



November, 2024

Dear Community Member,

On May 17, 1929 the Swarthmore Library, our library, opened its doors for the first time.

That year 754 adults and 401 children borrowed books from the library. In the 95 years since, our library has expanded in ways the founders never could have imagined. We now enjoy the highest per capita use of all libraries in Delaware County, circulating 90,000 items annually and offering an array of programming and activities.

Even more importantly, the Swarthmore Public Library has become a place where every member of our community can feel safe, connected and welcomed. **It is a place where we all thrive, together.**

At the Library, we do that by creating learning and growth opportunities for every member, at every stage of life.

In 2024, opportunities for children included:

- collaborating with Swarthmore College Conservation Biology team to learn about microscopic organisms.
- participating in Longwood Garden's Community Reads program.
- discovering solar events and making solar eclipse viewers.



Diverse programming for adults featured:

- Retro Reads, for those who love classic literature.
- Spice Club, where members learned about unique cuisines, mastered new flavors and shared dinners.
- scholarly talks about the music of The Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

None of these amazing opportunities happen without your support. By giving generously, you make it possible for our library to continue to be a safe and welcoming and enriching place for all.

A place where everyone can thrive.

Please continue your past support of the Swarthmore Public Library today and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank you,

Beth Fitzsimons

Beth Fitzsimons, President

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