



Dear Library Friend,

Western Allegheny Community Library is so much more than a building. Did you know that last year alone your library...

- Lent out over 177,000 items?
- Provided 2033 residents with meeting spaces?
- Answered more than 1700 reference questions?
- Provided 3942 computer sessions and 251,713 wi-fi minutes?
- Hosted 701 programs?

These services saved residents nearly **\$4 million** in 2021 alone! Yet, depending on your municipality, only **\$5.43—\$19.50** of your local taxes was given to the library. *Where else can you get that kind of return on investment?*

As a strong community institution, Western Allegheny Community Library is *determined* to provide a **safe, inclusive, and accessible community-centered library** that is free to the public and empowers its residents' personal, educational, and professional growth. However, we are a non-profit organization, and this means we rely heavily on donations to meet our budget every year.

But we have great news! September marks the return of **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY** month. Thanks to a generous grant from the Jack Buncher Foundation, all contributions to WACL during the month of September will qualify for a *pro-rated match*.

The 2022 fundraising goal to keep your library at the level of activity and engagement that the community needs and deserves is \$150,000. With the generosity of supporters like you, **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY** will help get us closer to that goal.

We know that you understand and value the good work being done in West Allegheny, and because of that, we hope you will think about what a strong library is worth to YOU and YOUR COMMUNITY. I'm asking that you consider giving that back and **making an even greater impact this month!**

Thank you for choosing to support your community and **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY!**

Sincerely,

Amy McDonald
Library Director