



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

As the pandemic hit, the library's doors were closed. We were uncertain what the next chapter would be like for the library and our community.

Ever resourceful, the library did not just bounce back, it moved forward. We readied the building with Plexiglas shields, hand sanitizing stations, and quarantined books. Our doors were safely opened the first week we were permitted. We took a major financial hit as we lost nearly \$50,000 from canceled fundraisers, fees and passport processing, but that didn't stop us as we explored new options and styles of programs.

Virtual became the new reality as we quickly added to the weekly program rotation:

- Story Times with hats, bubbles and giggles
- Book Clubs with short stories, novels and good conversations
- Teen Reading Lounge with books, friends and tasty treats
- Grab & Go Activities with crafts, robots and catapults
- E-books and E-audio books with more choices, titles and diversity

Our patrons continue to be our priority and they were there for us in return with overwhelming support. "You made my life so happy. It means so much to know that you care enough to maintain the connection to one of our favorite places!" was a response to our increased hours, unique programs, and online content.

We began our exploration of the world one letter at a time with international pen pals from our sister city of Altrip, Germany. This program is in collaboration with Kutztown Area Historical Society, Borough of Kutztown, and the Friends of the Library.

We took a step in the right direction with "fun"draisers such as Letters to Santa and the Build a Teddy Bear kits. The Friends of the Library sponsored the QuarantEAM Recipe Sale. Patrons chose their favorite dishes from a virtual picnic receiving the recipes (not the food) with our thanks. All helped us reach our goal of serving the community with quality programs, accessible Internet, and a collection of books, DVDs and audio books.

Janet Yost, Director
Kutztown Community Library



Oleta enjoys virtual Story Time with Miss Taylor

Total Circulation.....	97,422
Collection Size	30,219
Registered Borrowers.....	3,373
Service Area Population.....	18,845
Patron Visits	32,723
Number of Programs	427
Program Attendance.....	10,205