## Proudest Moment of 2017

Two thousand seventeen marked the 175th anniversary of continuous library service to Mifflin County residents.

The Library was founded by the local Merchants Guild in 1842. Actually, it was started by the wives of the guild members who were concerned that young apprentices were unable to continue their formal education because of the need to help support their families and learn a trade. The women gathered a collection of books housed in what is now the United Way building. Thus began The Apprentice Literacy Guild, the forerunner of the Mifflin County Library. We became the County Library in 1942.

We celebrated this momentous occasion with a weekly trivia contest and the 52 questions were a great way to learn about Library history. The celebration tied in wonderfully with the summer reading program theme; Celebrating 175 Years Building a Better World. A reading challenge encouraged adults to read 75 books and one lucky reader won a $175 Amazon Gift Card.

Honorary chairpersons Kevin and Shelly Kodish kicked off our Legacy Fund campaign, a Board of Directors controlled endowment-like fund, to ensure another 175 years of service. Special thanks to Thrivent Financial and Mark Monroe for sponsoring many of our activities throughout the year.

**Board of Directors**

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**Library Leadership Team**

Dr. Molly S. Kinney– Library Executive Director

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Marsha Shilling– Technology Services Coordinator

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# Mifflin County Library

# 2017 Annual Report

Our resources are available **24** hours a day, **7** days a week, **365** days a year.

Our buildings are open **82** hours a week.

WE CHECK OUT **12.3** BOOKS PER HOUR, OR 1 BOOK EVERY **4.8** MINUTES!

**80,529** visitors during the year

**13,193** people have a valid Mifflin County Library card.

**3,570** New items added this year.

## Financial Support

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| State Aid | $222,201 (41.02%) |
| County Allocation | $170,000 (31.39%) |
| United Way of Mifflin–Juniata | $17,416 (3.22%) |
| Borough and Township Contributions | $8,500 (1.57%) |

## Community Financial Support

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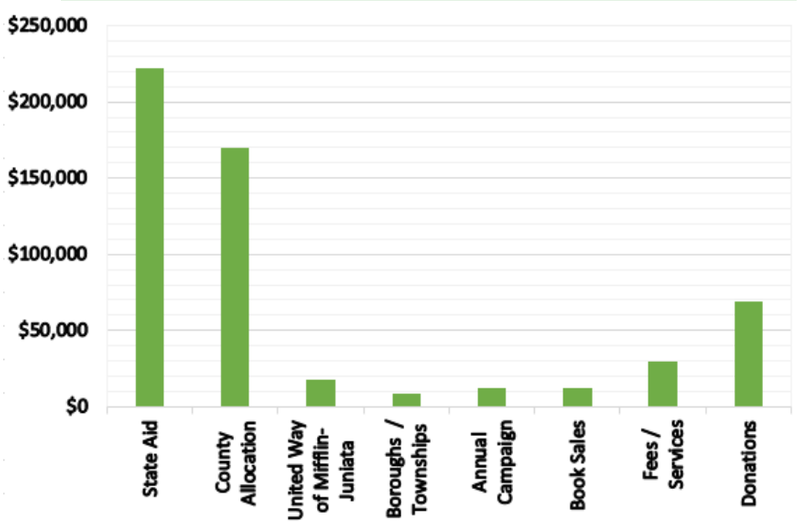
| Annual Campaign | $12,433.51 (2.30%) |
| Book Sales sponsored by the Mifflin County School Retirees | $12,442.53 (2.30%) |
| Fees / Services | $30,030.41 (5.54%) |
| Donations | $68,629.21 (12.67%) |



## Programs

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| Children's programs | 1,217 |
| Program participants | 13,890 |
| Adult programs | 70 |
| Program participants | 1,495 |

## Summer Reading Program

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| Children involved | 442 |
| How many minutes they read | 384,560 |
| Adults involved | 390 |
| How many books they read | 1,950 |

## Community Participation

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| Junior volunteer hours | 84 |
| Adult volunteer hours | 1,361 |
| Library visitors | 80,529 |
| Questions answered | 122,594 |

## The Library by the numbers

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| Items in Library collection | 67,074 |
| Items in shared Electronic collection | 19,946 |
| Library materials borrowed | 86,169 |
| e-Books and e-Audiobooks borrowed | 14,633 |
| Tumble Book / Book Flix visits | 6,995 |
| TOTAL borrowed | 107,797 |
| InterLibrary Loan requests | 1,265 |
| Webpage visits | 38,663 |
| Wifi sessions | 11,369 |
| Public access computer sessions | 14,274 |