



Foundation & Friends

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Dear Friends,

The Long Hill Township Library is a cornerstone of our community. It's a place to gather, read, and learn, and it's busier than ever! Circulation is skyrocketing, story times are more frequent (and even happening at Stirling Lake!), and there were more than 4,600 participants in the summer programs for children.

The Library is also a place to play. This year, people visited the Library to unleash their inner artists through art classes and flower arranging. You danced, played board games and mini-golf, watched movies, attended concerts, learned about pyramids, eels, and Vikings, savored the chocolate fountain, and much more. At the September Sunday Funday, over 600 of you spent an afternoon connecting with neighbors and having fun!

Recently, the Library sent out its first Community Survey. More than 1,000 residents took the time to share what they want and we are listening! The Library offers more:

- **Weekend and evening programming.** Check the Library calendar for events.
- **Computer and e-book assistance.** Learn about technology at Wired Wednesday or stop in at any time for one-on-one e-book help.
- **Partnerships with local schools.** Participated in Environmental Day, attended Back to School Night, encouraged school field trips to the Library, and held Library Card Day for 91 kindergartners.
- **Community engagement at outside events.** Partnership with the Senior Center, the Chamber of Commerce, Township Recreation Department, Lounsberry Meadows, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, ArtAble, and others.
- **Author talks and readings.** You can meet many of your favorite big-name authors on Zoom through the Library Authors program offered three to four times per month.

Your generous gifts to the Library Foundation helped us to accomplish all this—and more! This year we hope to raise \$23,000 so we can continue to bring our community together to read, learn, and play at the Library. We hope you will consider donating to support the Library Foundation. **Mail your donation using the enclosed envelope. Alternatively, you can drop it off at the Library, or scan the QR code below to donate through Venmo.** Don't forget to make use of any employer-matching gift program.

We can't do this without you! Thank you for your support!

Lisa Hoffmann
President, The Long Hill Township Library Foundation



The Foundation and Friends of the Long Hill Township Public Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is made up of two groups.

The **Friends** conduct regular events and activities to raise money for immediate needs such as programs, materials and projects.

The **Foundation** generally conducts one annual appeal with a two-pronged goal of:

1. building an endowment to ensure the long-term financial health of the library and to support future large-scale capital expenditures, and
2. annually donating a portion of our funds to the library to support current programs.