



dormont public library

2950 WEST LIBERTY AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15216

**2017**

## **annual report**

*Dormont Public Library is an independent community library located in the South Hills which works to empower, educate, and inspire the members of the Dormont community and the surrounding Pittsburgh area through a wide offering of social, academic, and community-based programming. These programs help to establish the Dormont Public Library as a place of learning and growth.*

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the inaugural annual report for the Dormont Public Library.

Every year, the Dormont Public Library collects various statistics. As a friend of the library, you may have patronized some of our events, been one of the thousands that borrowed a book, or donated to our back hill project.

This annual report includes quantitative and qualitative information. We have a multitude of numbers to report to you: the number of books we lent, the approximate cost for 2017 of our back hill project, the number of community members who attended our events, and even how many copies were made! You already know libraries are full of words in books, now you've got the numbers too.

But a library is not just a sum of its numbers. It's a sum of its patrons, its volunteers, its employees, its friends. We hope to include within our future reports stories about you - because it is the community that makes us a place to empower, educate, and inspire the whole community of Dormont.

We hope you will continue to join us for our many programs throughout the year, and interact with our staff about your favorite books, movies, and music. All of our events are open to the community, and are offered at little to no cost. We will continue to develop programming in 2018 to fit the needs of the community, and are very much looking forward to our first annual Halloween Party.

2017 was a wonderful year for the library and its friends. We hope you will join us in making next year even better!

*Amanda Hausman, Delegate at Large*

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# A Vision for the Future

*As the Director, I always want to see our library progress to the future, but not lose our ties to the past which is what helped to create our unique style. We love what we do and the people that we serve and hope to have a future filled with many years of the same.*

## programming

My vision for the future of our library is to maintain the funding needed to expand the services that we want to continue to offer for our patrons. In the past, we have always worked to offer interesting, current, and diversified programs for all ages and interests. We will continue to create these programs addressing issues of Alzheimer's, diversity, adolescence, health and well-being, creativity, maker spaces, and much more.

## outreach

In order to make these programs successful we will need to reach out to our patrons both new and old and spread the word about the great happenings at our library. We will continue to create and partner with all types of individuals and businesses to help us to make these ideas come to life. Having our library be a destination point for people of all ages and walks of life is critical to our security in the future. My wish is to continue to hire friendly, knowledgeable staff as the backbone to our warm and helpful environment, and pay them in accordance with their skills and duties.

## upgrades

In conclusion, I hope to upgrade the overall physical condition of our library by having updates to our downstairs bathrooms to convert them into ADA compliant, unisex bathrooms, to improve our security cameras and increase the number of cameras around the interior and exterior of the property, to revitalize the tables and chairs in the children's section, and install new bookshelves in the children's, young adult, and adult sections that are the correct height, more modern, and have adjustable shelving.

*Cindy D'Agostino, Director*

## number\* games for 2017

### book & av circulation

**57,874** total circulation

**45,826** physical circulation

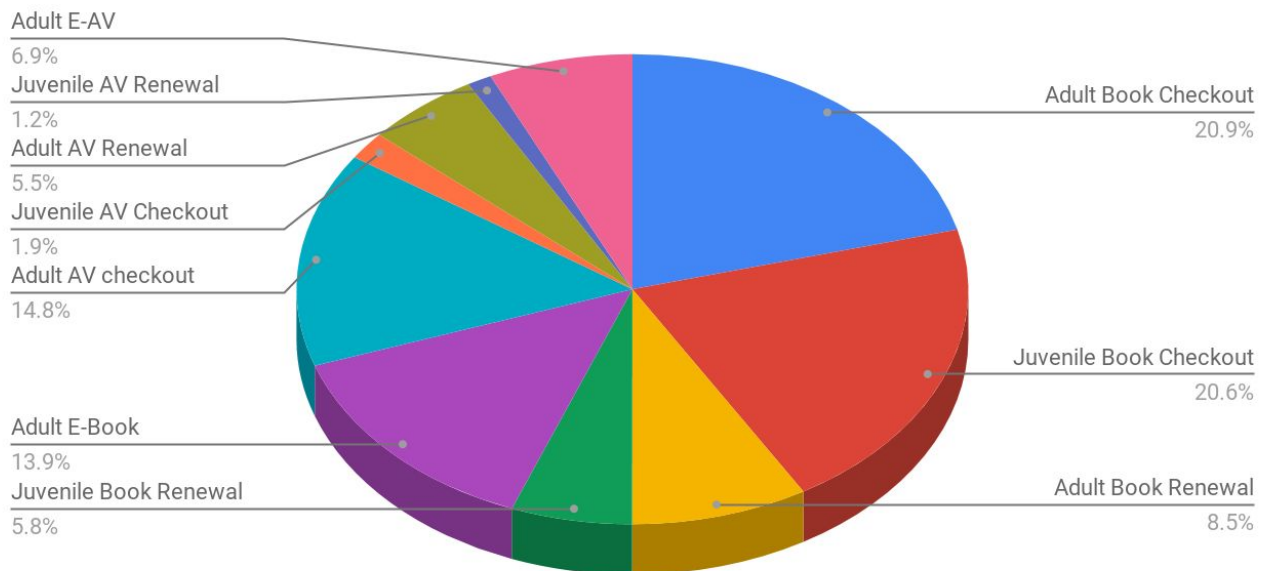
**12,048** electronic circulation

**2,651** registered borrowers  
items lent

**3,210** home library patrons

**255** interlibrary loan

### Book & AV Circulation Breakdown



### computers

**660,040** minutes used on PC

**15,943** unique PC sessions

**547,700** minutes of wifi

**10,856** pages printed

**4,485** unique print jobs

### programming attendance

**1,981** adult **1,073** children **69** young adult **585** highest attendance month - march

*\*numbers listed are total annual numbers for the calendar year 2017*

## program highlights

*Our **family programming** focuses on children of all ages.*

*Our **adult programming** aims to bring adult community members together to learn and make new friends.*

*Our **global programming** is designed to emphasize our commitment to interactive learning and multicultural development.*

Report for jury duty at the Library each Spring while the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division puts some of your favorite fairy tale characters on trial at the **FAIRY TALE MOCK TRIAL**. In 2017, they examined the case of Humpty Dumpty versus the King's Men. In 2018, Harry Potter will be on trial!



**TAIL WAGGIN' STORYTIME** brings in the dogs to help children in kindergarten through 5th grade practice their reading skills with special storytime listening dogs provided by Therapy Dogs International, Golden Triangle Chapter.

Grab this month's book from the front desk and head to the library for one of the many community **BOOK CLUB** meetings.

Study **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** with the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council.

Get ready to nosh at our themed **INTERNATIONAL COVERED DISH DINNERS** twice a year. Meet your neighbors from Dormont and surrounding communities to celebrate the unique and diverse cultures of the immigrants and visitors who have made Pittsburgh their home.

## Snapshot of some of last year's special events

*Every year the Library brings back annual favorites and introduces new programs to inspire, educate, and empower the Dormont community, no matter their age. Included below are some of the most successful special events that the Library loves to host.*

### Reading is Fun

Special Film Screening of "1984"  
National Library Week Reading Contest  
Summer Reading Program  
Battle of the Books Tournament



### Learning is Fun

Meet the Candidates Night with Senator Wayne D. Fontana  
Alzheimer's Seminar with Representative Dan Miller  
Chess for Beginners  
Art of Bonsai  
Dormont Library House Tour

### Fun is Fun

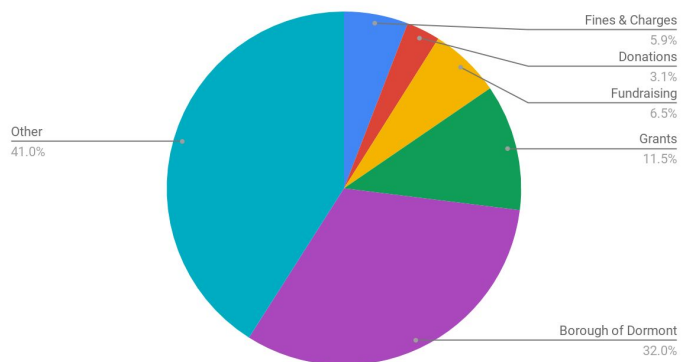
LEGO Club  
Trivia Night  
Dormont Library Holiday Open House



## 2017 Operating Revenue & Support

Fines and Charges	16,237.03
Donations	8,543.11
Fundraising	18,004.35
Grants	32,000
Borough of Dormont	88,818
Other: lost/damaged book payments, RAD, state subsidy, gaming funds, interest	113,673.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>277,276.11</b>

2017 Operating Revenue & Support



## 2017 Operating Expenditures

Collection	33,861.98
Utilities & Contract Services	29,875.43
Operating, Supplies & Maintenance	30,221.90
Salaries and Benefits	169,106.72
Miscellaneous	13,029.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276,095.66</b>

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## The Back Hill Project

The Dormont Public Library was built in 1962 on a site that had been used as a dump site for clay and shale fill after a gas station was removed. Analysis of the site in 2015 found that part of the hillside has begun to “slough” down and away from the alley. A structural engineer confirmed this, and the recommended remedy is to build a retaining wall. Work required includes: clearing the site, constructing soldier pilings, installing precast wall panels, adding gravel, installing drain pipes for proper drainage, and compact backfill material to standard densities. New concrete steps will lead from the rear of the building up to the alley, and a small concrete pad will support a dumpster. New fencing will be erected on the top of the hillside along Southern Alley. Completion of this project will ensure the structural integrity of the library building and Southern Alley above it.

The alley will be closed for approximately 3 months for the job to be completed. 2017 was largely dedicated to these planning and preparation steps, while 2018 will see the building of the retaining wall. Check the 2018 Annual Report to see how the project finished!

### Timeline of 2017 Milestones

- [January](#): The Board of Directors voted to hire Gateway Engineers as project manager at a cost of \$30,000
- [February](#): Meeting with potential bidders. Logistics planning for moving the utilities and transformers, and coordinating alley closure with the Borough and Waste Management.
- [March](#): Increased project manager cost to \$35,000 to accommodate additional need for survey of property. Held property owner meeting to share information on the project and impact on nearby property owners, with Borough Manager in attendance. Survey completed by Gateway Engineers.
- [April](#): Advertisement for bids placed. Bids opened.
- [May](#): Board of Directors accepted bid by Carmen Paliotta for \$319,000.
- [June](#): Utility companies to site to provide quotes on cost for relocation.
- [July](#): Preliminary figures from utilities provided for relocation costs, with estimated costs to be paid in advance of any work. The Board of Directors approved estimates and authorized pre-payment of costs. Borough engineer provided suggestions for contractors to do the trench/pipe work and the mast/electrical work.
- [August](#): Revised utility contracts/estimates provided to Library. Electrician reviewing needed work with utilities. Awaiting bid for mast work.
- [September](#): Payments issued to utility companies so that relocation work can be scheduled. Received conduit bid and approved by Board of Directors. Awaiting bid from electrician. Duquesne Light installs temporary pole.

- [October](#): All contractors and project manager meeting to set calendar for movement of the poles, the under-pavement of the conduit and the electric mast. Quote from Sunesys to move computer connections. Main contractor has begun some work including purchase of materials. Requested extension of grant period through June 2018.
- [November](#): Verizon has their poles in the alley. Awaiting Gateway/Duquesne Light coordination schedule with electrician. Duquesne Light advises of change to scope of work. Board of Directors Officers met with Dollar Bank to arrange for line of credit/loan for gap in funding. Board of Directors approved move of accounts, loan application, etc. to Dollar Bank from First Commonwealth.
- [December](#): Verizon finished with installation of their poles and Duquesne Light is working on theirs. Sunesys will complete its work next for the computer lines and then the electrician will work on the main.

#### **Costs expected and funding received as of December 31, 2017**

<b>Contractor/Work</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Gateway Engineers (project manager)	\$35,000
Duquesne Light (relocation of utilities)	\$15,103
Verizon (relocation of utilities)	\$28,595
Sunesys, LLC (relocation of utilities)	\$928
Carmen Paliotta (shoring of back hill)	\$319,700
Soli Construction, Inc. (electrical conduit installation and restoration)	\$16,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$415,621</b>

#### **Project Funding**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CITF Grant	\$250,000
Borough of Dormont Grant (2018 budget)	\$50,000
Line of Credit/Loan Conversion	\$115,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>

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# donate to your library

*As an independent community library, Dormont Public Library relies on the donations of community members in order to continue providing services. While we hold fundraisers year-round, we appreciate any monetary donations at any time of year. We are a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; donations made to the Library are tax-deductible. Donations can be made by mail, in person with cash or credit card, or by clicking on the button on our website at [dormontlibrary.org/donate](http://dormontlibrary.org/donate)*

*We will be happy to provide a receipt for your donation on request.*

## the giving tree

With a donation of \$25 or more, we will add your name as a leaf on our tree mural, painted by local artist [Maria DeSimone Prascak](#). You can also ask for a leaf to be placed on the tree with the name of your family or organization. Ask at the front desk for details.

## amazon smile

Purchase amazon products on amazon smile using the Dormont Public Library as your designated charity.

## stay in the know

*Follow us on social media for the most up-to-date programming and news*

*Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dormontlibrary>*

*Twitter: <https://twitter.com/dormontlib>*

## visit us

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