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Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries

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Upcoming Dates:

2022 Tax Forms to be mailed:
December 2022

PCBL Board Meeting:
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Mechanicsburg, PA

Tax Forms Due:
March 1, 2023: \$125 membership
April 1, 2023: \$175 membership
After April 1, 2023: not accepted



President's Message

Greetings! The holidays are upon us, and time seems to march at a much faster pace. After much deliberation, the PCBL Board decided to cancel the Friends Institute in September. The number of registrants was far below both our expectations and the venue's minimum requirements. We will

revisit the whole idea in the new year, so please stay tuned for future educational opportunities.

PCBL awarded scholarships to four first-time attendees of the PaLA Conference in Harrisburg in October and sponsored a lunch in the Exhibit Hall. Between the speakers and the exhibitors, a good time was had by all!

The Board of Directors join me in wishing you Happy Holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

-Deborah Dorshimer, PCBL President

Join Us!

Do you love libraries? Do you believe that libraries are essential community services? Do you want to be a voice for improved library funding? Do you want to collaborate with other library associations, agencies, and community groups to help lead efforts to encourage, train, and support Library Friends?

Consider becoming a PCBL Board Member! Email pcblpa@gmail.com for more information.



2022 Taxes for PCBL Affiliates

It's that time of the year again! Here is a guide to help with the process:

Make sure you receive your PCBL tax packet:

Tax packets will be sent by mail in December to each Affiliate Friends Group address on file. If you do not receive your tax packet by January 15, 2023, [contact PCBL right away](#).

Pull together your 2022 financial data:

You will need your group's income and expenses. You will also need copies of your end-of-year, December 31, 2022, bank and investment account statements.

Check the checklist:

Refer to the checklist that comes in the packet. The items most forgotten are the end-of-year bank statements, and Schedule G. If you do not need Schedule G, please send it blank, or note somewhere on the paperwork that your group did not need Schedule G.

Get your paperwork ready to be sent to PCBL:

Paperwork can be mailed or scanned and emailed. Postage with tracking is recommended if you send it by mail. **Be sure to keep a copy for your records!**

Send your paperwork in ON TIME:

Return paperwork by March 1, 2023, to maintain a membership fee of \$125. Membership fees for those that have returned packets by April 1, 2023, will be \$175. Friends Groups that do not return their paperwork by April 1 will have to file taxes on their own.

Follow Up:

Sue Miller, the PCBL Executive Secretary, will contact you by email when your tax paperwork is received. If you do not get a confirmation and your paperwork has been sent, please [contact PCBL right away](#).

Highlights from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries

In April 2022, after serving in an acting role for a year, Susan Banks was appointed to serve as Deputy Secretary, State Librarian, and Commissioner for Libraries in the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In this role, Susan embodies a leadership vision for libraries:

"Everyone belongs in libraries – and libraries belong to everyone. I want to see every Pennsylvanian know, appreciate, and participate in the life of their community with the help of excellent and equitable libraries."

The coming years look bright under Banks leadership as OCL will begin implementation of a new 5 Year Plan. Read the plan text on this [LibGuide](#) and share your comments and feedback via [the form](#). In addition, in 2023 the State Library of Pennsylvania is scheduled to move back to the newly renovated and restored Forum Building, the Library's historic home. The library boasts a large collection of Pennsylvania resources as well as a Rare Collections Library and Law Library.

Friends Group Spotlight

The Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

The Friends of the Mt Lebanon Public Library have been vital and active since the early 1930s. As with all Friends groups, we are dedicated to our library. We support about 20 programs per month, as well as the summer and winter reading programs for Adults, Teens, and Children. Below are three recent things that have happened as a result of our Friends group.



Each year we get a 'wish list' from our director. In fulfilling that list in 2021, we purchased an amazing Book Bike. It is an E-bike with an attachable cargo box and kiosk that allows the library to be highly visible and present at local schools and community events. Our director rides the bike to the event using the cargo box to display whatever is needed for that event. Usually

books are displayed, but can also be puppets or bubbles or other fun and interesting items. It has been a great addition, bringing smiles to everyone.

On Thursday evenings, during the month of August, we had "Concerts in the Courtyard." For the past two years, our programs were halted or virtual. This year, we were live in the courtyard with Steel City Calypso, smooth jazz with some Dixie land, and a mix of Klezmer and Greek music. The season ended with the Mt Lebanon High School String Quartet. It is nice to sit outside in a beautiful setting and enjoy music.



This school year, we had something new, organized by our Teen Librarian, Miss Katie. It is a Tea Enthusiasts Club. Interested teens sign up monthly and receive a take-home tea kit with teas and a reusable travel mug. It provides a virtual time with our teens to learn about the history of tea, its healing properties, and the benefits of being together.

The Mt. Lebanon Public Library is located in the southern suburbs of Pittsburgh. Current Board Members include Susan Tracey, President; Harold Hall, Vice President; Eileen Jacobs, Secretary; Jennifer Hisdorf, Treasurer; and Cherie Moshier, member. The Library Director is Robyn Vittek.

Membership Fees & Application

We'd love to have you join us! To become a member, download the membership application and submit it to the address on the form.

Individual Membership

- Benefactor: \$1,000
- Patron: \$500
- Sponsor: \$125
- Sustaining: \$60
- Personal: \$25

Organizational Membership

- Patron: \$500
- Corporate: \$250
- Sponsor: \$125
- Friends Group: \$50

Affiliate Membership

- 501(c)(3) Affiliate: \$125
- Affiliate membership requires approval from the PCBL Board after a series of paperwork is completed. For more information, click [here](#).



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Susan Tracey, President of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library Friends

PCBL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Sue Miller, Independent Contractor, Library Services