

Glen Lake Community Library



2016 Annual Report



Since 1977, the library has been inspiring our community with great collections, services, and programs, like this family story hour

Mission Statement

The Glen Lake Community Library will bring people, information, and ideas together to support the evolving educational, intellectual, and recreational needs of Empire, Glen Arbor, and Kasson Townships. While preserving its traditional roles, the library will cultivate diverse experiences, services, and materials including the use of emerging technologies to link people to information.

www.glenlakelibrary.net

2016: by the numbers

Visitors

Over **16,000** people walked through our doors. August was the busiest month, with 2186 visitors, while February was the quietest, with 975.

Circulation

Counting items that were renewed, we loaned out **28,763** items, including more than 14,000 books, 7000 movies, and 2500 sound recordings. That's about 8 items for every person in our district!

Collections

Our robust collection of books and media was boosted by an investment of \$23,000 in new materials, adding more than **1800** new items to our shelves. Additionally, \$4100 was dedicated to our growing digital collections.

Access to Technology

1629 people used our computers, while another 750 connected via our WiFi. Computers located at our Glen Arbor and Maple City satellites provided even more public access.

Programs

750 people, of all ages, attended events throughout the year, including story hours, movie screening, nature presentations, and author visits.



Stories & More for Preschoolers brightened the library every Thursday.



The Lakeshore Readers met every month for engaging discussions about great books.

A Bright Future

Millage Election

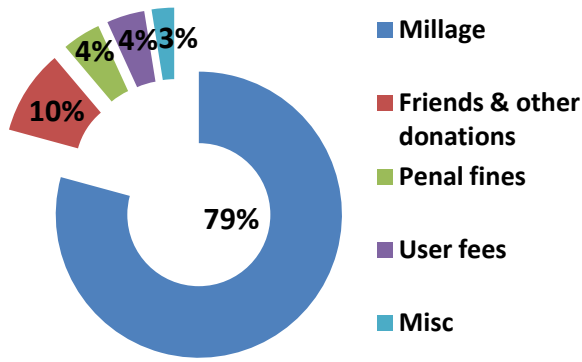
On August 4, voters in all three townships overwhelmingly approved a request for a new millage to support our operating costs. The proposal of .28 mills for five years passed, by a vote of 824 to 200, securing stable operational funding through 2021.

Facility Planning

Planning for library renovation and expansion took important steps forward. Another round of field trips to regional libraries provided practical tips and inspiring ideas. A thorough review of our strategic plan helped focus and prioritize building needs. Our new Building Committee developed a project timeline, with a goal of finalizing a building design by the end of 2017.

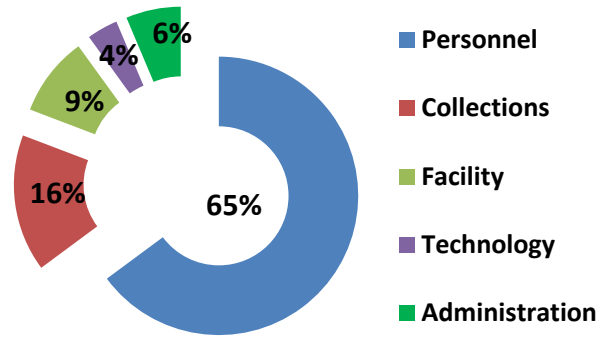


In May, the annual visit from Glen Lake second graders made for a fun morning.



Operating income totaled **\$166,587** for the year. Millage income from taxpayers in our three township district amounted to \$131,985. Donations were also a vital source of income, led by the Friends of the Library, who contributed nearly \$12,000.

Finances



Careful management of operations kept **expenses** under budget, resulting in total expenses for the year of **\$166,242**.

Board of Trustees

Our board provided steady governance for the library, including oversight of the August operating millage proposal. The following trustees serve on the 2016-2017 board.

Bruce Westover, President	<i>Kasson</i>
Lou Ricord, Vice President	<i>Empire</i>
Roy Pentilla, Treasurer	<i>Empire</i>
Sue Miller, Secretary	<i>Friends of the Library</i>
Linda Young	<i>Glen Arbor</i>
Bill Batterson	<i>Glen Arbor</i>
Chris Nelson	<i>Empire</i>
Doug Lake	<i>Glen Arbor</i>
Steve Nielsen	<i>Kasson</i>
Kathy Drabik	<i>Kasson</i>
Sue Boucher/ Barb Fowler	<i>Friends of the Library</i>

A number of trustees retired in 2016, after many years of collective service: Pat Zoyhowski, Ann Davey, Carole Roach, and the late Gary Humphreys.

Friends of the Library

The Friends continued their long tradition of service to the library. Their popular Used Book Sale, in August, generated thousands of dollars to support the library, funding special programs such as **Stories and More**, and innovative services like **Mango Languages**. They also coordinated our volunteer program, providing support for daily library routines. The Friends are led by:

Sue Boucher & Barb Fowler, Co-Presidents
 Laurel Jeris, Vice President
 Gay Budinger, Treasurer
 Joanne Beare & Mary Tris, Co-Secretaries

A special "Thank You" is due to Ann Davey, who passed the baton at year's end, after serving as President for 4 years.

A Note from the Staff

This was a memorable year for those of us who work here in the library, highlighted by the millage campaign and vote. The positive outcome was very gratifying, but confirmed what we see on a daily basis: this is truly a community library, actively supported and embraced by a diverse group of people. As employees, we strive each day to make the library the best resource possible. On behalf of Janette Berkshire, assistant librarian, and Dana Allen, our seasonal aide, thank you for partnering with us!

David Diller, library director