

# *Special 25th Anniversary Edition!*

It's time to celebrate the Lititz Public Library! 2024 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Lititz Public Library at our Kissel Hill location! Look inside for a history of the library on Kissel Hill Road and a peek at the future of the library.

Enjoy these photos of Anniversary Events that occurred in the past few months!



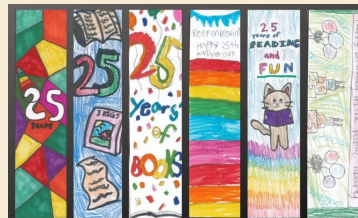
Moravian Star Program & Blanket Raffle.



Russell Hogg created this fabulous model of the library for our 25th Anniversary Celebration.



The library's sculptures at the Lititz Fire & Ice Festival.



We are so proud of the students of Bonfield Elementary and Kissel Hill Elementary that participated in our 25th Anniversary bookmark design project.

## Upcoming 25th Anniversary Events

Library Birthday Bash - June 1st from 11 am - 4 pm

Summer Reading Program - Adventure Begins at the Library - begins 6/1

Birthday Cupcake Contest & Crawl - June 13 from 6 - 7 pm

Lititz Fourth of July Parade - July 4th

Former librarian Donna Hammond will be the Grand Marshall  
Look for librarians, volunteers, and families dressed as book characters

Monthly Concert Series with Friends of the Lititz Library providing treats



## The Beginning:

In September 1996, Betty and Wayne Siegrist donated 4.3 acres of land on Kissel Hill Road to Warwick Township. The land would be leased for \$1.00 to the Lititz Public Library for 50 years.

By the fall of 1997, a capital campaign was organized with a goal of \$1.5 million. This amount, when added to initial gifts, met the total project costs of \$1.86 million.

By spring of 1999, both the capital campaign and building construction were nearly completed.

On June 5, 1999, more than 800 people were present for the grand opening of the new library. In 1999, library circulation was 167,074. The budget was \$138,800.

Donna Hammond, hired in 1981, was head librarian at this time.

The Friends of the Lititz Public Library had been formed in 1990 and played an huge role in the development of the new library.



### 2000:

In December 2000, Donna Hammond retired as librarian after nearly two decades of service.



### 2001:

In January 2001, Bonnie Young, formerly the director of the Adamstown Public Library was hired as library director.

### 2004-2018:

In 2004, Susan Tennant was hired as library director.

2011 marked the 75th anniversary of the Lititz Public Library.

In 2018, librarian Susan Tennant announced she would retire the following year.



### 2019-Present:

In 2019, Ryan McCrory was hired as the director. That year, the Community Room in the library was renovated due to the generosity of Bill and Barbara Oehme.



In March of 2020, the library was required to close due to the Covid-19 National Emergency. After two weeks, the library reopened to provide materials to its patrons. The Community Room was used for patrons to pick up materials. Curbside pick-up was also offered. Later that year, the StoryWalk was created and a new program, Backyard Storytime, began.

In 2023 the Warwick High School Art Honor Society painted a large mural on the walls in the Children's section of the library.

In 2024 the library is celebrating their 25th anniversary at the Kissel Hill location. A new library logo is unveiled.



“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future” - John F. Kennedy

Built in 1999, the library was constructed with a vision for 20 years of growth and success. However, as early as 2009, there were discussions around expansion, particularly physical expansion. Now it is 2024 and we are again looking toward the future and ask the questions: “What might the next 25 years bring?”, “How will we think of a future library?”

The world has changed. It is more virtual. It is faster-paced. It requires flexibility and the capacity to adapt.

The beauty of this facility is in its simplicity. Rather than building more walls that restrict our ability to grow and accommodate change, we need to utilize our openness that allows for almost infinite possibility.

We know there is demand for meeting spaces. Making use of meeting pods rather than constructing new rooms keeps our space flexible - able to adjust to the next community need.

Opening up our front desk and staff work area allows us to better serve our patrons in today’s world as well as in the future.

Our use of the beautiful backyard and patio area developed out of necessity. Its continued use will require us to make it fully accessible - in all ways.

And that accessibility is greatly needed at the library’s front door as well. The tremendous growth in the number of people that enter our space has made it apparent that we need a new style of entrance. We see people of all walks of life, and at all stages of life enter our building - from 3 to 93. To best serve them all we need a simple, open, and expansive entryway.

Some of the changes in our approach can be seen in the development of our children’s area over the last two years. New shelving that opens up a world of discovery for our youngest patrons. A freshly designed mural brightens up a secluded corner.

These changes will spread through the remainder of the library in the form of fresh paint, new carpet, and new furnishings.

So, what’s to come? Lots of new, exciting changes to our spaces.

And more of the same - consistent, stellar service to our community.

Ryan McCrory

Director, 2019-2024





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**Help Us Celebrate  
the Lititz Library's  
25th Birthday!**

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY JUNE 1, 11:00-4:00**

11:00-4:00	AARON'S BOOK BUS
11:00-1:00	FACE PAINTING
11:00-2:00	BOUNCY HOUSE
12:00-2:00	MAGIC ANDREW (BALLOON ANIMALS)
2:00-3:00	LITITZ COMMUNITY BAND

**FOOD TRUCKS**

- ISABELLAS (ICE CREAM)
- DUTCH COUNTRY HAND-ROLLED SOFT PRETZELS
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