



A Message from our Executive Director

Despite all that has transpired since March 13, 2020 I have been thankful for many things. A great deal of pride has gone along with that thanks. I am proud of the library board for their belief in me as I managed the necessary changes during this past year. I am proud of the library staff for their ability to adjust and adapt on an almost daily basis to the challenges we have faced. And I am proud of our patrons for their support as we have continued to serve this community while trying to ensure everyone's safety. This past year could have gone much differently. That it did not is a testament to this community, and for that I am optimistic for the coming years. Thank you!

- Ryan McCrory, Executive Director

Where we have Been and Where we are Going

Where were you on March 13th 2020? As a library, we were about to do something unprecedented in our history. We were getting ready to shutter our doors to the public. As Covid-19 changed the way our world functioned, the library was no exception. We were physically closed to the public for two weeks initially, as we tried to come to grips with what a pandemic would mean for our staff, our patrons, and our service to the community. While our collection and resources remained available to the public through our online catalog and website, we had to negotiate a new normal for safely getting those resources into the public's hands. A patron was always able to place a hold on materials online



and pick them up in the library, now we had to allow for that pick-up to be as safe as possible. Our staff transformed our community room into a circulation desk area for pick-up of materials. Masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing, plexiglass dividers, and quarantining of books became the new norm. We offered tables of

books and movies from our collection so that patrons could browse in a limited and safe way. As of July 5, 2020 we were able to reopen our doors and allow in-person browsing for books and materials, however, as the winter holidays came and went and Covid cases spiked again, we had to resort to using our community room once more. Now finally, almost a year to the date



that we closed our doors, we threw them open again! This time we are hoping for good. It has been a roller coaster ride for the library, as it has for so many others. We open our doors with changes in place - new procedures, new programs - but with a continuing commitment to providing our community access to all the resources and services they have come to expect from Lititz Public Library.

We are gathering thoughts. Want to share yours?

Take our survey on library services and let us know what you think.

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KYKB9KJ>

Or stop by the library to pick up a paper survey.

improvements within our building and as offerings to the public. We added and loaned out wifi hot spots to the community. We added 3 laptops and hot spots that patrons can check-out. In addition, we increased our E-book collection. We improved the library with LED lights, weeded and rearranged our collections and added safety measures to the library including distancing signage, plexi-glass dividers, and hand sanitation stations.



New Hires

The library hired three new staff members in 2020 and 2021. Please help us to welcome them to the library.

Justine Prestifilippo - Circulation Desk Assistant

Laurie Conrad - Circulation Desk Assistant

Wayne Lehman - Facilities Assistant

The Show Must Go On

Adult programming went virtual in 2020. We had adult programs using Zoom and pre-recorded concerts on YouTube. Some of our virtual programs included Hygge, a performance of Ichabod Crane, When Women Lost the Vote, and a Poetry Tea Party just to name a few. In addition, adult Grab & Go craft kits were offered to the public. We look forward to continuing to offer our craft kits, virtual programs and outdoor concerts and yoga this summer.

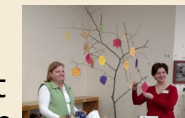


Giving Back

During a year of heartache and stress for many families, the library and our generous patrons tried to help those hurting in our community. In November and December of 2020 the library set up our Mitten Tree and our patrons stepped up by donating over 783 items for the local community. Many mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, masks, and other items were donated. In addition, the library partnered with the Lititz Warwick

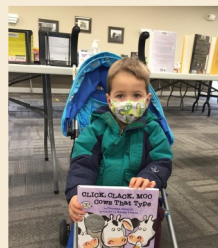
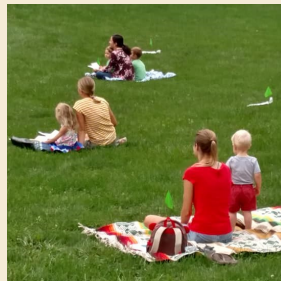


Community Chest and set-up a Giving Tree in the library where patrons could "adopt" a family and provide an entire holiday dinner. The library donated gift cards so these families could purchase meat and fresh



Children's Programming was challenging during 2020. However, our Youth Librarian, Karen Payonk and our Storytime teachers, Shannon Richard and Amy Moyer, rose to the challenge. They implemented Zoom Storytimes, Backyard Storytimes, I Spy on our library doors, educational and fun activity packets, and a fabulous Storywalk at the library and on Main Street in Lititz during the winter holidays. The Summer Reading program 2020 also continued with a different look. Summer reading went online with Beanstalk and Summer reading programs were virtual and pre-recorded. In addition, Santa visited the library and recorded a special message and storytime for the children to watch at their convenience.

Moving forward we will continue to offer Zoom storytimes, Backyard Storytimes, our I Spy games, and our Storywalk has become a permanent part of our library grounds. In addition, Summer Reading 2021 will continue to be offered on Beanstalk and programs will be virtual and in-person in our backyard. Our Children's Programming staff also created a video introducing Kindergarteners to our library.





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Summer Reading 2021

Pick up Forms or **sign up on Beanstack**

Starting: Saturday, June 5th

Return Completed Forms or **finish on Beanstack** by:
Saturday, August 14th

Prizes Available Starting: Monday, June 21st

