

Selected Accomplishments & Highlights



SPL ranked as one of the country's finest public libraries!

Library Journal (LJ), the premiere journal for librarians, rated and recognized America's Star Libraries. *LJ* evaluated 7,115 public libraries across the nation and selected 256 libraries as providing quality service and excellent value. They chose an index of public library output based upon four related per capita output indicators: visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use for libraries at various budget levels. These measurements are industry recognized standards. Other factors considered for Star Library status are:

- The library's community and their use of the library. Use by nonresidents also factors into this quality.
- The library's organization and funding.
- The leadership and management of the library.
- The library's services and facility.

SPL continually evaluates its services and role in the community and seeks to improve its customer service and outputs.

The ***Pittsburgh Business Times 2009 Book of Lists*** declared SPL one of the 25 largest Pittsburgh-Area Public Libraries. The library ranked #18 within the seven counties surrounding Pittsburgh. The ranking was based on the number of holdings, which was 89,836 in 2006. The library performed well in the categories of registered card holders, customer visits, total circulation, interlibrary loans, and minutes of computer use.

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The Allegheny County Library Association and KDKA filmed the Summer Reading Club TV commercial at our library. The library's high ceiling suited their needs perfectly. The public service ad ran on KDKA and other media outlets including YouTube and library websites across the county.

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Accolades for Librarians at SPL

Kelly Rottmund, Teen Librarian, received recognition from the American Library Association, *The Pittsburgh Post Gazette* and the Office of Commonwealth Libraries for her program *Movie Stars @ Your Library*. Kelly also received from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries the 'Marketing for Lifelong Learning Award'. She was then asked to present the concepts of the program at the Pennsylvania Library Association annual convention.

Kelly also applied for and received two grants:

1. An American Library Association & Verizon grant for a "Libraries, Literacy & Gaming" project
2. A Child Health Association of Sewickley grant for the Teen Laptop Lending program

Children's Librarian, **Madonna Hunt** was awarded a Pennsylvania Library Association Best Practices Award for her program, ¡Hola Amigos!, a Spanish language program to help toddlers become familiar with the Spanish language.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Sewickley Public Library is to serve as a center for lifelong learning by providing free access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library resources that address the interests and needs of the children and adults in the Quaker Valley region.

The Library seeks to fulfill its mission by providing access to the world of ideas and imagination through its educational and informational resources, enrichment programs, welcoming environment and competent staff and volunteers.

Adopted by the Board of Directors July 12, 2004

The Library was open 65 hours per week, seven days a week, 52 weeks per year, and closed on only 11 major holidays.

Monday—Thursday: 9:30 a.m.— 9:00 p.m.

Friday— Saturday: 9:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.



of the Quaker Valley School District

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Annual Report 2009

The library serves the following communities (and beyond):

Aleppo	Leet Township
Bell Acres	Leetsdale
Edgeworth	Glen Osborne
Glenfield	Sewickley Borough
Haysville	Sewickley Hills
Sewickley Heights	

"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

Charles W. Eliot

The Happy Life, 1896

US Educator (1834-1926)

Did you know...

The Library lent 374,711 items in 2009.
The collection consists of 94,766 items.
This means, on average, every item
circulated 3.95 times.

As a member of the Allegheny County Library Association, the library borrows and lends materials along with 70+ other libraries in the county. In 2009 Sewickley patrons borrowed 52,190 items from other libraries. Sewickley Public Library loaned 56,376 items to other libraries in the same year.

302,170 people crossed the library threshold in 2009.

What do they do?

- **Enjoy programs.** 23,416 people attended 1,312 programs offered by the library.
- **Use computers.** The library has 40 public use computers recording 95,648 logins and 51,418 hours of use. 38 PCs, leased for three years from the eiNetwork, and two Quaker Valley iMacs provide free high speed Internet connectivity and access to proprietary databases. Wireless laptop logins are not part of the login total above.
- **Attend meetings.** The library's community room, conference room and study room were reserved 1,428 times for tutoring, tax assistance, service organizations and a variety of other purposes.

Restrooms Renovated

The Board of Directors voted to renovate the Adult Department restrooms as the major maintenance project for 2009. The cost was \$36,800.

The restrooms were not improved during the 1998-1999 major expansion and renovation project.

Statistically speaking...

Circulation of all library materials

2009	374,711 items	↑3.6%
2008	355,349 items	

Audio & video circulation

2009	128,843 items	↑4.5%
2008	123,281 items	

Interlibrary Loans to other libraries*

2009	56,549 items	↑8.9%
2008	51,952 items	

Program attendance

2009	23,416 people	↑11.3%
2008	21,044 people	

*The library receives funding from the Allegheny Regional Asset District for lending materials to non-residents.

Staff & Volunteers

The library employed 37 people:

- 1 FT director, 1 PT administrative assistant and 1 PT accountant
- 12 Librarians: 5 Full time, 7 Part time
- 21 circulation clerks: 21 PT; 1 FT
- 1 Part time maintenance/handyman

Daily, volunteers provided significant support to the library by assisting with the day to day circulation duties. Three volunteers order, sort and deliver materials to homebound individuals for the Books on Wheels program. They logged a total of 1,258 hours.

574 hours were donated by 26 teens who volunteered for the Children's Summer Reading Club.

119 hours were donated by 15 teens to help with assorted jobs in the teen department.

Friends of the Library

The Friends donated \$52,000 to the library in support of our many collections. They also provided an extra \$10,000 for Summer Reading Club prizes; Battle of the Books prizes and books; the start-up collection of Children's Department Playaways; the yearly micro-filming of the *Sewickley Herald*; a button maker for the teen department; a DVD/CD cleaner and white

Financially...

2009 Financial Information

Income

Quaker Valley School District	\$489,244 (a)
Allegheny Regional Asset District	
Basic Distribution	166,120
Regional Use Reimbursement	46,403
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	
State Aid	59,685
Access PA	20,225
Friends of Sewickley Public Library	64,000
Fundraising	47,384
Grants	29,175 (b)
Other (fines, fees, rentals, etc.)	66,034
Total	\$988,270

Expenditures

Personnel	601,794
Books, DVDs, CDs, etc	116,356
Building maintenance & supplies	105,665 (c)
Utilities	67,170
Automation	27,369
Other expenses	57,015
Total	\$975,369

Restricted Funds

\$ 16,668

Notes:

- Includes a one-time contribution for restroom renovation of \$8,480
- Grants as follows: DCED Young Adult Librarian Payroll Grant, \$20,000; Child Health Association Teen Laptop Grant, \$4,175; American Library Association Video Game Grant, \$5,000
- Includes Restroom Renovation

The Endowment

On December 31, 2009, library endowment investment funds were valued at \$346,095.