



Newtown
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Celebrating 50 Years

2024 Annual Report



From the Library Director

Dear Library Supporters,

As we close out 2024, we celebrate another incredible year of growth, innovation, and community at the Newtown Public Library. This year, we proudly unveiled our bright and fun new logo, reflecting the energy and vibrancy of our library. We also marked our 50th anniversary, a milestone that reaffirmed our commitment to fostering the joy of reading and lifelong learning.

Our Summer Reading Program was a season of adventure, bringing families together through unforgettable events like the Glow Party, Family Fort Night, Water Day, Disco Dance Party, and Amazing Learners Series. We also gathered as a community to watch the eclipse—clouds and all! Beyond summer, our year-round children's programs continued to thrive, sparking curiosity and discovery.

For adults, we expanded our offerings, introducing engaging author visits and the lively P.U.B. Quizzo, while our French conversation group doubled its meetings, and weekly yoga replaced our monthly sessions. Thanks to a grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development and support from the Friends of the Library, we also opened a new meeting space, creating more opportunities for learning and connection. In addition, the Friends of the Library helped us enhance our outdoor patio space, providing a more inviting area for reading, gathering, and enjoying the library in a fresh new way.

Meanwhile, our circulation of physical and electronic materials soared to nearly 175,000 checkouts, reflecting the ever-growing love of reading in our community.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our patrons, the Friends of the Library, our Board of Trustees, the Newtown Township staff and Board of Supervisors, and especially PA Rep. Lisa Borowski and her staff for their continued support of our library. Most of all, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our incredible library staff, whose dedication, creativity, and hard work make everything we do possible.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to build on this momentum and continue serving as a hub of knowledge, creativity, and connection. Thank you for being part of our story—here's to another year of learning and growth at the Newtown Public Library!

Sincerely,

Arlene Caruso

Director, Newtown Public Library

2024 By The Numbers



The library was open
2,600 hours



63,580 in-person
visits to the library



4,881 active
Newtown Township
card holders



617 new library
cards issued



52,285 physical
items in the
library's collection



89,108 children's
items were
checked out



32,299 eBooks &
digital items were
borrowed



Contributing to a
total of 174,090
checkouts—an all-
time record!



Our Friends
donated \$14,537
to support
Hoopla, museum
passes, and
hotspots—plus a
generous gift
toward the new
meeting room
and more!



342 generous
donors -- a
22% increase



Staff-created
basket raffles
raised more than
\$500



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



Highest monthly
circulation ever
in July & August



230 total programs
(145 for youth &
85 for adults)



Attended by 8,611
people (7,401 youth
& 1,210 adults)



Patron Wi-Fi
sessions totaled
130,981



3 public computers
were used 1,683
times

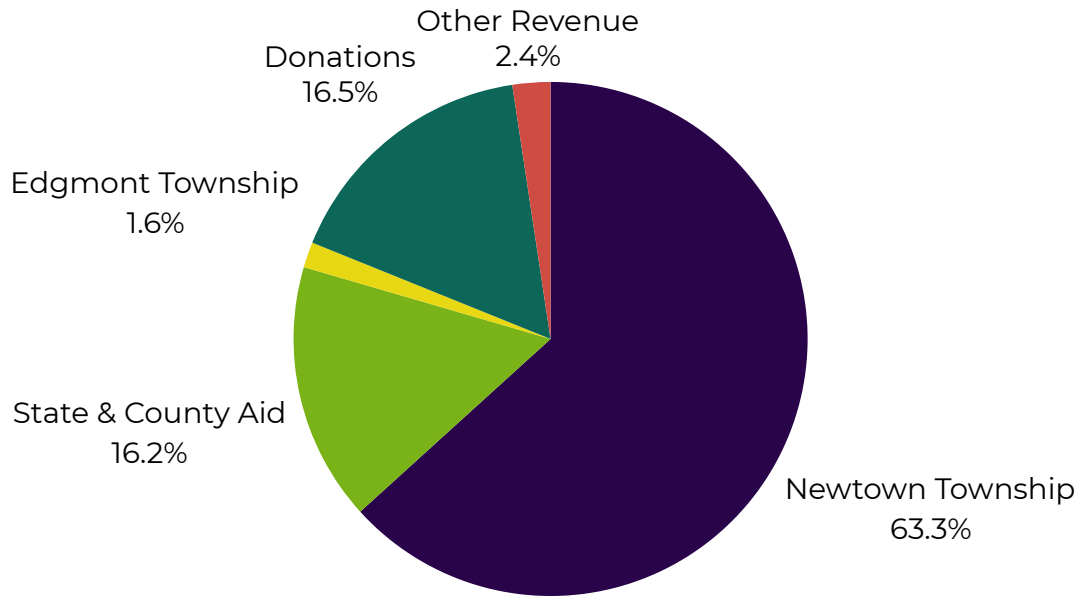


New meeting
room opened on
June 3, 2024



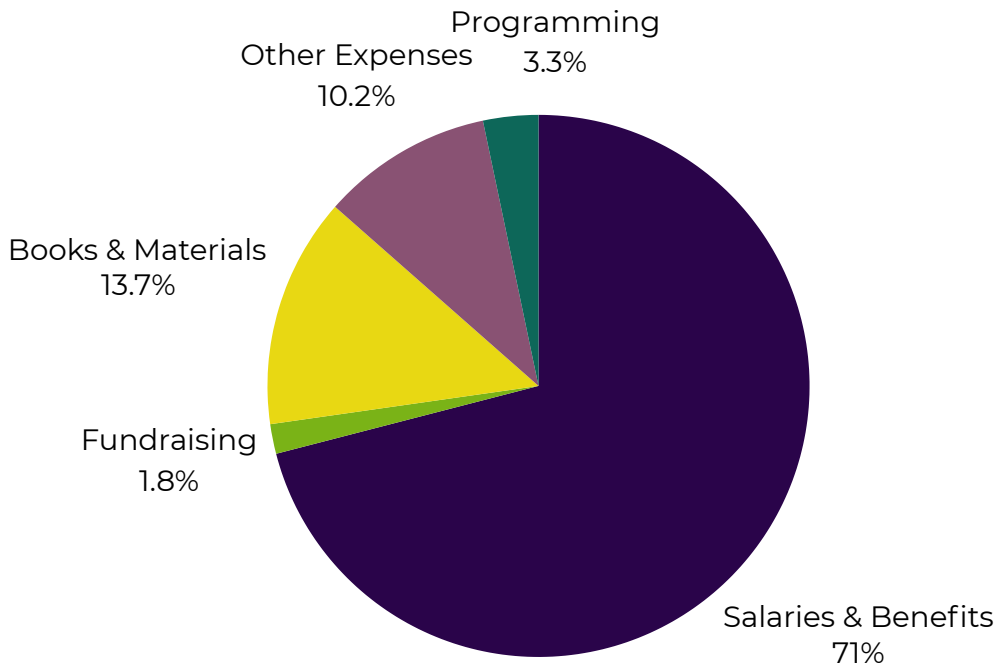
600+ patrons
marked the library's
50th anniversary,
July 15

Support & Revenue



Newtown Township \$237,000	State, County & Edgmont Township \$60,825	Donations & Grants \$61,809	Other Revenue \$8,932	Total \$368,566
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Operating Expenses



Salaries & Benefits \$256,664	Book & Materials \$49,714	Other Expenses \$36,953	Fundraising Expenses \$6,410	Programming \$11,903	Total \$361,644
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2024 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*

Sharon Rosenthal, *Vice President*

Ariadne Cappuccio, *Treasurer*

Sandra Macan, *Secretary*

Matthew Godfrey, *Trustee*

Sondra Dubin Gutkind, *Trustee*

Nan Porter, *Trustee*

The mission of the
Newtown Public Library
is to encourage the joy of
reading, the exploration
of ideas, and the pursuit
of lifelong learning
for all.

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*

Gabrielle Cumberbatch, *YS Library Assistant*

Emily Erdlen, *Library Assistant*

Jona Lieberman, *Library Assistant*

Barbara Burdett, *Library Page*



*Thank you to everyone
who supported the
Newtown Public Library
in 2024.*



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