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To our dedicated Library friends,

This past year has seen exciting growth through several local partnerships as we continue to expand our collections and hold programs and activities for both children and adults.

The Library was pleased to strengthen our partnership with the Columbia County Traveling Library last fall by joining our two catalogs. The new "**Columbia County Cooperative Catalog**" has over 51,000 items available for patrons at both libraries to enjoy. All patrons can search and request any book, audiobook, or DVD from either library and have it delivered to the library pickup location of their choice. We are thrilled to be able to offer access to such a large number of resources to our patrons through this partnership.

Our children's programs continue to engage pre-school and elementary children through exciting stories, fun activities, and educational opportunities. **Summer Reading 2022** was back to fully in-person, welcoming 35 children for six weeks of fairy tales and rhymes. We are looking forward to another exciting program beginning in June as children learn about "animals around the world". The Library continued to hold **STEM workshops** using the numerous resources obtained through area grants. Recent activities have included Lego Mindstorm robots and fun with snap circuits. We are excited for a new partnership with the Bloomsburg Children's Museum to further grow our STEM programming. Since March, Museum staff have been leading monthly Mobile Maker Camps centered around STEM themes like art-creating robots, learning to solder, and engineering air rockets.

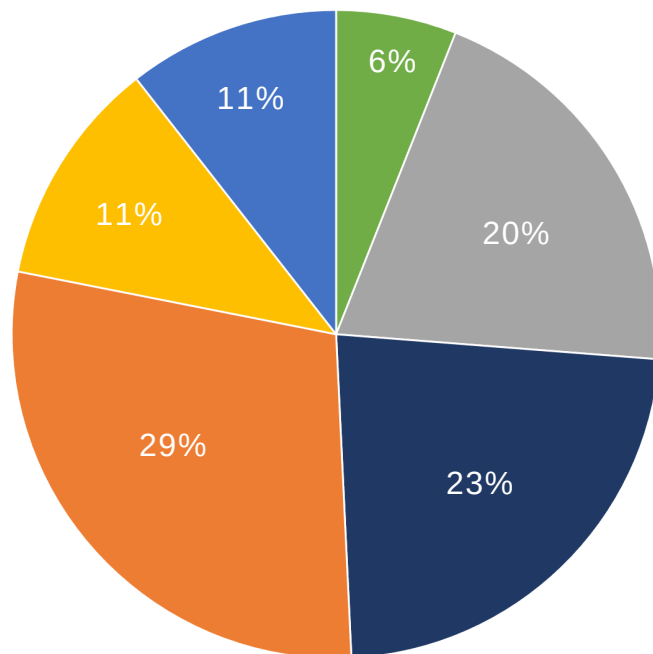
The Library remains committed to meeting the informational and educational needs of our community by providing free access to print and non-print resources. In 2022, we circulated over 7,000 items. We continue to grow our inventory through the "**Be the First**" program, which welcomes patrons to purchase upcoming releases through the Library—giving them the first chance to read the books as soon as they are published! In 2022, 53 books were donated through "Be the First", saving the Library almost \$1,000.



PARTNERING WITH OUR MISSION

The chart at right shows the Library's income sources in 2022. We are not a state-funded library, and you can see just how heavily we rely on community support through our fundraisers and monetary donations. Our raffles, book sales, luminary sale, craft nights, and guest bartending events continue to supplement our budget. Thank you to each person who participated in one of our fundraisers, which brought in over \$15,000 last year.

Through the diligent work of our staff, the Library received five grants last year to purchase books, craft supplies, summer reading resources, take-home kits, and more. We are thankful for the Community Giving Foundation, Merck Dollars for Doers, and PPL Foundation for their continued support of our mission.



OPL INCOME SOURCES (2022)

- Grants: \$2,300 (6%)
- United Way: \$7,750 (20%)
- Donations: \$8,816 (23%)
- Raffles & Fundraisers: \$11,055 (29%)
- Book Sales & Carnival: \$4,342 (11%)
- Annual Fund Drive: \$4,046 (11%)

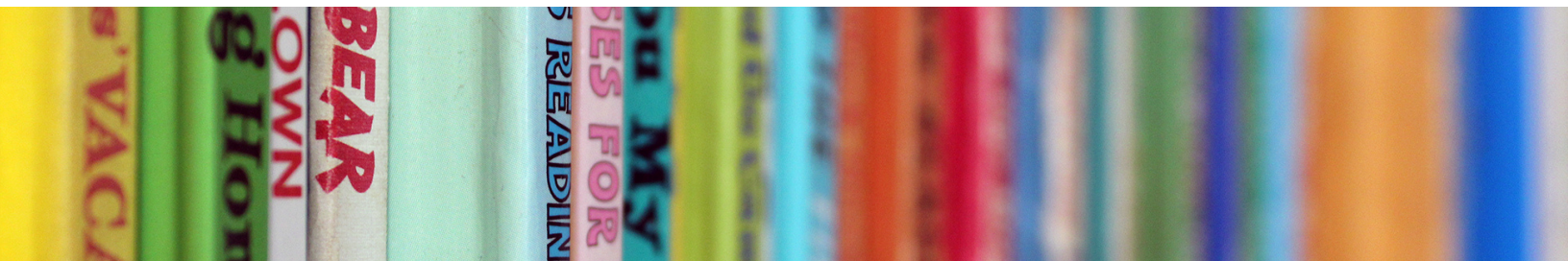
CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

The Library was excited for a "refresh" of our website, which better reflects the resources, programs, and partnership opportunities available to the community. View the site at orangevillelibrary.org.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT?

We know that the work we do to promote lifelong learning and literacy development for everyone in our area is only possible through the support of people like YOU. Included with this letter is a donation card for our **2023 annual fund drive**. A donation of any size helps us continue to offer and grow our programs and services.

The Orangeville Public Library looks forward to many more years of service to our community as we remain an enriching and welcoming place for everyone. Thank you for your partnership as we nurture a diverse community of readers and dreamers!



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