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## Library Hours

Monday.....	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday.....	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday.....	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday.....	12:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday.....	12:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday.....	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturdays (July & August).....	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Closed Sunday	

The Library has best-sellers, fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, books-on-tape, large-print books, reference materials, biographies, graphic novels, read-alongs, magazines, newspapers, audio CDs, Playaways, videos and DVDs. There is public access to a photocopier, fax machine, public meeting room, and access to the Internet through ten public-use computers and available wireless connectivity. Book cart service is provided by volunteers to Lutheran Home resident readers.

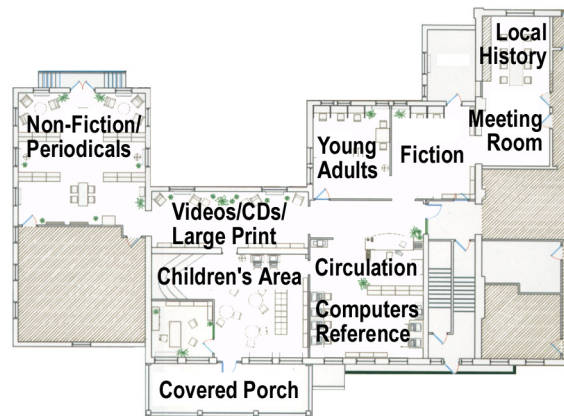
## Vision & Mission

We envision the Brandywine Community Library as a convenient and inviting place for all members of our community to meet. Adults and children will have the opportunity to learn about new technologies, to study local history, to do research, to expand cultural experiences, and to enjoy lifelong learning in order to enrich their lives.

Brandywine Community Library promotes the love of reading and the joy of learning by providing access to all available information and ideas, engagement in arts and humanities, and the preservation of local historical records.

## Brandywine Community Library Association (Friends)

The Brandywine Community Library Association (Friends) has raised over \$95,000 for the library. These contributions have been the result of the hard work of the Friends group. New members are always invited to become involved.



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# Brandywine Community Library

## 2009 Annual Report

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## 2009 Circulation & Support Statistics

### Circulation

Total Circulation .....	97,331
Juvenile Circulation % of Total.....	35%
Change in Circulation* .....	-1.4%

### Collection

Total Collection .....	32,508
Videos & DVDs.....	3,567
Magazines & Newspapers.....	66
Audio .....	2,201

### Program Attendance

Adult and Juvenile .....	3,469
Total Number of Programs.....	252

### Service Statistics

Service Area Population (2000 census) .....	12,770
Total Registered Borrowers .....	3,140
Annual Number of Library Visits.....	52,232
Reference Questions.....	2,222
Public Use Computers.....	10
Items Lent to Other Libraries.....	23,322
Items Borrowed from Other Libraries .....	17,938
Computer Uses.....	6,595

\*Our library hours were shortened 15% in 2009 due to state budget cuts.

*The Library thanks District, Longswamp and Rockland Townships and Topton Borough for donating \$1 per capita to the library in 2009.*

## Message from the President

### A Tough Year for the Economy... and for the Library

2009 was certainly a difficult economic year for most of us here in Berks County... and for the Brandywine Community Library as well. We continue to enjoy strong support from the Lutheran Home at Topton in the form of library space, utilities, snow removal (a big item this winter!), and the like. Our patron townships, District, Longswamp and Rockland, and the Borough of Topton continue to support our ongoing operations through per capita contributions each budget year. We enjoy great support from the surrounding communities through the many donations library patrons and community members make to the library, either directly or through our various fund raisers.

Still it remains quite a challenge to continue to provide the community with the broad variety of services and materials that we do... services and materials which are free to members of the library but which are not inexpensive if purchased on an individual basis. You are probably aware of many of these...

- Access to an extensive literature and periodicals collection;
- Access to recently published best sellers;
- Internet access;
- DVDs, books on CD, music CDs, playaways (audio books on MP3 players).

The Brandywine Community Library has one of the largest collections in the County and is involved greatly in interlibrary loans to other County libraries... especially relative to our size. So if you are already a member, please continue to visit us and enjoy the materials and services we have on hand. If you are new to the area or have never visited us, please consider dropping by and browsing our collection. I'm sure you'll find something here that will be of interest to you.

Our public library exists because the people in our local community have assigned a high value to intellectual freedom and to learning. Be a part of this important right, take advantage of the gold mine we have in our community, and please continue to help us provide these services to you.

Best regards,  
Rick Mazich, President

## 2009 Operating Income

Federal (Foster Grandparents).....	\$ 387
State .....	47,223
County .....	46,640
Local Municipalities .....	13,623
Other Local Sources ( <i>finer, gifts</i> ) .....	48,644
PA DCED grant** .....	5,000

**Grand Total 2009 Income\*\*\* .....** **\$161,517**

## 2009 Operating Expenses

Salaries & Benefits .....	\$93,212
Collection Expenses .....	22,798
Operating Expenses .....	19,542
<b>Grand Total 2009 Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$135,552</b>

## Programs

A variety of programs are offered for all ages. Children's programs include baby lapsit, preschool story time, family story time and the summer reading program. Adult programs include a monthly meditation group, film nights, and crafts demonstrations during the summer. In addition, musical concerts, local history lectures, and health-related informative sessions have been offered.

\*\*Pennsylvania Department of Community Economic Development (DCED)

\*\*\* Surplus appropriation includes loan repayment, capital equipment, repairs, rent increase and contingency.