

BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



FRANCES L. BARNARD
CHILDREN'S CENTER

THE RIBBON IS CUT!

Opening of Frances L. Barnard Children's Center Highlights an Eventful 2016 at BAPL

Room to Grow is all grown up! The project to renovate the Main Library's second floor – originally known as “Room to Grow” and now the “Frances L. Barnard Children's Center” – has been a long project, and that's an understatement. It's been an immense undertaking involving years of planning, hundreds of community partners, millions of dollars, and a heartwarming outpouring of generosity from donors big and small. This year the last book was shelved, the last computer installed, the final coat of paint and square of carpet laid down. We cut the ribbon with members of the BAPL family and members of the Barnard family, without whose generosity this monumental achievement would not have been reached. Thank you to all who gave, in whatever form that giving took. I can say with certainty that it was all worth it. The happy faces of young readers, stacks of books in their hands, says it all!

There were other noteworthy happenings at BAPL in 2016 as well. A partnership with the City of Bethlehem, St. Luke's University Health Network, and other community partners brought us “Bike Bethlehem,” a free bike sharing program. It was fun to see bikes going out the door instead of (or in addition to) books! We also launched a program to “check out the Internet” where library users can borrow Internet hotspots. There were lots of other interesting things happening at the library in 2016 as well; read on!

John W. Bok



“Awesome!” “Wonderful!” “I love it times 100!”

- Quotes collected from children entering the *Barnard Children's Center* for the first time

2016 LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

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Thank you to the dedicated individuals who serve on the Library Board. These trustees are appointed by Bethlehem City Council and the governing bodies of each of our supporting municipalities. Trustees do not receive compensation for the invaluable service they provide on behalf of the Library and their communities.



Board member Jack Nagle, Hanover Township, joined the Bookmobile in the 2016 Halloween parade.



BAPL Board members help cut the ribbon.

2016 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

REVENUE	
City of Bethlehem	\$1,315,934
State Aid (PA Dept. of Education)	\$513,500
Bethlehem Township	\$416,462
Hanover Township	\$190,698
Overdue Fines	\$97,627
Fountain Hill	\$81,116
Investment Income	\$60,296
Book Sales	\$60,043
Copy Service	\$14,118
Buy-A-Book Campaign	\$13,689
Book Rentals	\$1,721
Annual Appeal Campaign	\$13,391
Miscellaneous	\$3,613
TOTAL	\$2,782,208

EXPENSES	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,643,467
Benefits	\$259,173
Library Materials	\$248,518
Pension Liability	\$165,000
IT (networking, technology expenses)	\$135,338
Utilities	\$106,891
Financial & Legal Consulting	\$56,603
Supplies	\$53,491
Equipment Repairs/Maintenance	\$44,500
Insurance	\$35,021
Other	\$23,029
Bookmobile	\$5,252
TOTAL	\$2,776,283

Note: An annual audit of BAPL financial information is prepared in the spring of each year by Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants, Harrisburg, PA.

LOCAL NEWS

Bethlehem revved up over free bicycle sharing

Program enables people to borrow bikes from Bethlehem Area Public Library, Cutters Bike Shop.

BY NICOLE RADZIEVICH
Of The Morning Call

There's a lot more to borrow than books and videos at the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

Starting this week, the library at 11 W. Church St. will be one of two stations where visitors can pick up a bike and ride around the city for free that day. The other station is at Cutters Bike Shop on the South Side.



NICOLE RADZIEVICH/THE MORNING CALL
Bethlehem's bike-sharing program includes 10 bicycles for adults and six for children.

NEWS 4 TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016

THE MORNING CALL



Will Hillenbrand, award-winning author and illustrator of over 50 children's picture books, entertains a large crowd at BAPL.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

GRANTS & GIFTS: TOTAL \$651,868

- \$500,000** – Office of Commonwealth Libraries (PA Department of Education, Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund)
- \$47,500** – Reidler Foundation
- \$28,766** – R.K. Laros Foundation
- \$28,640** – Friends of the Library
- \$20,000** – ESSA Bank & Trust
- \$9,387** – Anonymous
- \$5,600** – Anonymous
- \$4,000** – Thomas F. Staley Foundation
- \$3,000** – Shafer Family Charitable Trust
- \$2,975** – Aesculap
- \$2,000** – First Windish Fraternal Benefit Society



Development Director Liza Holzinger opens the door on the Frances L. Barnard Children’s Center!

BOOK SALES

- \$60,043** – Main Library
- \$1,665** – South Side Branch

ANNUAL APPEAL

\$13,391

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

TOTAL (approximately) \$21,000

Including the following outstanding donations:

Jan Brody ◇ Karen Gartner and Scott Garrison ◇


April and Pat Herrity ◇ Kathy Weil ◇

Barbara Reimers ◇ Marie Sterlein ◇

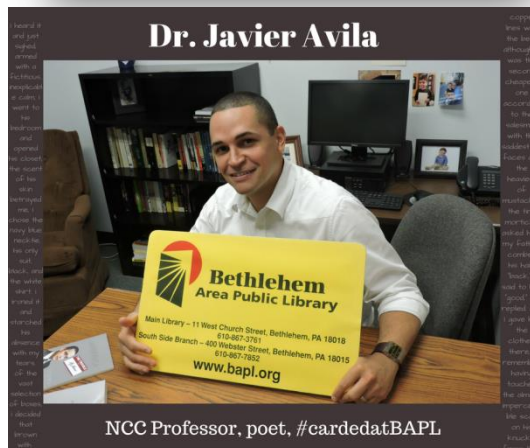
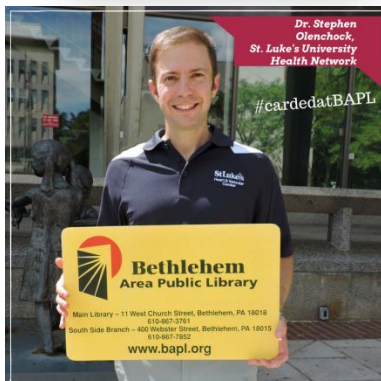
In memory of Sinclair W. Chiles III

In memory of David E. Paul

2016 LIBRARY CARD MEMBERSHIP

	New cards issued in 2016	Total active cardholders
City of Bethlehem	2,440	46,683
Bethlehem Township	516	10,265
Fountain Hill	157	2,498
Hanover Township	338	5,581

Our “carded at BAPL” campaign (or #cardedatBAPL if you’re on social media) featured pictures of library users and community leaders posing with a very large version of a very recognizable yellow card. Thank you to everyone who helped us spread the word about BAPL, and thank you to everyone who got a card this year – there were a lot of you!



BAPL

AT A GLANCE

2016 FACTS AND FIGURES

225,839

VISITORS TO
THE MAIN
LIBRARY



3,454

LIBRARY
CARDS
ISSUED TO
LOCAL
RESIDENTS

9,110

ITEMS
CHECKED
OUT ON OUR
BOOKMOBILE



64,681

SESSIONS ON LIBRARY COMPUTERS
USING PUBLIC COMPUTERS, AS WELL AS
OUR WIFI, IS A POPULAR LIBRARY SERVICE

33,570

GUESTS AT THE
SOUTH SIDE
BRANCH



547,801

LIBRARY
ITEMS
BORROWED
INCLUDING BOOKS, DVDS, AUDIOBOOKS,
CDS, EDUCATIONAL TOYS, AND MORE!

The mission of the Bethlehem Area Public Library is to meet the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the residents of the Bethlehem area.