

## Hello Friends!

It is once again time for our Annual Fund Drive! And time to let you know what we've been up to. The past year has been all about **community** here at the library. We went out into the community to visit schools, preschools, and local organizations.

We participated in community events and made wonderful contacts with individuals and groups who are now on board to help with all the growth we have in store for the next year!

And **wow** what a lot of growth we are undergoing! The number of people we serve has increased, as our statistics show:

	2017	2018
Library visits	20,278	27,866
Programs presented	104	169
Program attendance	1,250	1,703
Computer users	4,208	6,784
Reference questions answered	3,485	5,596

We have increased **your access** to books, DVDs, audiobooks, and other items by joining forces with 10 local libraries and we are increasing our **building size** to accommodate more visitors and events. [Check out the details on the other side of this page.](#)

Over the past year we've helped people in the community apply for jobs, learn computer skills, try new hobbies, find new authors, learn their ABCs, make new friends, locate important resources, and so much more!

We have so much to offer and big plans to do more, so we need your help.

Thanks to all this amazing community we met our goal last year and have set it slightly higher this year:

**PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$26,000**

To make your donation please use the donation form that is on the back of this letter and the return envelope we have provided or donate on our website using Paypal.

On behalf of the library's Board of Trustees, staff, and patrons,

**THANK YOU** to all past and first time donors for generously supporting your library!



# We are building an ADDITION!

The addition will be located behind the existing building and will house a youth services area, a community room and accessible restrooms. We are aiming to break ground this summer and we can't wait to start adding classes, programs and other events to fill up the new space!



Each year we host story times, STEAM programs, summer reading events, one-on-one tech help, crafting programs, author visits and more. Each week we help with job applications, ancestry searches, retrieving online documents, and respond to so many other needs.



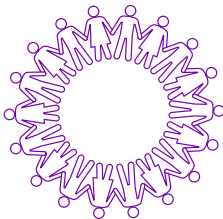
With the extra space and better accommodations we can add new activities for children and can open them up to include even more families! With an enclosed, tech ready area we can host computer classes, job skills workshops, crafting programs, community meetings, and more!



We have been awarded a grant from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. It is a matching grant and we will match it with funds that have been given to use for this project over the past few years. We will also launch a Capital Campaign to furnish and equip the rooms.

## SHARE CARD: the PURPLE card that gives you much more access!

The Lehighton, Catasauqua, Coplay, Dimmick (Jim Thorpe), Emmaus, Lower Macungie, Palmerton, Parkland, Slatington, Southern Lehigh and Whitehall public libraries have joined together to form the Lehigh Carbon Libraries Cooperative (LCLC).



- Eleven libraries now share their collections
- The new **SHARE** card gives you access to all 11 libraries
- Register at any of the **11 libraries**
- Choose from over **500,000 items** including books, DVDs, audiobooks, and more
- Request items from any of the libraries & you can pick them up here **within 1-2 days**.

**ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP:** Volunteer your time and talent, donate books in memory or honor of a loved one, designate the library when planning your estate, attend programs, & use your library!

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### LEHIGHTON AREA MEMORIAL 2019 LIBRARY DONATION FORM

Lehighton Area Memorial Library is a certified 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization.

Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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