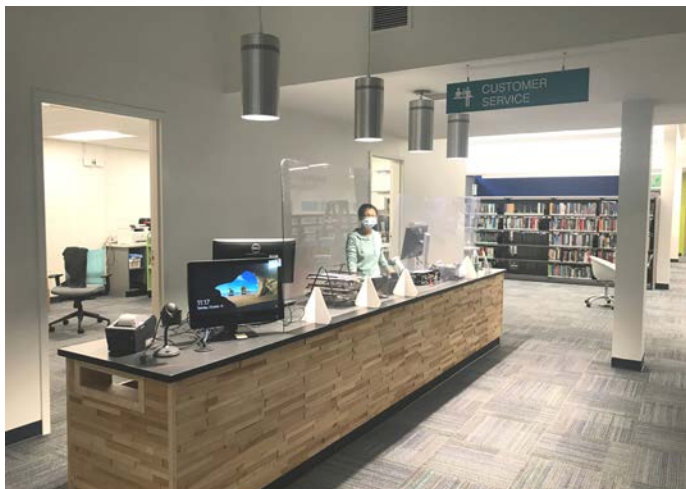




Welcome to the New Ambler Branch Library!



We are thrilled to announce the completion of the renovation and expansion of the Ambler Branch Library! After many months of planning, fundraising and construction, we are finally back home at 209 Race Street in a beautiful new space and ready to welcome you.

This extensive renovation project has given us an additional 2,458 square feet, a completely accessible entrance, a new interior with a dedicated children's room, conference room and community room. This is the modern space which will carry us into the future: a place of gathering and learning for our community for years to come.

PHOTOS (Clockwise L to R): New exterior with accessible ramp; Teen Space; Children's Room; new circulation desk.

Our vision could not have become a reality without your generosity and support. Our sincerest appreciation for your gifts, your sponsorship, your pledges, your bids in our auction and for each and every way you found to give to this project.

For more about how you did it, turn the pages! Your spirit of giving has truly sustained us throughout this project from start to finish.

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Renovation Celebration Gala & Silent Auction

Despite the cancellation of the in-person gala event in April, the library still received \$8,900 in contributions! We could not be more grateful to all of you who could not attend, but decided to give anyway. Your generosity boosted our spirits during a challenging time.



Your participation in our silent auction continued to support the Capital Campaign when we moved it online! Featuring over 100 items such as themed gift baskets, framed artwork, restaurant, museum experiences and more, the auction raised over 50% of our goal in only two weeks. The grand total from the virtual auction was \$7,903! You made it a great success!



At the heart of the library are people like you. Our gratitude to all who have made a recent contribution to our 2020-2021 Annual Appeal.

Your support of our endeavors reminds us that we are partners in the library's mission.



THANK YOU!

A Library Transformed Through Your Kindness

With your generous support and participation we reached our Capital Campaign goal of **\$400,000 for the Ambler Library Expansion Project.**



You have given in a variety of ways and we thank you for your commitment to lifelong learning and literacy at Wissahickon Valley Public Library.

Together we realized the creation of a community library for today and for the future.



Giving Gifts with Great Love

We continued to receive contributions throughout the campaign and through a variety of 'mini' fundraisers at Blue Bell and Ambler Branch.

Thank you for your envelopes and kind notes. Thank you for purchasing popcorn at the movie matinees, Miss Michelle's Music CDs, lawn signs and fundraiser buttons. You brought in your change to fill our Piggybanks and dined and donated at our event at Tannery Run Brew Works in Ambler.

Even as our doors were closed during the Spring, your support kept pouring in. You also read over 1,500 books this summer resulting in a matching gift that raised \$3,000. With each and every contribution, we were amazed by your enthusiasm and kindness. Thank you!



Whether to renovate our building or to fund our programs and resources, your gift allows us to continue our work to educate, to inform and to contribute to the richness of our shared community experience.

Please consider a gift today.

THANK YOU!

PHOTOS (1) Administrative Assistant and Auction Organizer Danielle Martin with one of the many auction gift baskets. (2) Miss Michelle with Renovation buttons at Lower Gwynedd's Pike Fest (3) Supporters enjoy a night out at the Tannery Run Brew Works fundraiser (4) Circulation Supervisor Liz Shane and Youth Services Librarian Erin Mazzoni share our message for you!



Welcome Back! We're Here to Serve You

A Message From Director Anne Frank

Hours & Services

You Make our Work Worthwhile

Here are just a few of the kind words you've shared with us as we reopened this year!

"It was so nice to return to the library and greet the staff and browse the stacks. It felt like a returning of a long lost friend."

"Thank you for being here. The library is truly one of the perks of living in Blue Bell!"

"We love seeing Miss Michelle's storytimes online. My kids even talk to the screen as if she's in the computer!"

"Thank you for conducting the retirement seminar. It was very informative and helpful, especially in these uncertain times."

"Your books and videos and Overdrive app have been my lifeline through this year!"

"Thank you for the online ESL conversation group. Though I'm back in Germany, I can still join! The group is a great comfort to me."

What are you reading? Top 10 E-Books

1. *American Dirt*
by Jeanine Cummins
2. *The Vanishing Half*
by Brit Bennett
3. *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* by Robert Kolker
4. *The Dutch House*
by Ann Patchett
5. *Big Summer*
by Jennifer Weiner
6. *The Night Watchman*
by Louise Erdrich
7. *In Five Years*
by Rebecca Serle
8. *Little Fires Everywhere*
by Celeste Ng
9. *The Giver of Stars*
by Jojo Moyes
10. *The Book of Lost Friends*
by Lisa Wingate

As we look forward to our new and exciting chapter at Ambler Branch, we also look back on these past unprecedented months and the challenges a pandemic brought to providing library services to our community.

We shifted our focus to purchase more eBooks and eAudiobooks that could be accessed safely from home. We quickly learned to host education programming online to provide a safe gathering space in a time of social distance. We also secured the necessary supplies to provide contactless pick-up and the safe resumption of in-person services.

All of these surprising new ways of working were also demands on our resources. With your help, we can be more resilient than ever in these strenuous times.

Won't you donate to help the community recover, learn and grow? Your contribution enables us to do what we love to do: serve you!

Please give today. An envelope is enclosed or if you prefer to donate online, please go to www.wvpl.org and click on "Donate." If you have given recently, we thank you. Our sincerest appreciation for your support of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library.

Many thanks

MASKS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

BLUE BELL

Monday through Friday
Open for Browsing
11 AM to 7 PM
20 persons Maximum, up to 30 minutes per visit

Saturday:
Contactless Pick-up by Appt.
Sunday: CLOSED

AMBLER

Monday through Friday
Open for Browsing
11 AM to 7 PM
15 persons Maximum, up to 30 minutes per visit

Saturday:
Contactless Pick-up by Appt.
Sunday: CLOSED

Public Computer Use by Appt at Blue Bell & Ambler
Call to Schedule
Blue Bell: 215-643-1320
Ambler: 215-646-1072

Connecting with Our Community

The transition to online programs did not diminish your participation! Here are a few fun statistics from April 1 to October 30!

- 69** ● Adult Educational Events, online groups & webinars
- 1,106** ● Attendees at adult educational programs
- 1,972** ● Books read in our 2020 Online Summer Reading Challenge
- 42** ● Children's Online Educational Events
- 1,197** ● Attendees at children's programs
- 15** ● Number of countries & states outside PA from which attendees joined our programs online



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Your gift ensures a legacy of literacy in the Wissahickon Valley community. Give today at www.wvpl.org/donate

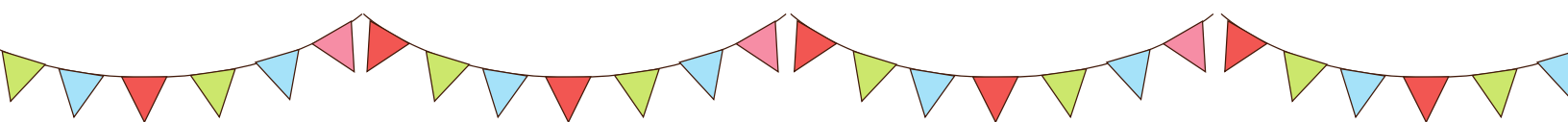
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OUR GALA SPONSORS:

- Caddick Utilities, LLC**
- Doyle Painting**
- Shaeff-Myers Funeral Home**
- Barbara and Phil Albright**
- Mary Claghorn**
- Rosemary and Jim Garrity**
- The Palmer Family Foundation**

BASKET DONORS:

- Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
- Adventure Aquarium
- African American Museum in Philadelphia
- Ambler Beverage Exchange
- Ambler Flower Shop
- Ambler Symphony Orchestra
- Ambler Theater
- Ambler YMCA
- American Helicopter Museum & Education Center
- Anne Frank
- Baker & Taylor
- Beth & Bernie Johl
- Blue Bell Camp
- Blue Bell Inn
- Blue Bell Pizza
- Born to Run

- Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles
- Bucks County Children's Museum
- Cantina Feliz/Feliz Restaurants
- Caroline Frank
- Cathie McCauley
- Centre Square Fire Company
- Chanticleer
- Charisma Hair Studio (Oreland)
- Crazy Aaron's Thinking Putty
- DiFrancesco Opticians
- Dutch Wonderland
- East Cuisine Restaurant
- Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site
- Elizabeth & Bill McKeon
- Eric Bell
- Friends of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library, Blue Bell
- Gerry and Eun Liebling
- Giant Food Store of Blue Bell
- Glencairn Museum (Bryn Athyn)
- Golden Sea Chinese Restaurant
- Il Giardino
- Independence Seaport Museum
- Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia
- Kellie Burnette
- Lee's Hoagie House (Blue Bell)
- Live Nation & The Fillmore (Phila).

- Longwood Gardens
- Mary Claghorn
- Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle
- Michael's Pizza
- Michaelle & Cary Fleisher
- Mütter Museum
- Nancy & Joel Mayor
- Nancy Davis
- National Constitution Center
- National Museum of American Jewish History
- National Museum of Industrial History
- No Bare Walls Framing Studio
- Nolan Painting (Havertown)
- Old York Road Country Club
- Pancheros Mexican Grill
- Pat Grotzinger
- Pearl S. Buck International
- Penn Museum
- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Philadelphia's Magic Gardens
- Pho Thai Nam
- Roots Restaurant (East Norriton)
- Saffron Indian Kitchen
- Sellersville Theater & The Washington House
- Simeone Foundation
- Sincerely Sweets and Gifts

- Spring House Tavern
- State Senator Daylin Leach
- Susan Gustafson
- Sweet Briar Cafe
- Terri & Brian Sullivan
- Thai Orchid Restaurant
- The Fireside Bar & Grill
- The Little Gym of Springhouse
- The Phil's Tavern
- The Pizza Box
- The Reading Public Museum
- Trader Joe's of Montgomeryville
- Turning Point (Blue Bell)
- Tyler Arboretum
- Vic Sushi
- Villari's Martial Arts of Ambler
- Whitpain Township Police Department
- Wild Lilies Jewelry
- Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum
- Woodmere Art Museum
- Zakes Café
- Zoë's Kitchen

And to our ticket buyers, too...



THANK YOU!
We could not have realized our dream of a new Ambler Branch library without you!