

## **Mission Statement**

The Kutztown Community Library is a gathering place for minds of all ages to connect with the world and each other through our services and programs.

## **Year in Review**

The Kutztown Community Library is the heart and soul of our town, where the magic of learning, exploring, and bonding happens.

Books are like little sparks that ignite our imagination and boost our skills, making us better humans. With a vast collection of books, authors, and topics, our library caters to everyone's taste and thirst for knowledge.

We believe that each person deserves access to information. Use our computers to search the internet and connect with the world. The Wi-Fi hotspot program provides dependable internet at home and on the road.

But the library is more than just books and resources.

We offer a variety of educational and entertaining programs, from storytime for toddlers to book discussions for adults. Our activities provide a chance for folks to connect, grow, and have fun. One young parent said, "We don't ever take story time for granted."

The extraordinary ways we reached the community include:

- Teen Reading Lounge teens solved a "murder" on a mystery train ride.
- Our StoryWalk® in the Kutztown Park featured local author Kevin McCloskey and a book to enhance the Vietnam Memorial display.



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Firefighter and trainee battle an

imaginary blaze.

- Preschoolers were inspired to be community heroes through partnerships established with the local Police Department, Fire & Rescue, Public Works, and Borough of Kutztown.
- The library pet display promoted reading, the collection, and the wonders of the world and was featured at the PA Library Association conference.
- Community members 55 and older participated in programs including decluttering and downsizing and art therapy.
  - · Book deliveries to two senior communities allowed homebound residents to enjoy library materials.
  - Libraries Transform Communities grant provided funds to replace our entrance door and add an accessible opener.
  - We helped over 1,400 travelers with their passport applications.

As one patron said, "Anyone who doesn't take advantage of the library is missing out." Remember, books are just the beginning!

> Janet Yost, Director Kutztown Community Library

Total Circulation	110,595
Collection Size	29,264
Registered Borrowers	3,081
Service Area Population	16,870
Patron Visits	41,508
Number of Programs	459
Program Attendance	9,297