



KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

In 2022, the Kutztown Community Library offered opportunities to learn and expand the hearts and minds of our community. Our yearlong humanity series “Beyond Kutztown” explored the diversity found in and beyond our borders and was funded by an American Rescue Plan Grant. As the area becomes increasingly varied, we filled the need to expand understanding of different cultures, races, and religions to improve how underrepresented groups are treated.

Each month we incorporated a variety of activities, from knowledgeable speakers to gain perspective, book discussions to share thoughts, crafts to emphasize the topics, and the StoryWalk to promote literacy.

Highlights of the year included a fascinating discussion about the discovery of a long-lost Rodin sculpture in New Jersey town hall. A riveting talk with a holocaust survivor had a participant say, “hearing about the experience directly from a survivor shines a different light on the learning.” A teacher based foundation led a discussion about being a Muslim in America brought new understanding. Finally, our happiest moment was launching our StoryWalk in the Kutztown Park.



Young readers enjoy our StoryWalk.

A patron summed up the year with “What a joy it has been for my son and daughter to learn more about other cultures and people that are different from themselves. We absolutely loved it.”

The “Beyond Kutztown” series has created a stronger sense of community, a continuing legacy, and unforgettable library experiences.

Did you know?

- If everyone who attended our programs stood hand-to-hand, we would reach from Kutztown to Kempton.
- The library was open over 46 hours per week. That is 2,404 hours in 2022.
- If 98,000 items check out were laid end to end, it would reach 15 ½ miles!

Janet Yost, Director
Kutztown Community Library

Total Circulation.....	99,163
Collection Size	29,523
Registered Borrowers.....	2,896
Service Area Population.....	16,870
Patron Visits	41,508
Number of Programs	263
Program Attendance.....	5,648