

Free Library of Philadelphia
2012 Annual Report
Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012



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DID YOU KNOW?

The ninth annual Field Family Teen Author Series hosted 2,520 students for 14 engaging teen programs throughout the Free Library system, which featured readings, discussions, and free books signed by the featured authors.

Leadership Letter

Free Library of Discovery

Over the past 100 years, the Free Library of Philadelphia has been a cornerstone of our diverse and dynamic city, helping countless individuals to enrich and transform their lives. To ensure that we continue to foster a community of lifelong learners by offering the same high-quality service and in-depth resources to our customers over the next 100 years, the Free Library has developed and adopted a new strategic plan that outlines our goals for moving our world-class institution forward into the ever-changing 21st century. This strategic plan is underscored by a simple, powerful new mission: The Free Library advances literacy, guides learning, and inspires curiosity.

At the root of our strategic plan is a commitment to flexibility and an entrepreneurial mindset, which will allow us to be bold in identifying new directions for the Free Library, while still holding on to our core mission. We will embrace new technologies as they evolve, always making available to our customers the most cutting-edge tools they need to be fully literate in our technology-driven society. As such, we also strive to build upon our robust virtual presence by making as many Library resources as possible available online, such as digital exhibitions, author podcasts, rich databases, and more. While committed and proud to serve all who come through our doors—be they physical or virtual visitors—we have also identified five target populations that have the greatest need for our programs and resources: job seekers, entrepreneurs, new Americans, people with disabilities, and children under five. Through innovative marketing and community partnerships, we will drive awareness of the Free Library in these target populations to ensure that they take full advantage of the many services we are able to provide.

Throughout the FY 2012 annual report, you'll see highlights of our work with one of these key groups—children under five and their families and caregivers. The additional programs and services spotlighted in the following pages offer just a glimpse into the exciting and important work that takes place daily at the Free Library of Philadelphia, in support of our new mission and strategic plan. As we work to advance literacy, guide learning, and inspire curiosity for everyone who comes through our doors, we are ever grateful for your support and dedication to this important institution. To read the Free Library's new strategic plan in full, please visit freelibrary.org.

Warmly,

Siobhan A. Reardon
President and Director
Free Library of Philadelphia

Robert C. Heim
Chair, Board of Trustees
Free Library of Philadelphia

Tobey Gordon Dichter
Chair, Board of Directors
Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation



From left to right: Tobey Gordon Dichter, Robert C. Heim, and Siobhan A. Reardon (credit: Kelly and Massa Photography)



1. Children and families enjoy the Storybook Character Parade at the 2012 Philadelphia Book Festival.

Credit: Eileen Owens

2. Renowned journalist Tom Brokaw speaks to a packed house at Parkway Central on December 8, 2011.

Credit: Kelly & Massa

3. Shakespeare Park, Parkway Central's front yard, features new benches, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping, made possible by a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

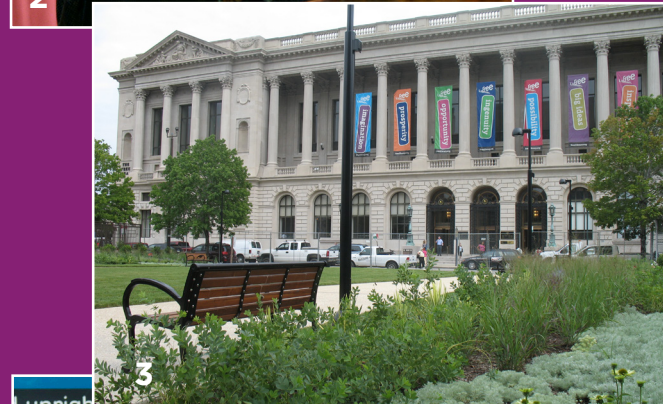
Credit: Kelly & Massa

4. After-School Leader Bun Thuch helps students with their homework at Whitman Library, as part of LEAP, the Library's popular Literacy Enrichment After-school Program.

Credit: Betsy Manning

5. Verizon representative Doug Smith reads to schoolchildren at the Summer Reading kickoff at Parkway Central Library.

Credit: Katie Riggan



Fiscal Year 2012 in Review

The Free Library of Philadelphia saw a number of achievements throughout its 54-branch system, from increased circulation and computer use to innovative programming that brought many new users into the Library. In FY 2012, the Library hosted a staggering **26,118 programs** for children and adults! Below is a monthly selection of highlights from around the Free Library system.

July 2011

In July, the Free Library launched **Team Twitter**—a collaboration between librarians, Foundation staff, and the Web Office—to improve and diversify content on the Library's Twitter feed. This successful collaboration resulted in the growth of our Twitter followers from 3,765 to 6,343—a 68% increase over the course of the fiscal year! In addition, the Library's Facebook fans grew 49%, from 5,820 to 8,643, and a Pinterest page was launched to showcase our unique visual collections.

In partnership with Mt. Airy USA, **Lovett Library** again hosted their popular, outdoor film series throughout the summer months. This 10-week series brought hundreds of neighbors together in Lovett Library's expansive garden to enjoy screenings of popular, family-friendly movies.

August 2011

With help from President and Director Siobhan A. Reardon and an "Elizabethan orator" (played by retired Curator of the Fleisher Collection Kile Smith), the Free Library reopened **Shakespeare Park** on Logan Circle after a major renovation as part of the plans to enhance the Parkway Central Library. The renovated park features new landscaping, flowerbeds, walkways, light fixtures, and free Wi-Fi, and was made possible with generous support from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

September 2011

LEAP, the Free Library's drop-in Literacy Enrichment After-school Program, continued to serve thousands of children and teenagers weekday afternoons from September through June. In addition to homework assistance, LEAP offers computer literacy training, STEM programs like robotics, and multicultural enrichment activities for students in grades 1 through 12. In FY 2012, LEAP attendance was 195,160.

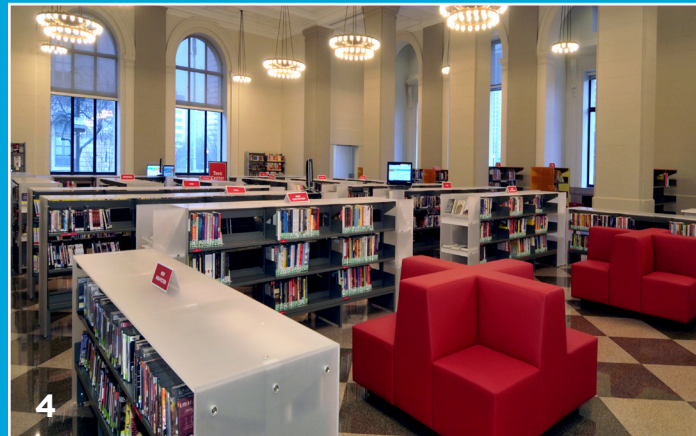
October 2011

Torresdale Library hosted their second annual "Booling" Halloween Party in partnership with the Thunderbird Bowling Center. The "Booling" Party drew 79 participants, who all enjoyed a spooky storytime at the library before hitting the lanes for a game of bowling with their friends and neighbors. In addition, **Katharine Drexel Library** hosted their popular Halloween Costume Party and Parade, in which dozens of neighborhood families participated.

Also in October, **Bushrod Library** established a new Literacy Collection that features adult literacy materials in a variety of languages. The Literacy Collection supports the English-as-a-Second-Language classes that are also held at the library, as well as provides a crucial stepping stone for the many new families from other countries that now call the Bushrod community home. On October 15, **Lawncrest Library** held a festive Open House Celebration in honor of its 50th anniversary, attracting more than 500 community members who joined together to celebrate their neighborhood library. City Councilwoman Marian Tasco presented the library with a special citation for its service to the Lawncrest community.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Margaret S. Halloran Family Literacy Programming Series made possible several engaging programs for children, including a special visit from Second Lady of the United States Dr. Jill Biden!



1. *One Book, One Philadelphia* featured author Edwidge Danticat, Free Library President and Director Siobhan A. Reardon, and *One Book* Chair Marie Field celebrate 10 years of *One Book, One Philadelphia*.
Credit: Kelly & Massa

2. Children at Charles L. Durham Library read the 2012 *One Book, One Philadelphia* children's selection, *Running the Road to ABC*, written by Denizé Lauture and illustrated by Reynold Ruffins.
Credit: Katie Riggan

3. The Techmobile—the Free Library's Hot Spot on wheels—travels to community centers throughout the city, bringing technology access and assistance deep into the heart of Philadelphia's neighborhoods.
Credit: Kelly & Massa

4. The newly renovated Philbrick Hall at Parkway Central Library, made possible by the Annenberg Foundation.
Credit: Kelly & Massa

5. Lisa Litman wins the Library's Dickens Idol competition as a part of our Year of Dickens 2012.
Credit: Ryan Brandenburg

Free
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discovery

November 2011

The **Year of Dickens 2012** kicked off with a special “Dickens Idol” contest, to help the Library find a Charles Dickens for the 21st century—Bala Cynwyd’s Lisa Litman won the coveted role. From throwing a big bash for Boz’s 200th birthday on February 7 to hosting special exhibitions, literary salons, pub crawls, and more throughout 2012, the Free Library paid festive tribute to Charles Dickens and his literary legacy. The Rare Book Department at Parkway Central Library is home to one of the finest collections of Dickens’s first editions, personal letters, and theater ephemera—including his writing desk—largely gifted to the Library by two generous benefactors, William M. Elkins and D. Jacques Benoliel.

December 2011

The Wadsworth Christmas Carolers presented a classic medley of carols at **Wadsworth Library**, drawing a large crowd of participants of all ages, including festive library staff!

Also in December, **Oak Lane Library** celebrated its 100th anniversary with a fête made possible with the support of **The Friends of Oak Lane Library**.

The Friends of the Fox Chase Library—more than 500 members strong—held multiple, successful craft sale fundraisers during the holiday season. Funds raised by the Friends support materials, programming, and technology at the library.

January 2012

Celebrating its 10th anniversary season in FY 2012, **One Book, One Philadelphia** continued to educate and inspire thoughtful discussion among thousands of Philadelphians on issues of culture and identity with the featured selection, *Create Dangerously: The Immigrant Artist at Work* by Edwidge Danticat. More than 100,000 people participated in more than 100 *One Book* events, including book discussions, film screenings, craft workshops, and Haitian cultural programs. In addition, former *One Book* featured authors—including Carlos Eire, James McBride, and James Srodes—returned to Philadelphia for a special anniversary celebration.

February 2012

Free Library locations throughout Philadelphia celebrated **Black History Month** with a variety of special programming for all ages, including music and dance performances, poetry writing workshops, film discussions, and more. **Charles Santore Library** hosted their annual Read-In, paying tribute to the lunch counter sit-ins of the Civil Rights Movement, and **West Oak Lane Library** hosted a popular “Blacks in Business” program series for children, in partnership with the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation and the Urban League of Philadelphia.

March 2012

In March of 2012, the **Pew Charitable Trusts’ Philadelphia Research Initiative** released a detailed report analyzing the current state and future potential of urban libraries by comparing 14 other similar systems across the United States with the Free Library of Philadelphia. The report, titled “The Library in the City: Changing Demands and a Challenging Future,” illustrated that despite being hampered by serious budget cuts, the Free Library of Philadelphia remains an incredibly valued community organization, offering essential services in tough economic times. Highlights from the Pew report include:

- Fifty-one percent of survey respondents visited a Free Library location at least once in the past 12 months, and 30% of all respondents went at least once a month.
- Use of library computers in Philadelphia has risen by 80% in the last six years.
- Although the top use of the Free Library remains checking out books and DVDS (79% of adults surveyed report using the library to check out materials), a staggering 57% of library customers say they used a computer to access the internet, and 22% received assistance in learning how to use a computer.

- Among library users, 57% report having taken a child to the library. Ninety-one percent say the library's role as a safe place for children is a "very important" function.
- On a per capita basis, program attendance in Philadelphia exceeds the average of the other comparable systems by nearly 50%.
- Thirty-four percent of survey respondents use Free Library computers to search for health information.

Also in March, after being closed for nine months of extensive renovation, **Philbrick Hall at Parkway Central Library** re-opened to the public with great fanfare. Made possible by generous support from the Annenberg Foundation, the renovation of Philbrick Hall opened up an additional 2,500 square feet of previously inaccessible space to the public, including the third floor mezzanine, and featured new seating, shelving, and window treatments in a bright, fresh color palette; refurbished, original terrazzo floors; a restored, intricate plaster ceiling; and energy-efficient new lighting—all designed by Moshe Safdie Associates—allowing the historic grandeur of the Beaux-Arts room to shine through. At the same time, Philbrick Hall was fully outfitted with the latest technologies, including new computers and video walls that display information about upcoming programs and other Library news. In addition, more than 4,000 new items were added to the already-extensive collections of contemporary fiction, non-fiction, and DVDs housed in Philbrick Hall. The Hall is also home to the Parkway Central Library's first-ever Teen Center for young adult customers. The 1,000-square-foot teen space features special lounge seating, work spaces for completing homework and other projects, and a selection of both Macs and PCs.

April 2012

Siobhan Reardon, Congressman Chaka Fattah, and Mayor Michael A. Nutter celebrated National Library Week with the launch of the Free Library's new **Techmobile** "Hot Spot on Wheels" at the People's Emergency Center in West Philadelphia. The Techmobile is a 25-foot long vehicle outfitted with six computers, all necessary broadband equipment, and a trained assistant who will provide computer training as well as one-on-one assistance during open-access time. The Techmobile was made possible by funding from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Also in April, the sixth annual, six-day **Philadelphia Book Festival** took place at the Parkway Central Library! Events for adults, including the popular First Person StorySlam and a reading by U.S. Poet Laureate Phillip Levine, took place from Monday, April 16 through Saturday, April 21. Also on Saturday, an outdoor celebration featuring events for families and children, including the beloved Storybook Character Parade and Teddy Bear Picnic, took place. The Festival drew thousands of families from throughout the region for this celebration of books, music, and inspiration.

The community rallied around **McPherson Square Library** throughout FY 2012, as concerned citizens, the Philadelphia Police Department, non-profit organization Project Ayuda, and government leaders including Councilwoman Maria Quiñones Sanchez teamed up to address long-term safety issues within the library's surrounding park. Dozens of **volunteers and members of the Friends of the Free Library** visited the library as part of **Comcast Cares Day** on April 21 to help with painting, landscaping, and other projects, and Comcast generously donated a TV and DVD player, as well as funds for art supplies and other materials. With the collaborative efforts of these different groups, the park surrounding McPherson Square Library is again a welcoming and cheerful place to read and play.

May 2012

The Free Library's award-winning **Author Events Series** hosted 115 authors in FY 2012, drawing 30,000 people to the Parkway Central Library's Montgomery Auditorium. Acclaimed historian Henry Louis Gates, Jr.; renowned journalist Tom Brokaw; bestselling authors Jodi Picoult and John Irving; and literary superstars Joan Didion, Jennifer Egan, and Jeffrey Eugenides all joined in the lively conversation at the Free Library. In addition, the Author Events Series offers more than 1,000 free, downloadable podcasts of these great conversations online at freelibrary.org.

Also in May, **The Friends of the Falls of Schuylkill Library** hosted a successful combination book sale, bake sale, and plant sale to help raise funds for their neighborhood library!

June 2012

Summer Reading at the Free Library engaged 46,476 children, teens, and adults with books and special events, including arts and crafts, dance demonstrations, and storytelling. Thanks to co-lead sponsors Verizon and Wells Fargo, the Free Library was also able to give away thousands of new books as prizes to Summer Reading participants. **South Philadelphia Library's** successful "Teen Thursdays" Summer Reading programming drew approximately 800 teens to the library to participate in anime and manga cartooning, movie discussions, and more!

Also in June, **Logan Library** partnered with the Mayor's Office of Transportation and participated in their Parklet Pilot Program. Two parking spaces outside the library were transformed into a flexible miniature park, designed to foster reading, resting, and conversing among community members.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of its children's librarian, Whitman Library became a buzzing destination for the neighborhood's young people. Children's circulation rose by more than 12,000 items, and the number of children's programs increased by more than 60, with nearly 1,000 more children in attendance!

Statistic Snapshots

A Year of Statistics

Program Statistics*

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Number of Adult Programs	10,476	10,515
Attendance at Adult Programs	193,891	185,577
Number of Children's Programs	13,789	15,603
Attendance at Children's Programs	275,905	288,218
LEAP Attendance	179,644	195,160

Service Statistics*

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Library Visits: In-Person	6,103,528	6,020,321
Library Visits: Online	6,131,726	6,886,339
Hot Spot Visits	3,987**	28,475
Website Hits	306,325,417	312,505,754
Public Computer Use in Libraries	1,299,648	1,358,890
Reference Questions Handled	3,074,170	3,268,808
Registered Borrowers	415,117	410,121
Materials Borrowed System-Wide	7,210,217	7,503,031
Hours of Emergency Closings	5,639	5,217
Library Volunteers	1,755	1,929
Volunteer Hours	133,593	120,754

Collection Statistics*

	FY 2011	FY 2012
Catalogued Books: Adult	2,011,563	1,951,969
Catalogued Books: Juvenile	838,190	793,184
Audio Materials***	1,112,264	483,028
DVDs	167,107	180,669
Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper Titles	1,091	973
Ebooks†	27,492	80,000

*Numbers reflect a cut in materials budget and emergency closings due to staff shortages.

**March through June 2011

***Change in number reflects the transfer of many cassettes from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh.

†The Free Library of Philadelphia provides access to more than 80,000 streaming or downloadable ebooks, more than 8,000 downloadable audiobooks, and more than 3 million streaming or downloadable pieces of music over six unique digital media platforms.

Financial Highlights and Background

Free Library of Philadelphia Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Operating Support and Revenue*

City General Fund	\$33,353,362
State Grant Funds	\$9,075,609
Total support and revenue	\$42,428,971

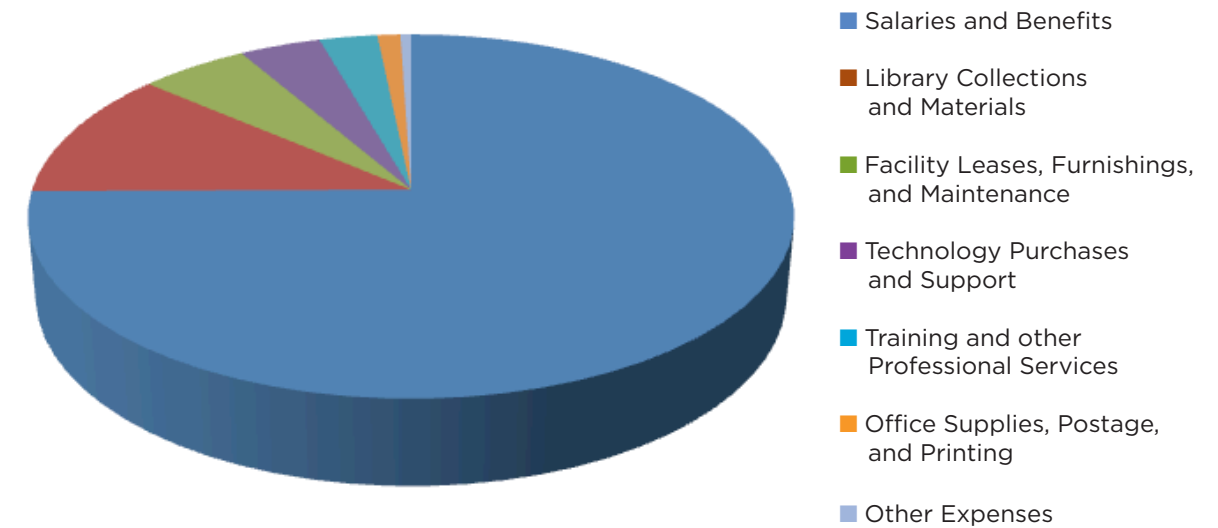
Operating Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$31,764,630
Library Collections and Materials	\$4,836,449
Facility Leases, Furnishings, and Maintenance	\$2,251,498
Technology Purchases and Support	\$1,683,514
Training and Other Professional Services	\$1,201,068
Office Supplies, Postage, and Printing	\$471,087
Other Expenses	\$220,725

TOTAL **\$42,428,971**

*Revenues may include encumbrances and/or appropriations from prior fiscal years, using the modified accrual and cash basis of accounting permitted by municipal accounting standards.

Operating Expenses



FreeLibrary of Philadelphia Foundation
Statement of Financial Position

	JUNE 30,	
	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,820,724	\$ 14,754,689
Grants and contributions receivable, net	5,002,286	5,212,248
Fines and other receivables	665,637	488,569
Prepaid expenses	56,409	135,695
Furniture and equipment, net	67,025	-
Investments	22,653,775	23,908,481
Beneficial interest in life insurance	28,521	27,071
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 38,294,377	\$ 44,526,753
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 876,661	\$ 2,181,874
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	398,866	255,553
Total Liabilities	1,275,527	2,437,427
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	6,254,575	6,367,843
Board designated for specific purposes	1,494,137	1,494,137
Total unrestricted	7,748,712	7,861,980
Temporarily restricted	19,827,680	24,785,138
Permanently restricted	9,442,458	9,442,208
Total Net Assets	37,018,850	42,089,326
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 38,294,377	\$ 44,526,753

DID YOU KNOW?

Sundays on Stage, a series of cultural programs featuring live performances of music, storytelling, and dance by a variety of artists and entertainers, held 19 family programs this year, drawing 2,709 attendees. Sundays on Stage is made possible by funding from the Philadelphia City Institute Board of Managers.

Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation
Statement of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2012

(With Comparative Totals for 2011)

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	2012 TOTAL	2011 TOTAL
Operating support and revenue:					
Grants and contributions	\$ 1,774,641	\$ 1,779,922	\$ -	\$ 3,554,563	\$ 3,872,565
Federal and state grants and city capital appropriations	522,996	530,441	-	1,053,437	4,506,261
Contributions - Central Library Campaign	-	2,109,969	-	2,109,969	789,655
Fees and library services	497,252	26,244	-	523,496	193,297
Fines and lost books	421,250	-	-	421,250	425,073
Sale of books and publications	21,782	-	-	21,782	15,028
Other income	356,202	6,090	-	362,292	327,620
Dividend and interest income	9,095	-	-	9,095	9,568
Long-term investment return designated for operations	191,499	695,090	-	886,589	1,208,666
Net assets released from restriction	9,128,944	(9,128,944)	-	-	-
Total Operating Support and Revenue	12,923,661	(3,981,188)	-	8,942,473	11,347,733
Operating expenses:					
Program services					
Public programs	4,063,667	-	-	4,063,667	6,911,792
Collection and preservation	499,273	-	-	499,273	422,054
Technology	299,360	-	-	299,360	271,274
Facilities renovation	25,052	-	-	25,052	50,930
Central Library capital renovation project	5,066,756	-	-	5,066,756	3,443,140
Total Program Services	9,954,108	-	-	9,954,108	11,099,190
Supporting services					
Administration	967,194	-	-	967,194	677,222
Fund raising	1,812,679	-	-	1,812,679	1,297,685
Total Supporting Services	2,779,873	-	-	2,779,873	1,974,907
Total Operating Expenses	12,733,981	-	-	12,733,981	13,074,097
Change in net assets from operations	189,680	(3,981,188)	-	(3,791,508)	(1,726,364)
Non-operating support and gains (loss):					
Grants and contributions to endowment	119	13,305	250	13,674	49,809
Long-term investment return in excess of (less than) return designated for operations	(303,067)	(989,575)	-	(1,292,642)	3,621,266
Total Non-operating Support and Gains (Loss)	(302,948)	(976,270)	250	(1,278,968)	3,671,075
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(113,268)	(4,957,458)	250	(5,070,476)	1,944,711
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,861,980	24,785,138	9,442,208	42,089,326	40,144,615
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 7,748,712	\$ 19,827,680	\$ 9,442,458	\$ 37,018,850	\$ 42,089,326

Financial Background

Background

The Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation (the Foundation) functions primarily to secure federal, state, city, and private grants and contributions to expend those funds on various library programs.

Agreement with Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia

The Foundation entered into an agreement dated June 19, 1984, with the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, an independent board of the City of Philadelphia (City or City Library) responsible for securing and expending City appropriations. Under this agreement, the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia maintains care and custody of the collections of the Foundation and makes all necessary operational decisions as to the management of the libraries and the collections of the Foundation. These financial statements reflect only the assets, liabilities, net assets, and changes in net assets of the Foundation and, accordingly, do not include any amount applicable to the financial position or changes in net assets of the City Library.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reflects all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Basis of Presentation

The Foundation reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. Unrestricted net assets are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. The Board of Directors may elect to designate such assets for specific purposes or to have them function as endowment. This designation may be removed at the Board's discretion. Temporarily restricted net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of the Foundation or by the passage of time. Permanently restricted net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that require that they be maintained permanently.

The statement of activities distinguishes changes in net assets from operations from other changes in net assets. Operating activity includes revenues and other support, including investment income generated from short-term investments, as well as long-term investment income designated for operations, and all expenses that are available to provide program services and support the administrative functions of the Foundation. Other charges in net assets include permanently restricted contributions and contributions designated for other purposes by the Board, as well as long-term investment income in excess of (or less than) the Foundation's designated spending rate.

Revenue is reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets are reported as net assets released from restrictions.

Free Library of Philadelphia Branch Locations

Center City

Parkway Central
1901 Vine St.
215-686-5322

Independence
18 S. 7th St.
215-685-1633

Library for the Blind &
Physically Handicapped
919 Walnut St.
215-683-3213

Philadelphia City Institute
1905 Locust St.
215-685-6621

North

Cecil B. Moore
2320 Cecil B. Moore Ave.
215-685-2766

Fishtown Community
1217 E. Montgomery Ave.
215-685-9990

Kensington
104 W. Dauphin St.
215-685-9995

Lillian Marrero
601 W. Lehigh Ave.
215-685-9794

McPherson Square
601 E. Indiana Ave.
215-685-9994

Nicetown-Tioga
3720 N. Broad St.
215-685-9790

Richmond
2987 Almond St.
215-685-9992

Ramonita de Rodriguez
600 W. Girard Ave.
215-686-1768

Widener
2808 W. Lehigh Ave.
215-685-9799

Northeast

Bushrod
6304 Castor Ave.
215-685-1471

Bustleton
10199 Bustleton Ave.
215-685-0472

Fox Chase
501 Rhawn St.
215-685-0547

Frankford
4634 Frankford Ave.
215-685-1473

Holmesburg
7810 Frankford Ave.
215-685-8756

Katharine Drexel
11099 Knights Rd.
215-685-9383

Lawncrest
6098 Rising Sun Ave.
215-685-0549

Northeast Regional
2228 Cottman Ave.
215-685-0522

Tacony
6742 Torresdale Ave.
215-685-8755

Torresdale
3079 Holme Ave.
215-685-0494

Welsh Road
9233 Roosevelt Blvd.
215-685-0498

Wyoming
231 E. Wyoming Ave.
215-685-9158

Northwest

Andorra
705 E. Cathedral Rd.
215-685-2552

Chestnut Hill
8711 Germantown Ave.
215-248-0977

David Cohen Ogontz
6017 Ogontz Ave.
215-685-3566

Falls of Schuylkill
3501 Midvale Ave.
215-685-2093

Greater Olney
5501 N. 5th St.
215-685-2846

Joseph E. Coleman Northwest
Regional
68. W. Chelton Ave.
215-685-2150

Logan
1333 Wagner Ave.
215-685-9156

Lovett Memorial
6945 Germantown Ave.
215-685-2095

Free Library of Philadelphia Branch Locations

Oak Lane
6614 N. 12th St.
215-685-2848

Roxborough
6245 Ridge Ave.
215-685-2550

Wadsworth
1500 Wadsworth Ave.
215-685-9293

West Oak Lane
2000 Washington Ln.
215-685-2843

South

Charles Santore
932 S. 7th St.
215-686-1766

Fumo Family
2437 S. Broad St.
215-685-1758

Queen Memorial
1201 S. 23rd St.
215-685-1899

South Philadelphia
1700 S. Broad St.
215-685-1866

Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr.
1935 Shunk St.
215-685-1755

Whitman
200 Snyder Ave.
215-685-1754

West

Blanche A. Nixon/Cobbs Creek
5800 Cobbs Creek Pkwy.
215-685-1973

Charles L. Durham
3320 Haverford Ave.
215-685-7436

Eastwick
2851 Island Ave.
215-685-4170

Haddington
446 N. 65th St.
215-685-1970

Haverford
5543 Haverford Ave.
215-685-1964

Kingsessing
1201 S. 51st St.
215-685-2690

Lucien E. Blackwell
West Philadelphia Regional
125 S. 52nd St.
215-685-7424

Overbrook Park
7422 Haverford Ave.
215-685-0182

Paschalville
6942 Woodland Ave.
215-685-2662

Walnut St. West
201 S. 40th St.
215-685-7671

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