2016 Annual Report

We are a regional library open to all and serving the townships of East Marlborough, Kennett, New Garden, Newlin, Pennsbury, Pocopson, West Marlborough and the Borough of Kennett Square

Poetry Reading Celebrating Bayard Taylor's Birthday

Kennett Library
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January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016
“Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.”  
- Ray Bradbury

“The library is like a candy store where everything is free.”  
- Jamie Ford

The President’s Report  
January 2016 - December 2016

Kennett Library Board  
2016 was a year of change and much progress for the Kennett Library. After the resignation of six members of the Board of Trustees, the newly elected executive committee led by President Tom Swett, began the task of rebuilding the Board with the goal of building a new library for our community. The community’s frustrations from 20 years of trying to build a new facility were many and the new Board immediately set about addressing them.

The Kennett Library is supported by the eight municipalities that we serve. A decision by a long ago Board of Trustees had created a “Fair Share” formula based on each municipality’s cardholders, usage, population and property values that defined the amount that a municipality needed to contribute to meet their fair share. Municipalities that did not contribute their fair share were not allowed to appoint a library trustee. Half of our municipalities were without an appointed trustee at the start of the year, depriving the Library of vetted and dedicated Trustees that were needed to meet the challenges the Library faced. Realizing that this policy was detrimental to a strong Board of Trustees, the Board voted to change the policy to allow an appointed representative from all eight municipalities, regardless of their level of contribution, and two, if a municipality contributed their fair share. As a result, seven new Trustees have joined the board in 2016 to help move us towards our new Library.

The New Library  
Witnessing positive progress towards a new Library, the Borough of Kennett Square reached out and suggested that the Library might want to explore the possibility of having the Borough offices join the Library in its new facility which could save the both the Library and the Borough significant dollars by sharing costs. This significant offer on the part of the Borough helped to reinforce the Board’s decision to keep the Kennett Library in the Borough, where it will be close to other services and in walking distance for many of our current patrons. The Library continues to explore this community center approach with the help of a Chester County Visioning Partnership Grant of $36,000, plus matching funds from Kennett Township and the Kennett Library.

Our Name  
The name of our Library had been the Bayard Taylor Memorial Library for almost 120 years until it was changed in 2015 by the prior Board of Trustees to the Kennett Public Library. Change is never easy, but when it is done without public input to a beloved institution, it can be disastrous, and it was. The result of the change was not a “better” name but a divided...
community that was angry and feared losing their link to our famous resident. Realizing that
support for a new Library would never materialize as long as much of the community was
upset about the name, the Board engaged Carl Francis of EnvisionStrategic, a consulting firm
that helps organizations in turmoil. After much research, the new name, Kennett Library, was
presented to the community at 5 public meetings that explained why the name would work
and how the Kennett Library would keep the name of Bayard Taylor a part of the community.
The response was overwhelmingly positive. A display on the life of Bayard Taylor was erected
in the Library in September; the new Kennett Library will sit on the Bayard Taylor Commons
and Bayard’s birthday was celebrated for the first time in memory this past January
11th.

Our Brand
Settling on Kennett Library as the future name for the Library was only part of
the branding process. A new, forward-looking logo needed to be designed, and
the Board, with Carl Francis’s guidance, chose Carriage House Designs to develop the
new logo to go along with the new name. Over 30 designs were reviewed and after much
discussion, the new logo was approved by the Board of Trustees and introduced to
the community in September. The new brand has been accepted by the vast majority of the
community who, like the Board, wish to move forward to be able to build our new Library.

At the same time the Board was working on settling the Library’s name, they also voted to select The Lukmire Partnership as the architects for the new Library. Lukmire had been
thoroughly vetted and selected by a previous Board and after reviewing that Board’s due
diligence and re-interviewing the top two candidates, the current board selected them again. In addition, the Board recommended to the Visioning Partnership Grant Committee
that Lukmire be hired as the consultants to help plan the new facility that would incorporate
the Library, the Borough and community spaces. Lukmire met with a number of community
groups and Library staff for their input, conducted an extensive online survey and held
two public meetings late in the year. Lukmire will be delivering their final report at public
meetings after the first of the year.

Our Director
On August 29th, I was informed by our Librarian of 10 years, Donna Murray, that she had
accepted a position as the Director of the Ridley Township Library, a library she had worked
at before coming to Kennett. The 10 years of ever-changing boards with no new Library had
taken its toll. The Board wished Donna much success in her new position and immediately
started the process of searching for her replacement. A Search Committee was established
and a nationwide search was initiated to find a Library Director who could insure the
excellent service experience that our cardholders have come to expect. In addition, we
needed an individual who could help make our new library a reality. Over 20 resumes were
received and reviewed and 9 individuals were interviewed in person or via Skype. The Search

“Reading is important. Books are important. Librarians are important. (Also, libraries are not child-care facilities, but sometimes feral children raise themselves among the stacks.)”
- Neil Gaiman

“In a good bookroom you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through your skin, without even opening them.”
- Mark Twain
Committee decided to fly three candidates in for intensive two-day interviews, two from Colorado and one from Ohio. All 3 made presentations to the entire board on “The Perfect Library.” All 3 presentations were impressive but one Librarian and her presentation stood out. **On December 13th, the Board voted unanimously to offer Megan Walters, a branch librarian in the Denver Library system, the position of the Director of the Kennett Library.** Megan soon accepted and she started as our new Librarian on January 9, 2017, and is purchasing a home in the Borough.

### The Adult Literacy Program

Our Adult Literacy Program (ALP), headed by director Filomena Elliott, and assistant Lupe Ruiz, provides free English as a Second Language instruction to community adults. The program seeks to improve the literacy of all educationally-disadvantaged adults to levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family, and in society. The ALP is funded mainly through donations and grants, with its largest amount of funds coming from United Way of Southern Chester County. An ongoing sale of donated books, two community basket raffles, and a generous response to our ALP tutor appeal greatly helped to fund this unique and important program. Through daytime and evening classes, and with the help of a one-on-one tutor, students work on improving their English language skills and also prepare for American citizenship testing and General Equivalency Diploma testing.

**This past year has been a successful year, as many new tutors were trained by the ALP staff.** A collaboration with the Intergen Committee at Kendal-Crosslands yielded a total of 34 new tutors; a grand total of 88 new tutors were trained throughout the year. Two new English classes were added: a summer class in June and July, taught by the ALP director, and an evening class with child care, which came to fruition through a collaborative effort by the ALP director, the children’s librarian, and library staff. Our ALP students achieved many successes: three students became American citizens, and five students studied for GED testing, with one completing all four tests in November and earning her diploma. The other four students are at various stages of testing, but well on their way to the final GED tests. One current and one former student each opened his own business, and twelve students obtained employment or better employment due to their enhanced language skills. Some students also began attending classes at other institutions such as Delaware County Community College, and the English Language Institute at University of Delaware. A group of our students is also “giving back” by volunteering within the community.

In October, The Executive Committee of the Library Board increased the ALP director’s weekly hours from 20 to 30 and her assistant’s from 25 to 30, so that the ALP staff could better meet the needs of the enhanced program activities. We are very proud of this program and the difference that it continues to make not just in the life of the student, but also in that of the family! By learning to communicate well, students are able to participate
in school functions with their children, to be more independent and active within the community, and to essentially become contributing members of society.

Building a new Library for our community will not be easy, but then few things worth doing ever are. Your Board of Trustees has been working diligently to move us all closer to our new library, and you can help as well.

- Visit the library often; check out all the services we offer and stay abreast of our progress.
- Access Kennett Library services on line at www.kennetlibrary.org and download digital books and audiobooks with our Overdrive service, or access any of our 45 databases to help answer your information needs.
- Download the CCLS Mobile App that gives you access to most of the library services on your mobile device.
- Attend our excellent, free educational programs and learn more about the world around you.
- Volunteer to be a one-on-one tutor in the Adult Literacy Program.
- Join the Friends of the Kennett Library and volunteer to help with library events or help out in the library. There is always something to do!
- Lastly, support your Library by writing a check that we will turn into more books and programs for the entire community to enjoy.

With warmest regards,

Thomas C. Swett
President
ThomasCSwett@gmail.com

“anyone who’s worth anything reads just what he likes, as the mood takes him, and with extravagant enthusiasm.”
- Virginia Woolf

“When you are growing up there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully: the church, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you.”
- Keith Richards

2016 Usage Statistics
119,546 Total visitors to the Library in 2016
948 Free programs, classes and events for all ages
22,032 Total attendance to library programs
23,731 E-Books checked out by Kennett Library cardholders
179,166 Total number of Kennett Library materials circulated
415 Patrons helped through the Adult Literacy Program
From a financial perspective, 2016 financial results showed improvement over the prior year although more work needs to be done to achieve a balanced budget. The two main operating areas, the Library and the Adult Literacy Program, had revenue of $788K. The library is partially funded by the state of Pennsylvania, Chester County, and the eight municipalities in our service area, two of which have a library tax and without that significant support, this library would not be able to function. There was much more of a focused effort on donations and grants in 2016 and that effort resulted in $35K of additional revenue versus 2015. Donations and grants represent 24% of total revenue and we certainly thank the individual donors and those foundations and granting organizations who believe in the benefits of a financially strong library.

While the Adult Literacy Program does not have any direct state or municipal support, it has for many years been generously supported by the United Way of Southern Chester County. In 2016, funds received through other donations and grants was nearly double versus 2015. Even so, we look forward to reaching out to the community to help support this very valuable program going forward.

On the expense side, work continues to manage expenses. While expenses were $100K less than 2015, $93K was spent in 2015 on a significant renovation project in the current building. Not including capital outlay, 86% of total expenses in 2016 were devoted to personnel, library materials and facilities/supplies versus 93% in 2015 indicating that our efforts to contain expenses are paying off.

The library is managed on a cash basis and during 2016 available cash plus investments improved by nearly $90K. It should be noted that the library maintains a separate fund devoted to capturing expenses for a new building and in 2016 approximately $73K was expensed for professional services including legal fees, a communications consultant, and an organizational representative with the purpose of laying the groundwork for a new library building. Efforts in 2017 will be even more intense. Funding for this effort is provided by the library’s investment portfolio.
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“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”
- Walter Cronkite

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”
- Andrew Carnegie

### Revenue & Expenses

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| **Expense**            |         |                |            |            |
| Personnel Cost         | $458,359| $71,322        | $529,681   | $580,242   |
| Library Materials      | 121,290 | 6,286         | 127,577    | 132,300    |
| Professional Fees      | 21,954  | 21,954         | 21,954     | 14,793     |
| Programming            | 20,680  | 451           | 27,131     | 24,570     |
| Facilities & Supplies  | 79,289  | 2,178         | 81,467     | 87,152     |
| Capital Outlay         | 10,168  | 10,168        | 10,168     | 92,994     |
| All other              | 29,761  | 1,778         | 31,539     | 27,195     |
| **Total Expense**      | $747,503| $82,014       | $829,517   | $859,163   |
| **Excess of Revenue over Expense** | (31,445) | (10,232) | (41,677) | (185,362) |

### Year-end Funds Management

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(1) Funds restricted for Operating income Use Only.
(2) Funds restricted to New Construction Use only.
Thank You to Our 2016 Donors

We offer our sincerest thanks to the individuals and organizations who help keep our library going strong!

$25,000 - $49,999
Adeline Wachman & family, who love to read (6)
Estate of Alice M. Eastburn
United Way of Southern Chester County

$5,000 - $24,999
Henry L. Brown, III (1)
Exelon Generation Company (4)
Margaret S. DeVinney Foundation

$1000 - $4999
American Mushroom Institute
Community Awareness Scholarship Foundation Inc.
Chris and Catherine Britt (1)(2)
CCRES, Inc.
Dollar General Literacy Foundation
Genuardi Family Foundation
Hutton Family HeLP Fund
Kendal-Crosslands Communities (4)
Kennett Run Charities, Inc.
Duer and Edna Bennett Pierce
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
The Jean and Aaron Martin Charitable Fund
Walter J. and Carol M. Yetter (1)(3)

$500 - $999
Katherine J. Blumberg
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Essex Envelope
Scott Firment
Forney Family Foundation
Dan Gannon
Doris A. Hoffman
William and Carol M. McLaughlin (1)(3)
Robert and Loren Pearson (1)
Kean W. Spencer
The Hesselberth Family Fund
Anne Verplanck
Eva L. Verplanck

$300 - $499
Mike and Dina Appleby (2)
Back to Health Chiropractic (5)
George D. and Anne L. Beatty
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Brenda Williams-Mercomes (1)
Kathryn J. Moran
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Star Roses & Plants (5)
Thomas C. Swett (1)

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5 Star Contractors Inc. (5)
Advanced Fitness (5)
Barlett Tree Experts (5)
Nicholas and Megan Basilio
Katie Ruth Basiloveccio
Arthur D. and Sandra J. Bielby
Bruce and Renee Bilotti
Binkley Horticultural Services, Inc. (5)
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John F. Buckley
Felix and Nancy Cohen
Lisa Cowan
Karen Y. Cromley
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Ronal Fenstermacher
& Edythe Joines
Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union (5)
Paul and Katharine Gamble
Jenner’s Pond (5)
Ann Jones
Su Carroll Kenderdine
Kennett Amateur Theatrical Society, Inc. (5)
Kennett Glass Company (5)
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Ann Lapides
Donna Lerew
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Longwood Gardens (5)
Maria Lopez
M. R. Cockerham Painting Contractors (5)
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$100 - $149
Stanley M. Allen (1)
Michael F. and Tamara N. Altman
John E. Anderson
Alfred E. and Elizabeth E. Bacon III
Bennett R. and Janie H. Baird
Stephen Bass
Glenn D. and Patricia C. Bates
Joseph H. Battin
John M. and Diane R. Beeson
John S. and Brenda J. Beitler
Buzz and Barbara Bennett
J. Michael and Bonnie Bennett
Amy Berg
A. Majeed Bhat

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Kathryn J. Moran
Serena N. Morrissey
Michael and Jill Mullen
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Oxford Plumbing & Heating, Inc. (5)
Minoan LLC, dba Oxhaven
Bradley L. Peiper (1)
Jeremiah W. and Wendy L. Powell
William C. Ressler
David W. and Fay A. Robinson
Frederick and Marsha Rosenberg
R-P Nurseries (5)
Lewis and Sharon Sears
Kathleen Shea
Sinton Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc. (5)
Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority
Berkshire Hathaway, Susan Manner’s Team (5)
Talula’s Table (5)
The Gables at Chadds Ford (5)
The Kennett Center for Advanced Dentistry (5)
The Market at the Liberty Place (5)
Timothy D. and Sylvia G. Umbret
Umbreit, Korengel and Associates, PC, CPA (5)
Vector Security (5)
David H. and Helen Wagner
Wallace Landscape Associates, Inc. (5)
Pandora Allison Young

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Daniel Boxler
2016 Municipal Support
We are very grateful for the much-needed annual support provided by the municipalities we serve.

East Marlborough Township
Kennett Square Borough
Kennett Township
New Garden Township
Newlin Township
Pennsbury Township
Pocopson Township
West Marlborough Township

2016 In-Kind Donations
Besides monetary contributions, the library depends greatly on donations of professional services and equipment. We would like to thank those individuals and companies who contribute their time, expertise and resources to make our library programs both possible and successful.

In-kind Donations

All ALP Tutors
Renee Caron
Sixto Sánchez
Steve Brown
Susan Hughes
Thomas Cosgrove
Wendy Powell
*and all who donated to our ALP book sale

In-kind - Home & Garden Tour
Barber’s Florist & Gifts
Booms & Branches, Beverly Schmitt
Boyd’s Florist & Gifts
Carol Gray
Chantilly Blue
Currie Hair, Skin, and Nails
DHW Woodworks LLC
E. Jean Lanyon
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Flowers by Yuki
Garden Gate Garden Club
Hank’s Place
Jeanne Bruneau
Kennett Square Golf & Country Club*
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Kennett Symphony
Kennett YMCA
Kristina Closs
La Verona Restaurant
Lily Asian Cuisine Sushi & Grill
Martha Fenoglio

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and Fang-Ping Chen
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Ann Louise Jeffery
Mary Ruth Johnson
Dot Jones
M. Regina Kirkaldie
Bruce Knott
Hedvika L. Knott, Jr.
Peter and Miriam Kroon
Christine T. Kyrdd
William R. Landmesser
Philip D. and Sandra H. Lee, Jr.
Jeanette Lindvig
Longwood Performing Arts(S)
Juanita Lysle
Maffe Landscape Design, LLC(S)
Stephen Maguire
George and Jeannine McLaughlin
Rhoda McNitt
Richard and Sherry Migliore
John D. and Nancy L. Mohr
Karen Murphy
Mushrooms Cafe(S)
Nancy Jammer Naeve
Robert and Maureen O’Brien
James L. and Wendy H. Ozimek
Rudolf E. and Elizabeth Hutz
Charles R. and Cathleen H. Peiper
Donald P. and Suzanne D. Phillips
Pierce & Bair Real Estate Company(S)
The Woodlands at
Phillips Mushroom Farms
Allyn and Anne Plambeck
James and Peggy Porter
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Dennis and Mary Roery
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Twelves Grill & Cafe(S)
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Lela Wakil
Francis and Johanna Watson
Carlos and Sarah Weil, Jr.
Michael and Susan Wendle
John S. and Vicky L. Zajac
Edmund and Marie Ziegler

$75 - $99
Diane K Bates
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Scheirer Floors (5)
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Country Butcher (5)
Clayton H. Downes
Margaret I. Emerson
Sol and Bee Fenick
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Edward Jones (5)
Eugene L. and Doris S. Kane
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Gail H. Lear
Longwood Art Gallery (5)
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John L. and Anita L. Nolan
Kunle and Angela Ogunde
Connie Ostrosky
Marilyn Rosen
Sweet Christie's Bakery & Café (5)
U Financial Group (5)
Mary Beth Verget
Kimberly Whitford

$50 - $74
Brigitte Alexander
Nancy H. Aller
Carlos and Donna S. Alves
Pierre J. and Mary L. Anderson
Edward and Sally Balinsky
Robin Beazley
Michael W. and Nancy K. Bowley
Robert and Kathryn Brede
Vivien Gale Brewer
James A. and Kristin L. Brown
J. Stephen and Ann Bryce
Thomas H. and Barbara A. Cahill
Vinay Chowdhry
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F. David and Janelle L. Cox
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Brownell N. and Mary Nell Ferry
Diane M. Feissner
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