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Yes! I'd like to support North Pocono Public Library!

Please accept my gift of:

\$25 Reading Circle
\$100 Community Circle
\$500 Innovation Circle
Please contact me regarding naming opportunities

\$50 Discovery Circle
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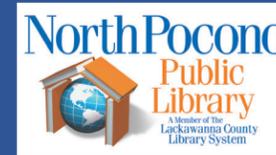
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If so, how would you like the recognition to read? (For example: Bob and Jane Smith, In Honor of... or in Memory of...) _____

Return this form with your gift to:

North Pocono Public Library
1315 Church Street
Moscow, PA 18444



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Always Helping Others

The North Pocono Public Library regularly partners with local community groups for programs, outreach and the benefit of others- it is one of our priorities. Each month a local or regional charity is selected by the Lackawanna County Library System. Every library in Lackawanna County hosts a collection site for that organization.

December is Hats, Gloves and Mittens month to benefit residents of St. Joseph's Center.

Other examples of our commitment to making our community a better place include:

Our Community Garden, run by a dedicated group of local volunteers, donated over 1000 pounds of fresh vegetables to the North Pocono Food Pantry this year.

The library recently partnered with the Minisink Lions Club relief efforts to aid Hurricane Harvey victims.

In an effort to combat prescription drug abuse, the library partnered with the Lackawanna/Susquehanna Office of Drug & Alcohol Programs, the Voluntary Action Center, and the Moscow Borough Police to safely dispose of prescription medications.

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Staying Relevant in a Changing World

"Libraries? Why support them?"

This is a question often asked by people when they are approached by Library representatives seeking funding, whether individual donors or foundations.

You don't need to ask a librarian to get the correct answer – just ask anyone who uses their local library!

Your Library card gives you access to:

Study guides and materials: It doesn't matter if you are studying for the SAT's, the MCATs, or the LSAT, or just need study space away from home, study guides and materials of every kind are available free of charge with your library card. With your card (we like to think of it as a passport for learning) you can access study guides online from anywhere or while inside the library.

Internet and Computer Access:

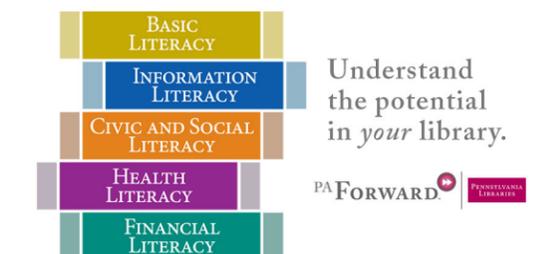
Libraries have kept pace with changing technologies and evolving research techniques. Gone are the old card catalogs (some of us miss them) and microfiche. Log onto a computer, a tablet, or a laptop, whether your own or

one of the library's, to access a world of information.

Gone are the hush-hush libraries of yesteryear! Libraries are now vibrant places of learning and activity for all ages and demographics – but we still maintain quiet spaces in the form of study rooms and seating areas away from activities.

Engaging people – story time for the little ones, STEM programs for all ages, teen activities, book clubs, mahjong, yoga – you name it, we probably have it!

Visit us soon and get caught up in all that your local library has to offer!



A Message from the President



KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN

What the Public needs to Know

When the decision was made in 2011 to “Put the shovels in the ground,” the North Pocono community nearly jumped for joy! After more than twenty-five years, the North Pocono Public Library was going to move from an 1,800 square foot former liquor store on Van Brunt Street, to an 8,800 square foot modern facility in a highly visible location just off Interstate 380.

The new facility was completed in June of 2013 to much fanfare. The stunning new library boasts a 90-person capacity community room with state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment, banks of computers, a study room, laptops to use in the library, a greatly expanded book collection, a dedicated area for teens, and everybody’s favorite - the Reading Tree in the Children’s area. (Seriously, who hasn’t had their picture taken sitting in the Reading Tree?)

Shortly after the Grand Opening, the Library Director and Board of Trustees received

notification that a significant grant was not going to be awarded, leaving the Library with a larger than expected debt of \$750,000.

Contact your state and local governments to express your appreciation for your local library and ask that funding be increased.

That unhappy news, coupled with stagnant state and local funding puts the library in the difficult position of trying to raise money to pay the mortgage while still trying to raise money to cover increasing costs of operation. Pair that with the fact that circulation, programming, and overall library use have grown exponentially in the new location and a difficult situation is now faced by the Library and its Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees and the Library Director are

constantly seeking ways to cut costs without affecting quality, all the while seeking out new donors and funding in the form of grants. Libraries across the state of Pennsylvania and across Lackawanna County are all facing trying times.

Do you want to help? There are so many ways if you do! Contact your state and local governments to express your appreciation for your local library and ask that funding be increased to keep the doors open and the programming and technology current and exciting. The state of Pennsylvania hasn’t granted an increase in funding to Libraries since 2008. The Lackawanna County Library Tax of 2.82 mills hasn’t changed since 2012.

Lastly, remember your library when you are planning your annual giving. As a 501(c)3, all donations are tax deductible and naming opportunities abound. Leave your mark in a beautiful, permanent way in your community.



NPPL Staff Updates

Just as the seasons change, so do the lives and needs of our library staff. We have seen the bittersweet departure of a few beloved staff over the last few months.

It is with a heavy heart we share that our beloved team member, Gail Schuit passed away recently. Gail shared her love of books with both children and adults. Gail spent most of her life as a missionary in Kenya, and positively impacted lives far and wide. To say that she is missed all around the world is not an understatement.



We are pleased to have two new part time clerks at the library. Corinne and Elise have recently joined our team. Corinne has worked in retail and loves working with people and crocheting! Elise worked at the Salem Community Library and has lots of library experience to share with our patrons.

On your next visit to the library, make sure to stop by the circulation desk to welcome our newest team members, Elise and Corinne.

What is a “Friend”?

One definition, according to Webster’s Dictionary, is “one that favors or promotes something (such as a charity)”

That has never been more true than with the “Friends of North Pocono Public Library”! This group formed in 2014, only one year after the move to the new library.

With no prior experience in forming such a group, the Friends very quickly established themselves as an invaluable resource for our library.

They quickly and efficiently organized the fledgling group by drafting by-laws, electing officers, and hosting regular monthly meetings.

Their fundraising efforts include Dining Out for a Cause, Bi-Annual Book Sales, Basket Raffles, and Friends Helping Friends Shopping Passes at Boscovs. As a result of their tireless efforts, they have raised thousands of dollars for the North Pocono Public Library.

They have donated funds for programming, a digital piano, a customized portable tent for outdoor events, and countless other items to make your visits to NPPL more enjoyable.

The group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:45 pm in the Community Room – Join us for our next meeting!

Try Something New!

- Mahjong (Mondays)
- Breakfast Book Club (once monthly)
- Music and Movement (Mondays)
- Mexican Train (Tuesdays)
- Preschool Story Hour (Tuesdays)
- Novels @ Night Book Club (once monthly)
- Toddler Time (Fridays)
- Bridge (Fridays)
- STEM Science Programs
- Block Party (once monthly)
- Read to Dogs (once monthly)
- Yoga Classes

Find out more on our monthly calendars in the Library, our website, or Facebook!

www.lclshome.org/npocono



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Upcoming Events at the Library

Winter Reading Challenge



“Be a Smart Cookie – READ!”

For kids of all ages
Jan. 14 –
Feb. 22, 2019

More News to Come on the Adult Winter Reading Challenge Check in at the Library

In 2019 New Weekly Adult Programs

- Movies
- Crafts
- Adult Coloring