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The Mission

The Barberton Public Library will promote independent thought and community interaction by providing services and resources necessary for individuals to pursue educational, creative, personal, and professional interests.



Barberton Public Library

Main Library
602 West Park Avenue
(330) 745-1194

Community Health Branch
155 Fifth Street, NE
(SUMMA Health System, first floor)
www.barbertonlibrary.org



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

A Message from the Library

As the new Director of the Barberton Public Library, I am honored to serve you and to continue the tradition of excellent library service to the community. I am struck by the diversity and strength of our community and am excited by the continued impact the Library can have on transforming, improving and enriching the lives of residents.

2019 brought new community collaborations, services and programs including:

- More than 200 Born to Read Bags were delivered to the Maternity Ward at Summa Barberton Hospital.
- 242 children's outreach programs reached 11,482 students in preschool through middle school.
- Thanks to a collaboration with Barberton City Schools, BPL received a grant from the Barberton Community Foundation to purchase equipment to bring eSports to the Library.
- A new program called Craft Connections was introduced, offering creative, fun opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities.
- In July, the first annual Potter Mania event was held followed by a Star Wars Celebration in December. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Library ended 2019 with the continued dedication to be an integral part of the community where people of all ages can meet in a friendly, accessible, and comfortable environment.

As we look ahead, we will continue to develop new programs and services to meet the needs of our community.

A few new services you can expect to see in 2020:

- Grand opening of a Children's Makerspace
- Launch of an eSports Program
- Addition of Passport Services

In addition, in November the Library will be seeking renewal of our local operating levy which provides a substantial portion of our local operating funds.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you in 2020. If you haven't been to the Library in a while, we encourage you to stop by. You'll be amazed at what you've been missing!



Terri Masich & Ann Hutchison

President
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Director



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COMMUNITIES**

ALA American Library Association LIBRARIES TRANSFORM



Thank you to the Friends of the Barberton Public Library for their ongoing support and fundraising efforts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Library Use

Items Borrowed: 370,833
 Library Visitors: 135,887
 Questions Answered: 26,021
 Computer Sessions: 18,242
 Wireless Use Sessions: 65,137

Total Programs: 574
 Total Program Attendance: 11,243

Registered Library Card Holders: 22,579
 Adult: 18,234
 Children: 4,345



A young girl enjoys the Matt Jergens Juggling Show during Summer Reading Club.

The Collections

Print Materials: 73,616
 Audio-Visual: 21,921
 eMedia: 1,872

New Items Added: 11,391
 Items Available (CLEVNET): over 12 million books, movies, music, e-books, and audiobooks



Ms. Alison takes a selfie with program participants.



Friendly therapy dogs interact with program attendees during a new program called K-9 Connections.

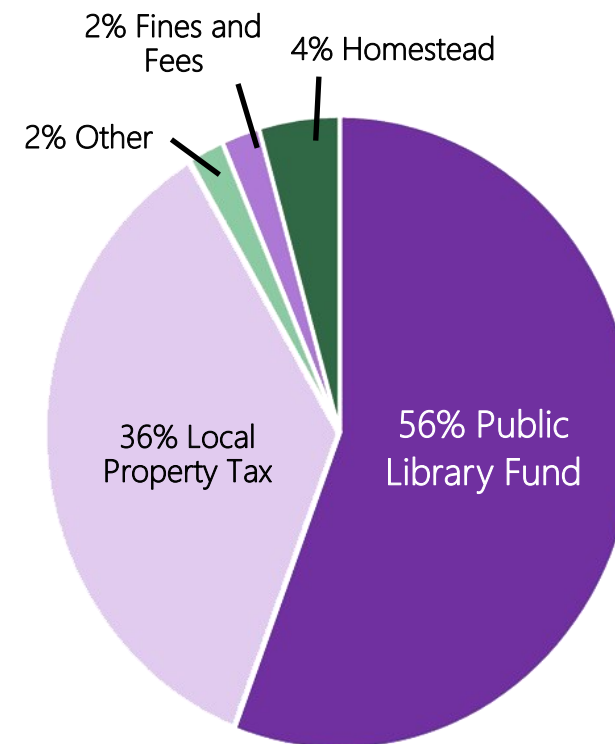
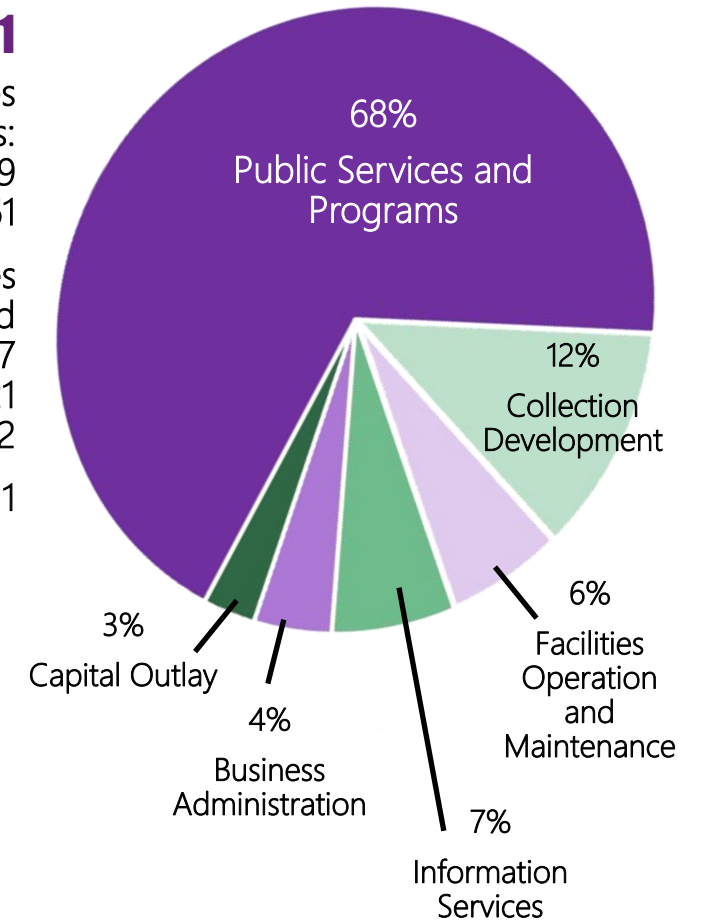


Officer Greg Stalder plays video games with a tween at Got Game.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Expenditures: \$1,554,461

Library Services
 Public Services and Programs: \$1,063,129
 Collection Development: \$181,861
 Support Services
 Facilities Operation and Maintenance: \$96,587
 Information Services: \$102,521
 Business Administration: \$65,812
 Capital Outlay: \$44,551



Revenue: \$1,701,517

Public Library Fund: \$984,708
 Local Property Tax: \$588,694
 Homestead: \$71,130
 Fines and Fees: \$23,225
 Gifts and Donations: \$12,956
 Miscellaneous: \$4,876
 Investment Earnings: \$15,428
 Grants: \$500