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Message from our Director

Public libraries are magical places. They are one of the few institutions that truly embody inclusivity, fostering an environment that transcends considerations of race, gender, financial capacity, and political or religious affiliations. Public libraries serve everyone.

CCM boasts a long history of providing exceptional service to our communities. We are constantly refining our services though identifying and dismantling existing barriers to our patron's accessibility. In 2022, we reduced physical barriers by installing automatic doors in our facility. We also reduced financial barriers by proudly becoming a fine-free library in 2019. Further, by providing outreach to preschools, schools, and senior living communities, we bring library services directly to our patrons who cannot come to us.

We recognize that there can also be barriers of opportunity. 2022 witnessed concerted efforts by our staff to rebuild community ties following prolonged absences during the peak of the pandemic. CCM prioritized cultivating avenues for community engagement, a task deeply enhanced by the support of our valued patrons, devoted volunteers, generous donors, and our wider community.

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Two Locations

One Community.

In 2018, CCM Forest Hills relocated to the Forest Hills Borough Building in order to better serve patrons in the eastern side of our service area. Situated in Forest Hills and within walking distance of both Churchill and Wilkins Township, this full service library has become a staple of the community since it's relocation. In 2022 alone, CCM Forest Hills served over 5,000 patrons and lent over 45,000 items, more than many full size libraries! In addition to it's impressive circulation, CCM Forest Hills conducts it's own programming specially tailored to the wants and needs of the Forest Hills community.



Our Forest Hills Branch in the Forest Hills Borough Building.

Fostering Community

In a post-COVID world

After COVID-19 forced us apart, we took 2022 as a chance to rebuild community bonds through our programming and events. Two of our new programs, Senior Social Hour and Baby Talk, were designed to facilitate community building for those of us that need it most.

Baby Talk

This social program targets babies ages 0-24 months and their caregivers.

Hosted every week, Baby Talk was designed to provide developmentally appropriate entertainment and play for our youngest patrons while giving their caregivers an opportunity to chat and connect.





Senior Social Hour

After COVID-19, older adults in our community desired a space to gather, talk, and create lasting relationships with one another. In 2022, we started our Senior Social Hour at CCM Forest Hills to answer this call.

One such regular of the group shared that they felt that the group has become "like a family" since it's inception.

Total In-Library Programs

CCM has innovative programming for all ages, including children, tweens and teens, and adults. In 2022, our programs came back to life and returned to our two CCM locations.

448

Total Programs

3,814

Participants

2022 Events

2022 featured several big events for C.C. Mellor, including brand-new additions like our Adopt-a-Book event and time-honored traditions such as our annual Book Sale. These events served the dual purpose of not only boosting our operational revenue but also rekindling opportunities for community members to reconnect in vital shared spaces such as public libraries.



BLOCK PARTY

To kick off our Summer Learning Program for all, we threw a party! CCM partnered with community members and organizations to bring a day of fun and learning to families in our service area.



ADOPT-A-BOOK

Our first annual Adopt-a-Book event took place in September of 2022. Community members and patrons were invited for a night of drinks and refreshments while they perused adoptable books for the library's collection.



ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Our annual Arts and Crafts Fair features unique and handmade items by local artists and craftspeople from around the region. It provided the perfect opportunity to get some holiday shopping done!



BOOK SALE

Our annual book sale offers our patrons and community the chance to add to their own personal collection at a budget-friendly price. With the help of our lovely volunteers and donors, we raised over \$14,000 for our library!

School Outreach

2022 was a year of collaboration and outreach to our local schools.



CCM Board member and School Librarian Kevin Mcguire at our 2022 Library cards for All event.

459

Classrooms Visited

8,278

Participants

In 2022, CCM had a full-time staff member out in the schools of Woodland Hills School District every day, collaborating with educators to implement our Library Cards for All program. This initiative gives every student a brand-new library card. Our staff works directly with students to show them the vast array of public library resources available to them through their newly issued library cards.

2022 Circulation

One fundamental mission of public library service is to contribute to the shared common good, with the library's collection serving the needs of the entire community.

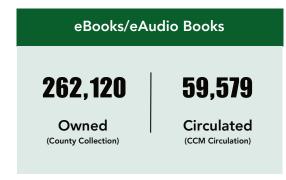
We take pride in the fact that our community makes impressive use of our collections. In 2022, CCM loaned out as many items as libraries serving populations 2.5 to 3 times larger than ours.

37,812 168,610 Owned Circulated

Our library collection reaches the hands of patrons across five municipalities, providing a source of free education and entertainment for over 20,000 people who live in our service area.

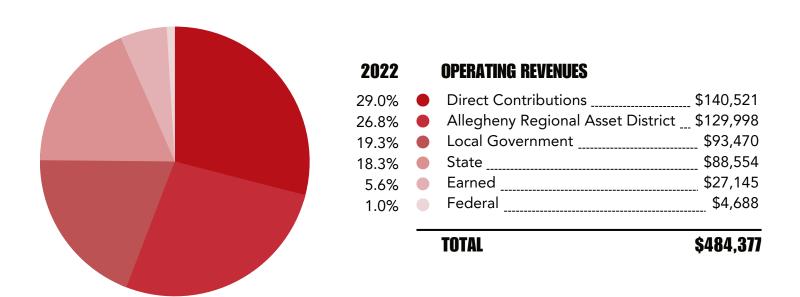
Chromebooks/Hotspots		
35	1,515	
Owned	Circulated	

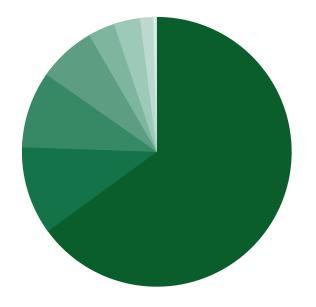
Public libraries have long provided public access computers to the public. CCM also has Chromebooks and wifi hotspots that patrons can check out and use anywhere.



An Allegheny County Library Association Library card allows CCM patrons to access thousands of digital titles through popular platforms such as Libby and Hoopla.

2022 Operating Budget





2022	OPERATING EXPENSES	
65.0%	Personnel	\$314,139
10.6%	Office Operations	\$51,160
9.2%	Collection	\$44,451
6.9%	Facility and Equipment	\$33,414
3.2%	Contracted Services	\$15,512
3.2%	Fundraising	\$15,282
1.6%	Programs	
0.4%	Travel and Meetings	\$2,118
	TOTAL	\$483,634

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