

SWARTHMORE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report

2023

THANK YOU!

What a year for our library! It took a village to make all those amazing programs and services happen. To everyone who lent a hand, we offer our sincerest gratitude.

LIBRARY STAFF

Abigail Cengel, Director
Carol Mackin, Circulation and Technical Services Manager
Scott Schumacher, Youth Services Coordinator
Jenifer Phillips, Adult Services Coordinator
Kerry Doyle, Public Relations Coordinator
Mae Vachon, Library Associate
Marnie Berkowitz, Library Associate

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David Murphy, Board President
Jennifer Prevoznik-McNamara,
Secretary
Elizabeth Brown, Trustee
David Langdon, Trustee
Tom Melvin, Trustee
Martin Micklin, Trustee



IN MEMORIAM

Ellen Kornfield, a longtime trustee and Board Vice President, passed away in January 2024. She was a tireless library advocate and devoted community member. We cannot adequately express our gratitude for the service she has done for our community.

FRIENDS OF THE SWARTHMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beth Fitzsimons, President
Barb Weir, Vice President
Anne Papa, Treasurer
Ann Currens, Secretary

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

We are greatly appreciative of the 800 hours in 2023 spent helping the library!

Meredith Flower
Kate Francis
Carol Kennedy
Mimi Nenno
Anne Papa
Bern Rehberg
Sarah Rehberg
Carol Savery
Beth Soch
Helene Van Hoeven

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

4,192



Swarthmore card holders

New cardholders
in 2023

316



68,280

Visitors



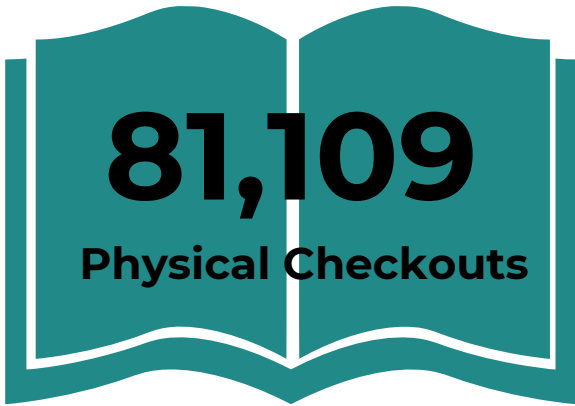
800

Volunteer Hours



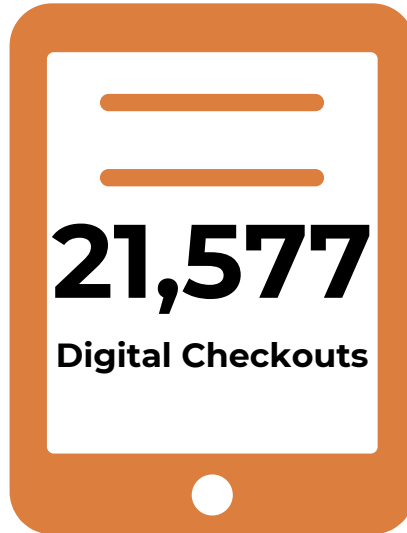
81,109

Physical Checkouts



21,577

Digital Checkouts



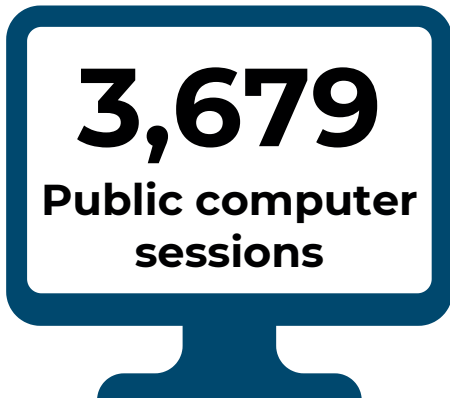
1,556

Library of Things
Checkouts



3,679

Public computer
sessions



2,532

Followers on social media



FOSTERING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

Books, Discussions, and Hobbies, oh my!

Through shared interests and community camaraderie, we cultivated unforgettable bonds and sparked true connections.

1,688 attendees
12 groups



INCLUSION AND BELONGING

We partied it up in collaboration with Swarthmore Pride, ringing in Pride Month and National Coming Out Day with panache!



EDUCATING AND INSPIRING

Children's Programs

406 programs
8,400 attendees

Storytime! STEAM! Clubs! From diving into summer reading to busting out lab coats on STEAM Saturdays, young minds explored and grew through a whole host of educational programs!



Adult Programs

259 programs **5,111** attendees

The library isn't just a building full of books, it's a place where you can climb mountains, explore history, and learn something new! From George Washington's legacy to the Watergate scandal and even scaling the great Mount Everest, our 2023 programs took us on a journey to learn, be inspired, and spark curiosity!

Sharon Ford Fund

Special thanks to the Sharon Ford Fund for a presentation from the African American Museum in Philadelphia and an evening with opera singer Matt Maisano.



NEW TO THE SHELVES

Lucky Day Books

Couldn't wait for the next big read? It just might have been your lucky day if you borrowed a book from our new Lucky Day Collection in 2023!

Available year-round, each book can be checked out on a first-come, first-serve basis for 7 days at a time.

Exclusively at Swarthmore Library!



Library of Things

From providing tools for your latest DIY project to offering cool gadgets for your next adventure, we've got your back! And the best part? We're always adding new stuff to keep up with your ever-evolving needs!



Reminiscence Kits

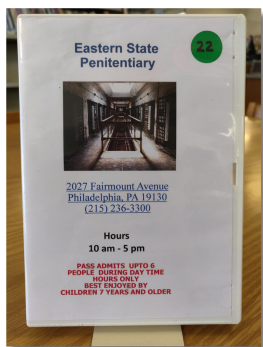
Funded by a generous grant from the Swarthmore Rotary Club



Metal detector



Yoto Mini Player and Cards



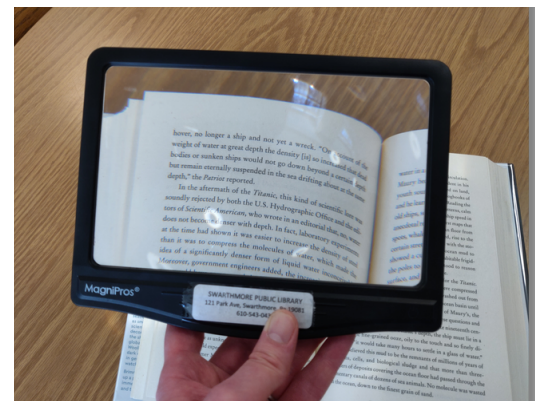
Eastern State Penitentiary Pass



Swarthmore Swim Club Guest Pass
Generously donated by the Swim Club for the 2023 season



Wireless Bluetooth speaker



Page magnifier

FUNDRAISING

Our community rocks! We're over the moon with gratitude for your boundless support at our 2023 fundraisers. We couldn't do it without you!

Nosh & Knowledge

Brainiac squads battled it out to claim the coveted title of Swarthmore's smartest!

Sponsors

Champion Sponsors:

Harvey Oak Mercantile,
King's Auto

Round Sponsors:

Providence Dental, Beth
Brown, Sonya Pappas



Fall Fest

Abracadabra! We had a blast celebrating Fall with you! The day was filled with carnival games, face painting, delicious treats, and enchanting performances from Magician Bobby Gallo!

Sponsors

Gold: Heidi Foggo Homes Team

Silver: Heiler Painting, 4Imprint

Bronze: The Payroll Factory, Pastry Pants,
Longwood Gardens



2023 DONATIONS

Swarthmoreans of all ages are reading, learning, discovering, and growing at the library, all thanks to you!

\$1-99

Elisabeth Aaron
Garen Boghosian
Jean Burks
Pamela Butler
Helge Hartung
Etheldreda Kaminski
Peter Koelle
Reisa Mukamal
Rob Oaks
Robert Schachner
Jonathan Simmons
Amy Sisson
Daniel Snyder
James Templeton
Alan Waldt
Marilyn Williams
Sarah Zalcmann

\$100+

Leigh Anne Brenza
Katy Christodouleas
Ann Fetter
Birgitte Haselgrove
George Huber
Dukgun Kim
David Landau
Laura Long Reiter
Cynthia Marshall
Julia Mayer
Sarah Rehberg
Kristin Rein
Carol Sabersky
Jeffrey Savery
Damon Soeiro
Elizabeth Thornton

\$250+

Sheila Bell
Elizabeth Bolton
Myra Hochman
John Martin
Tom Melvin
Steven Risberg

\$500+

Kimberly Lin

\$1,000+

Christopher Kenney



Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Remembering

Edward and Barbara Silver
Elizabeth Murphy
Ann Green
Leslie Brubaker

Honoring

Tom Melvin

THANK YOU!

Picnic Tables



The library got a lawn makeover in 2023 with a gift of two new picnic tables from the **Friends of the Swarthmore Public Library**! The tables have been a hit and it's not hard to see why - they're the perfect spot to read and relax!

Made a donation but don't see your name?

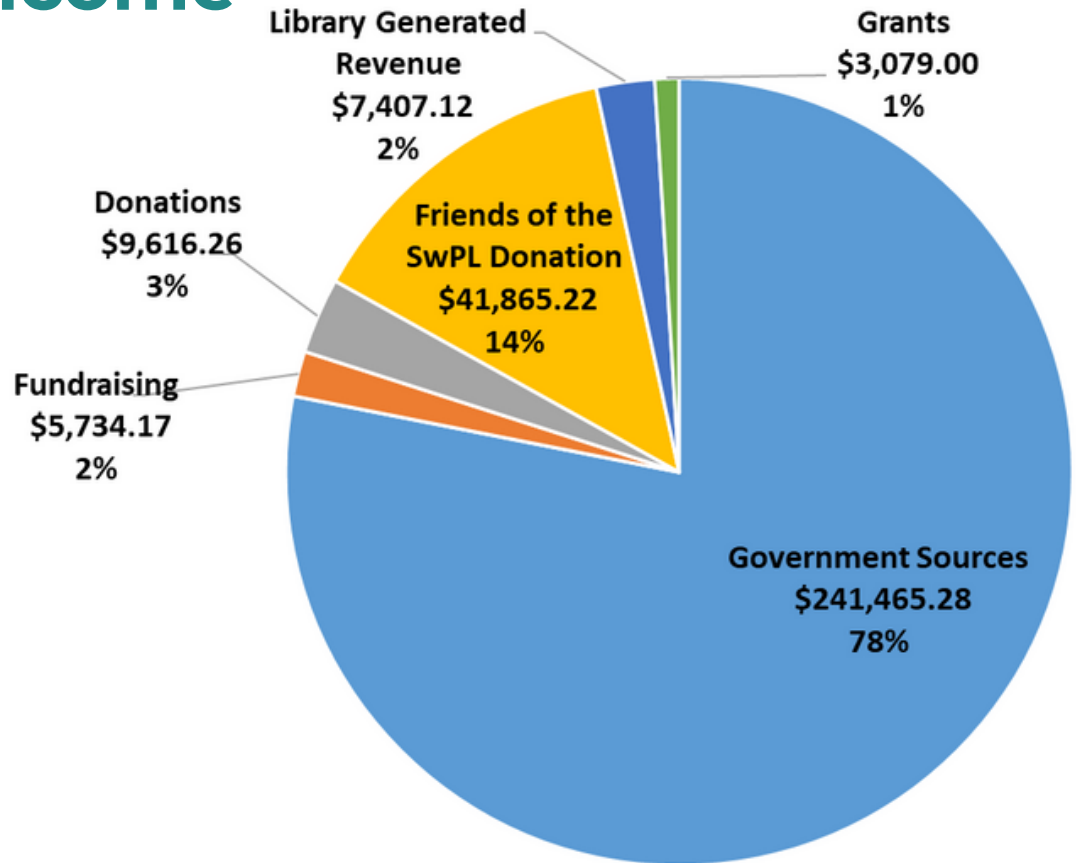
You may have given to the Friends of the Swarthmore Public Library. Donations to the Friends of Swarthmore Public Library are tracked and managed separately by the Friends.

If you gave directly to the Library and your name has been misprinted or omitted, please contact us at director@swarthmorepubliclibrary.org or 610-543-0436 so we can update your recognition preferences.

2023 FINANCES

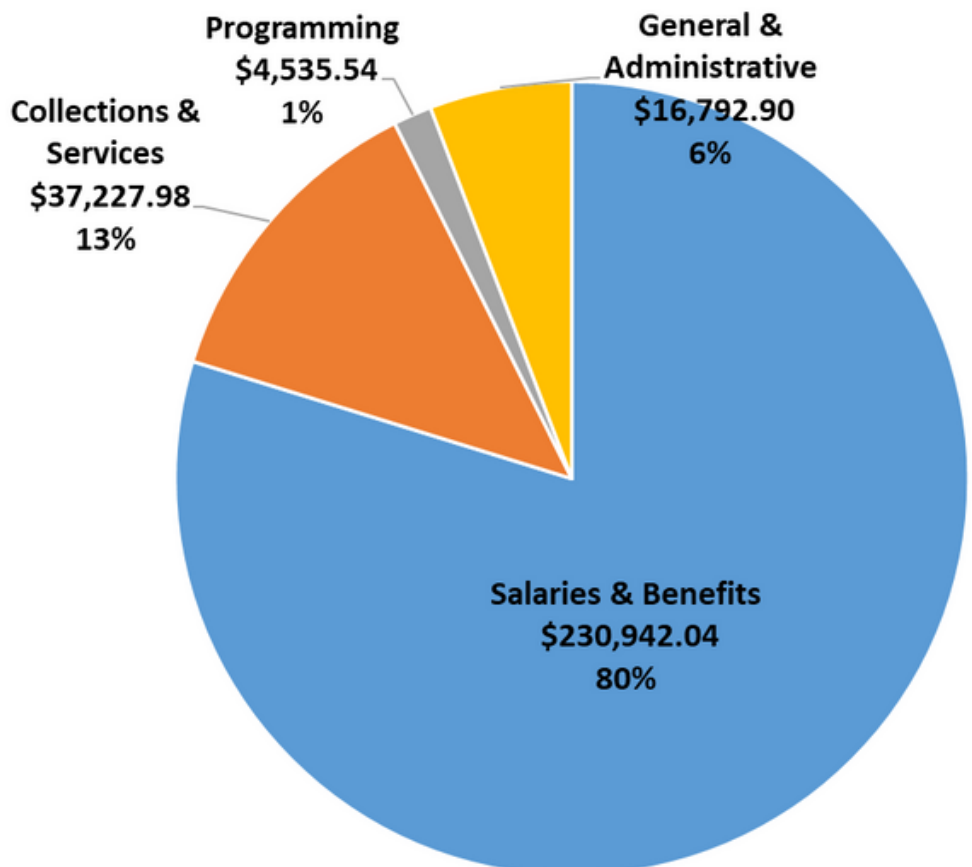
Operating Income

\$309,167.05



Operating Expenses

\$289,498.46



SWPL ACTUAL WORTH

How much would library services cost if you had to pay for them directly in 2023?

\$2,194,634.05

Adult Books Borrowed	\$493,935.00
YA Books Borrowed	\$21,792.00
Childrens Books Borrowed	\$729,929.00
Audiobooks Borrowed/Downloaded	\$102,216.35
Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$455.175.00
eBooks Downloaded	\$149,355.00
Magazines Read	\$14,105.00
Newspapers Read	\$14,364.00
Movies Borrowed	\$15,772.00
CDs Borrowed	\$7,621.70
Adult Program Attendance	\$76,665.00
Childrens Program Attendance	\$58,800.00
Museum Passes Borrowed	\$10,560.00
Computer Use (per hour)	\$26,844.00
Reference Assistance	\$17,500.00



\$31.59

Contribution to library funding per capita
(based on Swarthmore Borough's 2023 contribution)



\$335

Received in library services per capita

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT THE LIBRARY?

See what the community has to say about the Swarthmore Library!



We're excited to keep reading, meeting, discovering,
and growing in 2024!