

Technology



Even with the temporary closure, the library logged over 4,000 Public Access Computer Sessions in 2020. We provide access to technology for both children and adults. People use our computers to complete online job applications, create resumes, do homework and stay in touch with family and friends. We provide a free and invaluable service that many people cannot get anywhere else.

We also provide free access to our Wifi connection and had over 3,500 logins in 2020. Patrons enjoy working on their laptops, smart phones, tablets and other devices at the library.

Our computers are used at maximum capacity on a daily basis. The need for access to technology is growing as fast as new technology is.

Volunteers & Staff

The Library has a very supportive Friends group. In 2020, The Friends of the Lackawanna Library purchased a new Toddler Time rug for kids to play on. Our Friends group volunteers time and hosts fund raisers and events for our community. We are always eager to make new Friends so let us know if you are interested!

The Lackawanna Historical Association volunteers their time in our Local History Museum by creating engaging displays, giving tours, and answering questions about the history of Lackawanna.

Our staff is kind, friendly and always willing to go the extra mile. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask. We are committed to serving our community. The Staff, the Friends of the Library, the Lackawanna Historical Association and the Board of Trustees work together to ensure that the Lackawanna Library is a vibrant and inviting place to visit.



Lackawanna Public Library

2020 Community Report



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People

The Lackawanna Public Library continues to serve as the center of our community. In 2020 we struggled with the Coronavirus and had to close temporarily. We still had over 19,000 library visits in 2020.

Despite the shut down, the number of Registered Borrowers increased to over 6,500. The Library is a vital part of the community and we are proud to provide a place where all are welcome.

Our Meeting Room space is a key component of our services. Many local groups use our space and on a regular basis we had Workforce Trainers, Mental Health Advocates, Legislators, local authors, ESL instructors and children's tutors all taking advantage of our Free Meeting Room Use Policy.



Programs



The Library continued to provide programs for people of all ages in 2020 with a combination of in house and remote programs. We hosted in house Bingo for families, and children read to our therapy dog Milo. The Art Gallery brought their Art Truck outside and Captain America stopped by with music and games. The Yo Yo guy taught us some new tricks and the Aquarium shared their Touch Tank with us.

We continued our weekly Toddler Time and our Cooking programs virtually. We also created Take and Make Craft Kits for children to take home and make. We were able to provide Curb Side Service to patrons when the building was physically closed.

Even through our closure, we provided almost 60 different programs this past year and we had over 2,600 people participate! Our programs are always free and open to the public.

Materials

The Lackawanna Public Library continues to offer the latest Adult, Young Adult, and Children's Fiction and Non-Fiction titles in Print and Electronic formats. This past year we circulated over 21,000 items including DVDs, Blu Rays, CDs, Books, Magazines, E-Books and Downloadable Music.

In 2020, we provided access to 26 Research Databases through our Website. Our Databases contain the most up to date information on thousands of current research topics.

We also collaborated with local schools and teachers to provide outreach and class visits in order to share library resources and encourage students to get library cards.

