources ranging from teen summer employment to skill-building programs.

The Library is still the only place where all residents have free access to computers, the Internet and WiFi. Programs such as *Work Nights* and *Show Your Work* connect entrepreneurs to innovation resources, ideas and experts they may not otherwise afford. Workshops for minority-owned small businesses offer mentoring and training in online marketing and strategic planning. Partnerships and collaborations match local nonprofits with coders and technologists to create technology-based solutions for civic good. The Library offers all this and more with your help.

*Hanni Cordes and Jim McCluskey, Donors since 2006*

“Everyone has the right to have access to resources. It evens the playing field.”

*We Support Innovation and Business Success*
“I loved the Main Library from my first glance,” recalls Meryl Franzos. “But what really hooked me was the stacks — all the books and the old, glass floors. History, stories and architecture have always made my heart beat a little faster.”

It was in these stacks, tucked on a quiet windowsill, that Meryl began writing. Every day on her lunch break she returns to the solace of the Library to seek expert help, conduct research and hone her craft as she finishes her first novel.

Together, we are creating a community of readers, encouraging civic discourse and providing meaningful access to vibrant library collections, programs and services. Each of the Library’s 19 locations acts as a central hub for the community; a center for information, technology and learning that fuels educational and economic opportunity for all residents regardless of income. Here, residents find books, share experiences, address challenges and find inspiration.

Outside library walls, community collections placed in non-traditional settings build relationships with non-library and former library users in communities that face barriers to library service. Veterans in our region have access to dedicated one-on-one computer assistance, writing workshops and book discussions. Allegheny County Jail residents working to reintegrate back into society are able to participate in programs that support life skills and literacies, including financial literacy workshops and jobs skills and parenting classes. All this is possible through your support.
2015 Operating Budget Information

2015 Operating Revenues (Actual)

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2015 Fundraising Revenues by Source and Purpose

This report reflects private philanthropic revenues received in 2015. The Library also received $364,149 in revenue from competitive government grant programs to support services and capital projects.

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2015 Statistics at a Glance

Visits

2.866 million
Visits to our buildings

Volunteers

That's the equivalent of $859,178 in dollar value*

1,428 Volunteers
36,717 Hours
25.71 hours per Volunteer

*Calculated based on PA value of volunteer time from independentsector.org

Website

3.79 million
Visits
6.66 million
Page Views

Public PC Use

25,330,417 Minutes
538,073 Sessions

Public Wireless Access

38,103,647 Minutes
252,895 Sessions

46%

Social Media

9,302 Facebook Likes
12,055 Twitter Followers
2,002 LinkedIn Followers
668* Instagram Followers

*First Instagram post was on February 18, 2015.

Circulation

3,914,453 Total Materials
391,541 E-resources
(10% of total circulation)

Other Statistics

4,906,053 Items in the collection
4,130,900 Items shipped
168,035 Outreach programming attendance
5,870 Outreach visits
*Attendance at teen outreach programs grew by 33%.
151,037 In-library programming attendance
12,157 Library programs (in-house)
57,054 Individuals attending community meetings in Library spaces
2,091 Community groups using Library spaces

These statistics represent all city-based libraries that constitute Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, including the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
I Give

... to make a difference.

BECAUSE OF YOU, people of all ages have access to information and life-long learning opportunities.

- Your contribution supports our youngest learners in realizing a brighter future
- Your involvement connects teens to creative and connective learning environments
- Your investment helps adults acquire new skills, make connections and expand their understanding

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Comcast
Commonwealth Connections Academy
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Department of Community and Economic Development
- Educational Improvement Tax Credit
- Neighborhood Assistance Program
- Department of Education
- Office of Commonwealth Libraries
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BECAUSE OF YOU... children retain and develop their literacy skills during the summer and return to school ready to learn. Throughout the year, the Library’s school outreach efforts, materials and afterschool programming help children continue to receive support for the learning that happens in the classroom.

Thank you for supporting the Library’s work to prepare teens for the next step of their future!
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In adapting with the changing needs of our community, the Library has launched Realize: Our Power, Our Potential, a $20 million multi-year major gifts initiative designed to strengthen the library system for current and future generations. With your help, we are building upon our proven expertise in the areas of education, workforce and economic development and neighborhood vitality.

Thanks to our generous donors and the hard work of the Library’s Board of Trustees, staff and fundraising volunteers, the Library raised 35% of our $20 million goal in 2015.

We have a remarkable legacy of support on which to build. Together we can realize the potential for individuals, our library and our entire community.
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