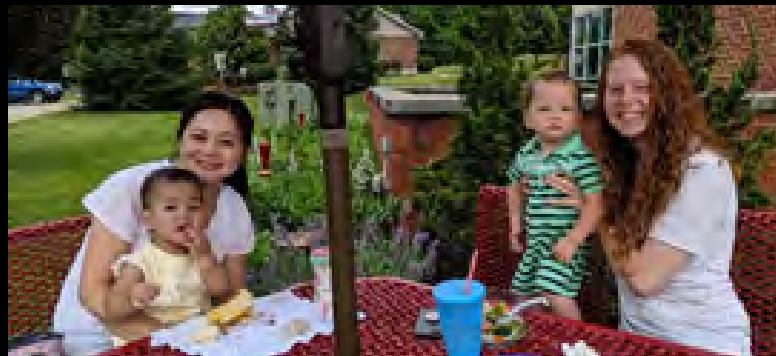




How do you **LIBRARY?**



2019
ANNUAL
REPORT



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"How do YOU library?" Our PTPL visitors, **over 200,000 strong** in 2019, could answer that question in countless ways. In my mind, "to library" means to create, discuss, examine, practice, read, think, analyze, design, evaluate, debate, sing, play, and explore. From trying recipes with our new Cookbook Club, swapping jigsaw puzzles with fellow puzzlers, speaking French with our French Conversation Club, or clarifying the details of DNA test results with a nationally known genealogist, our PA Forward Gold-Star Library offered hundreds of opportunities for our community "to library" every day of the year.

Additional opportunities "to library" ranged from singing along at our Baby Shark Storytime, building Frankentoys, to growing tomatoes with master gardeners. Library users considered going solar with a solar co-op and were spellbound at events listening to a Flight 93 air traffic controller, an Air Force One steward, and a local photographer who shared his photographs of Chernobyl. Readers met with both local and nationally recognized authors.

Many popular programs returned like our successful Protect Your ID Shredding Event, Vitalant Blood Drives, Halloween Costume Swap, College Financial Aid Night, Preschool A-Palooza, U.S. Army War College Panelists, PT Tree Lighting Party, and Animal Fair.

Who "librarianed" with us? Everyone from babies, preschoolers, tweens, teens and parents to readers and makers of all ages. Some of our partners included: Township Departments, McMurray Rotary, Achieva, WQED, PT Food Pantry, PT Farmers Market, PT Chamber of Commerce, Carnegie Science Center, The Peters Township Library Foundation, Relay for Life, PT Library Board, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and the Peters Township School District throughout the year.

After reviewing this report, you'll find that our library is not only a very important place and proper noun but also an action verb!

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Myra R. Oleynik
Library Director



How do you **LIBRARY?**



By unwinding after-hours with some friendly competition at the Harry Potter Escape Room for adults.
83 in attendance



By keeping up with assignments without distractions.

28,877 database searches



By delivering books to shut-ins and residents in assisted-living facilities.

3,600+ volunteer hours



By playing Dungeons and Dragons for hours with friends on the weekends!

**2,199 Young Adults attended
251 programs**

How do you **LIBRARY?**



By discovering flowers, plants, and wildlife in our own backyards.
Twelve-weeks of fostering family outdoor fun and future citizen scientists with a Bio-Blitz at Peterswood Park too!



By meeting friends at a safe place to study right after school.



By learning chess tips from a champion to challenge worthy opponents!

20,546 children attended 609 programs

How do you **LIBRARY?**



By borrowing books for McMurray School's Battle of the Books competition.
124,764 items borrowed for children in 2019



By appreciating the talents of local artists.



By building together with lots of blocks to learn about cause and effect, gravity, stability, weight, and balance at play!

**385 STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math)
programs for children**

How do you **LIBRARY?**



By loading up on books without limits!

340,360 items (physical + electronic) borrowed



By attending The Peters Township Library Foundation's Novel November and meeting Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anna Quindlen.



By meeting 24 local authors, including NYT best-selling author, Marie Benedict and enjoying lunch from 3 food trucks at Read Local/Eat Local 2019.



By sharing a special interest with others like keeping backyard chickens.

**25+ NEW
programs offered**

How do you **LIBRARY?**



By supporting a worthy cause like preserving local Peters Township history.
\$9,000+ raised on the WCCF Day of Giving



By learning about book repair from library staff for the Cadette's Book Artist Badge.



By using this WAGGIN library card, 20,832 registered users have access to over 1 million items in 3 counties.
1,591 new cardholders in 2019



By working on a service project in the library's garden spaces.



By remembering the good ol' days together growing up in the Village of Hackett.

25+ valued partnerships

204,470 visitors

How do you **LIBRARY?**



By playing mini-golf in the stacks!

609 programs offered for children and tweens



By meeting with World War II veterans to remember the 75th anniversary of D-Day.



By learning a new hobby!

665 programs offered for adults




By shopping and volunteering at our daily Gently Used Book Sale.

Nearly \$6,000 in sales in 2019

How do you **LIBRARY?**

By enjoying the additions to the library like a new roof, updated restrooms, signage, artwork, reference desk, crosswalk, shelving, and furniture in the Youth Services Department.



Peters Township Public Library
20 years in our current building!

Some things improve with age...
Come visit us soon and see what's new since 1999!

- New Roof
- New Bathrooms
- New Flooring/Carpeting
- Outdoor Patio
- Cafe Lee
- Teen Room
- Family Activity Center
- Maker Space with 3D printers
- Sewing & Embroidery machines
- New Web Site
- Free Wi-Fi
- Increased staff to help you
- Facebook/Twitter/Instagram
- Local History Room
- More Shelving for Books
- New WAGGIN library cards
- The Peters Township Library Foundation was established

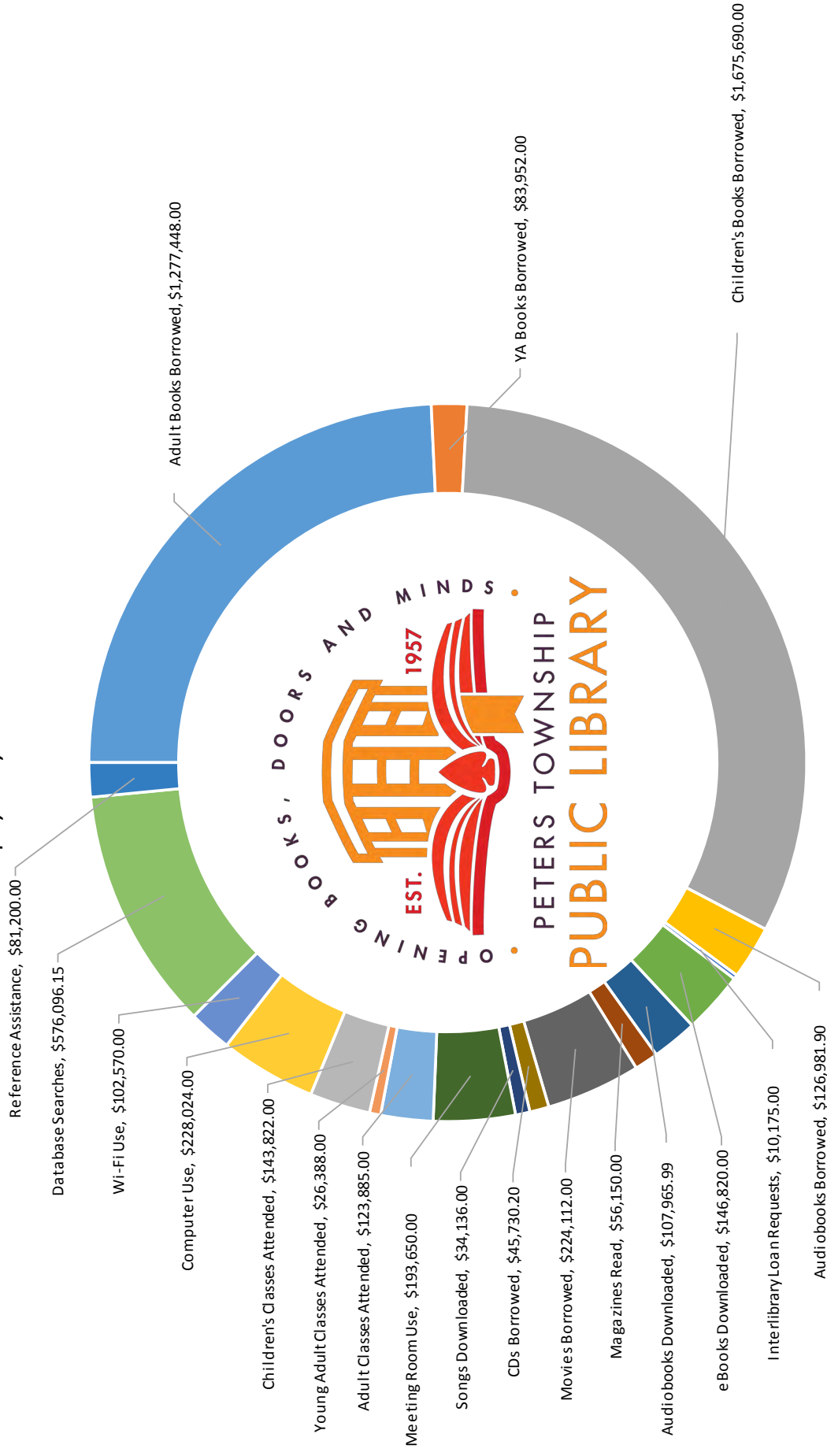
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Value of Library Services to the Peters Township Community

- January through December, 2019 -

\$5,264,796.24



The Value of Library Services was created through the use of the American Library Association's Library Value Calculator.

More information, including explanations of the values, are available at: http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/library_calculator.

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

MORE THAN
\$5.2 million
dollars

Value of services and resources
provided to the community

204,470



Visitors to the library
with 217 days serving
over 500 people



1591
New cards
this year!

20,832
registered users

340,360

items borrowed



3,608
volunteer hours



2,199

teens attended
251 programs



8,259

adults attended
665 programs



20,546

children attended
609 programs



11,000+
questions answered



28,877

database searches

6,117



persons used
study rooms

LIBRARY in 2020?

Did you know...

For every \$1.00 received
in Township Support,
the library returns \$6.20
to the community in
library materials and services.

INFORMATION LITERACY

- Book-a-Librarian Appointments
- Computer Classes
- Creative Bug/Makerspace assistance
- Weekly Devices & Apps 101 sessions

HEALTH LITERACY

- QPR Suicide Prevention Program
- Hospice 101
- Understanding Medicare
- Mental Health Resources Update

FINANCIAL LITERACY

- AARP Tax-Aide Site & Federal Tax Display
- College Financial Aid Night
- Money Smart Week

Looking ahead...

Capital Improvement for 2020

New Sliding Front Entry Doors

Preparing new programs to
support the 5 Literacies below to
maintain our status in 2020 as a



BASIC LITERACY

- Best Books for Babies Shower
- Preschool A-Palooza
- PT KDG & Preschool Transition Workshop
- Family Drawing Workshop with Lindsay Barrett George
- 3rd Annual Read Local/Eat Local
- 4th Annual Novel November
- Summer Reading and Learning 2020

CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

- PT Local History Program
- Army War College Panel
- 2020 Census Completion Assistance
- Veterans Breakfast Club Program
- Peters Twp. Year of Kindness Partner
- PTPL Staff Development Day (internal)