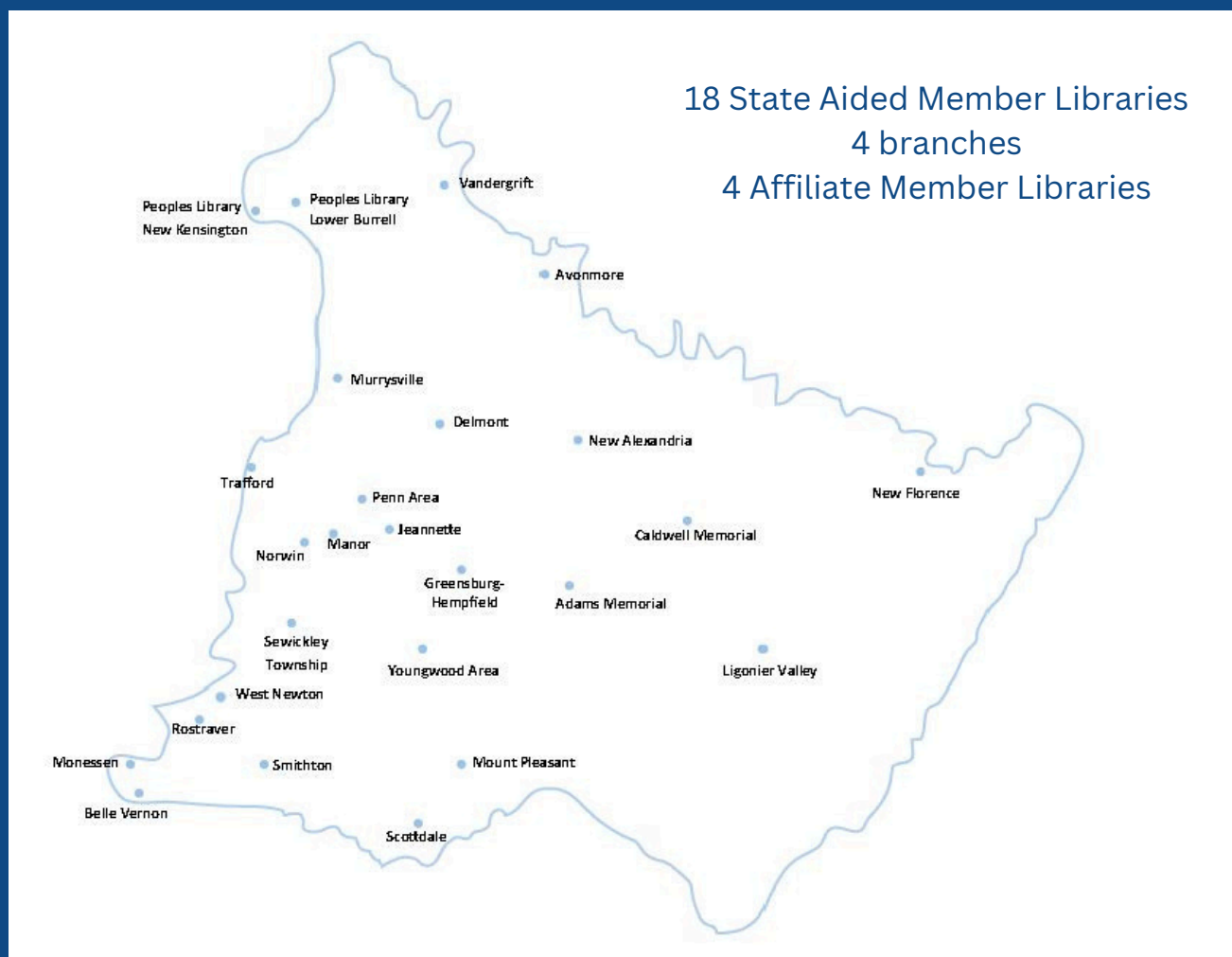




2023 IMPACT REPORT



Our Accomplishments

Supporting Member Libraries in 2023

Westmoreland Library Network kicked off 2023 by completing a strategic plan to re-evaluate operations and responsibly focus efforts for the benefit of all county residents. This plan resulted in eleven goals ranging from administration to services and programs, which will guide efforts over the next three years.

Staff members throughout the county noticed the library atmosphere felt “normal” for the first time since the pandemic. Patrons embodied the sense of community libraries strive to supply by visiting more consistently, utilizing resources, attending programs, and interacting with each other, staff, and volunteers.

Community extended beyond the individual buildings. Members of Westmoreland Library Network are constantly engaged in collaborations, such as the Annual Countywide Chess Tournament held every spring. Competitors earn their spot by finishing in the top 3 of their age group at their local library’s qualifier. 2023 saw 46 challengers at the final tournament hosted by Greensburg Hempfield Area Library.

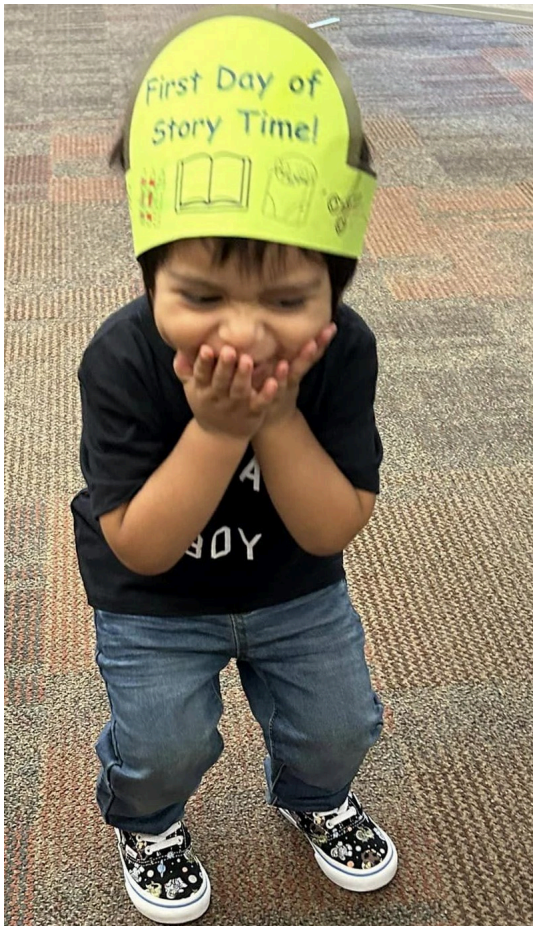
The Library Passport program is another countywide initiative that encouraged patrons to explore the entire county through an inaugural 14 libraries. Passports were taken to a host location to be stamped. While

there, they could complete an activity and browse local information. At the end of summer, participants were entered into a drawing for a prize basket. Visiting unfamiliar libraries raised awareness to the diverse communities and resources within our county.

Countywide initiatives like the Passport program radiated beyond library walls. Westmoreland Library Network brought attention to other community assets like parks and local resources. Partnerships included organizations such as Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation, Westmoreland Land Trust, Westmoreland County Commissioners, and the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

Westmoreland Library Network uses partnerships and engaged neighbors to establish information needs and opportunities. One response to these conversations was Family History Month being celebrated in October with a Genealogy Series for the first time. Four libraries across the county hosted expert speakers presenting varying levels of research and interest to ensure there was something for everyone.

Westmoreland Library Network is committed to providing quality services for every person in our county. We look forward to growing more in 2024.



Our Mission

Westmoreland Library Network (WLN) is an alliance of 26 public libraries in Westmoreland County, and is one of 29 District Centers under the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, PA Department of Education. It is dedicated to achieving excellence in library and information services for all County residents through the coordination of resources and services, the sharing of information expertise, and the promotion of library staff development for the mutual benefit of all member libraries.



Our Vision

Westmoreland Library Network is committed to leading the county libraries forward by ensuring they remain beneficial to the communities they serve.



Our Impact

52,150

registered library
cardholders

628,613

visits to WLN member
libraries

766,516

items available to
borrow

1,058,642

items borrowed by
cardholders

165,647

free eBooks and
eAudio borrowed

334,410

hours of free Internet
accessed by
cardholders

4,258

free programs for kids,
teens and adults

99,025

people attended
library programs

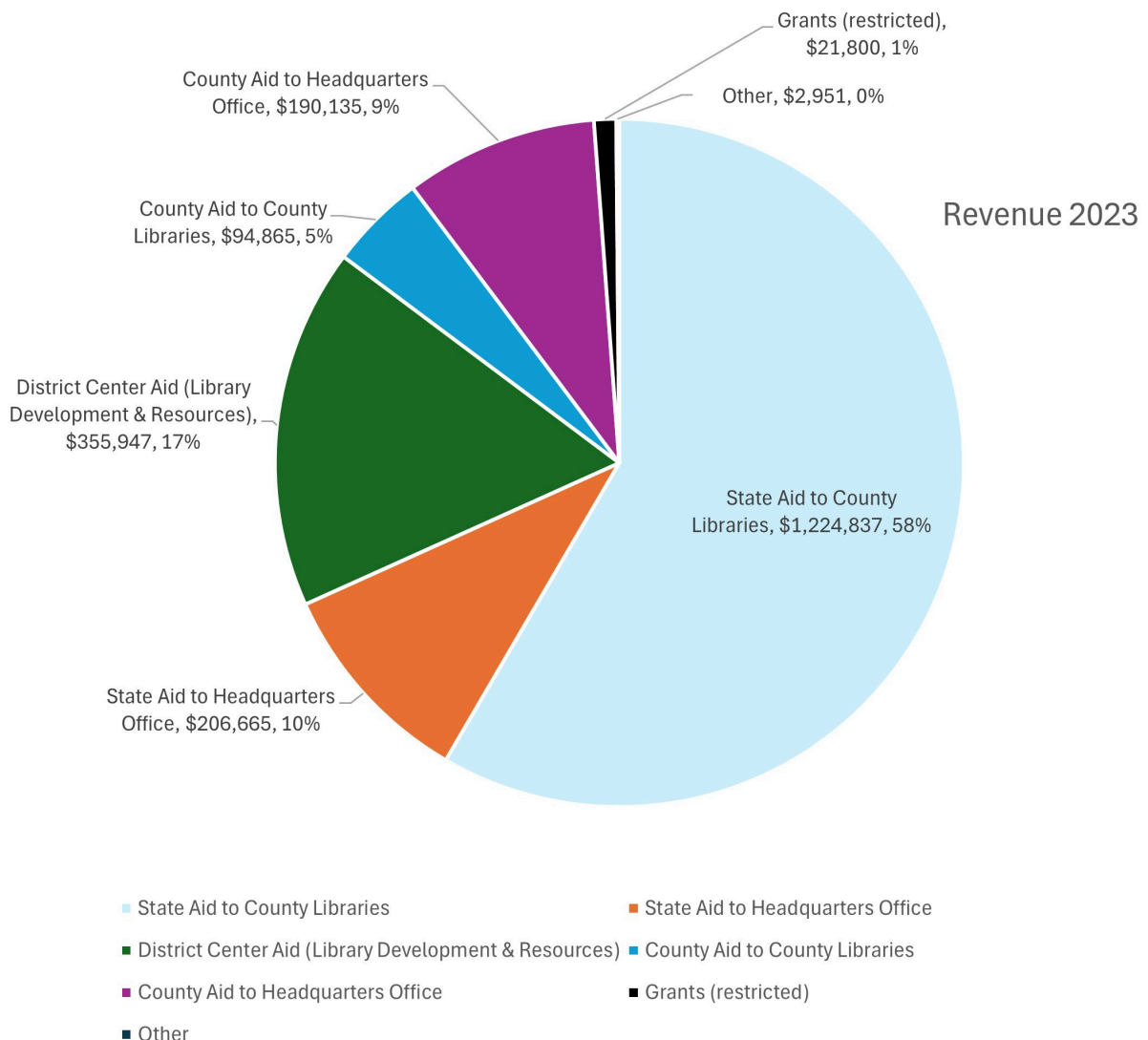
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volunteers donated
their time &
expertise

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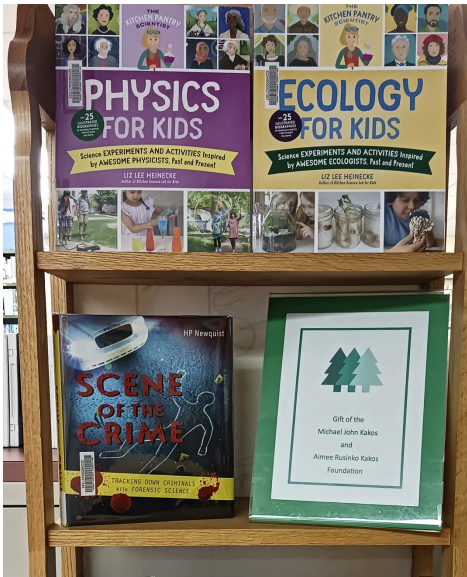
The Administrative Headquarters is responsible for:

- the distribution of State & County Aid to member libraries;
- accountability for State Library Regulations compliance;
- management of the county-wide online library catalog;
- technology infrastructure and support;
- county-wide delivery of library materials;
- providing access to online resources for the improvement of library services;
- professional development for library staff and trustees.



Thank You!

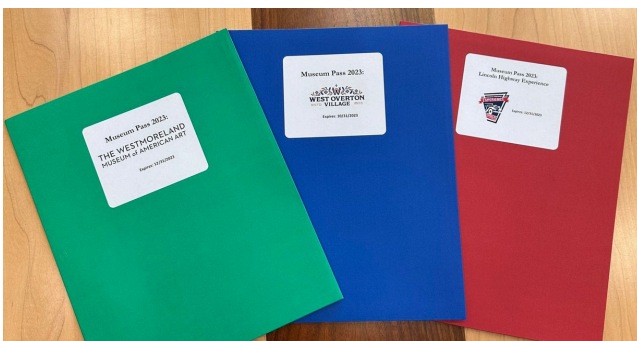
Michael & Aimee Rusinko Kakos Foundation
Westmoreland County Commissioners
WC Department of Parks & Recreation
Westmoreland Land Trust
West Overton, Lincoln Highway and WMAA



Close to 400 new childrens' books were added to library collections THANKS to the Kakos Foundation Grant.



16 performances across the county
THANKS to the Arts in the Park Grant.



FREE Museum Passes were available for check-out at all libraries.



Westmoreland Land Trust presented at 14 libraries: Birds.

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You just saved \$164.80
by using your library.
You have saved \$1,384.23
this past year and \$7,078.76
since you began using the library!

Cardholders
Saved
\$14,405,135
by
borrowing
books from
the libraries.



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Our Team

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Our Board

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Lynn Wackenhuth
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Member

Susan Lutman
Member

Celine Kandala
Member

Westmoreland Library Network is governed by a 7 member board. Two board members are appointed by the Westmoreland County Commissioners and the remaining are representatives of WLN member libraries.



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Your Libraries

Adams Memorial Library
& Caldwell Memorial
Branch Library
1112 Ligonier St
Latrobe, Pa 15650
724-539-1972
adamslib.org

Belle Vernon Public Library
505 Speer St
N. Belle Vernon, Pa 15012
724-929-6642
belleversonlibrary.org

Delmont Public Library
75 School St
Delmont, Pa 15626
724-468-5329
delmontlibrary.org

Greensburg Hempfield
Area Library & Youngwood
Branch Library
237 S. Pennsylvania Ave
Greensburg, Pa 15601
724-837-5620
ghal.org

Jeannette Public Library
500 Magee Ave
Jeannette, PA 15644
724-523-5702
jeannettepubliclibrary.org

Ligonier Valley Library
120 W. Main St
Ligonier, Pa 15658
724-238-6451
ligonierlibrary.org

Monessen Public Library
326 Donner Ave
Monessen, Pa 15062
724-684-4750
monessenlibrary.org

Mount Pleasant Public Library
120 S. Church St
Mount Pleasant, Pa 15666
724-547-3850
mountpleasantpalibrary.org

Murrysville Community Library
4130 Sardis Rd
Murrysville, Pa 15668
724-327-1102
murrysvillelibrary.org

New Florence Community
Library
122 Ligonier St
New Florence, PA 15944
724-235-2249
newflorencelibrary.org

Norwin Public Library
100 Caruthers Ln
Irwin, Pa 15642
724-863-4700
norwinpubliclibrary.net

Penn Area Library
2001 Municipal Ct
Harrison City, Pa 15636
724-744-4414
pennlib.org

Peoples Library
& Lower Burrell Branch Library
880 Barnes St
New Kensington, Pa 15068
724-339-1021
peopleslibrary.org

Rostraver Public Library
& Smithton Branch Library
700 Plaza Dr
Rostraver Twp, Pa 15102
724-379-5511
rostraverlibrary.org

Scottdale Public Library
106 Spring St
Scottdale, Pa 15683
724-887-6140
scottdalelibrary.org

Sewickley Township Public
Library
312 Sewickley Ave
Herminie, Pa 15637
724-446-9940
sewickleytownshippubliclibrary.org

Trafford Community Public
Library
416 Brinton Ave
Trafford, Pa 15085
412-372-5115
traffordlibrary.org

Vandergrift Public Library
128 C Washington Ave
Vandergrift, Pa 15690
724-568-2212
vandergriftpubliclibrary.org

Avonmore Public Library
437 Westmoreland Ave
Avonmore, Pa 15618
724-697-4828

Manor Public Library
44 Main St Suite 500
Manor, Pa 15665
724-864-6850
manorpubliclibrary.org

New Alexandria Public Library
Keystone Plaza
New Alexandria, Pa 15670
724-668-7747
newalexlibrary.org

West Newton Public Library
124 N Water St
West Newton, Pa 15089
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Where to find us

The headquarters office for the Westmoreland Library Network is located just off Interstate 30 in GreenForge, Westmoreland County's first green rehabilitated commercial building.



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