

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Shaler North Hills Library,

We hope you are doing ok these days. We are so glad to see you back in the library and at the library window. While things remain challenging, your library is bouncing back!

Much of our programming remains online, but this summer we took to the great outdoors to dance, explore science, and listen to stories and music. Folks of all ages enjoyed an educational and fun summer learning program with ice cream trucks, books and so much more! Our annual car cruise was huge and the Great Gardens Tour was highly successful!

Grants for ADA projects and workforce development have been submitted and we are working with the North Region libraries to increase programs and services for brain health and those who care for people with dementia. Our website will be updated for better function on mobile devices and to ensure ADA best practices. We will work with the county to implement a library "app" and our fiber network will expand from 1G to 10G next year. A 10G network will open up extraordinary opportunities for our community.

We still see growth in the use of both electronic books and our print collection. While streaming services like Netflix, have impacted the use of our DVD and audio-book collection, it is important to maintain these resources for those who don't have internet/wireless access at home. Maintaining and paying for both electronic and physical materials remains tricky.

We could not do what we do without your generous and gracious support. As you know, September is Love Your Library Month and the Buncher Foundation will again provide a prorated match through this county-wide initiative. If you are able to give this year, your gift will go even further. Your contribution is a visible reminder of the value of reading, learning and community. Thank you for your time and consideration. We are so grateful for your support!

In gratitude,



Sharon McRae, Director

