



2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS



RADNOR
Memorial Library



OUR WORK

We envision Radnor Memorial Library as the **community's destination for discovery and engagement**, a home for cultural and intellectual enrichment and learning.



PROGRAMS

Our unique programs combine high quality educational opportunities with a strong sense of community.





Our mission is to provide programs, collections, space, and other resources that enhance the quality of life for the entire community.

COLLECTIONS

We offer an exciting and robust collection of books and materials in both physical and digital formats.

SPACE

From computers to study rooms, patrons have access to a beautiful space to work and browse.

My family and I have been lifelong fans of Radnor Library since my kids were young. My wife took our kids as preschoolers to the Library to be read to, which they enjoyed very much. Both my wife and I have continued to enjoy the Library now that we are empty nesters. ~ Ron



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Cozying Up With a Book and a Dog



Eva with therapy dog August and his new Star Wars bandana

Eva likes to read. She also loves dogs. So when her mother, Julia, suggested she go to the Library to read to August the therapy dog, she jumped at the opportunity. Radnor Memorial Library's **Tail Waggin' Tutors** program helps children improve reading motivation and fluency and lower anxiety around reading aloud.

"It's kind of fun to see dogs," Eva says about the program, which hosts August each month for 10 minute read-aloud sessions. She has read the graphic novel

versions of the Babysitters Club series to August, including her favorites: *Karen's Big Idea*, *Mary Anne Saves the Day*, and *Chrissy's Great Idea*.

"**Tail Waggin' Tutors** is one of RML's most meaningful ongoing programs for children," says Carrie Sturgill, Head of Youth Services at Radnor Memorial Library. The program has been held monthly at the library since 2014. It continued during the library renovation from 2016–2018 when open space was limited as well as through the COVID pandemic when children were able to meet virtually with the dogs.

"I wanted to introduce a therapy-dog reading program because it's such a wonderful environment for emerging readers to practice their skills and improve

fluency," says Sturgill. "These specially-trained therapy dogs are naturally calm and comfort the reader simply through their gentle presence, which makes reading a positive, stress-free experience."

Tail Waggin' Tutors is open to children through 5th grade. Other children who have benefitted from the program have included those who felt fearful or uncomfortable around dogs as well as children learning English as a second language. "Nothing creates a safe, welcoming space quite like a sweet dog that is happy to snuggle beside you and listen no matter what you're reading or how well!" says Sturgill.

In a recent session, Eva brought a handmade Star Wars bandana for August. He wore it proudly as Eva read him a story. "Reading in my head is more calm" says Eva, who is 8..."but August is very calm. That's what I like about reading to therapy dogs."

"So many kids have developed lasting relationships with our dogs and their handlers over the years," says Sturgill. "But the most important thing has been the growth we see in reading and motivation levels among the children who participate."



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The Library was open
3,588
total hours



144,348
people visited



118,766
physical items in the
Library's collection

315,418

total items loaned



23,896
items were accessed
in the databases



Service is delivered
by **10 FT** and **32 PT**
Librarians



13,949
reference questions
were answered



5,168
public computer
sessions



543
live programs
were held



14,985
people attended



13,798
Radnor residents
have a library card



1,316
new cards were
issued



254,492
physical items
loaned



60,926
digital items loaned



and **42** volunteers
who gave
667
hours



949
number of times
museum passes were
borrowed



453,970
wireless internet
sessions



2,462
meeting rooms were
used by the community



plus **225**
self-directed activities
were offered and **2,431**
people took part

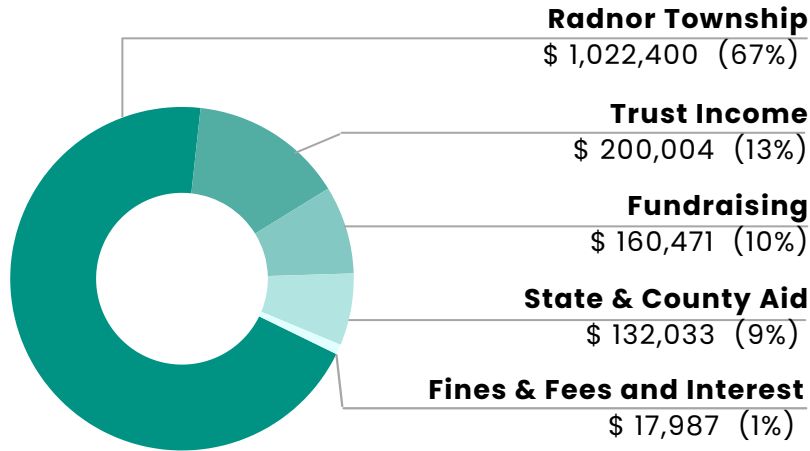


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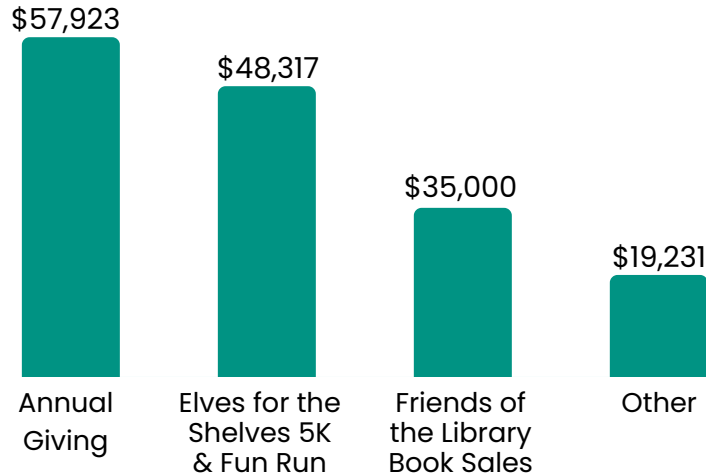


OPERATING INCOME

\$1,532,895



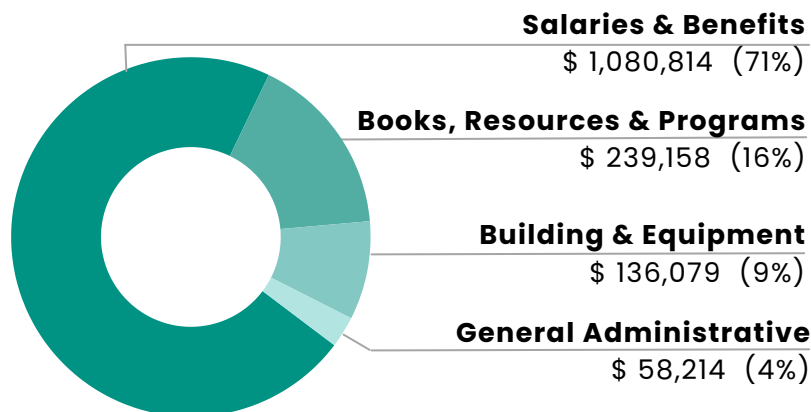
TOTAL FUNDRAISING = \$160,471



FINANCIALS

OPERATING EXPENSES

\$1,514,265



Municipal funding for the Library in 2023, equaled

\$ 31.92 per capita

- a little more than the average cost of a new hardcover book.

In return, residents received an average of **\$ 200.39 per capita** in services.



I am happy that my kids have access to such a beautiful and welcoming library here in Radnor where they can cultivate a lifelong love of reading." - Erin



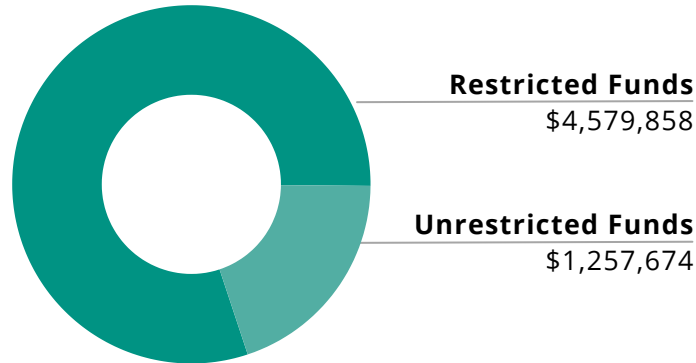
The total market value of all of the Library services that were utilized by residents in 2023 equaled

\$6,658,658

LIBRARY TRUST

\$5,837,532

Many generous donors have left a lasting legacy to the Library through major gifts from their estates. These gifts make up the bulk of the Library's Trust. The Trust is carefully managed to ensure longevity of the funds and provides a stable source of revenue to the operating budget each year.



A very special thank you goes to the individuals and families who endowed the following Funds providing essential ongoing support to the Library - some for nearly 100 years!

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Chanticleer: A Pleasure Garden

2023 marked the 30th anniversary of Chanticleer's public opening and it is with warm gratitude that we spotlight this treasure in our community.

Chanticleer has been a long-time supporter of Radnor Memorial Library. Its founder and original property owner, Adolph Rosengarten Jr., was involved with the Library for many years, which was a part of his many local charitable connections that also included The Neighborhood League and Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Mr. Rosengarten believed that **“a good library, well run, well stocked with books, is a very important institution to have in a community.”** He was a Trustee of the Library, and was instrumental in acquiring the current building and expanding it through the years.

Mr. Rosengarten was born in St. David's in 1905, and lived between there and Philadelphia until 1926 when he moved permanently to the area after his father's retirement- not including the times he was away at boarding school, college, law school, and military service during World War II, when he worked as a spy.



Frances Palmer speaking at the 24th Annual Chanticleer Lecture in 2023

Through the 30 years since its opening to the public, Chanticleer, has continued to support the Library in many different ways, including sponsoring the annual *Chanticleer Lecture*, which brings renowned experts in gardening and horticulture to our community. They also support the *Chanticleer Garden Collection* of gardening and horticultural books, and *Once Upon a Garden Storytime* at Chanticleer, a popular spring and fall program for children and families to enjoy story time in a beautiful setting. These partnerships, Chanticleer says, brings positive experiences to the entire community.



Dan Hinkley, 13th Annual Chanticleer Lecturer & Bill Thomas, Executive Director at Chanticleer



Books for the 20th Annual Chanticleer Lecture: *GardenLust* by Christopher Woods

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Thank you to all of the people and organizations who generously made a donation to the Library in 2023.



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Thank you also, to the staff of **Radnor Township** and the **Township Commissioners** for the vital funds and support they provide each year to operate the Library.

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