



ANNUAL REPORT

2016

RADNOR LIBRARY

by the numbers

145,123
visitors

145,123
items checked out

2,776
hours open to the public

15,875
registered borrowers

434
programs for kids & adults

9,768
questions answered



Radnor Memorial Library had a “groundbreaking” year in 2016! While challenges arose with our expansion and renovation project, as the Executive Director, I know that the library is more than just its facility on West Wayne Avenue and with hard work and dedication, we remain the community’s destination for discovery.

RML is committed to providing access to information, programs, collections, and resources to satisfy your intellectual and information needs. With creativity and flexibility, the library continues to be a vital community resource, even during extraordinary circumstances.

As work moves forward on our physical space, our footprint in the community also grows- through new lending collections like the Museum Pass Program, expanded partnerships with local businesses and organizations, and new resources like Hoopla. We are committed to providing Radnor Township with the best possible and look forward to the next chapter of our *Story*.

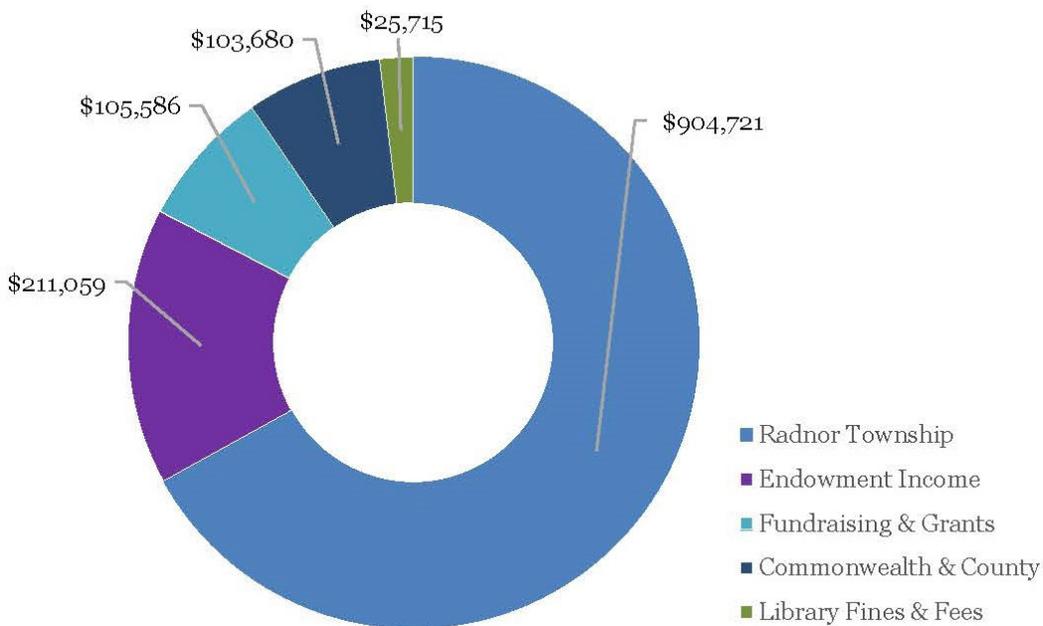
Anny Laepple
Executive Director



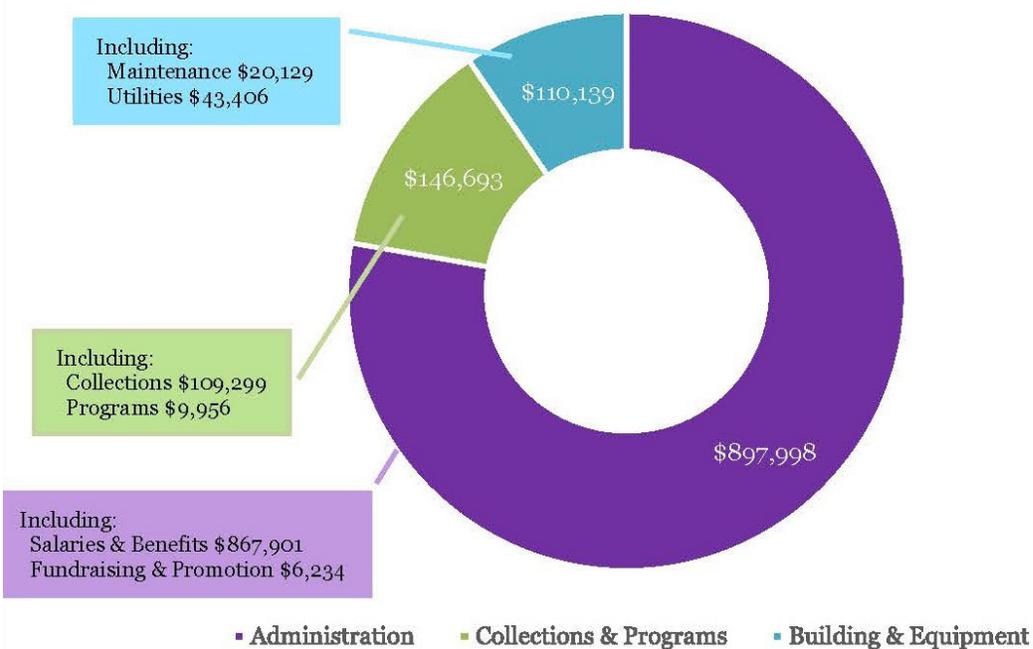
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- radnorlibrary.org redesigned
- RML joined with RTSD to offer a collaborative summer program including programs and school library hours
- Museum Pass borrowing program was introduced
- Booktoberfest, a progressive dinner planned and hosted by South Wayne residents, raised nearly \$75,000 for *Be Part of the Story*
- RML’s teen program “Escape the Library” was featured in American Libraries magazine and awarded a YALSA Top Ten Summer Learning Program
- More than 100 people joined the audience for Marilyn Caltibiano and Bill Thomas’ program, “Adolph Rosengarten: A Life of Service and Generosity”
- Hoopla Digital launched for streaming content
- Added over 7,500 new materials to the collection

Operating Income



Operating Expense



You can help Radnor Memorial Library continue to thrive!

- Check out materials - ask a librarian for a recommendation;
- Attend a program and bring a friend;
- Share your experience on social media #RMLstories;
- Make a financial commitment by giving a first-time gift or increasing your annual support.

Be part of the Story

Build a Better Radnor Library



Be Part of the Story Steering Committee Members

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2016 marked the public launch of the *Be Part of the Story* Capital Campaign. With \$537,000 pledged during the “quiet” phase of the campaign, an additional \$463,000 was needed to reach the \$1,000,000 goal.

The *Invest in Inspiration: Buy a Quote* program debuted along with the public campaign. *Invest in Inspiration* is an initiative which encourages a donor to select a quote that inspires reading, creativity, and community. The quote, along with its attribution and the donor’s name, will be displayed throughout the renovated and expanded library as an art installation. The program includes a \$1,500 giving level and a \$3,000 giving level. At the end of 2016, 33 quotes had been purchased as part of the program.

Several events took place throughout the year in order to raise funds for the campaign. These included Booktoberfest, a progressive dinner through South Wayne; Penny Wars, a week-long fundraising event with Radnor Middle School; and several Steering Committee House Parties. Together, these events raised over \$100,000 for the campaign.

By the end of 2016, the *Be Part of the Story* capital campaign raised over \$890,000 with \$110,000 left to raise to reach the \$1,000,000 goal.

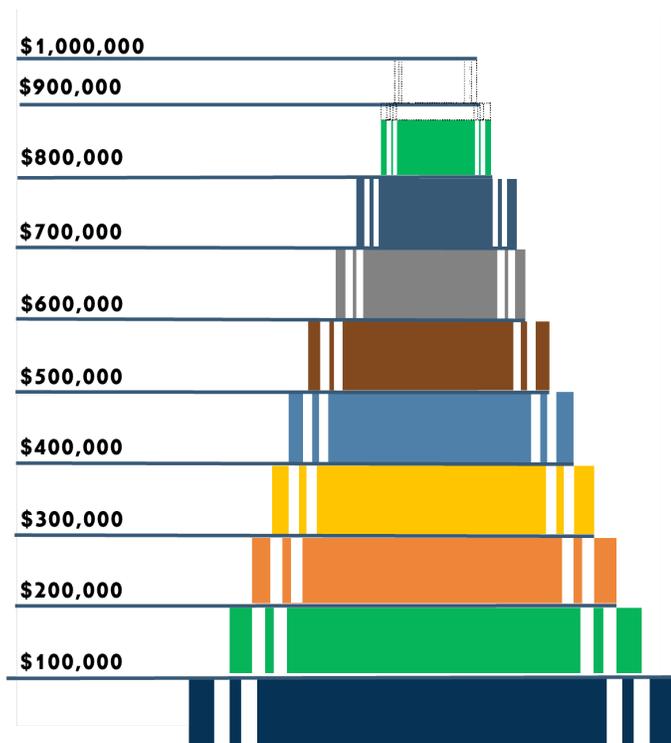
Be Part of the Story by the numbers

412 individual campaign donors in 2016

\$391,007 raised in 2016

481 total number of campaign donors

\$73,762 amount raised at Booktoberfest



\$893,257 raised as of December 31, 2016



In late 2016, RML broke ground on the expansion and renovation project at 114 West Wayne Avenue that was more than a decade in the making.

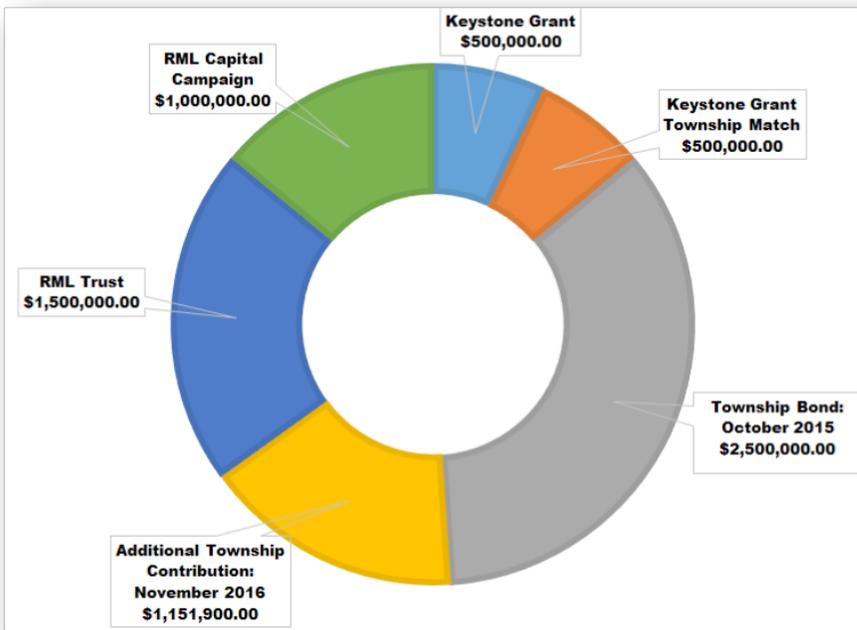
The Library facility is owned by Radnor Township and therefore the project was required by PA law to be publicly bid. After two difficult rounds of bidding, the multi-prime construction contracts were awarded in November and work could begin.

Sherri Kimmel of Kimmel Bogrette Architecture + Site is the principal architect/designer on the project. Dolan Construction (Reading, PA) is the General Contractor, Electric-Tech (Dorothy, NJ) is the Electrical Contractor, and Myco Mechanical (Telford, PA) is the Mechanical and Plumbing Contractor. The project is being managed by a team from Radnor Township, the Radnor Memorial Library, and an Owners Representative contracted from QCI Group.

The New Radnor Library:

- 5,000+ square foot addition
- Brand new, efficient HVAC
- Small group meeting rooms
- Expanded children’s library and space for play
- Dedicated and enclosed teen area
- Family restroom
- Entrance facing West Wayne Avenue
- Elevator

Project Funding Sources



December 10, 2016, Grounding Breaking

John Nagle (Radnor Township Commissioner), Elaine Schaefer (Radnor Township Commissioner), Bob Zienkowski (Radnor Township Manager), Phil Ahr (Radnor Township Commissioner), Helen Grommell-McGrane (President of Radnor Memorial Library Board of Trustees and Project Chair), Eileen and Jerry Spinelli (Honorary Chairs of the *Be Part of the Story* Capital Campaign to Build a Better Radnor Library), Anny Laepple (Radnor Memorial Library Executive Director), Sherri and Martin Kimmel (project architects, Kimmel Bogrette Architecture + Site)

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*Left Board in May 2016

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Our Mission

The Radnor Memorial Library provides access to information, programs, collections and resources to satisfy the intellectual and information needs of all members of our community, and serves as our community front porch, which enhances our quality of life.

**Through the dedication and support of many,
Radnor Memorial Library is successful.**

A special thank you to:

The Commissioners of Radnor Township and all of our local, state, and federal legislators

Radnor Township's departments and staff
Staff and members of Delaware County Libraries
The Radnor Memorial Library Board of Trustees
The Friends of RML

Radnor Memorial Library's staff

and to **YOU**, the patrons and community that supports RML every day!