

Adding it up

- 328,114
items borrowed
- 146,319
visitors to the library
- 67,078
items in the library
- 9,782
Internet logins
- 15,836
questions answered
- 14,756
materials requested
- 9,989
residents with library
cards
- 8,080
new items added
- 17,636
people attended **922**
library programs
- 2,939
hours of work by **147**
volunteers
- 1,107
kids participated in
summer reading
programs



Our Mission:
To educate, inspire and engage library patrons to Use, Share & Connect @ the Library.

FOCUS - Programs Create Community

People connecting make great communities!

Many of the library programs initiated in 2018 were designed to help residents connect and learn from each other in both casual and formal settings. These programs are building relationships and making our community an even better place to live, work, study, and play!

Programs connecting adults

Four monthly book discussion groups generated lots of conversation between friends:

- Cozy Up With Books
- Let's Talk
- WOW: Women of Words
- BYOB: Bring Your Own Book

More connections were made during monthly sessions of these ongoing programs:

- Express Yourself Writers Group
- Vintage Radio Players
- History Night
- Plant-Based Pittsburgh
- Adult Gaming Night
- Yarn Works

And the first session of a group interested in promoting diversity and inclusion met in December with plans for more meetings in the coming year.



Programs Create Community . . .

Programs connecting kids

Financial Literacy for Teens & Tweens

Anna Frank from First Commonwealth Bank and John Boy from Brentwood Bank, hosted a variety of financial literacy programs for tweens and teens. Topics included credit, savings and checking accounts, budgeting, and spending.

Eisenhower Night at the Library

Eisenhower families were treated to a special evening at the library. Activities included an I-Spy scavenger hunt, craft tables, building activities, and opportunities to learn about the library and register for a library card.

Play-K Classes

This series of classes helps four and five year olds practice kindergarten readiness skills.

Rock Mining Rush and Rock and Mineral Hounds

Educators from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History presented two Learn It! Do It! programs about rocks and minerals.

Reading Skills Classes

New readers practice reading skills they are learning in school. An on-staff reading specialist teaches these small group classes.

Robot Petting Zoo: Learning Coding



Local robotics team, Bots Burgh, made up of USCHS and Fort Couch Middle School students, instructed children in coding. The children attending this program created animals and then programmed them to move using BirdBrain Technology's Hummingbird Robotics Kit. These creations were displayed at the May 2018 USC Community Day.



The Butterfly Project: Creating 1.5 Million Butterflies, One for Every Child Lost in the Holocaust

Eighteen USC teens participated in this nationwide project and painted ceramic butterflies that are now displayed in the library as symbols of resilience and hope.



SMA: Stop Motion Animation Classes

USCHS student Dina Leyzarovich helped children create their very own stop motion videos using drawings, Claymation and physical movements.



2018 - the Year in Review

Circulation Statistics

Adult	2017	2018
Fiction	44,650	43,889
Nonfiction	45,501	48,816
DVD and Video	22,389	20,922
Audiobooks & Music	16,152	14,750
Walk In Collection	3,224	2,714
Magazines	2,721	2,618
Storage	3,296	3,750
Juvenile and Teen		
Fiction	106,845	105,537
Nonfiction	17,380	18,411
DVD and Video	18,041	15,112
Audiobooks & Music	2,526	2,205
Magazines	427	379
Puppets and Puzzles	418	274
Downloadables		
Hoopla	1,635	2,203
One Click	164	214
Overdrive eBook	24,460	27,772
Overdrive eAudio	6,018	8,692
Overdrive Video	53	14
ePeriodical Flipster	97	1,293
Zinio / Overdrive eMagazines	4,289	4,150
Total	320,286	323,715

Trends 2018

USE Downloadable materials checked out

2015	26,600
2016	31,677
2017	38,272
2018	43,132



SHARE Items lent to other libraries

2015	54,167
2016	52,490
2017	52,099
2018	56,191



CONNECT Wireless Internet logins

2015	9,855
2016	12,114
2017	13,820
2018	16,305



DonorsShare Donations in 2018

\$11,215 The Friends of the Library

\$8,826 Monetary Contributions

\$2,317 Memorial and Tribute Gifts

Individual Gifts over \$1,000

Buncher Foundation **\$5,644**

Community Foundation **\$2,500**

Thanks to a generous gift from a patron,
astronomical binoculars can be
checked out!

You can explore the craters of the
Moon, the rings of Saturn, the moons of
Jupiter, and more!





2018 Special Events



1,384 friends visited us on Facebook!



Acclaimed duo **Simple Gifts** shared a world of folk music with audiences in the library, Friendship Village, and Grand Residence. Thanks to the Community Foundation for funding this program!

Director

Helen Palascak

Head of Youth Services

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Head of Technical Services

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Community members got in touch with their **creativity** in workshops on drawing, painting, needle felting and wet felting, *pysanky* egg decoration, and more!



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Library hours

Mon-Thur 9:30 am -9 pm

Fri & Sat 9:30 am -5 pm

Sunday 1-5 pm

(Closed summer Sundays and some holidays)



A new partnership with the **Denis Theater** brought film screenings and discussions to the library. Here, patrons share their thoughts on the 2018 documentary *Three Identical Strangers*.

The library welcomed Pittsburgh romance/mystery author Nancy Martin for our annual **Valentine's Day Tea!** Nancy spoke about her career, her writing process, and her beloved novels featuring Roxy Abruzzo and the Blackbird Sisters.

