

# Newtown Public Library 2023 Annual Report



# From the Library Director

Dear Library Supporters,

As we celebrate the remarkable milestone of our 50th anniversary here at the Newtown Public Library, our hearts overflow with profound gratitude for the steadfast support of the community, our cherished Friends of the Library group, our esteemed Board of Trustees, and the dedicated Newtown Township staff and Board of Supervisors. This significant occasion is a testament to the enduring legacy of fostering the joy of reading, the exploration of ideas, and the pursuit of lifelong learning for all.

Reflecting on this auspicious year, we marvel at the incredible growth and progress that the Newtown Public Library has experienced. We take immense pride in our monthly circulation records over the past two years. From our humble beginnings to the thriving institution we are today, your support has been instrumental in shaping our journey. Together, we have expanded our collections, enhanced our programming and outreach, and provided essential services to individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

As we look ahead to the next chapter in our journey, we are inspired by the boundless potential that lies ahead. With your continued support, we are confident that the Newtown Public Library will continue to thrive as a beacon of knowledge, creativity, and inclusivity for generations to come. In the upcoming months, we have a myriad of thrilling events planned to commemorate our anniversary including captivating programs for children, adults and families. We extend a special invitation for you to join us on Monday, July 15, 2024 -- the date our beloved library reaches its golden milestone of 50 years!

On behalf of myself and the Library's committed staff, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable support and commitment to the Newtown Public Library. Together, we will continue to empower minds, enrich lives, and strengthen our community through the transformative power of the library.

Sincerely,

*Arlene Caruso*

Director, Newtown Public Library



# 2023 By The Numbers



The library was open  
2,604 hours



56,625 in-person  
visits to the library



5,806 active  
Newtown Township  
card holders



615 new library  
cards issued



49,067 physical  
items in the  
library's collection



Including 5,073  
new items added



32,929 eBooks &  
digital items were  
borrowed



Contributing to a  
total of 165,389  
checkouts,  
an all-time record!



Our Friends  
donated \$16,326  
for hoopla,  
museum passes,  
and hotspots,  
plus a new book  
return, people  
counter, &  
impressive patio  
umbrellas



280 generous  
donors  
(Thank you!)



Awarded a  
\$12,000 grant  
from the PCED



Our service is  
delivered by 2 FT &  
7 PT staff members



7,803 reference  
questions  
answered



218 total programs  
(165 for youth &  
63 for adults)



Attended by 6,641  
people (5,928  
youth & 713 adults)



Patron Wi-Fi  
sessions totaled  
130,677



3 public computers  
were used 1,274  
times

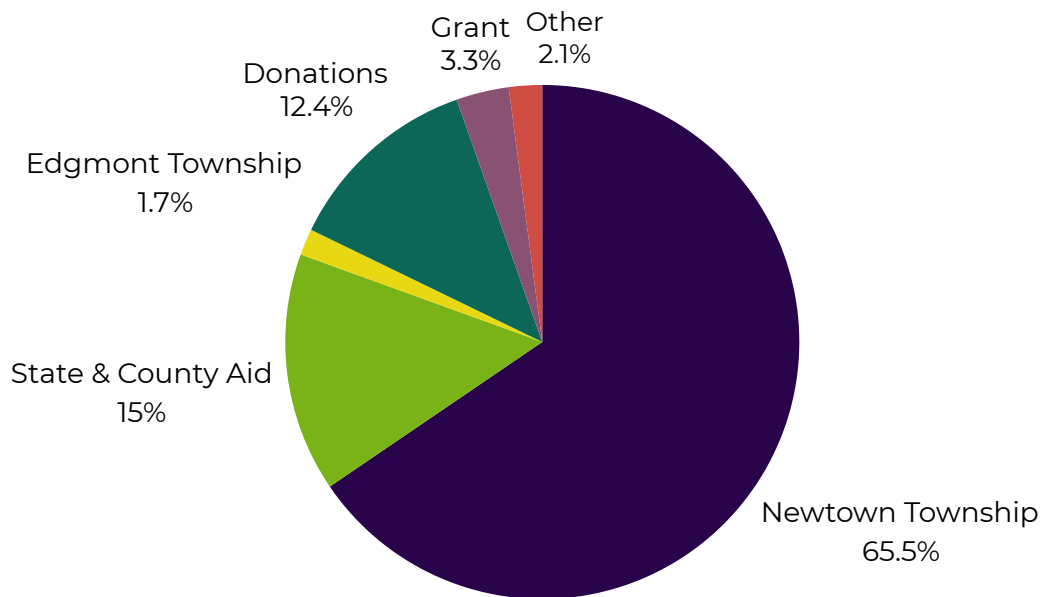


10 hotspots  
checked out  
224 times



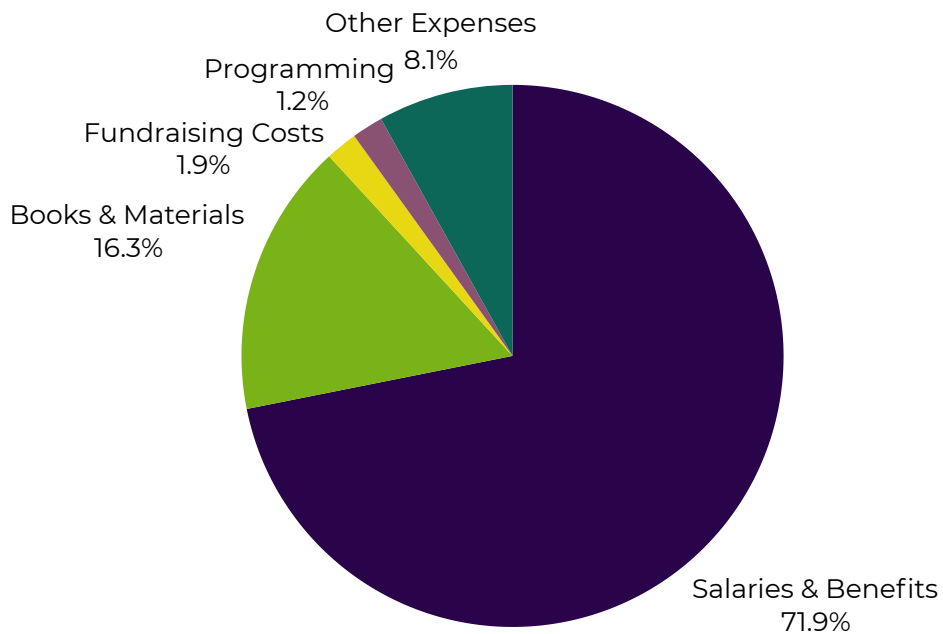
12 Museum  
passes borrowed  
708 times

# Support & Revenue



Newtown Township	State, County & Edgmont Township	Donations & Grants	Other Revenue	Total
\$237,000	\$60,443	\$56,892	\$7,569	\$361,904

# Operating Expenses



Salaries & Benefits	Book & Materials	Support Expenses & Other	Fundraising Expenses	Programming	Total
\$241,415	\$54,795	\$27,084	\$6,373	\$6,268	\$335,935

## 2023 Board of Directors

Thank you again to our Board of Trustees for dedicating their time and energy to ensure the library's success. Their work and expertise has contributed significantly to another successful year of providing services to our community. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Board for their passion, dedication, leadership, and generosity.

Thomas O'Donnell, *President*

Erica Swenson Danowitz, *Vice President*

Ariadne Cappuccio, *Treasurer*

Sandra Macan, *Secretary*

Sondra Dubin Gutkind, *Trustee*

Nan Porter, *Trustee*

Sharon Rosenthal, *Trustee*

## Library Staff

Arlene Caruso, *Library Director*

Angela Hegadorn, *Youth Services Manager*

Rayna Whitright, *Circulation Manager*

Sarah Gorman, *Librarian*

Neen Brannan, *Library Assistant*

Ava Cardonick, *Library Assistant*

Emily Erdlen, *Library Assistant*

Jona Lieberman, *Library Assistant*

Jocelyn Weitzman, *Library Assistant*

