

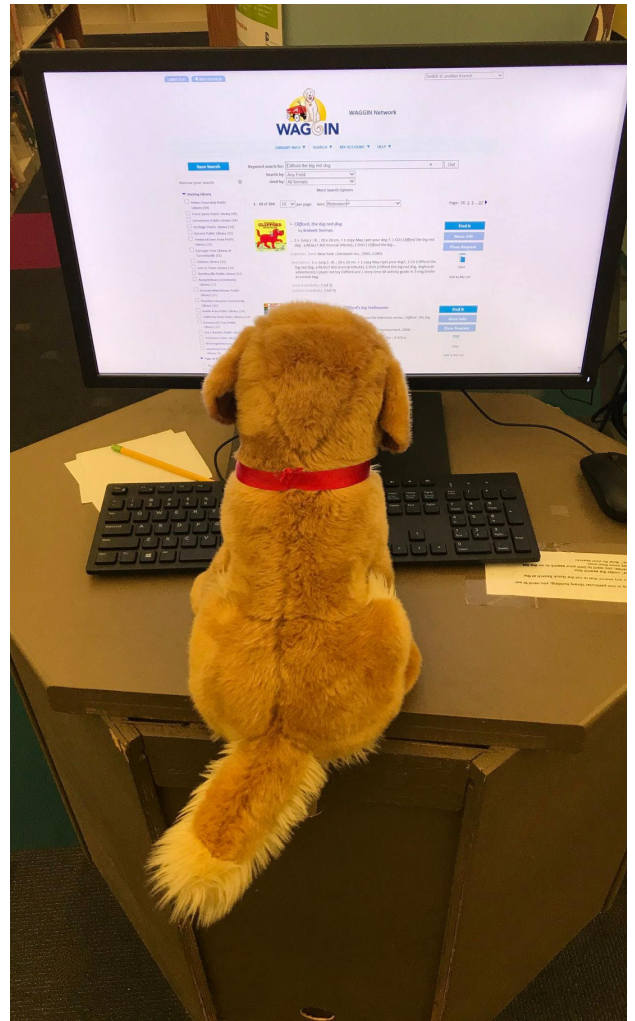
ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Washington County Library
System

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Libraries play critical roles in their communities as essential parts of a strong education. The libraries in Washington County have focused their efforts on helping residents grow through programs and materials related to the five literacies, early childhood growth, and job help. Please read on to see what we were up to in 2019!



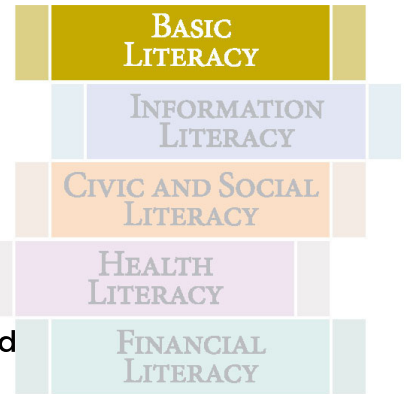
2019 GOLD STAR LIBRARIES



The Pennsylvania Library Association showcases and recognizes libraries that incorporate PA Forward® and the five key literacies into their programming activities, displays and events by awarding libraries a Star for reaching certain accomplishments.

In 2019, we had four libraries in Washington County who reached the Gold Star level. Congratulations to Chartiers Houston Community Library, Citizens Library, Monogahela Area Library and Peters Township Public Library for all of your hard work!

PA FORWARD



Having an effective library in your community means that library is able to do more for the community than just provide it with great resources. Libraries are no longer just buildings that house books. Today's libraries are agile institutions serving real-life needs. They hold the key to fueling advancement and elevating the quality of life in Pennsylvania by supporting the types of knowledge identified as being essential for Pennsylvania Residents by the PA Forward program (an initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic and Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy).

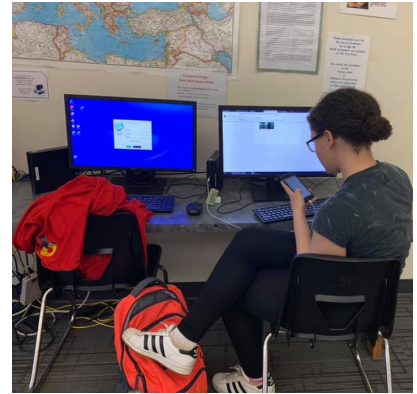
BASIC LITERACY

Libraries work to help Washington County literacy rates increase, giving us a better trained and more skilled workforce, and a growing tax base, economy, and population.



INFORMATION LITERACY

Libraries work to help Washington County residents learn how to use online resources and current technology to improve their education, to enhance their job skills, and to participate fully in a digital society.



CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

Washington County libraries give citizens of all ages the knowledge and skills they need to improve their lives, contribute effectively in their communities, and participate in civil discourse.



HEALTH LITERACY

Libraries in Washington County play an important role in helping citizens actively manage their own and their family's well-being, making them effective partners with their health care providers which reduces costs for everyone.



FINANCIAL LITERACY

Libraries help citizens become informed consumers, and guide individuals, small businesses, and other organizations in ways to better manage their finances, and contribute to the economic vitality of their communities.



1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is designed to prepare young children for a brighter future by encouraging families to read together. Reading to babies helps build bonds, vocabulary, and habits. According to one study, reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills later in life.

The libraries in Washington County provide a wide range of materials for kids of all ages!



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The libraries in Washington County value helping community members find the right employment for them. The libraries computers were used times in 2019. These computers give residents high speed access to the internet to search for jobs, fill out job applications and compose resumes, and take classes. In addition we offered access to over 750,000 items in 20 libraries through our WAGGIN Network, as well as access to Gale Courses which lets every library user in our 3 County region take 10 week courses on a variety of subjects like Excel, and Quickbooks.

MEDIA CENTER



The Washington County Library System believes in inspiring lifelong learning, and advancing knowledge. The Media Center allows county residents to share their knowledge with the world by creating educational videos and Podcasts on subjects that they can then share with the world.

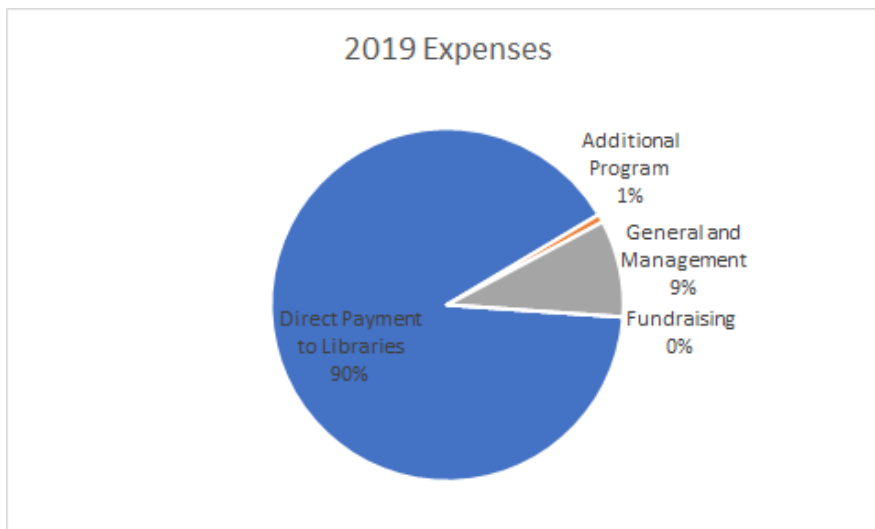
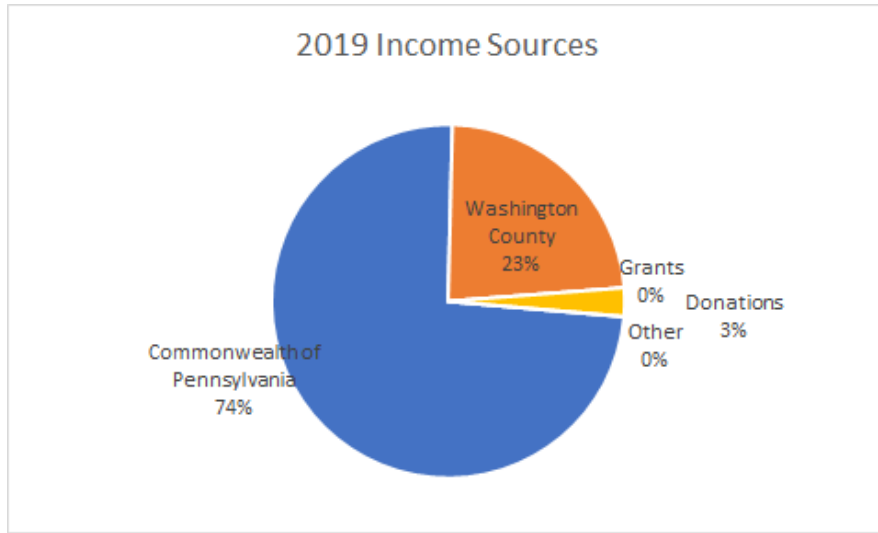
The Media Center is an audio and visual studio that gives members of the community the chance to make their own video and audio recordings.

The video studio is also known as the One Button Studio. It is based on a design created by Penn State to allow students to practice presentations without a need to find someone to help set up and run equipment. Users of the studio need to only insert a flash drive and press a silver button to begin a countdown to their recording.

The Audio Recording Studio allows users to create and edit their own sound files (such as mp3s). It consists of 3 microphones, 1 that is designed to operate best in the vocal ranges, and 2 that are optimized to be used with instruments.

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2019 STATISTICS

Amount		Value of this Service to the Community
147,631	Adult Books Borrowed	\$2,509,727.00
12,574	YA Books Borrowed	\$150,888.00
158,594	Children's Books Borrowed	\$2,696,098.00
18,267	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$181,756.65
1,694	Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$42,350.00
29,392	eBooks Downloaded	\$440,880.00
13,456	Audiobooks Downloaded	\$268,985.44
13,940	Magazines Read	\$69,700.00
85,272	Movies Borrowed	\$341,088.00
5,227	CDs Borrowed	\$52,008.65
34,136	Songs Downloaded	\$34,136.00
7,746	Meeting Room Use	\$193,650.00
17,133	Number of Adult Classes	
17,950	Adult Classes Attended	\$269,250.00
530	Number of Young Adult Classes	
3,865	Young Adult Classes Attended	\$46,380.00
2,364	Number of Children's Classes	
50,544	Children's Classes Attended	\$353,808.00
69,255	Computer Use	\$831,060.00
54,036	Wi-Fi Use	\$270,180.00
8,813	Database Searches	\$175,819.35
68,662	Reference Assistance	\$480,634.00
	Total	\$9,408,399.09

THANK YOU!



While most people think of books when they think of a library, the libraries in Washington County serve their communities. Sometimes it is by providing story times to preschoolers or after school programs to teenagers, and sometimes it is by organizing community events to help bring everyone together, like the parade in Marianna.

We want to thank everyone in Washington County for your support as we could not do the work we do without you!

For 2019, we would like to say a special thank you to Budd Baer Subaru for selecting us as a charity for their Share the Love event and the Washington County Community Foundation for providing support for a services study.