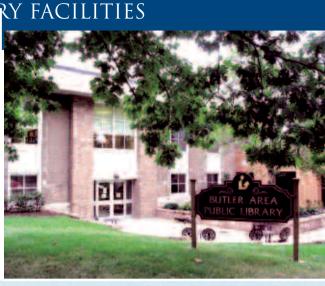
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TEN YEAR REPORT













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INTRODUCTION

The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed legislation (Act 50) in 1993 to establish the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.

The Department of Education, through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Bureau of Library Development, administers the public library portion of this program. The competitive grant application process is used to award matching construction grants to municipalities that sponsor state aided public libraries.

Grants pay up to 50 percent of eligible costs in planning, acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of public libraries. By providing money to make critical repairs and improvements and to build new public library buildings, the General Assembly has ensured better facilities to provide vital library services.

PROGRESS

During the ten years that the Keystone Fund grant program has been in operation, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries has received 333 applications from municipalities requesting over \$46,000,000 in grant funds.

Over \$18,000,000 in Keystone Funds has been awarded to support 187 projects across the Commonwealth.

The result of this funding has been a substantial increase in the number of new library users and an increase in the circulation of library materials.

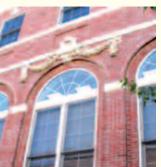
These state funds have stimulated a significant amount of local matching funds. Not including projects currently under construction, Keystone grants of \$15 million have enabled projects of more than \$84 million.

Libraries and municipalities have launched capital campaigns, searched for foundation funds and additional state grants, received bequests from grateful library supporters, enacted library tax referendums, held penny drives and bake sales and used numerous fundraising efforts to complete library projects. The time, dedication and resources from these communities are a real credit to the desire for good library services in our state.











The infusion of local funds, additional state funds and the Keystone Grant funds has permitted municipalities to undertake these 187 Keystone projects and create jobs for Pennsylvania workers.

The architects, contractors, skilled tradesmen, materials suppliers and other workers who received wages and benefits from these projects, in turn, contributed to economic growth in the Commonwealth. These workers received satisfaction from a job well done and they were able to see the positive effect of a new, renovated or revitalized local library for their families and neighbors. In many cases, the library was able to stay in a downtown area and help keep the "Main Street" concept alive for communities.

The Keystone Fund grant program is meeting a real need for Pennsylvania's public libraries.

Funds have assisted struggling rural and urban libraries to address pressing concerns such as leaking roofs that are often accompanied with falling ceilings, upgrades to heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems (HVAC) and replacements of dangerous lighting.

Grant funds have also enabled libraries to build new facilities that permit collections to be adequately housed and valuable programming to be increased. Remodeling of inadequate library buildings and the construction of additional square footage has permitted enlarged public service space, increased community room use and functional staff work areas.

A number of projects have incorporated renovations, including elevators, ramps, rest rooms and shelving unit replacement, to permit compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA.)

STATUS OF PROJECTS

This report to the General Assembly provides information about funded projects completed within the first ten years of the program.

Twenty-six new projects were awarded in 2004. Most of these projects were still under construction at the time of this report. Due to the limited funding available, no grants were awarded in 2003 and 2005, but grants will be awarded in 2006



MANY YEARS OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION GO INTO THE NEW LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

Communities that have been able to successfully complete new library buildings have done so with teamwork and dedication on the part of the Library Board of Trustees, Municipal Officials, Community Residents and Library Staff Members.

The following public libraries were designed, constructed and opened to the public with the assistance of Keystone funds.

■ HORSHAM TOWNSHIP FOR HORSHAM TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

(2002) – Montgomery County

Granted \$350,000 to construct a new 25,000 sq. ft. library building. This library's new service area includes a township population previously served by the Montgomery County Library. Since its opening, the new library has become the second busiest library building in the 14-member Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium (MCLINC). The project total was \$6.3 million.







► The Library Director reports:

Residents wanted a modern, technologically up-to-date library that would become the focal point for educational, cultural and recreational pursuits and a place of pride for the entire community. A survey showed that they wanted the library to serve as a 'town center' as well as a source of information and entertainment. The new Horsham Township Library has exceeded these expectations. The library has truly become the village green for this suburban community, with the help of grant funds from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.

Statistics for 2005, the first full year of library operations recorded: 231,000+ items circulated. 3,059 reference questions answered 10,441 hours of public access computer use recorded. 2,852 parents and children attended story time programs. people attended tours and 1,565 adult programs. 299 meetings scheduled by local organizations 464 children participated in the library's first Summer Reading Club

■ LOWER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FOR TOWNSHIP LIBRARY OF LOWER SOUTHAMPTON (2002) – Bucks County

► The Library Director reports:

After just two years in our new facility, our circulation and usage have doubled, and our new auditorium is busy almost daily with meetings and programming for both children and adults.





gramming for Granted \$275,000 to renovate a former warehouse that the township had purchased both children to replace an inadequate library building. This facility was completed in May 2004 at and adults. a cost of \$2.6 million.

■ LACKAWANNA COUNTY FOR LACKAWANNA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM (2001) – Lackawanna County

Granted \$300,000 matched with \$1,337,620 to build a 12,500 sq. ft. library facility in Peckville.

This library, previously named the Interboro-United Districts Library, has been renamed the Valley Community Library.



► The Library System Administrator reports:

From the day the doors opened, Valley Community Library was embraced with pride by local residents. New users signed up for library cards every day, circulation increased by 35%, and the library more than doubled the number of programs held each year. Funding from the Keystone Grant provided the foundation for this project and made the new library possible.



■ LYKENS BOROUGH FOR DAUPHIN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM (NORTHERN DAUPHIN BRANCH) (2001) – Dauphin County



Granted \$300,000 matched with \$917,767 to build a 6,236 sq. ft. new library building to serve the Northern Dauphin County area. As part of a long range planning process for the Dauphin County Library System, the branch library in Williamstown was closed and this new branch facility for the residents of the northern portion of the County was planned. After the grand opening, circulation statistics skyrocketed and the number of patrons coming to the library increased dramatically.

There is also a great sense of community accomplishment with this building. In an area of the county that has faced economic hardships, this new library is a positive source of community pride.



►The Library Director reports:

We are now located at a more accessible location. People really appreciate having the library here. It definitely made a difference. Circulation went up, programming attendance increased and the collection was able to expand.

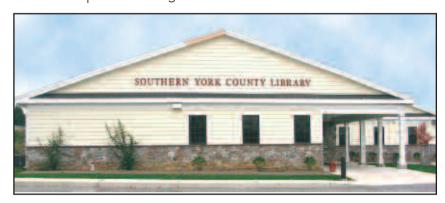
■ SHREWSBURY BOROUGH FOR YORK COUNTY LIBRARY

SYSTEM (2001) - York County

Granted \$300,000 matched with \$942,018 for a new 10,000 sq. ft. library building resulting from the merger of the Shrewsbury and New Freedom Public Libraries. This new library has been named the Southern York County Library.

The building was constructed using environmentally friendly materials and has received much acclaim as a "building green" facility.

From the design process, to the use of an energy efficient lighting, heating and cooling system, the near elimination of off-gassing materials, and accountability for recycling waste, this new library is a model for public buildings of the future.



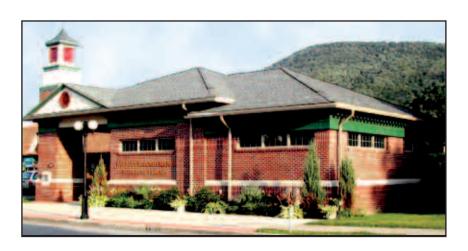




■ CAMERON COUNTY FOR CAMERON COUNTY LIBRARY

(2000) - Cameron County

Granted \$250,000 matched with \$611,952 to construct a new 5,617 sq. ft. library. The new facility, located in Emporium, has been named the Barbara Moscato Brown Memorial Library. The library had been housed in a 1,800 sq. ft. converted bank building constructed in the early 1940s.



► The Library Director reports:

Circulation increased over 2000 in the first year and we have been able to offer many new programs with the addition of a multipurpose room. We have added four children's programs and are now able to offer adult programs in the arts and education. We also have a new computer lab for the public.

"Patrons say it has been 'like night and day.' The Keystone Grant helped give Cameron County a very valuable and greatly used asset to our citizens."

■ NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP FOR NEWTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

(2000) - Delaware County

Granted \$400,000 towards a \$2,816,000 project to construct a new library facility as an addition to the existing township building. The new facility more than doubles the square footage of the previous library that was housed in the basement.



► The Library Director reports:

Circulation climbed to 68,000 from 43,000 and we increased registered borrowers by 1000. With many windows and comfortable chairs, patrons linger and enjoy the surroundings.





■ WEST GROVE BOROUGH FOR AVON GROVE FREE LIBRARY (2000) - Chester County

Granted \$325,850 to construct a 6,000 sq. ft. facility that would be shared with borough offices. The library occupies 60 per cent of the new building. A remodeled house, that was totally inadequate for the community's public library needs, had housed the previous library. The total project cost was \$1,692,529.

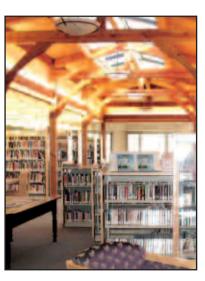
► The Library Director reports:

Children's programming has increased 45%.

We're booming!

I think the library is now more a hub of the community a center of knowledge and information.





■ EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP FOR EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY (1999) - Chester County



"You build it and they will come! People come in and stay in our study areas or the fireplace room. The old building was a 'hit and run' with no place for patrons to sit. This has been a phenomenal success!" Granted \$150,000 to renovate the original building and construct an addition. This project's total cost was \$3,542,000. The original structure was razed and a new building was constructed in its place.

The new facility has been named the Easttown Library and Information Center located in Berwyn.

► The Library Director reports:

- Daily visitors up 100% We have 600 people a day.
- Circulation was up 30% the first year and its only climbing!
- We have doubled programming . We went from six to fifty computers.

LANCASTER COUNTY FOR QUARRYVILLE LIBRARY

(1999) - Lancaster County



► The Library Director reports the following increases from 1999 to 2005:

Computer use	253%
Program attendance	137%
Local support	130%
Visitors	76%
Cardholders	68%
Circulation	36%

"The beautiful new library represents our collective commitment to literacy, family and community."

Granted \$325,000 to construct a new 12,000 sq. ft. library to provide services to over 35,000 residents in ten municipalities. The project included a local match of \$1,075,000. The old facility was inadequate with only 2,800 sq. ft. available for library services.

► Patrons report:

- Our new library quickly became a destination for our out-of-town visitors. We love the warm, welcoming atmosphere and the friendly, helpful staff.
- The beautiful new library represents our collective commitment to literacy, family and community.
- The library has become an important part of our community's educational system, from pre-school through college selection and beyond. Also, by offering free computer classes, they help with life long learning of our adult citizens.
- My teens now realize that libraries are more than books. Originally, the new building in town is what got them through the door, but the programs, the personnel and the computers have kept them coming back.
- The library has become a place where our family goes for a variety of activities, events, and learning. The new building offers excellent spaces for reading, meetings, and instruction.
- I love the partnerships they have developed with community agencies to provide interesting programs for all ages.

■ CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP FOR WESTERN POCONO COMMUNITY LIBRARY (1998) - Monroe County

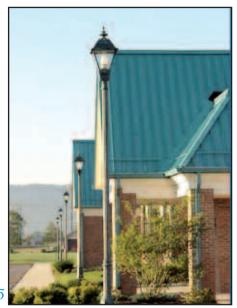
Granted \$300,000 to construct a new 15,000 sq. ft. building located in Brodheadsville. With local match, the total cost was \$2,389,191.

► The Library Director reports:

We are at our new facility six years. During this time our

- Collection has grown to 57,298 volumes, a 48.6% increase;
- Circulation has increased 82.1%; and
- Story Time attendance has increased 120.6%.

"Prior to moving, we did not have a community room. In 2005 that room was used for 461 community related meetings. In designing our building we allowed for expansion, due to the fact that Monroe County has been and continues to experience rapid growth. What was originally an 'undesignated area' is now a year round indoor walking track. Not only do we promote library service, we also promote 'Health and Fitness' through the availability of our walking track to the community!"





■ UNION CITY FOR UNION CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY (1998) - Erie County

Granted \$200,000 to construct a new 4,000 sq. ft. library and raze the old library building to provide a parking lot. The project's total cost was \$619,816.

► The Library Director reports:

After we received the Keystone grant, circulation increased by about 30%. We went from having one story hour in our old building to having 14 story hours each month because we now had room. We also have room for an adult basic education class. This is so important to the community because of plant closings. Many who had been employed at the plants had not needed a diploma before.



"We are more visible to other organizations who now want to do things for us.

We are a centerpiece for the community.

The Keystone grant has made a huge difference in the community."

■ WARWICK TOWNSHIP FOR LITITZ PUBLIC LIBRARY (1998) - Lancaster County

Granted \$175,000 to build a new 30,000 sq. ft. library with a total cost approaching \$1 1/4 million





"Many people in the community express their pleasure with the educational and cultural opportunities the Lititz Public Library is now able to offer them. One woman mentioned, "the reason I bought my house is because it is next to the library."

► The Library Director reports:

- Since the new facility, membership has grown from 6,138 to 18,114 and annual circulation from 108,268 to 428,181. (circulation increased four times the first year!)
- In 2005, the library sponsored 285 programs with 7006 attendees. Eighteen weekly story time sessions reach over 400 preschool aged children.
- We're averaging nearly 5,000 visitors each week.

■ MOUNT JOY BOROUGH FOR MOUNT JOY LIBRARY (1997) - Lancaster County

Granted \$175,000 to construct a new library building with a total project cost of \$983,673. This new library has been named the Milanof-Schock Library.



The library has been awarded the title of "Best Small Library in America!

■ PETERS TOWNSHIP FOR PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

(1997) - Washington County

Granted \$350,000 to construct a new 23,000 sq. ft. building located in McMurray. Project cost was \$2,792,413.







- The Library Director reports the following increases since the new library was opened:
 - 161% children's programs
 - 160% children's program attendance
 - 127% adult programs
 - 120% adult program attendance
 - 62% registered patrons
 - 53% circulation

"What stands out most in the Library Director's mind, was the reaction of many of the children who visit us regularly. Comments like 'It's a happy place!', and 'It's so bright and beautiful!' Adults also expressed their delight at the warm and welcoming mood created by the design of the building."

■ HARRISON TOWNSHIP FOR COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF ALLEGHENY VALLEY (1996) - Allegheny County

Granted \$350,000 matched with \$1,170,032 in local funds to build a new library in Natrona Heights.



► The Library Director reports:

Our new building is within a block or two of four schools. It's heartwarming to see children pouring into our doors after school.

We have also forged good working relationships with teachers and administrators because of our proximity.

■ DONORA BOROUGH FOR DONORA PUBLIC LIBRARY

(1995) - Washington County

Keystone funds (\$145,000) were used to construct a new 4,900 sq. ft. one story library building. This construction resulted in a tripling of the former 1,600 sq. ft. available in the old library. Total cost of the project was \$530,816.

► The Library Director reports:

- Circulation doubled within two years of the new building.
- The building enabled us to have a special section just for children and families, the Storybook Station.
- We are helping families learn the value of education.
- We have a greater presence in the community.



■ LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP FOR LOWER PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY (1995) - Montgomery County

Keystone funds (\$200,000) were awarded for the construction of a new 12,000 sq. ft. library on land provided by the township. The building replaced an overcrowded 3,400 sq. ft. rented facility and provides adequate space for a growing population and collection. The project total was \$1,728,367.



"If we were still in the basement of the old elementary school, you would not see the usage and general good feelings about the library.

The Keystone was a definite success."

► The Library Director reports:

We constantly have people in the facility and have numerous programs. Over 8,000 children attended programs last year. From the year we opened until 2004, we saw a 54% increase in circulation and the collection increased by 50%. Everyone who comes to the facility feels welcomed and warm. The open and airy design was well done by the architect.

■ MCDONALD BOROUGH FOR MCDONALD FREE LIBRARY

(1995) - Washington County

Keystone funds (\$171,151) matched with \$87,430 then available from Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds were used for construction of a new 4,000 sq. ft. building. This new library is almost double the former floor space.

The facility was renamed the Heritage Public Library to better reflect the regional service provided by the library.



The Keystone grant has enabled us to increase circulating materials and allowed us to create a computer room, enhancing what we can contribute to the community. Our circulation has more than doubled. It has given us a wonderful reading area for the children.



"The community can get so much more from the library. We are now able to open our doors for tutoring for the local school district and for GED classes and community needs."

NEW LIBRARIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Exeter Township for Exeter Community Library (2002) Berks County Granted \$400,000 to construct a new library. The current facility is totally inadequate for the community.
- Hughesville Borough for Hughesville Area Public Library (2004) Lycoming County Granted \$400,000, matched with \$723,000, to construct a new library building.
- Borough of Narberth for the Narberth Community Library (2004) Montgomery County The Borough was granted \$164,307 towards a \$328,614 project to replace the modular unit of the library and install accessible compliant restrooms and upgrade lighting and the alarm system.
- Nether Providence Township for the Helen Kate Furness Free Library (2004) – Delaware County Granted \$400,000, matched with \$766,589 of local funding, to install accessibility modifications and construct an addition at this library located in Wallingford
- Municipality of Penn Hills for the Penn Hills Library (2004) Allegheny County Penn Hills was granted a matching \$400,000 to construct a new building for the library.
- Womelsdorf Borough for the Womelsdorf Community Library (2004) Berks County Granted \$255,500 to renovate the existing library and construct an addition to the building.
- City of Pittsburgh for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (2004) Allegheny County Granted \$400,000 to renovate the Woods Run Branch Library.



MAJOR RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO BUILDINGS

■ BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH FOR BURGETTSTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY (2002) - Washington County

Granted \$300,000 to construct an addition to the present library building and provide parking to accommodate patrons.

With the addition, numerous activities such as meetings, tutoring, GED classes, craft classes, and more, are able to take place, and there is a new room for computers. The library is now accessible to people with disabilities.

Total cost of the project was \$674,050.60.



► The Library Director reports:

Enough good can't be said about the Keystone grant! The meeting room is used frequently and I think having a parking lot made an impact on how much the meeting room is used too. Having meetings here brings more people into the library.



■ HANOVER BOROUGH FOR HANOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY (2001) - York County

Granted \$300,000 to renovate and construct an addition to the present library building.

The library has been renamed the Guthrie Memorial Library.

► Board Member at the opening of the new library:

We are filled with awe at the architectural wonder that will be the home of special, welcoming services and programming for all ages of the general population and the business community.



■ MONTOURSVILLE BOROUGH FOR DR. W. B. KONKLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (2002) - Lycoming County

Granted \$50,000 to construct an addition to the present building.

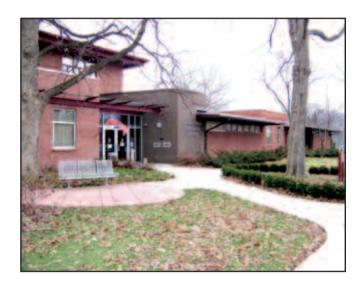


The Library Director reports:

Use of children's materials has increased by almost 30% since the addition.



■ BEAVER BOROUGH FOR BEAVER AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY (2001) - Beaver County



Granted \$300,000 to renovate the library and add a 4,200 sq. ft. addition to reach a total area of 11,200 sq. ft.

Increased user demand required a larger children's area, meeting room space, rest room facilities and reorganization of the staff work areas as well as increased stack area.

A new entrance was incorporated to create better traffic patterns for the multiple activities taking place at the library. Total cost was \$920,555.

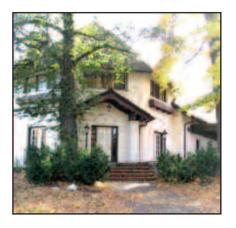
► The Library Director reports:

The entranceway with the fireplace has been popular for patrons who want to sit and read and relax in the library. Internet users are happy with the expanded Internet area. It truly has been a great improvement for the community.

"The biggest effect from the grant project is the new improved children's area which is 40 percent larger. The library is now able to have more programs for adults and children."

■ EDGEWOOD BOROUGH FOR C C MELLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY (2001) - Allegheny County

Granted \$300,000 towards a \$943,586 project to renovate and remodel the existing facility.







"They have doubled the space in the children's room and patrons like the "coziness" of the upstairs. The building is almost 90 years old and they were also able to maintain some of the southern flavor of the original building."

► The Library Director reports:

The library has had a lot of positive feedback since the project has been completed. Many patrons like using the newly installed elevators and the library is now meeting safety standards and is completely accessible to patrons with disabilities.

■ RIMERSBURG BOROUGH FOR ECCLES LESHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY (2001) - Clarion County

Granted \$274,277 towards a \$624,775 project to renovate and expand the facility



► The Library Director reports:

There has been a tremendous increased interest in the newly renovated library. The number of children attending story time and summer reading has more than doubled. There is more space for events and meetings, and having a computer lab with ten computers connected to the Internet has pleased many of their patrons. Upon entering the library, comments are made on the openness and brightness of the new space. Everyone really appreciates the Keystone Grant because without it they would never have been able to do such a project for their community.

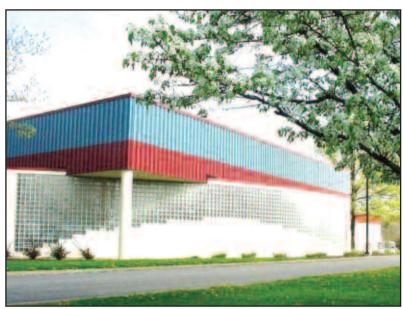


CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP FOR CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY (2000) - Butler County

Granted \$250,000 matched with \$389,240 to construct a 4,300 sq. ft. addition and renovate the existing library that is located in the municipal center.

The result is an enlarged children's area, a new story time room, a computer lab/reference center, an improved young adult area and a small meeting room that can also be used for tutoring and literacy classes. Total project costs were \$639,240.







■ HALLSTEAD BOROUGH FOR SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HALLSTEAD-GREAT BEND BRANCH (2000) - Susquehanna County

Granted \$12,225 matched with \$28,467 in local funds to construct the shell of a 950 sq. ft. addition to the branch library building that would then be completed with local funds. Total project costs were \$40,692.

► The Library Director reports:

was dingy, dark and scary. Now it is light and cheerful. It has made a huge difference

The old section had been a former jail and in our community. The room doubled and we doubled circulation. The Keystone grant was our impetus to join the System, with all the ensuing benefits, and become a branch library. Prior to this we were in danger of closing the library. We went from 12 hours to 44 hours.



■ JERSEY SHORE BOROUGH FOR JERSEY SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY (2000) - Lycoming County

Granted \$110,475 matched with \$611,407 in local funds to renovate a former church building into a suitable library. Included in the project were the need to re-point brick, restore glass windows, pave parking areas, create a deep dry well, and complete a restroom accessible to patrons with disabilities. Total project costs were \$721,882.



► The Library Director reports:

The library had shared facilities with the High School for over fifty years. Now people know there is such a thing as a public library. The grant preserved the history of the building and allowed us to feel more comfortable about purchasing it. The first thing people comment on is the stained glass windows. They find it welcoming and comfortable



"Simply by moving into the library, circulation increased exponentially."

■ LANSDOWNE BOROUGH FOR LANSDOWNE PUBLIC LIBRARY (2000) - Delaware County

Granted \$150,000 matched with \$164,797 to renovate the interior of the building.

The circulation desk and staff support areas were expanded, lighting improved, old carpeting replaced, walls and cable poles moved, and new shelving and restrooms made ADA compliant. Total project costs were \$314,797

"The difference is immeasurable. It wasn't just a renovation, it was a whole new library!"





■ NEW CUMBERLAND BOROUGH FOR NEW CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (2000) - Cumberland County

Granted \$355,000 to construct a 6,600 sq. ft. addition. This additional space provided for a larger children's room, a new young adult area, space for collection growth and services related to new technology. This project was matched with local funds for a total cost of \$1,179,733.



► The Library Director reports:

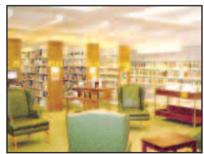
For the first time in about 11 years they have space to display materials and for the first time in 25 years they have a bulletin board exclusively for library events in the area and another one for other cultural events and educational events. Since the renovation, circulation is up at the library. Senior citizens, teenagers, early elementary age children, and preschoolers are all enjoying new spaces in which to pursue their particular interests.

■ SHALER TOWNSHIP FOR SHALER NORTH HILLS LIBRARY (2000) - Allegheny County

Granted \$250,000 to build an addition of approximately 4,800 sq. ft. on two floors to provide more shelf space. Total project cost was \$1,141,915.

► The Library Director reports:

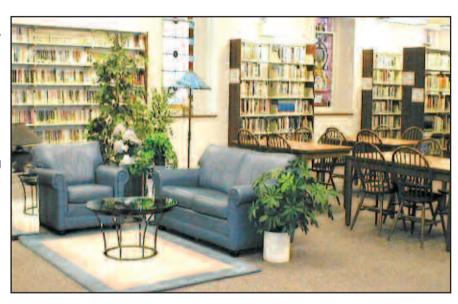
Kids and their parents could only sit at the four tables in the original space; they would actually sit on the floor and do their work. Now, with the added space, they can sit at study tables with easy access to the wonderful non-fiction collection. Prior to the room, we had the materials everywhere—they were hard to locate and certainly, difficult to browse.



■ WILLIAMSBURG BOROUGH FOR WILLIAMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY (2000) - Blair County

Granted \$125,000 towards a \$355,999 project to renovate a former church building for use as a public library.

The project included upgrades to make the library accessible to patrons with disabilities, a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and upgraded wiring. A computer lab, meeting room, office and workspaces are part of the main floor renovation. The basement area is refurbished for additional meeting and programming space.



► The Library Director reports:

We've seen a big increase in our circulation figures and in the number of new patrons we register each year, and we've been able to expand our programming to meet the needs of all ages. The Presbyterian Church building is one of the oldest buildings in the borough. The adaptive reuse of the building as a library has allowed it to become a fixture in the community again.

"A small, but not inconsequential, benefit to the public has been our air conditioning. The library is the only public building in the borough where the public is welcome to sit and enjoy the air conditioning during the summer."

■ GIRARD BOROUGH FOR RICE AVENUE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY (1999) - Erie County

Granted \$200,000. A 3,000 sq. ft. convenience store was remodeled and expanded with a 1,000 sq. ft. addition. The new Rice Avenue building consolidated the Wilcox and Lake City libraries into one facility. Total costs were \$453,524.



► The Library Director reports:

Even after three years in the new building, the amount of use the library has received is still the biggest effect the project has had on the community. The new library has provided more service and features than either of the old buildings could have. Patrons love the new library. It would not have been possible without the Keystone Grant.

■ CITY OF PITTSTON FOR PITTSTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY(1999) - Luzerne County

Granted \$225,000 to remodel and expand a former medical building into a 6,100+ sq. ft. library. Local matching funds of \$949,775 were included in the project.

► The Library Director reports:

- Library usage has increased over 665%.
- Over 300 people walk through the doors on a daily basis.

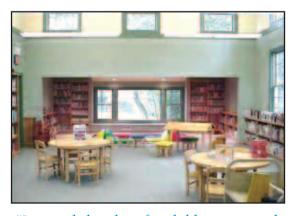
In one year:

- •We answered 3500 reference questions
- Helped 65,000 patrons,
- Conducted over 300 programs
- Had over 5000 children and their care givers involved in literacy programs and activities. Adults and seniors search for answers and find entertainment and inspiration in many forms.



"When the library was built it was just a building with books. Now, 5 years later, it has become the center of the community —the "people's university." People from all walks of life come to the library. For each generation there is something of value at the Pittston Library. It is a place where young parents foster success for their children by nurturing a love of reading. Students explore worlds beyond their boundaries and discover themselves in books and movies. Adults and seniors search for answers and find entertainment and inspiration in many forms."

■ HATBORO BOROUGH FOR UNION LIBRARY COMPANY OF HATBOROUGH(1998) - Montgomery County



"It provided a place for children to attend programs, choose from an expanded collection and sit and read or dream..."

Granted \$50,000 towards a \$305,881 project to build a 1,350 sq. ft. addition to be used as a children's area.

► The Library Director reports:

The new children's wing was sorely needed and upon completion of that room, circulation increased by over 25%. It has made a tremendous difference in the service the library supplies. Not only is there more space for children's programs, but a quiet room is now available for adults to study or read. Even though the room is no longer "new," the library receives positive comments all the time about the space.

■ PENN TOWNSHIP FOR PENN AREA LIBRARY

(1998) - Westmoreland County

Granted \$200,000 to remodel 13,500 sq. ft of the municipal building and build a 4,000 sq. ft. addition to provide new library space. The project's total cost was \$838,290. This library is located in Harrison City.

► The Library Director reports:

- The extra space enabled more programming and provided room for a computer lab where they give classes.
- Circulation increased 40%
- Two hundred new patrons register each month.
- Programming increased 50%
- Computers increased from 6 to 32



"I can't say enough about how great this has been. Our community really deserves this." —Library Director

■ WINDBER BOROUGH FOR WINDBER PUBLIC LIBRARY (1998) - Somerset County



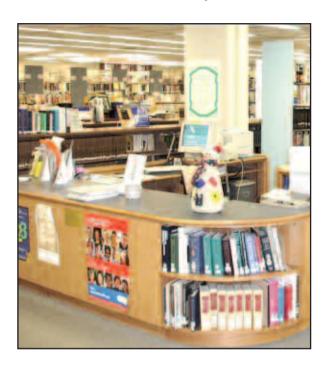
Granted \$150,000 towards a \$309,782 project to modify a six-room school building to provide expanded library service.

► The Library Director reports:

The space quadrupled and our circulation went up. The project enabled us to have a separate children's room and a separate meeting room. Before we only had room for 2 computers and now we can accommodate ten.

"The library now has its own parking lot, a great convenience for our patrons."

■ MARPLE TOWNSHIP FOR MARPLE PUBLIC LIBRARY (1997) - Delaware County



Granted \$75,000 to renovate the library building in order to increase public service space for additional adult and youth activities and to provide for the use of technology. Total project cost was \$320,984.

► The Library Director reports:

Our Keystone Grant resulted in a 20% increase in public space. Our circulation has increased 20% as a result. We couldn't have provided the increased service without this grant.

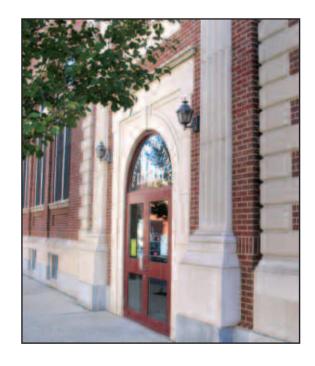
■ CITY OF POTTSVILLE FOR POTTSVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (1997) - Schuylkill County

Granted \$400,000 toward construction of a three-story addition and to renovate the existing building. The project total was \$2,346,258.

► The Library Director reports:

This project allowed the library to expand the technology necessary for access to quality library service. With the added floor space, the library was able to more than double the number of public access computers available to users in both the reference department and the children's department.





■ WHITEHALL BOROUGH FOR WHITEHALL AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY(1997) - Allegheny County

Granted \$150,000 matched with \$433,015 in local funds to build a 4,000 sq. ft. addition to the library building. The original 6,000 sq. ft. building was remodeled, creating a unified facility that is highly functional and provides maximum control from the circulation desk area.



■ BEDFORD COUNTY FOR EVERETT FREE LIBRARY (1998) - Bedford County



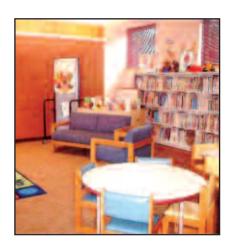
Granted \$126,000 to replace a temporary modular addition to the historic building with an enlarged permanent structure. The project total was \$292,635.

► The Library Director reports:

The library is much more visible to the community. We can now provide a variety of programs and can accommodate more people. The collection is no longer divided and there is room to grow. The library is more inviting and there is space for displays and special collections.

"Without the Keystone Grant, the addition would not have been built at that time; the many new people the addition brought to the library may not have learned of the benefits a community library offers."

■ LUZERNE COUNTY FOR BACK MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1996) - Luzerne County



Granted \$200,000 matched with \$298,200 in local funds to build a 1,550 sq. ft. addition to the building. Children's services were enhanced as a result of the project. The library is located in Dallas.

► The Library Director reports:

As a result of the addition, we have been able to triple our programming for children and add an additional 1300 books to our collection. Our children's area has become a real focal point of our library.



■ NAZARETH BOROUGH FOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NAZARETH AND VICINITY (1996) - Northampton County

Granted \$350,000 to build a 4,300 sq. ft. addition to the existing building. The total project was \$610,363.

► The Library Director reports:

The library has gone through a metamorphosis. It has doubled in size and is now able to accommodate an enhanced technology area, a completely redesigned children's department housed on the second floor, and space for meeting rooms. It has increased our ability to offer the building as a community resource area.

Circulation is up, public use of the Internet access computers is up, service hours are up and the number of full time staff members has increased.



"The project has served as a model for libraries in several other states."

■ CITY OF ALLENTOWN FOR ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY (1995) - Lehigh County

Granted \$95,000 to install a drive-in window to enhance delivery of services.

► The Library Director reports:

The drive-through service, made available in Allentown through a Keystone grant, has been successful far beyond expectation. It has been used, with much appreciation, by senior citizens with mobility challenges, by parents with small children in the car, by those unable to find convenient parking, by people on their way to work in the morning (as we provide service from 7:30 a.m.) and by those fearful of the urban environment.

■ CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY (CONSHOHOCKEN BRANCH) (1995) - Montgomery County

Granted \$225,000 towards a \$574,826 project to build an addition to the historic mansion that is used as the branch library building.

► The Library Director reports:

It's light and cheerful. Teens as well as adults like to hang out at the library. Without the grant we could not fit more than 10 people into the library at one time. Now we fill up the room with babies and are able to have a community room.

We couldn't get it off the ground without the Keystone grant. The grant made it possible for us to interest other donations too.

"With the new addition, circulation went from 17,000 to 50000 in a short period of time."



■ CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOR JOSEPH T. SIMPSON PUBLIC LIBRARY (1995) - Cumberland County





Granted \$400,000 to renovate a 19th century grain house to serve as a library. The project total was \$1,209,000.

► The Library Director reports:

Without the grant, we would not have been able to afford to proceed with construction in 1996. In our first year in our new facility, our circulation increased 23%, to over 360,000 items borrowed during the year. Our circulation is now 472,000, a 61% increase from ten years ago. The Keystone grant made it possible for our community to embrace our new facility, express their appreciation with the fact that we restored a building that was used as a hospital for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War, and to have additional space and parking available to make using the library a more pleasant and convenient experience.

■ CITY OF GREENSBURG FOR GREENSBURG-HEMPFIELD AREA LIBRARY (1995) - Westmoreland County

Granted \$270,000 towards a \$775,758 project to renovate the library interior and add 3,000 sq. ft. to be used as a children's area.

► The Library Director reports:

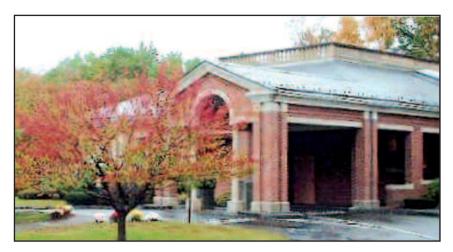
The new children's library affected adult services as well. We have been able to add much needed space for the adult collection and the reference area was also able to grow. In addition, we now have space for 11 Internet computers for public use. A beautiful program room was also built for the children. It has also been used for adult programming. As a result, we have an extensive adult speaker programs and a large number of book discussion groups.

"We now have partnerships with about 20 different organizations as a direct result of the new children's library."





■ LUZERNE COUNTY FOR MARIAN SUTHERLAND KIRBY LIBRARY (1995) - Luzerne County



Granted \$121,000 to renovate an existing building, resulting in the relocation of the children's area of this library located in Mountain Top with a project total of \$242,587.

■ CITY OF MCKEESPORT FOR CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF MCKEESPORT (1995) - Allegheny County

Granted \$85,000 matched with \$91,339 in local funds to replace a tile roof on this historic Carnegie building.

The Library Director reports:

The project allowed us to have a safe building for our patrons. It allowed us to stay open. The Spanish tile, used to reflect the original look, was impressive and had a guarantee of 75 years at a minimum, which allows for several generations of directors not to have the roof on the list of "things to worry about".



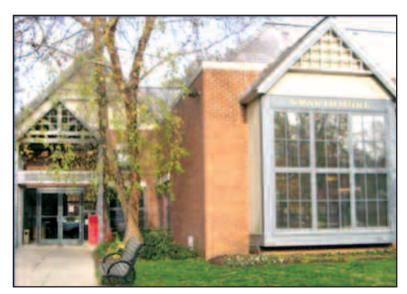
"The Keystone grant made such a difference for an original Carnegie Library in a now poor steel town. We met the new century strong and viable and are ready for the next 100 years of providing service. Thanks!"

■ SWARTHMORE BOROUGH FOR SWARTHMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY (1995) - Delaware County

Granted \$200,000 matched with \$300,000 in local funds to renovate and expand the library. The project essentially gutted a small, dim, antiquated library and turned it into a larger, brighter, more functional and architecturally dramatic space with telecommunications capability, new lighting, a mezzanine, and office and workroom space.

► The Library Director reports:

The greatest impact was the creation of new and additional space. We now have a separate children's area with offices adjacent to the library, enabling us to serve the public in a more efficient manner. The library is now a much lighter, airier, efficient building than it was; a pleasant environment for patrons and staff alike.



■ CRAFTON BOROUGH FOR CRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY (1994) - Allegheny County

Granted \$121,136 matched with \$626,662 in local matching funds to renovate the existing library building.

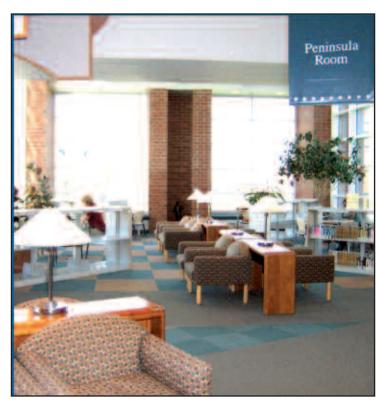
This project doubled the library floor space to 6,000 sq. ft. in a building with capabilities to provide access to information in electronic formats.

► The Library Director reports:

Circulation increased from 18,000 to over 64,000 since the renovation. It wouldn't have been possible without the Keystone Grant and the community is grateful. The number of people who use this library increases every month; this has been a success story.



■ ERIE COUNTY FOR ERIE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM (1994) - Erie County



Granted \$195,000 to complete the Peninsula Room in the new lakefront Raymond M. Blasco, MD Memorial Library in Erie.

Total project cost was \$13.2 million.

■ LYCOMING COUNTY FOR JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY

(1994) - Lycoming County

Granted \$275,000 to renovate the existing building that included installation of elevators and carpeting. The total project cost was \$550,000.

► The Library Director reports:

This space allowed us to bring a SeniorNet Learning Center into our community. More that 700 older adults have graduated from SeniorNet. Funding through Keystone also gave us space to enter into a partnership with Trout Unlimited to create an Angler's Alcove that we believe contains the state's most comprehensive collection of current and historical materials on the history of fly fishing in Pennsylvania.



"The grant also provided the first elevator to serve all floors of the library. Prior to this there were 44 steps between WW II veterans and the books on the 4th floor that described this conflict."

RENOVATIONS AND BUILDING ADDITION PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Conneautville Borough for James A. Stone Memorial Library (2002) Crawford County Granted \$50,001 to renovate the adjoining portion of the present library building.
- Carnegie Borough for the Andrew Carnegie Free Library (2004) Allegheny County \$183,848 was granted to repair exterior stonework and stop water infiltration into the building.
- Dauphin County for the Dauphin County Library System (2004) Dauphin County Granted \$240,715 for major renovation, including roof repair, at the System headquarters.
- Haverford Township for the Haverford Township Free Library (2004) Delaware County \$80,000 granted towards a cooling tower and a roof replacement.
- Municipality of Monroeville for the Monroeville Public Library (2004) Allegheny County Granted \$75,000 towards a roof replacement for the library.











"A very old furnace was replaced and we also added air conditioning. We believe that the air conditioning helps to preserve the collections in our history & genealogy rooms. This type of material is sensitive to temperature and humidity changes. Sometimes these grants are used for purely practical needs."

-Albion Area Public Library Director

"We received money to replace our roof. At that time in our existence money was so very tight and we were able to have a new roof put on our then 85 year old building. This helped keep our collection from water damage as well as keep a sound roof over our heads. Thank you so much."

-Mansfield Public Library Director

"Our library is a Carnegie building. The Keystone grant for heating, ventilation and air conditioning improved quality of life for patrons and staff. The renovation and restoration to the original ceiling resulted in a beautiful community center which is the highlight of our town's historical district."

-Ridley Park Library Director

"Our windows were over 70 years old at the time of the grant. The windows no longer opened or shut, were covered in multiple layers of lead paint, were quite drafty, and allowed ultraviolet light into the facility which compromised the long term storage of materials. Thanks to the Keystone grant we where able to renovate the windows. The overall effect was to improve the aesthetics of the building while at the same time improve operational costs, by reducing heating and cooling bills. In addition, the storage of materials now meets current archival standards, thanks to the low "e filters" in the windows. The whole community has noticed the changes at the library."

-Meadville Public Library Director



Library buildings must be properly maintained to ensure the safety of patrons, staff and all who visit the facility for library services and programs.

With the effects of aging, or if inclement weather takes a toll on the building, some non-routine projects must be completed in a timely manner.

Keystone Grants have assisted numerous libraries, sometimes in emergency situations, to make necessary repairs to their buildings. Often these repairs are coupled with additional renovation projects that can be effectively completed when tradesmen are on site.



■ MUNICIPALITY OF KINGSTON FOR HOYT LIBRARY (2002) - Luzerne County

Granted \$49,000 to replace the heating system in the library.



■ BROCKWAY BOROUGH FOR MENGLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (2002) – Jefferson County

Granted \$21,500 to modify the ceiling and lighting in the main portion of the library.



■ CITY OF MONESSEN FOR Monessen Public Library and District Center

(2002) - Westmoreland County

Granted \$12,700 to replace five rooftop heating, ventilation and air conditioning units.



• WESTFIELD BOROUGH FOR WESTFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

(2002) - Tioga County

Granted \$6,250 to replace the furnace and several windows to increase energy efficiency.



■ CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP FOR CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP LIBRARY SYSTEM (GLENSIDE FREE LIBRARY) (2001) - Montgomery County

Granted \$84,000 to rehabilitate the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system

■ RENOVO BOROUGH FOR ANNIE HALENBAKE ROSS LIBRARY (RENOVO BRANCH) (2001) Clinton County

Granted \$2,500 to insulate and renovate the inside walls.

■ WILKINSBURG BOROUGH FOR WILKINSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY (2000) – Allegheny County

Granted \$25,000 to replace the roof, renovate the children's room and multipurpose room, and replace windows

■ CITY OF ALLENTOWN FOR ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY (2000) - Lehigh County

Granted \$75,000 matched with \$125,585 in local funds to replace carpeting that was threadbare in places, fraying on the stairs, and splitting at some seams. Also to replace the surface of the circulation desk that had a gouged surface from heavy use. Total projects costs were \$200,585.

■ CENTRE COUNTY FOR CENTRE COUNTY LIBRARY (2000) Centre County

Granted \$28,750 and used \$23,595 to replace the roof of the Centre County Library that had been patched a number of times. Without the replacement, further damage to materials, shelving and carpeting was probable. Total project costs were \$47,189.

■ EAST BERLIN BOROUGH FOR EAST BERLIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(2000) – *Adams County*

Granted \$12,405 matched with \$12,429 in local funds to upgrade the flooring system of the 101-year-old structure that houses the library. Several sub-standard floor joists were replaced, a plywood deck installed, and new carpeting included in the renovation.

■ MEADVILLE CITY FOR MEADVILLE LIBRARY ART & HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (2000) Crawford County

Granted \$50,000 to replace 21 deteriorating windows with new energy-efficient ones. The old windows were 75 years old and in very poor condition.















■ CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH (EAST LIBERTY BRANCH) (2000) Allegheny County

Granted \$7,500 and used \$7,190 to upgrade exterior lighting at the East Liberty Branch for safety and security reasons. Total costs for the upgrade were \$14,380.



■ BOROUGH OF ALBION FOR ALBION AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY (1999) - Erie County

Granted \$5,300 to replace the 18 year-old furnace with a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.



■ CALIFORNIA BOROUGH FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM (CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARY) (1999) Washington County

Granted \$2,500 to repair and restore water-damaged soffit and fascia on the library uniquely housed in a former Pennsylvania Railroad passenger station.



■ CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP FOR ELKINS PARK FREE LIBRARY (1999) – Montgomery County

Granted \$100,000 to repair water damage and rehabilitate the affected area of the building. This work was needed to prevent damage of library materials.



■ CITY OF FARRELL FOR STEY NEVANT PUBLIC LIBRARY (1999) Mercer County

Granted \$8,000 for a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system to replace a 50-year-old antiquated and inefficient heating and cooling system.

■ GREEN TREE BOROUGH FOR GREEN TREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

(1999) – Allegheny County

Granted \$159,000 to build a two-story addition to the existing library and to make the interior accessible.



■ CITY OF LOCK HAVEN FOR ANNIE HALENBAKE ROSS LIBRARY (1999) - Clinton County

Granted \$9,000 to repair water damage to the ceiling and replace carpet damage as a result of water leaking from the roof. The roof had been fixed, but insurance did not cover the full extent of the damage.



■ MONROEVILLE BOROUGH FOR MONROEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

(1999) – Allegheny County

Granted \$150,000 to replace the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in the building. One state-of-the-art energy efficient system replaced three old and inefficient HVAC systems.



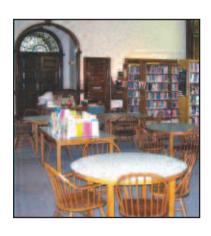
■ MUHLENBERG TOWNSHIP FOR MUHLENBERG COMMUNITY LIBRARY (1999) – Berks County

Granted \$2,162 for roof repairs. This library is located in Laureldale.



■ PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH FOR PHOENIXVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY (1999) – Chester County

Granted \$90,000 to repair leaks and remodel the existing building. In addition to water and dampness problems, the electric service, lighting, heating, cabling and air conditioning were upgraded to meet current standards and the children's area was expanded.





■ PORT CARBON BOROUGH FOR PORT CARBON PUBLIC LIBRARY (1999) - Schuylkill County

Granted \$3,000 for a new roof.



■ UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP FOR UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP AND SELLERS MEMORIAL LIBRARIES (1999) - Delaware County

Granted \$27,500 to replace a roof, gutters and downspouts.



■ UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP FOR SOUTHAMPTON FREE LIBRARY (1999) Bucks County

Granted \$20,000 to replace the building's inefficient 28 year-old heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.



■ WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP FOR WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY (1999) Bucks County

Granted \$20,000 to replace the 25 year-old badly worn carpet.

■ WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP FOR VILLAGE LIBRARY OF WRIGHTSTOWN (1999) – Bucks County

Granted \$3,523 to upgrade the electrical system and install new lighting.



■ CITY OF COATESVILLE FOR COATESVILLE AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY (1998) – Chester County

Granted \$20,000 to replace a 24 year-old roof and carpet.



■ JENKINTOWN BOROUGH FOR JENKINTOWNLIBRARY (1998) – Montgomery County

Granted \$1,500 to upgrade the electrical service to prepare for automation and other technological enhancements.



■ CITY OF LOCK HAVEN FOR ANNIE HALENBAKE ROSS LIBRARY (1998) – Clinton County

Granted \$15,000 to replace a built-up roof with a Carlisle type membrane roof.



■ MARCUS HOOK TOWNSHIP FOR MARY M. CAMPBELL MARCUS HOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY (1998) – Delaware County

Granted \$9,425 to replace a deteriorating roof.





■ MOUNT JEWETT BOROUGH FOR MOUNT JEWETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1998) - McKean County

Granted \$3,600 to replace energy inefficient windows and doors with insulated units.



■ OIL CITY FOR OIL CITY LIBRARY (1998) Venango County

Granted \$1,868 to replace vinyl flooring in the entrance and circulation areas.



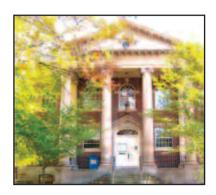
■ RIDLEY PARK BOROUGH FOR RIDLEY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY (1998) – Delaware County

Granted \$16,885 to replace an antiquated heating system, install an air conditioning system, replace lighting fixtures and repair a stained ceiling.



■ TOWANDA BOROUGH FOR TOWANDA PUBLIC LIBRARY (1998) – Bradford County

Granted \$33,500 to replace the roof and modify the entrance and restrooms.



■ ATHENS BOROUGH FOR SPALDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1997) – Bradford County

Granted \$40,000 to repair the roof and a cornice, and to install insulation to reduce formation of ice at the eaves.

■ CITY OF FARRELL FOR STEY NEVANT PUBLIC LIBRARY (1997) Mercer County

Granted \$38,000 to continue renovations through improved lighting, carpeting, and painting.



Granted \$25,000 to correct a water leak in the children's area and repair the damage caused by this leak.



Granted \$3,911 matched with an equal amount of local funds to remove the parapet roof on the south and back of the building, and to rebuild to original specifications. The completed project eliminated a leak problem.



Granted \$10,000 to replace a leaking roof.

■ NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP FOR HELEN KATE FURNESS FREE LIBRARY (1997) Delaware County

Granted \$3,000 matched with \$5,250 in local funds to install a new roof, renovate a stone parapet and construct a stairwell canopy.













■ PALMERTON BOROUGH FOR PALMERTON LIBRARY (1997) Carbon County

Granted \$24,500 to replace a roof, install new lighting fixtures, install storm windows, and waterproof the basement.



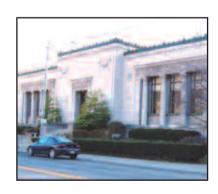
■ SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY FOR SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (1997) Susquehanna County

Granted \$20,000 matched with an equal amount of local funds to install a ductless air conditioning system, resulting in a safer and more comfortable atmosphere for patrons and staff.



■ TINICUM TOWNSHIP FOR TINICUM MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY (1997) – Delaware County

Granted \$50,000 to install an access ramp and automatic doors, modify restrooms, install an accessible water fountain, and to replace the roof, windows, lighting, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.



■ CITY OF ALIQUIPPA FOR B. F. JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1996) – Beaver County

Granted \$50,000 to replace the heating and air conditioning system and to add environmental controls as part of a \$750,000 project to preserve and rehabilitate this historic building.



■ BELLEVUE BOROUGH FOR ANDREW BAYNE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1996) Allegheny County

Granted \$15,000 matched with \$16,742 in local funds to install a ductless air conditioning system.

■ ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH FOR ELLWOOD CITY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY (1996) – Lawrence County

Granted \$7,500 matched with \$7,900 in local funds to install new carpeting.



Granted \$5,435 to replace a boiler and air conditioning units in the building.



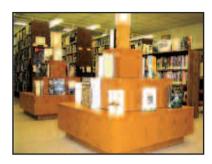
Granted \$18,000 matched with \$76,014 in local funds to enlarge the children's and staff areas, replace lighting, upgrade the electrical system, and install a fire alarm system.

■ SHAMOKIN CITY FOR SHAMOKIN AND COAL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC. (1996)— Northumberland County

Granted \$5,000 matched with \$5,007 in local funds to remove asbestos from the Shamokin and Coal Township Library.

■ SPRINGBORO BOROUGH FOR SPRINGBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY (1996) Crawford County

Granted \$15,000 matched with \$27,100 in local funds to remodel an existing former hardware building to serve as the new Springboro Library.













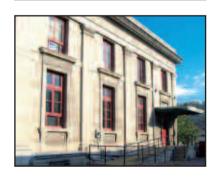
■ SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY (1996) – Sullivan County

Granted \$12,250 to continue renovation of the present building by installing air conditioning and insulation. This library is located in Dushore.



■ BLAIR COUNTY FOR ALTOONA AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY (1995) – Blair County

Granted \$20,000 matched with \$40,234 in local funds to enlarge and improve a parking area to alleviate a hazardous situation for library users.



■ CHARLEROI BOROUGH FOR JOHN K. TENER LIBRARY (1995) – Washington County

Granted \$43,900 to install air conditioning and modify the building entrance to meet accessibility requirements.



■ CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP FOR CHARTIERS-HOUSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY (1995) Washington County

Granted \$6,000 matched with \$7,075 in local funds to install a new furnace and necessary ductwork resulting in a quiet and more efficient heating operation.



■ CLINTON TOWNSHIP FOR SAXONBURG AREA LIBRARY (1995) Butler County

Granted \$18,900 matched with an equal amount of local funds to remodel a literacy room, install carpeting and add exterior lighting and paving in a portion of the existing parking lot. This project completed the improvements to an existing building.

■ RENOVO BOROUGH FOR ANNIE HALENBAKE ROSS LIBRARY (RENOVO BRANCH) (1995) Clinton County

Granted \$11,500 matched with \$11,609 in local funds to replace the roof and some damaged siding. The project also included the installation of an entrance ramp to meet accessibility requirements.



Granted \$6,157.50 to complete repairs to the roof of the building housing the library.



Granted \$15,058.50 to re-point the exterior to halt deterioration and to upgrade the electrical system for new technology.

■ WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP FOR VILLAGE LIBRARY OF WRIGHTSTOWN (1995) – Bucks County

Granted \$2,815 matched with \$3,665 of local funds to replace an old, leaking septic system and to upgrade restroom facilities

■ BARRETT TOWNSHIP FOR BARRETT FRIENDLY LIBRARY (1994) – Monroe County

Granted \$10,165 to install air conditioning and new floor covering.













■ CAMERON COUNTY FOR CAMERON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (1994) – Cameron County

Granted \$21,677 matched with an equal amount of local funds to replace an aging furnace, install insulated windows and an accessible ramp and automatic entrance doors.



■ CLARION BOROUGH FOR CLARION FREE LIBRARY (1994) – Clarion County

Granted \$25,000 to modify the roof, repair a parapet and water-proof the foundation.



■ KANE BOROUGH FOR FRIENDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1994) McKean County

Granted \$2,175 matched with an equal amount of local funds to install air conditioning and dehumidification equipment to provide a suitable and comfortable environment for library users and materials. The area most affected was in the children's area located in the basement of the library.



■ MOUNT JEWETT FOR MOUNT JEWETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1994) – McKean County

Granted \$1,480 matched with an equal amount of local funds to install an energy efficient replacement furnace to reduce costs and provide a comfortable environment for library users.



■ NEW CUMBERLAND FOR NEW CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (1994) - Cumberland County

Granted \$16,897 matched with an equal amount of local funds to replace a faulty heating system and provide a comfortable environment in the library. The fire alarm system was upgraded to insure user safety and automatic door openers were installed for easier access for older and disabled users.

■ CITY OF NEW KENSINGTON FOR PEOPLES LIBRARY

(1994) - Westmoreland County

Granted \$12,000 matched with an equal amount of local funds to replace faulty heating and air conditioning systems. Malfunctions with the old system had caused several closings in the previous year.



(1994) – Luzerne County

Granted \$13,550 to seal concrete floor, install new carpet and replace windows.



Granted \$1,070 matched with an equal amount of local funds to install new lighting fixtures to enhance insufficient lighting for reading and browsing in the book stack area.



Granted \$25,000 matched with an equal amount of local funds to replace the roof. This project ended years of water leakage into several areas of the library that had caused loss of materials and unsanitary conditions for staff and library users.









MINI-GRANTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Cambria County for the Cambria County Library (2004) Cambria County
 Granted \$50,000 towards a roof replacement at the David A. Glosser Memorial Library in Johnstown.
- City of Latrobe for the Adams Memorial Library (2004) Westmoreland County Granted \$10,000 to replace the boiler.
- Borough of Blossburg for the Blossburg Memorial Library (2004) Tioga County Granted \$7500 for a new heating, ventilation and cooling system.
- Borough of Birdsboro for the Boone Area Library (2004) Berks County Granted \$26,395 for exterior safety improvements and building renovations including new lighting and a ceiling replacement.
- City of Clairton for the Clairton Public Library (2004) Allegheny County
 A \$25,000 grant will enable the library to renovate the building and install an accessible restroom.
- Borough of Dormont for the Dormont Public Library (2004) Allegheny County Granted \$19,500 to renovate the library building.
- **Bedford County for the Everett Free Library** (2004) Bedford County
 A \$16,800 grant will enable the library to insulate the attic and waterproof the basement.
- City of Lock Haven for the Annie Halenbake Ross Library (2004) Clinton County Granted \$3,500 for roof, stairwell and wall repairs.
- City of Meadville for the Meadville Public Library (2004) Crawford County Granted \$12650 towards service area renovations that will add 330 square feet of collection space.
- Borough of Sayre for the Sayre Public Library (2004) Bradford County Granted \$10,490 to repair roof and install new windows.
- Borough of Schuylkill Haven for the Schuylkill Haven Public Library (2004) Northumberland County Granted \$17,500 to replace the roof.
- City of Shamokin for the Shamokin and Coal Township Public Library (2004) Northumberland County Granted \$255,500 to renovate the existing library and construct an addition to the building.
- Athens Borough for the Spalding Memorial Library (2004) Bradford County Granted \$15,000 to install air conditioning at the library.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: PROJECTS TO HELP LIBRARIES COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

- Darby Borough for the Darby Free Library (2004) Delaware County Granted \$32,982 to make the library accessible to the disabled.
- Township of Cheltenham for the Elkins Park Free Library (2004) Montgomery County Granted \$21,000 for entrance lighting improvements and automatic doors.



PROJECTS TO HELP LIBRARIES COME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In order to attain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards, many libraries have evaluated their entrances, stairways and elevators, restrooms and the overall building and service areas.

Keystone Grants have assisted libraries to make the necessary renovations to improve access and services to their users.





■ CITY OF WASHINGTON FOR CITIZENS LIBRARY (2002) – Washington County

Granted \$147,000 to relocate the accessible entrance, replace the elevator and make the library accessible to people with disabilities



■ CITY OF SHAMOKIN FOR SHAMOKIN AND COAL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC. (2001) Northumberland County

Granted \$3,562 to renovate the public restrooms to enhance accessibility for people with Disabilities.



■ SPRINGDALE BOROUGH FOR SPRINGDALE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (2001) – Allegheny County

Granted \$6,033 to construct an entrance accessible to patrons with Disabilities.



■ CASTLE SHANNON BOROUGH FOR COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF CASTLE SHANNON (2000) Allegheny County

Granted \$154,000 matched with \$209,307 in local funds to renovate the lower level of the building for children's services and install an elevator for both levels. Doors and restrooms were made accessible. The children's service area increased from 950 to 1,200 sq. ft. and includes a workroom. A meeting room is adjacent to the new children's area and adult/young adult services expanded into the former children's area on the first floor. Total project costs were \$363,307.



■ COLLINGDALE BOROUGH FOR COLLINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY (2000) – Delaware County

Granted \$12,400 matched with \$12,600 in local funds to modify the front entrances for accessibility, to make the bathroom accessible, to replace inadequate interior track lighting, to install outdoor safety and security lighting, and to upgrade the emergency power system. Total project costs were \$25,100.

■ CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA (HADDINGTON BRANCH) (2000) Philadelphia County

Granted \$131,715 to make the library accessible for people with disabilities. Renovations include an accessible entrance, installation of an elevator and making two lower level restrooms accessible. A new first floor accessible powder room was also constructed as well as an accessible circulation desk and furnishings, which included computer workstations and desks for librarians.



■ WEST LAWN BOROUGH FOR WEST LAWN-WYOMISSING HILLS LIBRARY (2000) – Berks County

Granted \$200,000 to relocate the library from the first floor to the basement level of the West Lawn Borough Hall. Extensive renovations were required including an elevator, accessible restrooms, and climate control. Improved public service space and making the library more accessible to people with disabilities are part of the project that increased useable space from 875 to 4,000 sq. ft.



■ ATHENS BOROUGH FOR SPALDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1999) – Bradford County

Granted \$6,000 to assist in making the library more accessible to people with disabilities by providing accessible restrooms, a new circulation desk and lighting for the library.



■ SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FOR FREE LIBRARY OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP (1999) Montgomery County

Granted \$12,000 to install an automated main entrance door to make the library accessible for people with disabilities, repair exterior brickwork and replace an inefficient furnace.



■ DAUPHIN COUNTY FOR DAUPHIN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM (EAST SHORE AREA LIBRARY) (1998) Dauphin County

Granted \$16,720 to modify restroom facilities to create two unisex, accessible restrooms.





■ OXFORD BOROUGH FOR OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY (1998) – Chester County

Granted \$50,000 to make the library accessible to patrons with disabilities by renovating public restrooms, widening doorways and installing an elevator.



■ CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA (ANDORRA BRANCH)

(1998) - Philadelphia County

Granted \$99,000 to install an elevator and remodel restrooms.



■ PROSPECT BOROUGH FOR PROSPECT COMMUNITY LIBRARY (1998) – Butler County

Granted \$1,680 to pave the sidewalk and parking lot and install a ramp for increased accessibility.



SCHUYLKILL HAVEN BOROUGH FOR SCHUYLKILL HAVEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

(1998) – Schuylkill County

Granted \$35,000 to install an elevator. The entrance and restrooms were also made accessible for people with disabilities.



■ FREELAND BOROUGH FOR HAZELTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY (FREELAND BRANCH)

(1997) Luzerne County

Granted \$75,000 to make the existing building accessible by installing a ramp and renovating restrooms. Additional work included emergency lighting, rewiring and interior renovations to create additional space.

■ CITY OF MCKEESPORT FOR CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF MCKEESPORT (1997) Allegheny County

Granted \$50,000 matched with \$61,375 in local funds to install an elevator to make all areas accessible to people with disabilities.

► The Library Director reports:

The first group to officially visit after the work was complete was a neighboring school's special education class for children with physical disabilities. For years, I would visit the school as often as I could since it had been the only class in the district that could not make the trip to visit the library because there was not a way to get them into the building without using steps.

Both the teacher and I were a little overwhelmed that day when the bus pulled up to the new entrance. We all squealed and cheered with delight as we pushed those wheelchairs and scooters through the new entrance straight to the new elevator for their very first visit to the "big library".



■ MORRISVILLE BOROUGH FOR MORRISVILLE FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (1997) Bucks County

Granted \$30,000 to provide an enclosed platform lift to provide an accessible entry and to remodel restrooms to make them accessible to people with disabilities.



■ CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA (NORTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY) (1997) Philadelphia County

Granted \$87,500 to make the elevator accessible for people with disabilities.



■ RENOVO BOROUGH FOR ANNIE HALENBAKE ROSS LIBRARY (RENOVO BRANCH) (1997)— Clinton County

Granted \$2,250 matched with \$2,612 in local funds to continue building renovations by making the restrooms accessible to patrons with disabilities.





■ RICHLAND TOWNSHIP FOR HIGHLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY (1997) Cambria County

Granted \$1,475 matched with an equal amount of local funds to replace a deteriorating, hazardous sidewalk and curbing, providing safe access, especially for persons with disabilities.



■ RIMERSBURG BOROUGH FOR ECCLES LESHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1997) Clarion County

Granted \$1,500 matched with an equal amount of local funds to replace entrance doors, making the entrance accessible to persons with disabilities as well as easier to open for children and the elderly.



■ RYE TOWNSHIP FOR MARYSVILLE RYE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (1997) – Perry County

Granted \$1,452 matched with an equal amount of local funds to create a unisex, accessible restroom and to replace lighting fixtures.



■ WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP FOR WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY (1997) - Bucks County

Granted \$16,000 to renovate restrooms and widen doorways to make these accessible for patrons with disabilities.



■ BLOSSBURG BOROUGH FOR Blossburg memorial library (1996) - Tioga County

Granted \$8,646 matched with 8,785 in local funds to replace a ramp for accessibility for patrons with disabilities, to replace windows and lighting fixtures, and to add heat tapes to the entrance overhang, preventing water from dripping and causing icing conditions in cold weather.

■ BROCKWAY BOROUGH FOR MENGLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (1996) Jefferson County

Granted \$44,000 matched with \$50,100 in local funds to modify the entrance of the building to make the library accessible.

► The Library Director reports:

Accessibility to the library has improved and is appreciated not only by those with disabilities but by those who have just a bit of trouble climbing steps. Our patrons remark on how bright and cheerful the library is now, and that reading the spines of the books in the stacks is so much easier.

■ LACKAWANNA COUNTY FOR ABINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY (1996) – Lackawanna County

Granted \$3,692 matched with an equal amount of local funds to install power-assisted doors.

► Avid supporter and Board Member of the Abington Community Library comments on the power-assisted doors:

I had bilateral total knee replacement several years ago and frequently have to use a cane. I also move slower than I used to. Getting in and out of the library with my arms full of books or other items was virtually impossible without these doors.

Patrons using canes, in wheelchairs, or even young mothers with their hands full, really appreciate those doors. I can't imagine the library without them!

■ MARS BOROUGH FOR MARS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY (1996) – Butler County

Granted \$6,000 matched by an equal amount of local funds to build a ramp and modify the building entrance to make the library handicap accessible. New doors and exterior lighting were also installed during the project.

■ PLEASANT HILLS BOROUGH FOR PLEASANT HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY (1996) - Allegheny County

Granted \$50,000 matched with \$365,541 in local funds to install an elevator and build a ramp to the main entrance for the library to become accessible for people with disabilities.











■ DORMONT BOROUGH FOR DORMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY (1995) Allegheny County

Granted \$50,000 to install an elevator and provide other related modifications to meet accessibility requirements.



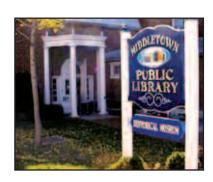
■ FRACKVILLE BOROUGH FOR FRACKVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (1995) – Schuylkill County

Granted \$10,337 matched with an equal amount of local funds to renovate the entrance and interior of the library to make the library accessible to people with disabilities, reduce energy costs and improve traffic flow.



■ KINGSTON BOROUGH FOR HOYT LIBRARY (1995) – Luzerne County

Granted \$25,000 to install a ramp and renovate the building entrance to meet accessibility requirements.



■ MIDDLETOWN BOROUGH FOR MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY (1995) Dauphin County

Granted \$22,500 matched with local funds to modify the entrance and restrooms and make other improvements to meet accessibility requirements, as well as to replace a leaking roof.



■ CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA (1995) – Philadelphia County

Granted \$100,000 to refurbish two elevators to make the library accessible to patrons with disabilities.

■ PROSPECT PARK BOROUGH FOR PROSPECT PARK FREE LIBRARY (1995) Delaware County

Granted \$7,500 to modify the building entrance to meet accessibility requirements.



■ CITY OF BUTLER FOR BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY (1994) - Butler County

Granted \$3,695 matched with \$3,982 in local funds to install automated main entrance doors to make the library accessible to people with disabilities.



■ CALIFORNIA BOROUGH FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LIBRARY (1994) – Washington County

Granted \$3,000 matched with an equal amount of local funds to renovate restroom facilities, widen doors and install grab bars and other equipment to make the library accessible to disabled patrons.



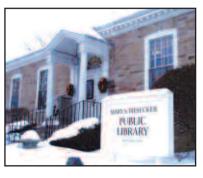
■ CITY OF FARRELL FOR STEY-NEVANT PUBLIC LIBRARY (1994) – Mercer County

Granted \$7,000 matched with \$10,337 in local funds to replace a walkway and remodel an entry door and restrooms to make the library accessible to patrons with disabilities.

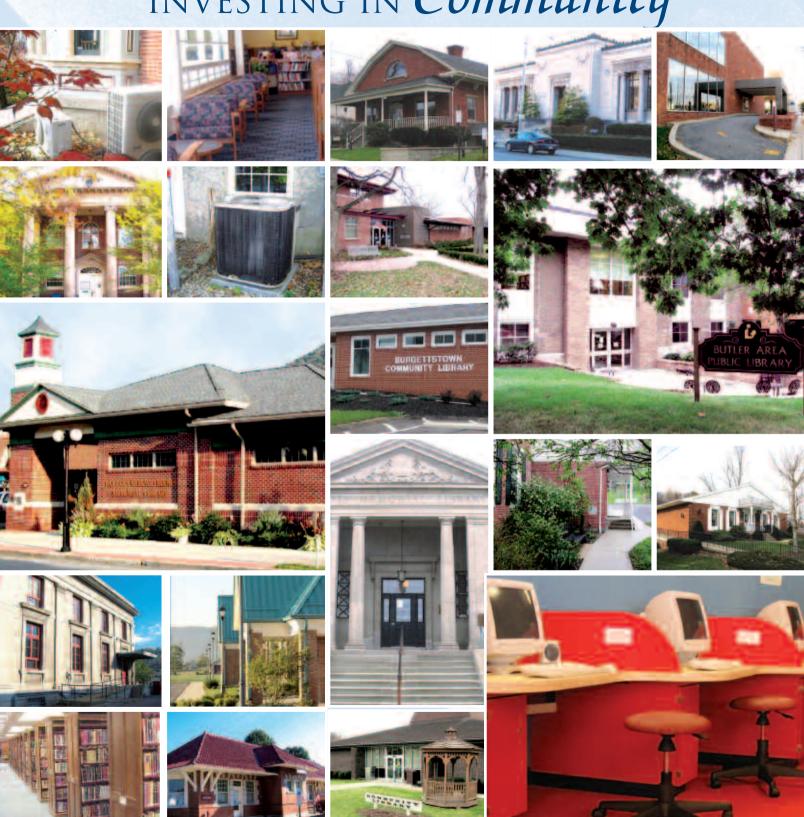


■ SOMERSET BOROUGH FOR MARY S. BIESECKER PUBLIC LIBRARY (1994) – Somerset County

Granted \$35,000 to install a ramp and elevator and to renovate restrooms to meet accessibility requirements



INVESTING IN Community



KEYSTONE GRANT REQUESTS AND APPROVALS

REQUESTS		FUNDED	NOT FUNDED
1999	19 major for \$4,939,795	8 for \$1,399,000	\$3,540,795
	29 mini for 666,913	12 for 118,985	547,928
	48 \$5,606,708	20 for \$1,517,985	\$4,088,723
2000	21 major for \$5,076,880	12 for \$2,701,190	\$2,299,840
	14 mini for 312,059	8 for 223,280	148,779
	35 \$5,388,939	20 \$2,924,470	\$2,448,619
2001	17 major for \$4,321,899	8 for \$2,158,277	\$2,350,622
	8 mini for 160,738	3 for 12,095	126,800
	25 \$4,482,637	11 \$2,170,372	\$2,477,422
2002	16 major for \$4,993,358	6 for \$1,522,001	\$3,521,358
	14 mini for 427,600	5 for 139,450	237,150
	30 \$5,420,958	11 \$1,661,451	\$3,758,508
2004	12 major for \$ 3,399,370	11 for \$2,854,870	\$800,000
	17 mini for 299,801	14 for 268,317	28,534
	29 \$3,699,171	25 \$3,123,187	\$828,534
*1994-1998	195 for \$25,120,097	113 for \$7,295,954	\$16,313,806
Grand Total	362 \$49,718,510	187 \$18,693,419***	\$31,886,889

Not including projects currently under construction, projects totaling \$84 million have been made possible by Keystone grants of \$15 million.

Note: Since the first grant round in 1994, program advisors have suggested that no request for more than \$400,000 should be submitted. Consequently, this has affected the dollars amounts requested in subsequent years.

Grants approved average 32.5% of funds requested.

Requests for up to \$500,000 will be considered starting in 2006.

^{*}As indicated in previous reports

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