



Celebrate Love Your Library Month with Us!

Dear Library Friend,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we kick off **Love Your Library Month**, we are reminded of the incredible support from donors like you who make our mission possible.

Research continues to show that **libraries are vital to the communities they serve**, and Western Allegheny Community Library is no exception. WACL is truly a place for everyone. We aim to support people of all ages and abilities, from diverse backgrounds. Our library hosts families, children, and adults for various programs, businesses for regional meetings, educators for tutoring sessions, and individuals seeking a quiet space for interviews.

Our dedication to improving our facilities and expanding our programs and services reflects **our commitment to you**, our valued patrons. This year, we have made several significant upgrades, including the installation of two additional HVAC units in our event room, enhanced security measures both inside and outside the building, the addition of a new sensory room, and the repaving of our driveway and parking lot with added guardrails for safety.

As a non-profit organization, we receive generous funding, but it often falls slightly short of what we need to maintain our beautiful facility, keep our collection relevant, and offer a diverse range of programs. Despite our careful planning, each year we pass a budget with a deficit, relying on the generous donations from our community to ensure we end the year in the green.

The Love Your Library campaign, a county-wide initiative, encourages residents to support their community libraries. Thanks to the generous backing of the Jack Buncher Foundation, all donations to Allegheny County libraries in September will be matched. So, this month, **we invite you to show your love for Western Allegheny Community Library through a meaningful donation**. This month, your contribution will have an even greater impact, helping us to continue providing valuable services and programs to the West Allegheny community. To take advantage of this year's Love Your Library match, please return the included remittance envelope or visit westernalleghenylibrary.org by September 30.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. Together, we can ensure that Western Allegheny Community Library continues to thrive as a cornerstone of the West Allegheny community.

With sincere appreciation,

Amy McDonald
Library Director
Western Allegheny Community Library

P.S. Don't forget, this year's Fall For Your Library will be held on September 14th from 6-10 PM at Celebrations Banquet Bar and Grill. This fun-filled evening (which also counts towards the match) will feature food and beverage tastings, silent auctions, raffle baskets, games, and live music by Smells Like the 90's. More information and tickets are available on our website.