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GREETINGS of the SEASON

Dear Library Member,

Again and again, we hear the McBride Memorial Library described as a true “gem of the community.” It is indeed that—a place deeply cherished by so many. The old Berwick Public Library on Chestnut Street was once a weekly destination for my own family, a cornerstone of our routine and our love of reading. After a fulfilling career serving libraries from Plainfield, NJ, to the majestic Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh, to sunny Jacksonville, FL, and across the heart of the Midwest, I found my way home. Today I have the great privilege of leading the first library that inspired my journey, now the beautiful McBride Memorial Library. This place holds a special place in my heart, and I'll devote myself to ensuring it continues to grow, inspire, and serve everyone in our community.

To see just how much has been happening at the library, I invite you to look through the enclosed 2024 Annual Summary. The story doesn't stop there; this year has already brought new projects, fresh ideas, and even more reasons to feel proud of what we're building together.

On the reverse, you'll find a pie graph that illustrates the remarkable support our library receives from the people of Berwick and its neighboring communities. Your contributions make all the difference: helping the library thrive, keeping books and ideas in motion, inspiring lifelong learning, and ensuring that this community gem continues to shine brightly for all.

Won't you please consider continuing to support—or beginning a tradition to support—your local library with an annual or monthly pledged gift?

With heartfelt thanks,

Valerie Johnson
Valerie Johnson,
Library Director



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Message from the Board

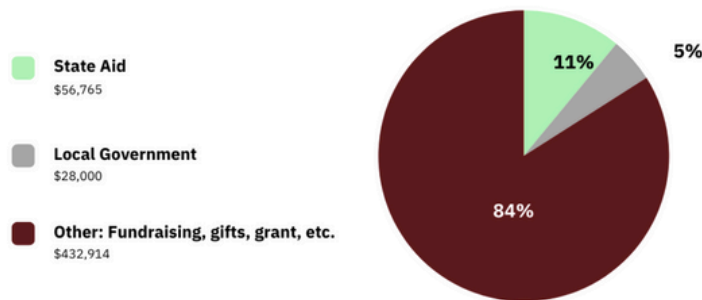
As a proud member of the Library Board, I invite you to help sustain one of the treasures of our community: our public library. Every day, our library opens its doors to children discovering the joy of reading, students seeking a quiet place to learn, job seekers building new futures, and neighbors connecting through shared stories and programs. Remarkably, eighty-nine percent of the library's funding is freely given by generous community supporters. Your financial support ensures that we can keep the doors open and continue to provide free access to books, technology, and lifelong learning opportunities for everyone. Please consider making a donation today. Your gift, no matter the size, helps keep knowledge, creativity, and opportunity within everyone's reach.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude,




Barbara Kleckner, President of the McBride Board of Trustees

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