

# HIGHLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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## MISSION

The mission of Highland Community Library is to empower our community by providing opportunities to connect, discover, and thrive.

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Dear Friend of Highland Community Library,

Every year, generous donors like you play a vital role in maintaining important programs and services that our community has come to expect from Highland Community Library.

Thanks to your help, **we've held 370 active and participatory programs and events in 2019, and we're on track to clear 6,500 participants – that's a 28% increase in engagement since 2018!** Just this year, **your**

**donations have funded Community Game Nights, our popular Creative Crafternoon, and Cookbook Club, where community members come together over cookbook recipes to share food and friendship.**

Collaboration was a key component in our success this year. In 2019, we partnered with the Master Gardeners of Johnstown and the Sunset Rotary Club of Johnstown to **create the Highland Community Seed Library**, where community members can acquire free seeds to plant in their home gardens, as well as a **new pollinator garden** in an effort to teach gardening basics and to impart the positive environmental effects of pollinators. Through our partnership with the Volunteer Tax Assistance Program, 148 eligible community members, including seniors and low- to moderate- income families, received **assistance filing their income tax returns at the library in 2019.** We are constantly striving to **introduce useful, exciting, and innovative library services** that will move our community forward and bring us together.

**You deserve a library as vibrant and engaged as your community, and it is only with your support that we can make this possible.** Your donation of **\$25** will purchase a new novel for you and your neighbors to enjoy. For **\$50**, you help fund all-ages programs like the Bad Art Night, How to Hygge, and American Sign Language classes. A **\$100** donation provides every participant in our Teen Reading Lounge book club with a copy of an award-winning book, and **\$250** covers the cost of craft supplies for our popular six-week Summer Learning Program for babies, toddler, and school-aged kids.

**Your donations have a real and significant impact on your library and your community, and we need your help to make 2020 a landmark year for our library.** Please make your donation today, because **every dollar counts!** Your gift to our Sustaining Fund Drive could be the one that helps us reach our goal of \$25,000. We hope you can mail your gift by December 30 to take advantage of the 2019 tax deduction.

**At your library, the possibilities are endless – and free to all members of our community. We need your help to keep it that way.**

Thank you for making Highland Community Library a priority in your giving this year!

Sincerely,

*Ashlee B. Kiel*

Library Director  
and the HCL Board of Trustees

