

# Pocono Mountain Public Library

The Last 20 Years

## A Walk Down Memory Lane



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# A Little Background....

Pocono Mountain Public Library was founded as Mount Pocono Library Association by some well meaning individuals on September 8, 1975.

A library space was dedicated in the Mount Pocono Borough Building, and the library opened officially on January 1, 1976.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mt. Pocono Library Association

Date: September 8, 1975.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Nancy Golowich, acting chairman. Those present were Doris Headrick, Janet Feltman, Nancy Golowich, Ed Miller, Linda Miller, Truman Newhart and Helen Bickham.

Five of the members present had received letters from Borough Council stating that at the regular meeting of Council held on September 1, 1975, a resolution had been passed establishing a five member Board of Directors of the Mount Pocono Public Library, as follows:

Nancy Golowich for a term of 3 years  
Edward Miller for a term of 2 years  
Janet Feltman for a term of 2 years  
Truman J. Newhart for a term of 1 year  
Doris Headrick for a term of 1 year

Nancy Golowich read the resolution establishing the Mt. Pocono Public Library as of January 1, 1976. An election of officers of the Board was held and the officers were unanimously elected as follows:

President: Nancy Golowich  
Treasurer: Ed Miller  
Secretary: Janet Feltman

It was decided that these offices would be assumed as of January 1, 1976.

Helen Bickham suggested that a press release should be sent

# Local Munis and Small Details 1976....

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LIBRARY MATERIALS COLLECTION

11. Number of cataloged items (volumes, reels, etc.) added during the year	200
12. Number of cataloged items withdrawn from collection during the year	150
13. Total number of cataloged items in collection at end of year	19
14. Total number of cataloged items in juvenile collection at end of year	
15. Number of periodicals (titles) subscribed to during the year	

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IN-BUILDING USAGE OF LIBRARY SERVICE AND PROGRAMS

34. Number of people given reference assistance (see note 2, page ii)	25
35. Number of reference questions asked by them	25
36. Number of reference questions answered from the library's own collection	15
37. Total number of people attending library-sponsored meetings, lectures, films, story hours, etc., during the year	

Part II. Service outlets. Report the number of each type of outlet in the system. (see note 3, page ii)

1. Central Library	_____	5. Federated or associated libraries	_____
2. Branches	_____	6. Deposit stations	_____
3. Reading stations	_____	7. Classroom collections	_____
4. Bookmobiles	_____	8. Bookmobile and other mobile unit stops (places that receive service periodically)	_____

Other separate facilities \_\_\_\_\_

office or headquarters \_\_\_\_\_

# 1981 - 2004

During this time, as the library got a bit bigger, there was an initiative to gather the small libraries in Monroe County into a countywide system, which didn't entirely work very well and all the county libraries remained independent. Mount Pocono Library Association keep growing its collection and services year by year.

The library had a handful of dedicated board officers, some volunteers, and off and on staff that kept the small library going. The library joined the Easton District, eventually obtained State Aid funding, and won a hard-fought ballot referendum for dedicated funding in 1994 from Mount Pocono Borough and Coolbaugh Township. The library moved from Mount Pocono Borough Building into the "very large" space of 8,000 square feet in Coolbaugh Township.

Since 1981, however, the board had always wanted a bigger space. A few new building initiatives were attempted but didn't quite make it. There were two Library Directors during this time that grew the library services, collections, and staffing. By 2004, the library space in Coobaugh Township was stuffed to the gills. The Board hired a new Library Director, with a very simple mission: to build a new building.

# My Walk Down Memory Lane!



**2005 Coolbaugh Celebrates!**



**Our location on the  
second floor from  
1993 - 2013**



## 2005 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception

Mayors of Mount Pocono  
Who'd served on the library board.

Mario Scavello  
Joseph Battisto  
Nancy Gallowich  
Bernie Pallo



Awkward and overcrowded shelves





**Pocono Mt Regional Police Department and Paleontologist Magicians Mike & Roberta Straka**



**Trinity Centennial Band during “Music Fest”  
and a Holiday Concert in the reading room.**



**Stuffed to the gills in the “reading room” with all the 8 library PCs, audio books, and magazine shelves.**





**Summer Reading  
Magic Show...held  
outside because there  
was no room inside  
the library for large  
children's programs.**





**Very busy reading room and computers!**



2005

Red Barons Visit

Future Philly Shane Victorino!





**S-WB Yankees  
Champ the Mascot!**



**All programs – kids, teens & adults – held in the same small space! Adults in the Arts grant sponsored programs from the Pocono Arts Council and a Master Gardener program.**







**Adults in the Arts watercolor workshop and public meeting held by State Representative Maureen Madden in the large conference room.**





**Story Time and PM West Show Choir**

# AWE Kids Learning Computers Old Building and New Building!





## Groundbreaking 2011

Mary Mallard Barlieb  
John Scalamandre  
Ann Shincovich  
Danielle Rake  
Allen Pope  
Andrea Levergood-Flaherty  
Pat Torregrossa  
Gloria McDavitt





**2011 Roof trusses lowered into place and work on the lines for the geothermal HVAC system.**





**Framing work and unfinished café space.**





**Moving out and moving in! All the items in the collection (about 55,000) are crated up and transported!**



# Grand Opening July 2013

Danielle Rake  
Pat Farley  
Pat Torregrossa  
Me & Emily  
Allen Pope, Jr.  
John Scalamandre  
Mary Mallard Barlieb  
Phyllis Williams  
Mario Scavello





**The new second floor fiction stacks completely available to the public, and the first exhibit “1000 Cranes” in the Mountain Gallery.**





**2013**

**Kristen Sullivan-Knecht  
Story Time- finally  
there's enough space!**



**'Tween Craft Time**



**2017**

**LVHN Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Grant Recipients**

**With Susanne Mocerino**



**Pocono Raceway Pace Car visits for Summer Reading Program**



**Library Field Trips to Tobyhanna State Park  
and Wills Mansion**



**Library Summer Reading Field Trip to Tobyhanna Train Station**



**Ghoulbaugh!**





**2016**

**Retirement Jo Collins  
Susanne Mocerino  
Bev Abel  
Ann Shincovich  
Linda Fernandez  
Katherine Ritter-Vicich  
Linda Salmon**



***Jinglebaugh..... Holiday Fest!***



**Keva Plank Challenge with  
PA Association of School Administrators**



**Coolbaugh Twp  
EAC Story Walk**

**Pocono Wildlife  
Rescue**





**Jen Friese and Riley**

**Barb Bottaro with  
Katayem & Trey**



**Reading  
Education  
Assistance  
Dogs**



## Adult Programs

## Dedication of Flags in honor of Dan Ferguson





**Kids programs & events with  
Fiber Artist Liz Pemberton,  
and a movement and dance  
program with the Pocono  
Mountains Music Festival**





**Clear Run Intermediate School  
One School – One Book**

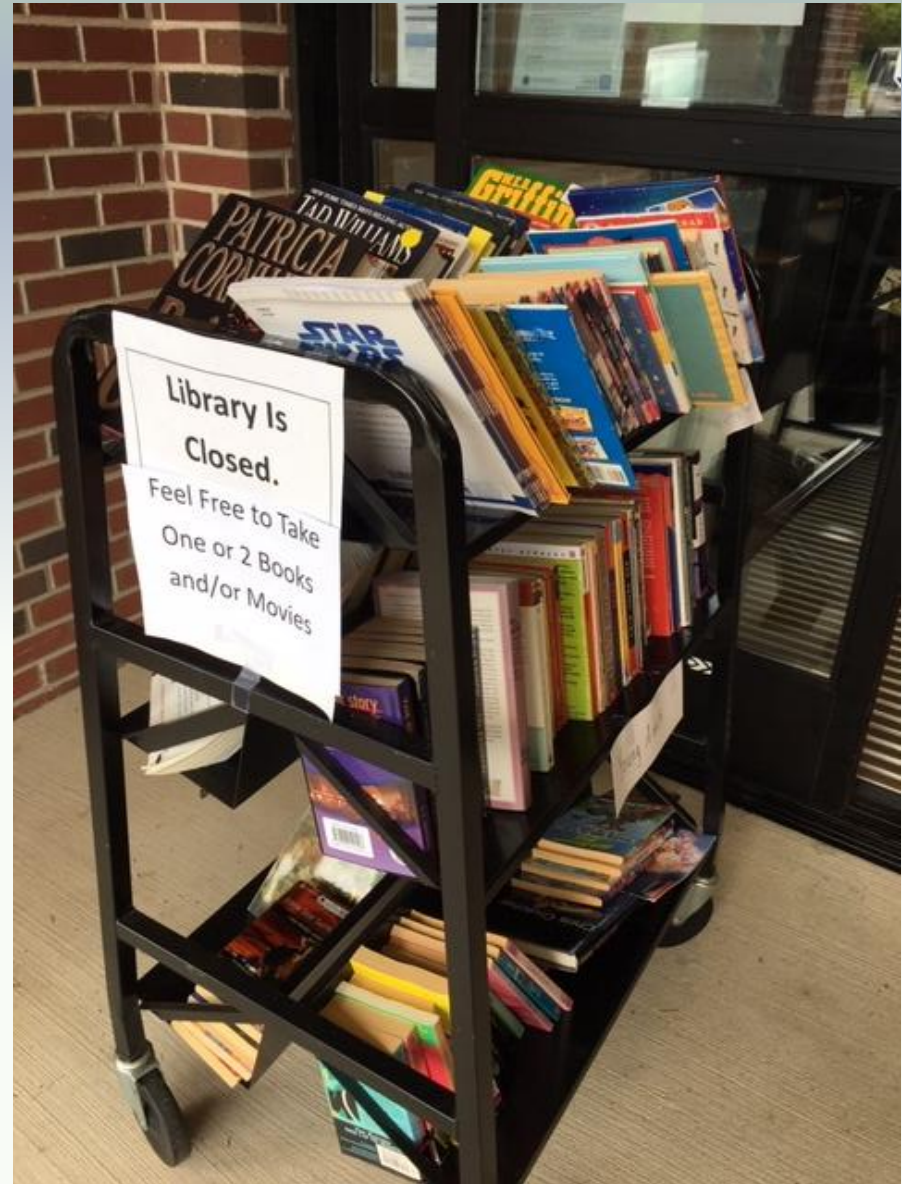


**Swiftwater Elementary Center  
Kindergarten Sign Up Event**





**Covid Times...**



**Winter double rainbow over the best places in Coolbaugh Township!**





**“Garden” in the stormwater retention basin in 2012.**



**Saving the old hydrangea trees**



**Ten years of cultivated pollinator garden plants! Outside seating space with funds from the R. Dale & Frances Hughes Foundation.**



**Little Free Library Impact Grant**





*The women who keep me going!*

**2023**

**Pennsylvania Library Association  
Annual Meeting - Kalahari Resorts**

**Stacy Stewart-Keeler**

**Ann Shincovich**

**Mary Mallard-Ballard**

**Barb Wilson**

**Deatra Cummings**

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# 2024 Summer Reading Programs



**PT Reptiles  
Kettle Creek Environmental Ed  
Pocono Mountains Flying Club**



# Poke-A-Nose Pottery Coil Pots with Ann Jill Elizabeth Bead Bash





# Still focused on literacy and access to books!

Patrons only need one library card to use any library in Monroe County! Pocono Mountain Public Library has over **60,000 items** in our collection and countless online downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks.

Resource sharing is available via our Spark ILS catalog with over 30 libraries through the Lehigh Valley for access to borrowing 1.4 million items with Lehigh, Carbon, Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton.

**The library has circulated items 10,247 times and provided 4,630 reference and tech assists to the public in 2024.**



We maintain robust technology resources for the community with a secure, filtered 100 mb fiber line for computers and Wi-Fi, printing, faxing, scanning and other tech services.

**The library has provided nearly 8,900 uses of our Wi-Fi to the public in 2024!**

**People visited our website nearly 10,000 times in 2024 to date!**

**Visit our website and just ask the staff with any questions!**

**Any questions?**

**Just email [ann@poconolibrary.org](mailto:ann@poconolibrary.org)  
or stop by the library for a chat and a tour!**

