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Program **highlights** included events accompanying the national traveling exhibit *Forever Free*, authors **Lee Woodruff** and **Jackie Morse Kessler**, our first **Pi Day** and **special needs information**



fair, and our fifth annual **Teen Film Fest**. We also enjoyed another delightful season of **A Little Sunday Music** and the finale for the week-long regional **Riverway Storytelling Festival**. The library sponsored a total of **875** programs, attended by **21,668** people of all ages.

and OUT

We continue to **reach out** to the community through our visits to **Bethlehem schools** and **assisted living facilities**, our **Books to People** delivery service for the homebound, the Town **Health Fair**, and our annual **blood drive**.



MISSION

Bethlehem Public Library values its responsibility to enhance the general welfare and quality of life in the community and region it serves. The library pursues excellence in its mission: to provide equal and uncensored access to resources and services that encourage lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and professional growth.

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2010-11 annual report



FROM THE DIRECTOR

POINTS of INTEREST

- Writers and Friends* welcomed authors **Ann Hood, Lee Woodruff,** and **Robin Oliveira.**
- Teen author **Jackie Morse Kessler** was also our guest.
- Through an ALA grant, we hosted a **national touring exhibit, *Forever Free: Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation.***
- Programs and outreach for **special-needs children** and their families included story/play sessions, new toys and resources, an online directory, and an information fair.
- Storytimes** were expanded and made available on a drop-in basis.
- A series of **ebook open houses** was consistently well attended.
- We purchased **Consumer Reports** as a discreet online resource, greatly simplifying the search process for our patrons.
- We began digitization of Bethlehem's high school **yearbooks**; check our progress online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.
- We completed the online index of **Spotlight obituaries.**
- Both levels of **Computer Partners**, our one-one-one tutoring service for adults, continued to draw students and tutors.
- We continued to open up our meeting rooms to teens for **group study** before the January and June Regents exams.
- Series like **Monday Night at the Movies, book discussion groups, Listening Parties,** and **It Takes a Village** drew loyal followings.
- Wireless access** was expanded to include the library grounds.
- Six **memorial benches** were added on the property for a total of 22.
- We continued our ongoing service to the community through **school and assisted living outreach, Books to People,** participation in the Town's **senior health fair,** and our annual **blood drive.**
- Evenings on the Green, A Little Sunday Music*** and the **Riverway Storytelling Festival finale*** are longstanding favorites that continue to draw large audiences each year.
- Nancy Pieri** retired in April after 14 years of service as library director. She led the library through many service and technology innovations, transition to Civil Service status, and a major renovation of building and grounds. We know for a fact that she is as busy as ever, and we wish her well.

—Geoff Kirkpatrick

*underwritten by Friends of the Library

GOODS AND SERVICES

PEOPLE

Bethlehem population	26,609	
library cardholders	20,017	
library visitors	363,527	
website visitors	328,068	
library staff, full-time	30	
library staff, part-time	44 (includes student pages)	

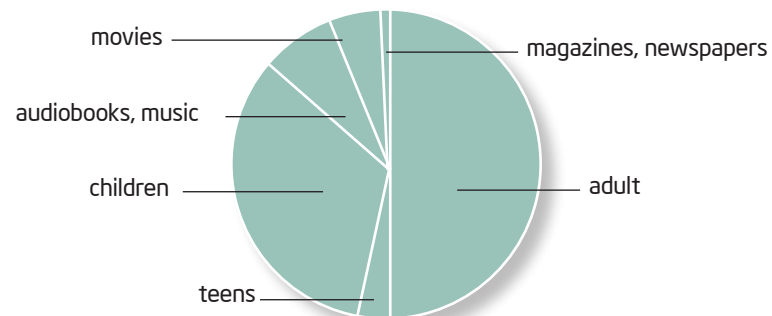
BUDGET* \$3,782,023

personnel	\$2,807,479
materials	\$342,800
operations	\$631,744

*view full 2010-11 budget at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org

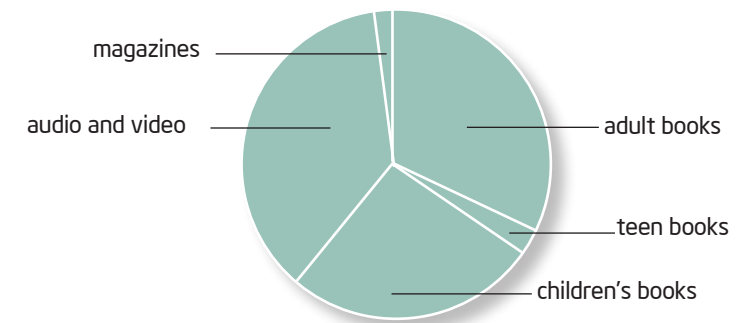
COLLECTIONS 126,271 items

adult books	63,283
teen books	4,373
children's books	41,142
audiobooks, music	9,533
movies	7,650
magazines, newspapers	279
museum passes	11



CIRCULATION 769,109

adult books	254,706
teen books	22,268
children's books	183,634
audio and video	294,918
magazines	13,583



SERVICES

questions answered	78,307
holds placed	119,911
interlibrary loans in	81,147
interlibrary loans out	64,005
public meetings	746
public computer use	55,291
museum pass loans	601

we answered **1,506** reference questions every week

PLUS

Computer Partners ▪ special needs outreach ▪ museum passes ▪ wireless access ▪ study rooms ▪ Bethlehem history online ▪ Playaways ▪ *footnotes* newsletter ▪ consumer health reference ▪ BCSO yearbooks online local history reading room ▪ more