

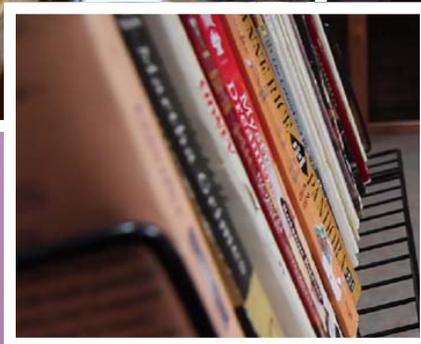


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2013/2014 Annual Report



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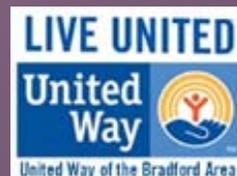
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A Message from the Board Chairperson



As we move through 2014, serving our community, we are making incredible progress at the Bradford Area Public Library. We are making progress hand-in-hand with trustees, staff, volunteers, organizations and businesses by partnering to advance our mission.

Our current focus is on our volunteer partners who provide leadership in both programming and fundraising. We are so fortunate to have many volunteers who contribute their time and talent. Programming advisors are passionate about their desire to build our new Early Learning Literacy Center, develop a Science Discovery Club for school age children, create an engaging teen program, and provide outreach services to seniors.

Our annual appeal and Derby Gala events are successful because of our committed fundraising volunteers. We are especially thankful that the Friends of the Library is rebuilding with a new and energetic team. Our business partners provide funding and volunteer support for operations and programs. We are also growing our partnerships within the school district and the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford.

I am proud to be a part of the Bradford Area Public Library's leaders and supporters. Patrons see them every day behind the circulation desk tending to library operations; parents see educators who diligently work with their children; staff and volunteers witness the steadfast work of the trustees who maintain the integrity of our library.

We are indebted to the individuals who say, "Where do I begin? How can I help?" We are able to be a recognized premier library in service to our community because of these many individuals and groups. As partners in progress – our hope is to continue to inspire others to make a difference.

We welcome all to visit our library to see firsthand the contributions of our many partners.

Christine L. Minich

Board Chairperson



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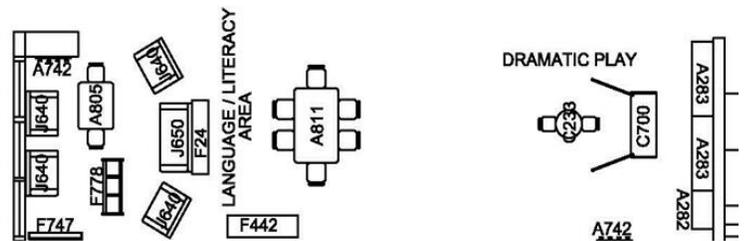
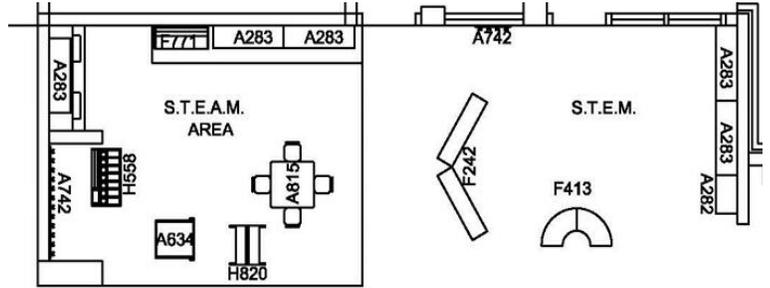
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Library Programming

The Early Childhood Literacy Center

The Library board and staff are especially excited to announce our newest initiative - The Early Childhood Literacy Center. The Center focuses on children as competent and capable learners and will engage parents in the learning process to “build positive relationships and a new culture of literacy and lifelong love of learning”. ***The ECL Center will be complete and available to the public before the new year.***

Our plan is for the Library to be the place for children and adults to learn HOW TO DO THINGS using a variety of tools, techniques and materials related to literacy development. We will provide access to quality children’s literature and a wide array of open ended materials so children will make new connections with ideas and concepts in all learning areas including art, science, construction, technology, dramatic play, and writing. Trained and caring adults, to include students from the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, will provide authentic experiences that encourage exploration and provoke children to communicate, making it possible to acquire new knowledge and build new relationships. Our strategy will be supported by retaining an early learning consultant and leveraging the talents of library staff and our community partners to include the Bradford Area School District and BAPL Friends of the Library.



Designing an appropriate learning space for children requires an understanding that a young child's cognitive and emotional development requires LEARNING HOW TO DO THINGS. As a result, the Early Childhood Literacy Center will feature a variety of learning stations with activities in art, dramatic play, construction, writing, science, math & discovery, technology and music.

The Teen Book Club

The Teen Book Club began in 2012 to encourage and promote literacy among teens. Open to any student in grades 8-12, the club meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5-6pm. With 20 registered members, each meeting is filled with lively discussion about a book that most often has teen characters tackling complex issues. Genres that are popular include dystopian novels that look at the breakdown of a society and the attempt by young protagonists to make it whole again. Teens had the opportunity to meet in-person two of the 24 novelists whose books they read. The club also sponsors four read-a-thons a year, giving teens a place to just sit and read with their friends. Food and refreshments are a part of every meeting along with read-a-thon prizes.



An Interview with the New Executive Director Lacey M. Love, MSLIS

Tell me a little about yourself. When and how did you get interested in libraries?

I've always been a voracious reader, so I have been going to public libraries since I was a little kid. Those visits started with my grandmother Roslyn Love. Like my mother Lisa and father Terry, my grandmother loved books. She even helped me get my first library card.

I was involved in Girl Scouts all through elementary and high school, and both my Silver and Gold Awards involved libraries. For my Silver Award, I and two other girls worked with the Washington County Health Center, a county-owned home for the elderly, to get the residents a library. They had an empty room that had been previously used for vending machines, which we cleaned out and painted. We got bookshelves donated, and had book donation bins in local schools and churches. It turned out really well!

My Gold Award was with the Heritage Public Library, making their children's collection compatible with the Accelerated Reader program used at the local elementary school. I coordinated with the school and public librarians to get lists of books and their Accelerated Reader information. I labeled over 1,000 books, so that kids could go to the local library and check the back of the book for the AR point information instead of only accessing it at the smaller school library.

Being a librarian has always been the only career path that made sense for me. So when I was an undergrad at Allegheny College, I worked at the Meadville Public Library. I moved to Champaign, Illinois to get my Master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois which has one of the top ranked library programs in the United States. I've been working in a small public library outside of Pittsburgh since then, and now here I am!

What attracted you to Bradford Area Public Library?

What initially attracted me to the library was its strong support system from the community and Board of Trustees. I was also impressed with the size of the library based on its community size. Other libraries in larger communities do not have as much space, particularly for their children's programs which are so important to any community.

What would you like to accomplish during your first year with the Library?

I'm going to take a few weeks to get to know the current system and staff. Short term, my goals include developing the collection and increasing programming. Another goal for this year is to improve the library's social media and web presence.

What would you like members of the community to know about you?

I would like them to know that although I am young, I have a lot of experience using and working in libraries. Even more, I am really excited to get started! I also enjoy golfing when it's warm outside and knitting when it's cold.

What is your favorite book? What do you like to read?

I read a lot of Young Adult books, and some non-fiction. My all-time favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series, but beyond that I have a lot of books that I frequently reread. I am currently reading *Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Thomas Sweterlitsch. It's a futuristic sci-fi-ish book set in Pittsburgh.

What attracted you to Bradford?

It's a beautiful area with a really strong community.

What is your favorite indoor or outdoor activity?

I enjoy golfing when it's warm outside and knitting when it's cold.



Lacey Love was born and raised in Bulger, PA near the Pittsburgh International Airport. Most recently she was a library assistant at the Scott Township Public Library, south of Pittsburgh, a facility that has seven librarians. She has also served at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaign and has been a student assistant at the Allegheny College Special Collections Room and fiction desk employee at the Meadville Public Library. Lacey has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and minors in Psychology and Economics from Allegheny College and a Master's of Science degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois.



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The Science Discovery Club

A new initiative, the Science Discovery Club, began because of the success of the "Fizz, Boom, Read!" program last summer where children (grades 2-5) read every day and then did a science investigation. A non-fiction book accompanied new daily investigations and further learning. The Club meets the third Saturday of each month for one hour. Non-fiction resources of different reading levels support each investigation in areas like the moon, rocks of our area, buoyancy, and the dissecting of owl pellets. Our volunteer coordinator and head scientist, Linda Marovich says, "My goal is to have a room of eager, enthusiastic children thinking that science has a purpose and is amazing."



Senior Outreach

Another new initiative has the Library connecting with four area nursing facilities (Bradford Manor, Chapel Ridge, Bradford Ecumenical Home and the Pavilion at BRMC). Through generous donations from a variety of book publishers, Volunteer Coordinator, Trish Harris is providing books to residents of the facilities. Ms. Harris will also be rotating books at the Bradford Senior Activity Center each month. The Senior Outreach initiative is developing plans for many more new efforts and is currently recruiting volunteers.

Broadening the mind to all possibilities of learning about the cycles of life of a butterfly, Erica is amazed as she experiences how the caterpillar became a butterfly. This is just one part of the summer reading program that brought children from all ages to the Bradford Area Public Library. We are opening the doors to many possibilities that can be experienced through the eyes of a child.

Our Seneca Library District

The public libraries of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are divided among 29 geographical regions called districts. The Seneca District, named for the historic home of the Native American Seneca tribes, is located in North-western Pennsylvania. As one of the 17 libraries in the Seneca District, Bradford Area Public Library patrons have access to many additional resources including interlibrary loans, reference and information, training and counsel.



Celebrating Fran Goodrich's 25th Anniversary



In October 2014, Fran Goodrich celebrates 25 years working for Bradford Area Public Library. Through the years, Fran has worked with eight directors whose names and service she still keenly remembers. We hope you enjoy as Fran reminisces about her start and years at the Library.

When did you begin your employment at the library?

I started as a volunteer in the late 1980s and one day I overheard the director, Candace Eckdahl talking with the office manager about needing more paid help. I loved my work so I took the opportunity to ask if 60 years of age was too old to be considered for a staff position. Candace said, "Absolutely not." So here I am today having officially started on October 19, 1989. I began my work as a page which meant I was mostly a gopher, retrieving and replacing materials in the Library. Since my start I have worked in every position except Bookkeeper and Director. Currently, I most often work at the front desk. When I am not there, I search for new book titles and do memorials and inter-library loans.

Tell me about some of the changes you have seen through the years?

When I first started, we were in the old Carnegie library on Congress Street. It was built in 1901 and had become crowded and cramped. Hot in the summer and cold in the winter. Because it was multiple floors, each day meant a number of trips to the basement or to the second floor. In 1991, I helped with the move to our new (and current building) and love that everything is now on one floor.

One other big change is with the materials' cataloguing system. When I first started, we were working with the Gaylord Checkout System that required stamping a cardboard card during checkout so that the Library and patrons could track when their materials were due. In the 1990s we went to a computerized system of barcoding every book in the collection. It took many hands to complete the transition to barcoding. While I know that computers have made life easier in so many ways, sometimes when our current computer server goes down, I jokingly wish for the old rock and chisel Gaylord system.

Tell us something that we might not know about the library.

We have editions of the Bradford Era back to 1878. We have a few of the Bradford Miner (another Bradford newspaper that is out of publication) from the 1800s.

What do you like to read? Who is your favorite author?

I like to read cozy mysteries like the Jessica Fletcher series by Donald Bain. I also like books by Clive Cussler and used to read Tom Clancy and James Patterson.

What do you believe is most important to the community about the Library?

I love the Library and have made many friends during my work here. The community and Library are wonderfully supportive of one another. Our programming is really important to so many people. One of our relatively new initiatives is with teens. In the past we have not seen as many teens using the Library. Now, with an active program, teens have become regular visitors. I am grateful to be a part of the Library and hope to continue to contribute for many more years.



When not at the Library, Fran loves to cross stitch and donated one of her projects to the Library in memory of Virginia Loveland Miles who loved books, the library and children. It is hanging in the Library's café area.

Fran (Arnold) Goodrich was born and raised in Syracuse, NY. She received her Bachelor's degree in Food Research in 1949 from Syracuse University College of Home Economics. While in college, she married the late Vincent Goodrich and they adopted two daughters, Cheryl and Lori. Cheryl lives in Sayer, PA and has two children, Jessica and Alison. Lori lives in Kane, PA and has one son, Tom who has three sons, Kyle, Zachary and Cooper. Fran is the daughter of the late Frank and Emily Arnold of Syracuse, NY.



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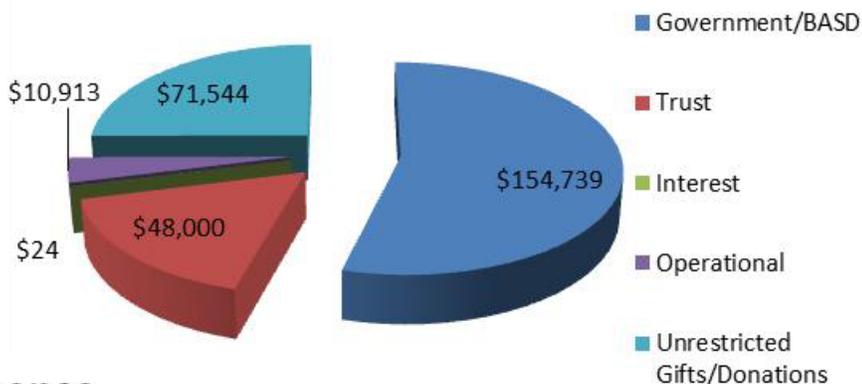
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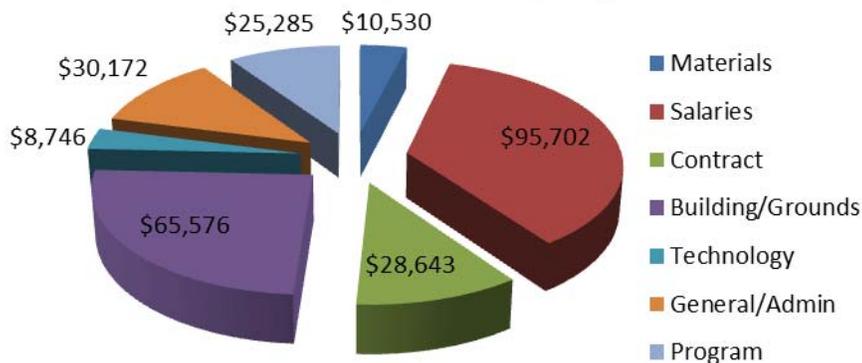


The Library has seen a consistent increase in card holders and patrons (or visitors) over the last four years. Use of traditional library materials such as books and newspapers remains an important library service while programs along with access to computers and e-readers are becoming more and more popular.

2013 Operating Income



2013 Operating Expense



While government funding provides the largest source of funds for the library, the amount of government funding received has not increased in the past five years. Private gifts and donations are critical for filling gaps in funding.



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Bradford Area Public Library Mission and Vision

Mission

To provide the resources to inform, educate and enrich our community in a way that demonstrates:

- *Literacy*
- *Equal access and diversity*
- *Life-long learning*
- *Fiscal responsibility and integrity*
- *BAPL's rich heritage*



Vision

To be a recognized premier library in service to our community.