

THE NEW BRITAIN INSTITUTE

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The collage features several promotional posters:

- FAMILY MAKERSPACE TIME**: SPEND TIME CRAFTING IN THE HIVE. Includes a logo for 'The Hive' with the letters H, i, v, e in yellow hexagons and a bee. Text: 'New Britain Public Library' and 'Community Mak'.
- AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR RON SUSKIND**: A blue poster with a cartoon character of a man in a suit.
- THE NEW BRITAIN INSTITUTE!**: WILL GIVE IN UNION HALL, THE COMING SEASON A COURSE OF SEVEN LECTURES! AND ONE GRAND CONCERT! A white poster with a dark background.
- MEET NEW ALPACAS**: At the Hungerford Nature Center. Includes two photos of alpacas.
- Under Lock & Key**: OPENING MARCH 2022. A dark brown poster with a key icon.

169th ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 — JUNE 30, 2022

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NEW BRITAIN INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

NEW BRITAIN YOUTH MUSEUM

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NEW BRITAIN INSTITUTE
2021 – 2022

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

“Celebrate our past, understand our present,
and pioneer our future”

To say the past year was interesting, while challenging might seem to be an understatement, but as the New Britain Institute has experienced 169 years, and yes that is longer than the town of New Britain has been a city; COVID, it didn’t stop us.

In spite of COVID, operations continued at the Library, Youth Museum at Hungerford and the Industrial Museum due to the dedication, perseverance and innate abilities of their directors and their many staff members who made the best of a difficult set of circumstances.

That said, undoubtedly from my perspective the number one accomplishment was the reintroduction of the **NB Institute’s Annual Lecture** in March, after a prolonged absence, due in large part to the efforts of Institute Board member and CCSU faculty member **Dr. Gil Gigliotti**. This renewal reminds us of the time in our history where NBI provided members w/ a reading room and an educational lecture series.

The lecture was coordinated in collaboration with the **Central Connecticut State University Media Board** led by Susan Sweeney, the **Hospital for Special Care** through Wendy DeAngelo, and the **New Britain Museum of American Art** with Jeffrey Mainville. The Institute hosted Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author **Ron Suskind** to discuss *Life Animated*, the chronicle of his family’s twenty year journey raising and connecting with their son with autism. The lecture, both in-person and virtual due to pandemic restrictions at CCSU, was followed by a roundtable with Mr. Suskind, Dr. Hassan Minhas, the Chief of Autism Services at HSC; Dr. Alicia Stewart, and assistant professor in the CCSU Special Education Dept; and Ms. Jessica Ofray, a Licensed Professional Counselor at CCSU. Please note that there is a video of the event available at our website **newbritaininstitute.org**

The year also found a number of our board member and staff milestones, as we all recently wrapped up the *Year of the Woman* , and yes they all happen to be females.....let’s get going gentlemen!

Pat Rutkowski, as the Library Director received the *first ever* recipient of **Literacy Volunteer’s Mission Medal** award honoring an individual, business or organization that has significantly supported LVCC’s Mission, at their very well attended Annual Awards Dinner. In case you maybe haven’t been paying attention, just about all of Pat’s professional career to date has been spent at our library. Thanks to those efforts the library has become far more than a place to get a book, it has in fact become the Community Center for all of Greater New Britain by providing a myriad of services and programs that would have been unheard of a generation ago.

Deidra Ierardi of the Institute's Board of Managers, immediate past president of the Library Committee, and most importantly, an eminently successful grant writer, received a **Women In Leadership Award** from the **New Britain YWCA** for decades of meaningful community service.

Not to be outdone, **Donna Veech**, the Assistant Director of the New Britain Youth Museum, after serving a term on the Berlin Town Council, comfortably won election to the **State of Connecticut House of Representatives** representing the 30th District serving the towns of Berlin and Southington. I understand she will be running for re-election in November of this year.

During **Brenda Bemben's** professional career as a lawyer, served as legal council for The Stanley Works, in the CEO Donald Davis era. Her volunteer efforts were just as productive serving as the secretary on the Institute's Executive Committee from 2007 – 2013; the Library Committee from 1992 – 2006 and as its president in 1998-1999; the Friends of the Library as chair from 2005 – 2022. Brenda has now retired from her volunteer duties after **30 years** of dedicated service and has relocated to be nearer her son. Kudos and thank you Brenda!

Lois Blomstrann recently passed away peacefully at the age of 98. She served the Greater New Britain Community in so many ways: 23 years as the Administrative Director at NBMAA (then a branch of NBI), was the first woman to serve on the Executive Committee of the Institute's Board of Managers 1988 – 2006 as well as Nominating Committee Chair until 2006. She was also the 1st president of the New Britain Club; founding board member in 1994 of the New Britain Industrial Museum; and over her lifetime received well deserved acknowledgements from the NB YWCA, United Way of NB, Arts Alliance, Chamber of Commerce and South Church.

On a personal note, when I came on the Board of Managers, my very first challenge was to succeed Lois as Nominating Committee Chair. That felt like a daunting task as she knew and had such strong personal connections throughout our community.

The last of the women I wanted to highlight due to their outstanding service and commitments is **MaryAnne Kolitsidas**. She joined the Institute's Board of Managers in 1997 while employed as a CPA at the accounting firm of Miller, Moriarty & Company serving on both the Institute's and Library's Finance Committees. In 2006 MaryAnne replaced my good friend and financial advisor Ken Griffen as the B.O.M. Finance Committee Chair & Treasurer, becoming the first woman in the history of the Institute to hold that position, one she has held until this year's Annual Members Meeting.

Additionally, MaryAnne has served on the Library's Finance Committee from 1997 – 2022 and as Treasurer from 1998 – 2002. During much of her **25 years**, she served as a confidant to Pat Rutkowski as Library Director, to my predecessor Ken Carifa and me, first as vice president and more recently as president. Most importantly she leaves the finances of the Institute in a clear position of strength, as during her term she brought a high level of professionalism to the position, reorganizing a myriad of trusts and funds in the endowment, making quarterly and year end reports in a way that was significantly clearer and understandable in addition to overseeing the accounting firms who were performing the required yearly audits for the Institute and Branches..... she will be sorely missed and thank you MaryAnne!

So, looking ahead what are we working at in up-coming year? We have begun work on establishing a **Manufacturing Initiative**, ideally in a supportive position to the Greater New Britain Chamber of Commerce to re-establish the region as a center of manufacturing innovation and excellence to better compete in a world wide market. In doing so we plan to work to identify needs to strengthen the educational systems of the region both at high school and college levels, and their ability to help track & train students for careers in manufacturing. In that process we plan to identify the companies, make them aware of the Institute and most especially the New Britain Industrial Museum in hopes that they will lend their support to our educational opportunities and to preserve their innovative products for posterity much as the museum presently does so well for the companies that once made New Britain the *Hardware City of the World*. Perhaps ideally, this initiative will provide the subject for the 2023 Annual Lecture.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that it is the New Britain Institute's intention to be very much engaged, on several levels, to help the Industrial Museum find a new more permanent home large enough to not only house their present collection in one location, but one which can do so for the foreseeable future in honor of their founders.

I would like to remind you that we will be sending out our Annual Board Fund request to all members in hopes that you will support us in our mission to help educate the community through our initiatives as well as our three branches and the services they provide – **New Britain Public Library, New Britain Youth Museum** at Hungerford Park & Downtown, and the **New Britain Industrial Museum**.

While every year brings its own challenges, it also brings new rewards. I continue to be appreciative of the chance to serve as only the 20th president of the NB Institute, and plan to continue to do what I believe is best, not just for the Institute, but for the Greater New Britain Community. With **your help**, we can make a positive difference.

Respectfully,

G. Geoffrey Bray
President

NEW BRITAIN INSTITUTE
TREASURER'S REPORT
June 30, 2022

Investments were valued at \$2,913,695 for the Library Fund, \$383,981 for the Youth Museum Fund and \$241,729 for the Industrial Museum fund, totaling \$3,539,405 as of June 30, 2022 as compared to \$3,893,096 on June 30, 2021.

The Institute maintains a checking account to pay administrative expenses and common expenses benefiting all entities. The balance in this account on June 30, 2022 was \$43,777 as compared to \$71,161 at June 30, 2021. In August 2021, \$12,500 was transferred from the investment accounts to the Institute checking account to cover the estimated annual expenses for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, of this amount, \$10,780, \$1,155, and \$565 was paid from the investment accounts of the Library, Youth Museum, and Industrial Museum, respectively. In October 30, 2021, an additional \$13,500 was transferred. Of this amount \$940 was used to cover the actual 2021/2022 administrative expenses over budgeted. The balance of \$12,560 will be carried over to 2022/2023 fiscal year. In December 2020, the Institute received \$45,000 from the Vance Foundation for the benefit of the Library, for a future project to be designated. The money was held in the checking account until it was transferred to the Library endowment account on October 5, 2021.

The investment funds earned dividends and interest of \$375,785, recognized gains of \$17,279 and unrealized losses of \$894,148 for the twelve months ended June 30, 2022.

The Institute received \$8,398 of donations from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Total donations received since fundraising began (December 2017) through June 30, 2022 amounted to \$33,213. Expenses paid out of these funds during this fiscal year for letters, envelopes, thank you notes for annual giving; invitations and catering expenses for the Ron Suskind's lecture; and the membership and seminar fees for the Non-Profit Learning Lab totaled \$3,346.

The Library received \$2,395 from the EH Case Trust year to date.

The Industrial Museum received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$120,000, of this amount \$100,000 is to be used for their Building Fund, and \$20,000 was turned over to the Industrial Museum to be used for the preservation of the collection.

The Youth Museum has transferred funds to the Institute in the amount of \$84,061.38 to be invested on their behalf using the same investment formula as the endowment funds. These funds are the Youth Museum funds and are included in the total value of the funds noted above, but are available to be withdrawn by the Youth Museum when they request them.

Expenses totaling \$51,925 were paid on behalf of the Library; \$34,625 for investment fees and \$17,500 for reimbursement of computer expenses from Sheehan Fund.

Expenses totaling \$3,970 were paid on behalf of the Youth Museum for investment fees.

Expenses totaling \$2,165 were paid on behalf of the Industrial Museum for investment fees.

Administrative expenses of \$13,440 were paid out of institute funds for directors' insurance, audit fee, fee for preparing personal property tax return, bookkeeping, and annual report and meeting expenses.

The finance committee met with Brendan Conry on May 10, 2022 to discuss the investment formula for the endowment funds due to the current volatility in the market.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnne Kolitsidas, Treasurer

New Britain Institute
Fund analysis - year to date summary
FYE June 30, 2022

	June-21	Earnings	unrealized gain(loss)	Operating Expenses Investment fees and transfers out	Donations and transfers in	Year to date 6/30/2022
Library Fund	3,350,179.65	333,082.77	(742,614.16)	(74,350.35)	47,396.65	2,913,694.56
Youth Museum Fund	360,101.94	41,232.61	(95,045.00)	18,630.30	59,061.38	383,981.23
Industrial Museum Fund	182,814.77	19,124.90	(56,870.52)	96,659.60	-	241,728.75
Checking	71,161.10	6.29	-	(110,786.91)	83,396.78	43,777.26
total	3,964,257.46	393,446.57	(894,529.68)	(69,847.36)	189,854.81	3,583,181.80
Library						
<u>Board Restricted - Income to be distributed for operating budget support</u>						
Income Fund	1,145,098.19	112,165.48	(249,645.94)	(23,138.19)	-	984,479.54
Women's Club of NB (Perm)	19,439.44	1,904.16	(4,238.04)	(392.81)	-	16,712.75
<u>Unrestricted</u>						
General	656,275.89	64,404.53	(143,453.97)	(11,616.25)	-	565,610.20
Jean and Harold Clarke	96,023.76	9,423.43	(20,989.64)	(1,699.66)	-	82,757.89
EH case Interest	37,631.56	3,699.84	(8,414.62)	(673.58)	2,395.25	34,638.45
Elaine Anderson	35,618.70	3,495.48	(7,785.82)	(630.46)	-	30,697.90
Ladislaus (Walter) Smialowski	25,152.32	2,468.36	(5,498.00)	(445.21)	-	21,677.47
Elizabeth Cunningham	92,235.39	9,051.67	(20,161.56)	(1,632.60)	-	79,492.90
Alice B Larkin	58,391.07	5,730.30	(12,763.61)	(1,033.55)	-	50,324.21
Elizabeth Meagley	29,166.21	2,862.27	(6,375.39)	(516.24)	-	25,136.85
Anne Fowler	36,918.52	3,623.06	(8,069.96)	(653.47)	-	31,818.15
RW Sheehan	519,178.37	51,303.00	(113,307.21)	(22,638.33)	-	434,535.83
Howland Rogers	86,671.34	8,505.64	(18,945.33)	(1,534.11)	-	74,697.54
Stephen Czerwinski	38,685.23	3,796.44	(8,456.12)	(684.74)	-	33,340.81
John Ward	102,043.76	10,014.24	(22,305.57)	(1,806.20)	-	87,946.23
Helen Lynch	42,895.68	4,209.63	(9,376.48)	(759.27)	-	36,969.56
Agnes Cowlam	77,111.48	7,567.48	(16,855.66)	(1,364.89)	-	66,458.41
Curtis Jennings	9,740.42	955.92	(2,129.16)	(172.40)	-	8,394.78
JP Bruemmer Charitable Trust	17,622.49	1,729.40	(3,852.06)	(311.92)	-	15,187.91
<u>Temporarily Restricted (by Donor)</u>						
Irene Vandenburg	21,447.84	2,119.98	(4,726.27)	(220.53)	-	18,621.02
Benjamin A Hawley Fund	17,251.20	1,705.13	(3,801.48)	(177.38)	-	14,977.47
Vance Charitable Fund (special project)	-	4,004.02	(10,567.52)	(340.36)	45,001.40	38,097.54
<u>Permanently restricted</u>						
Howland Rogers(NEH)	109,256.61	10,799.20	(24,075.89)	(1,123.40)	-	94,856.52
Challenge Grant(NEH)	26,924.48	2,661.30	(5,933.10)	(276.84)	-	23,375.84
National endow for Hum	49,399.70	4,882.82	(10,885.78)	(507.95)	-	42,888.79
Total Library	3,350,179.65	333,082.78	(742,614.18)	(74,350.34)	47,396.65	2,913,694.56
Youth Museum						
General	5,889.22	586.09	(1,284.52)	(96.95)	-	5,093.84
General Youth Musuem funds	-	5,393.92	(16,501.06)	24,557.20	59,061.38	72,511.44
Elizabeth Cunningham	48,534.03	4,830.30	(10,586.04)	(798.82)	-	41,979.47
Howland Rogers	67,706.13	6,738.36	(14,767.79)	(1,114.36)	-	58,562.34
Stanley Cooper	40,745.93	4,055.20	(8,887.35)	(670.63)	-	35,243.15
TR Francis Parker	9,584.93	953.92	(2,090.61)	(157.76)	-	8,290.48
Margaret Chase Judd Fund	19,119.10	1,902.81	(4,170.18)	(314.68)	-	16,537.05
Agnes Cowlam	52,556.23	5,230.61	(11,463.35)	(865.03)	-	45,458.46
Catharine Rogers	31,964.37	3,181.21	(6,971.93)	(526.10)	-	27,647.55
Deborah Pfeiffenberger	84,002.00	8,360.20	(18,322.17)	(1,382.57)	-	72,657.46
Total Youth Museum	360,101.94	41,232.62	(95,045.00)	18,630.30	59,061.38	383,981.24
Industrial Museum						
<u>Temporarily restricted- Building Fund</u>						
Henrietta Judd	5,690.82	584.76	(1,275.09)	(54.11)	-	4,946.38
Warren and Elsie Kingsbury	13,579.05	1,395.34	(3,042.58)	(129.09)	-	11,802.72
Other Donors	4,475.65	459.91	(1,002.81)	(42.55)	-	3,890.20
Joan Morgan	16,737.29	1,719.87	(3,750.21)	(159.13)	-	14,547.82
Anonymous donor	-	452.45	(16,190.52)	99,564.58	-	83,826.51
<u>Unrestricted</u>						
New Britain Club	108,812.44	11,094.85	(24,165.23)	(1,926.62)	-	93,815.44
Ruth Rees Charitable Fund	2,566.71	261.69	(570.02)	(45.44)	-	2,212.94
Howland Rogers	30,952.81	3,156.01	(6,874.04)	(548.05)	-	26,686.73
Total Industrial museum	182,814.77	19,124.88	(56,870.50)	96,659.59	-	241,728.74
New Britain Institute (all unrestricted)						
Institute Cash Activity	26,159.70	5.93	-	(110,786.91)	128,398.18	43,776.90
Vance Charitable Fund FBO Library	45,001.40	0.36	-	-	(45,001.40)	0.36
Total NBI	71,161.10	6.29	-	(110,786.91)	83,396.78	43,777.26
Total New Britain Institute	3,964,257.46	393,446.57	(894,529.68)	(69,847.36)	189,854.81	3,583,181.80
difference stmt	-	-	-	-	-	-



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It was a year of growth, variety, creativity and change. Staff worked to offer the best services possible despite the continued challenge of COVID and did so successfully. Whoever would have thought that after being told there were be a two-week closure that we would still be impacted by COVID 2 years later. We were certainly in a better place than the year before as there were vaccines and more information. Although statistics continue to increase, slowly and steadily, they have not yet returned to where they were pre-pandemic.

During the year we continued to work towards returning to pre-pandemic services. Evening hours were partially restored in July, closing at 8 pm, Monday – Thursday. Facial masks returned in August when the COVID numbers increased. Computer time on adult computers returned to previous sessions of 90 minutes. In-person programming returned but virtual programming continued. Nintendo switch returned for use in the Teen Room. Curbside pickups continued throughout the year, minimally, for both the Jefferson Branch and Main Library. Most people opted to come into the library. Take home activity kits continued to be offered. Jefferson Branch welcomed back class visits in September. Children’s in person story times returned in September. In January, community member, Michael Ardrey, returned and restarted the Chess Club which had good attendance. In February, we brought back the 9 a.m. Saturday morning opening, instead of 10 a.m. With the decrease in COVID and the change in CDC guidelines, facial masks became optional in March. Technology classes returned in April. We partnered with the NB Health Department, CT Health Department, Griffin Health and HHC and offered several COVID vaccine clinics with first doses, boosters and pediatric vaccines throughout the year. There was also a flu vaccine clinic.

In July, Magic Mike took over the phone system and callers calling the main number could not get through. Without our knowledge, our landline service was switched to a different provider, a VOIP system, and it was a week before the main line was restored.

The big event of the year was the addition of our Hive Makerspace. A grand opening was held on August 11 and attended by invited guests, board members, library users, city officials and staff. Mayor Stewart did the honors of an official ribbon cutting and a welcoming speech. Staff wore makerspace t-shirts and provided demonstrations of the equipment. Commemorative items were given out: button pins yellow M&Ms with bees soda with a Hive label. enthusiasm and offerings include an engraver, a 3-D printer, Mug Press, sewing weaving loom, button kits, AV equipment for recording, a jewelry supplies, a DVD/slide and a Glowforge 3-D



with the Hive logo, and a special Avery’s There was much excitement. Makerspace Comgrow Mini Laser Cricut Maker, Cricut machine, table top maker, robotic building music and video making station, art convertor, a laminator laser cutter.

The Hive has thrived throughout the year. In the first full opened month, there were 30 visits. Usage grew each month and increased dramatically from February through June. March had the highest visits for the year -176. Total visits for the year were 960. The makerspace had a few challenges with staffing as the first person hired started in July and resigned in August. We lucked out as the position was filled the very talented Amanda Vincent who was hired for the position. We owe much of the success of the service to her.

Programming and services exploded!

A new downloadable collection, Hoopla, was added at the beginning of the fiscal year. This service provides eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, movies and TV. Items are always available. There is no waiting.

Our Jefferson Branch was busy welcoming back classes to the library and Kathi Holly attended the Kindergarten Orientation and the Welcome Back Picnic for the school students.

In September, we celebrated *Library Card Sign Up Month*. The Circulation Department issued over 200 new library cards. In celebration of the City's Sesquicentennial, we issued a limited edition, commemorative library card, which had the sesquicentennial logo on it. A creative display, near the Check Out Desk, represented each new card with a bee. Those who renewed or signed up for a new card were entered into a raffle to win one of three Amazon gift cards and also received an "I Love My Library" pin, made in the makerspace. We participated in the city-wide two day celebration at the end of the month. Staff spoke to over 300 people about what the library has to offer. It was a great opportunity to promote the makerspace. There was much interest in the new makerspace, some signed up for library cards, and many entered the free drawings for the three prize baskets. Various freebies were given out. The library was chosen as one of the 150 Sesquicentennial Treasures, designated by residents as the "gems" that make New Britain special. All gems were featured on an interactive mobile app called "*TravelStorys*". Users could navigate the city and personally experience each of these "gems". Staff put up a great display in the front display case, featuring several Sesquicentennial City gems.

The CCSU Department for Community Engagement class came for a library visit and tour. Teen Services created a TikTok account for teens. The first video was a tour of the Teen Room. The Homework Center was funded by the American Savings Foundation and operated January – June. One hundred students, from the CREC Academy School, visited to the Teen Room in June.

Children's had their first class visit in two years in March and participated in Family Fun Day at the NB Transitional Center. An inquiry was made by the School Readiness Liaison about providing services to home daycare providers. This is step one in serving a new segment of the population. Deposit collections, of twenty books each, were put together for pick-up by the home daycare providers for use at their homes for an extended time.

In collaboration with New Britain Roots, we offered a community seed library collection which offered a variety of seeds along with their growing information for borrowers to plant in their gardens.

The New Britain Symphony performed a live concert, in our Community Room for the first time since the pandemic struck, playing the Beatles.

There was a dance workshop, Birding 101, Edible Mushrooms in CT, infant massage, meditation, Lawyers in the Library, trivia nights, Harlem Renaissance, children's author teas, a Library Escape Room, Cityscape Photo Project, joint replacement webinar, Women in Jazz, The Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe, a walking book club, author talks, book groups, bees and butterflies, magic shows, Hoopla tutorial, Cut the Cord (alternatives to cable), the Drive-thru Trick-or-Treat for kids in the library parking lot and lots and lots of story times.

There was plenty of creating in the makerspace. Programs included: paper quilling, Pisanka eggs, Kentucky Derby hats, etched wine glasses, decoupage rocks, build a peeps house, dog tags, aromatherapy hand warmers, 3d printing, Cricut and Glowforge demos, plant markers, button maker, Cricut ornaments, throw pillows, book trees, greeting cards, heating pads, spider earrings, and pet bandanas.

And we wrapped up the year in June with the annual Summer Bash which offered lots of fun activities on the lawn to encourage summer reading and the library's summer reading clubs for every age. Griffin Health provided a vaccine clinic with the newly released pediatric vaccine and Harley the llama enthralled all.

Outreach included Halloween Trivia at Arbor Rose, a New Britain Berlin Rotary meeting ending with a tour of the makerspace, the City's NB Juneteenth Celebration, Arts in the Park, and Farmers' Market where staff shared information on the many services available at the library as well as sharing that the library is fine free.

We transitioned to a new HR platform, Bamboo HR. When it did not meet our payroll needs, we moved to Netchex. As the company did not provide what we needed, we contracted with iSolved, which involved extensive implementation and training. We are using various modules - payroll, time tracking, benefits, onboarding and hiring. Our first payroll was run in May 2022.

We had some resignations, we welcomed new staff and, sadly, there were two retirements and a departure of long time staff: When we lose long time staff, we lose a lot of wisdom, knowledge, information and history.

Barbara Morse retired, after a long and successful career of thirty four years, with the library, culminating her career as the Head of Technical Services. Barbara started in the Circulation Department as a clerk, acquired her MLS and worked her way up to the supervisor of the department. She was always ready to pitch in as needed in all the other departments. She mentored many and was all about teamwork. Joan Zakszewski, retired after a career of almost twenty-seven years. She also started in the Circulation Department, spending the majority of her career assisting and providing patrons with quality customer service until 2019 when she filled a vacancy in Technical Services. Patryk Zysek resigned after working at the library for eight and a half years. He also spent the majority of his career in the Circulation Department until moving to Technical Services as the Computer Technician at the end of 2020. During the time he was the Computer Technician, he capably and efficiently put our computer system in order. And to our delight, we had two new mommies on the staff, adding to the library family. Kiera Wojtaszek, Technical Services Acquisition LTA, welcomed her daughter in February and Emily Berardino, Circulation Supervisor welcomed her baby boy in May.

At the Literacy Volunteers' annual Love of Literacy event, the first LVCC Mission award was given to the Director and the Library. Literacy Volunteers acknowledged the library for helping LVCC achieve their mission, "as being the LVCC's strongest and most essential partner in the work of serving the literacy and citizenship needs of our community. The New Britain Public Library provides office space for staff and tutors and students to meet, resources and reading materials in our students' native languages. Without this support, LVCC simply would not exist. Pat's leadership during the pandemic made sure the critical library services our community relies upon continued to be available in a safe and accessible way." It is the perfect partnership, as we work together to improve lives through literacy.

All departments contribute to the success of the library. Some are more visible than others but each is as important, and each makes their own unique contributions. Supervisors guide their staff. Maintenance maintains and keeps the facilities clean and operating. Librarians and Library Associates select the materials to add to the collection through reviews. Staff assists with computers and technology challenges. They create displays. They sign up folks for cards, check in and out their materials, search for requested items, answer all types of questions, keep the collections in order, create and implement a wide variety of programs. They visit the schools and daycares, provide homebound deliveries and participate in community events. There is the administrative and financial work, paying the bills and processing payroll, the necessary Human Resource work, in addition to interviewing and hiring of staff. Technical Processing, perhaps the least visible, but without them there would not items on the shelves to borrow as they order, process and catalog items so we can find them.

The year had its challenges but also growth, rewards and successes. Most importantly, staff successfully delivered needed services and resources to its community. It's been an exciting and busy year that went by fast. Statistics will continue to increase and grow. Certainly, library services have been impacted by the last two years. Life has changed. Some of the changes, made to library services, will continue as we learned new ways to provide services. What we have found during this past year is the need for in-person programming. Staff did an exceptional job - in the variety of programs and new ways of offering services, which brought people in for library services. There is much to thank the staff for. It's been a very successful year and we look forward to another successful year.

Statistics at a glance (previous year is in parenthesis)

- The main library was opened 295 (294) days. The branch was opened 249 (103) days.
- We had 9,765 (12,421) card holders.
- 237,030 (211,415) items were checked out.
- There were 117,583 (70,368) patron visits.
- Staff answered 43,350 (40,747) informational and reference questions.
- Total circulation of the downloadable collection (Overdrive/Hoopla) was 16,029 (14,458). Overdrive checkouts were 14,347 (14,458) by 2,907 (2,821) users, including 4,099 checkouts of (4,532) Advantage titles. Hoopla had 1,682 checkouts by 674 users.
- Web page visits: 48,625 (75,329).
- 85 (46) deliveries were made to homebound patrons and nursing homes.

Statistics (continued)

- Computers were used 17,999 (12,808) times.
- Museum passes were borrowed 68 (73) times with the New Britain Museum of American Art pass, again, being the most popular pass borrowed.
- We offered 393 (252) programs which were attended by 15,750 (15,412) people.
- Our collection is comprised of 207,735 (208,767) items. 14,791 (39,084) items were withdrawn. 13,759 (16,729) items were added.

Staffing Changes

Adult Services

-New: Christopher Larson, Head of Adult Services, Librarian III, Janize Hernandez, Library Assistant, Amanda Vincent, Makerspace LTA, Rosa Santana, Library Assistant, Elizabeth McNally, Makerspace LTA

-Resignations

Elizabeth McNally, Makerspace LTA

Children's Services

-New: All Library Aides

Aniyah Pouncey, Isara Collins, Melody Roman- Abreu

-Resignations: Labida Goni, Aniyah Pouncey, Jade Shaheed

Circulation Department

-New: Paige Casey, Library Assistant, Joseph Feliciano, Library Aide, Carolyn Braxton-Valentin, Library Aide, Natalie Pikor, Library Aide, Jennifer Michael, Library Assistant, Rosa Santana, Library Assistant (previously Computer Center Library Assistant)

-Departures: Seema Kumar, Library Assistant, Jennifer Michael, Library Assistant, Natalie Pikor, Library Aide, Vivian Qiu, Library Aide

Technical Services

-New: Kiera Wojtaszek, Acquisitions LTA (previously Circulation Library Assistant)

-Retirement/Resignations: Barbara Morse, Head of Technical Services (retired), Martha Atakori, Library Aide, Joan Zakszewski, Library Assistant II (retired), Patryk Zysek, Computer Technician

Teen Services

-New: Mahogany Rich, Library Assistant (previously Technical Services Library Aide)

-Resignation: Alexis Clarke, Library Assistant

Fundraising, Grants and Gifts

- Evelyn Berg Bequest \$5,559.90
- Bershaw Family Fund \$1,000
- Friends of the Library grant \$12,500
- Annual Giving Campaign raised \$15,530.50
- Carolyn Aston Consolidated Fund of First Church of Christ \$6,000
- Stanley Seniors Charitable Foundation donated \$ 3,000.
- American Savings Foundation Homework Center \$3,402
- Patrick Clow in memory of Cheryl Clow \$1,000
- Naples Family Trust \$500
- Jeannette C. Varkal Fund \$500
- Paul & Lenore Martin \$2,000, in memory of George & Phyllis Martin
- ARPA (American Rescue Plan) grant \$3,000

Pat Rutkowski
Director

NEW BRITAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF

As of 6/30/2022

ADMINISTRATION

Patricia Rutkowski, Library Director
Marian Farley, Assistant Director
Beth Iacampo, Human Resources Manager
Lisa Sandow, Administrative Assistant
Donna Maisto, Bookkeeper

CIRCULATION

Emily Berardino, Circulation Supervisor
Vicki Aiudi
Susan Atwood
Carolyn Bracero-Valentin
Paige Casey
Catherine Demetro
Kristina Farina
Chloe Santana
Rosa Santana
Lucia Werkheiser

JEFFERSON BRANCH

Kathleen Holly, Branch Supervisor
Norma Bisson
Ava DePietro

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Head of Technical Services, vacant
Martha Atakora
Louise Courchaine
Janet Picano
Megan Thompson
Kiera Wojtaszek

ADULT SERVICES REFERENCE

Christopher Larson, Head of Adult Services
Danielle Berube, Assistant Head of Adult Services
Vanessa Ayala
Crystal Casey
Christina Ehnnot
Brett Garabedian
Legna Melendez
Bryan Morris
Jennifer Ohlund
Jason Villani
Amanda Vincent

YOUNG ADULT

Emily Mulvey, Young Adult Supervisor
Mahogany Rich

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Amy Litke, Head of Children's Services
Aneesa Aviles
Martha Baylock
JoAnn Bostrom
Audrey Carman
Catherine Cheney
Isara Collins
Melody Roman-Abreu
Aniya Pouncey
Stephen Woshinsky

MAINTENANCE

Todd Amoroso
Ernesto Baez
Thomas Dumais

New Britain Public Library

	Budget FY 21-22	June FYE
REVENUES		
City Appropriation	3,025,000	3,025,000
State Grant	0	0
Desk receipts	12,000	4,811
Endowment	37,800	0
Gifts, grants, etc.	45,000	60,939
Sheehan Interest-computers	17,300	17,300
Borrowlt	3,349	8,378
NEH Grant Fund Income	6,000	0
Special Appropriation	0.00	0
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,146,449</u>	<u>3,116,427</u>
EXPENSES		
Library Staff	1,808,167	1,719,881
Social Security	112,106	106,941
Medicare taxes	26,218	25,010
Employee insurance	413,607	348,967
Pension	109,653	69,321
Unemployment Compensation	10,000	0
TOTAL PERSONNEL	<u>2,479,751</u>	<u>2,270,120</u>
Audio Visual	49,000	36,830
Books	133,500	135,745
Microfilm	1,000	954
Periodicals	16,000	16,435
Realia	750	408
Software	2,750	4,701
On-line services	38,000	38,943
TOTAL MATERIALS	<u>241,000</u>	<u>234,016</u>
Building Improvements	-	0
Professional/contracted fees	18,000	20,017
Audit	14,000	13,250
Capitol Expenditures	0.00	0
Parking	3,600	3,600
Fuel and utilities	109,000	118,190
Equipment & furniture	8,000	7,180
Maintenance Contracts, etc.	51,777	78,031
Computers	17,300	15,387
Insurance	31,000	29,863
Library Supplies	16,500	15,314
Postage/Printing/Advertising	6,500	9,861
Building maintenance supls.	15,000	10,427
Security	42,780	40,562
Telephone	10,000	9,992
Automation system	52,590	52,590
Legal Fees	5,000	1,460
Travel	1,650	877
Training/conferences/etc.	4,500	3,498
Programming	13,000	11,373
Institutional dues	1,500	1,660
Educational Reimbursement	4,000	3,000
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>425,697</u>	<u>446,131</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>3,146,448</u>	<u>2,950,267</u>

The New Britain Industrial Museum
New Britain Institute ANNUAL Report
October 20, 2022



New Britain Public Library Display

We are happy to report that, due to the events of fiscal 2021-22, The New Britain Industrial Museum is well positioned to move into a permanent home at the next opportunity!

Operations and Expansion

- The NBIM vacated the temporary exhibit space in Anvil Place and reopened the museum at 59 West Main in November 2021
- In February, the NBIM received two grants front the CT Humanities for both operating support and capacity building. Substantial funding has also been received to address the museums storage issues. The funds will be used to acquire the heavy-duty shelving and pallet racking that will permit the most efficient use of the space for both storage and working with the collection. Currently working with the selected vendor to finalize pricing and installation. We hope to have all installed this fall.
- Most importantly, the museum has recently received two substantial donations to support our new location/building fund. The NBIM Board is looking to hire a consultant to work with museum volunteers to develop a layout and space requirements for future displays, works spaces and storage. We are currently developing a detailed RFP to accomplish this important goal.

Exhibits:

- **“Under Lock and Key” [200 years of New Britain Locks] Opening reception** at the New Britain Industrial Museum, 59 West Main Street, New Britain, opened in May and is ongoing. It boasts perhaps the largest display of New Britain manufactured padlocks mounted so far, and perhaps the oldest door locks manufactured here - by North & Stanley.
- **“The Elegance of Landers, Fray & Clark”** was installed in May in the large New Britain Public Library showcase. The public enjoyed seeing almost one hundred rarely seen “UNIVERSAL” goods manufactured over 100 years.
- Items from the **permanent collection** were on display throughout the period, and many new and very special items added as they were donated or purchased



Visitors Doctor and Congresswoman Johnson



North & Stanley Locks c.1820s

Important New Acquisitions: (Partial List)

- Classic Stanley Tool case
- NB Machine vise stand c. 1915
- Landers Sweetheart toaster c. 1925;
- North/Stanley Church Lock c. 1825;
- Large set of Stanley power tools and accessories;
- Corbin Cabinet Lock drawer platform to match with the key cutter already in the collection c. 1900;
- Rare Russwin salesmans sample case from the 1930's;
- Rare Traut & Hine manufactured date stamping device;
- Gold-plated presentation Stanley hammer;
- Bronze plaque from the historic Connecticut Furriers storefront;

- Corbin Screw division manufactured tachometer made for Veeder-Root c. 1920;
- Landers/Turnbull family scale with original decoration c1890;
- Russell & Erwin Axe c1885;
- Landers electric stove timer manuf. by Seth Thomas c. 1930;
- Landers cocktail pitcher c1940 Pair of North & Judd spurs c. 1950
- Very large collection of letters concerning The Stanley Works
- Rare North and Judd Buffalo Bill Pistol Bit
- Original Landers Frary and Clark advertising from 1923
- Pair of very early Stanley Magic Door sensor posts circa 1930's.
- Many other donations to support New Britain's great legacy

In Memory

We have lost three of the museum's longest serving and most important volunteers in the last few months. **Lois Blomstrann**, who passed away in August, was a founding member of our Board who served many roles over the years including producing years of wonderful newsletters that are now part of the museum's reference treasures.

In June we lost **Paulette Kellerstedt**, who along with her husband Burt, was a founding member. She and Burt donated many Landers items that still form the core of our Universal collection. They were our resident experts on Landers, Frary and Clark and steadfastly volunteered at the museum for many years. [Burt passed away in 2005]

This month **William "Bill" Wixon** passed away. He was our treasurer and kept us on the straight and narrow over many of the earlier formative years. His guidance and amicable advice was critical during those important years of growth.

In gratitude for all they did, the board is currently planning a celebration to honor these wonderful people.



Paulette and Burton Kellerstedt



Lois Blomstrann



Bill Wixon

Postscript: McInerney's Horse



Five years ago our museum inherited a very familiar lifesize model horse from the **New Britain Art League**. We had heard that prior to its residency in the League's barn, the horse had resided in the sales room at **North & Judd**. From approximately 1920 to 1970 the folks there displayed saddlery hardware on the realistic looking equine. Prior to that it was rumored to be posed proudly in front of an unnamed tack shop on Church Street, but was that just an urban legend?

Well, whoa! After emptying a box of items donated to us by sister organization **New Britain Youth Museum** and hanging *this picture* - we slowly became aware that there was a surprisingly calm looking horse standing in the picture of **J. McInerney's harness shop**. We excitedly checked our historic directories and confirmed that the store had indeed been located on Church Street.

Eureka! This is the same horse we inherited and we guess that she (?) is at least 130 years old now and deserves a prominent spot in our new location as a true New Britain survivor and legend.

NEW BRITAIN INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED, JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES			
Contributions	\$ 33,130	\$100,250	\$133,380
Grants	24,498	14,900	39,398
Memberships	3,380	---	3,380
Sales	591	---	591
Investment income	5	18,603	18,608
Realized gain on investments	---	543	543
Total support and revenues	<u>61,604</u>	<u>134,296</u>	<u>195,900</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Rent and storage	18,125	---	18,125
Telephone and internet	1,959	---	1,959
Electricity	2,416	---	2,416
Insurance	1,268	---	1,268
Promotion and advertising	175	---	175
Meeting expense	253	---	253
Fundraising expense	1,297	---	1,297
Postage	232	---	232
Volunteers	247	---	247
Dues	215	---	215
Office supplies	951	---	951
Depreciation	4,702	---	4,702
Professional services	2,613	---	2,613
Exhibit expenses	4,988	---	4,988
Membership cultivation	349	---	349
Investment/administrative expenses	---	3,340	3,340
Wages	7,800	---	7,800
Taxes	874	---	874
Realized loss on investments	---	22	22
Unrealized loss on investments	---	56,870	56,870
Total expenditures	<u>48,464</u>	<u>60,232</u>	<u>108,696</u>
Increase in net assets	13,140	74,064	87,204
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>19,437</u>	<u>208,692</u>	<u>228,129</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 32,577</u>	<u>\$282,756</u>	<u>\$315,333</u>

New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center



2021-2022

Annual Report

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A letter from the President and Executive Director

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Nature Center Program Coordinator
and Office Manager

Adam Marzi
Animal Care Coordinator,
Volunteer Coordinator and Educator

Sage Meehan
Membership Coordinator and
Nature Center Guest Services

Tom Pascocello
Executive Director

Jason Pepin
Animal Care and Educator

Nicole Sidwell
Educator

Rusty Spence
Maintenance

Donna Veach
Development and Marketing

The past few years have been an ever-changing blend of unique challenges and exciting opportunities. Even after completing significant capital improvements over the past several years, updating and renovating both the New Britain Youth Museum and the Hungerford Nature Center, we're still at it! In the past fiscal year, with tremendous support from the City of New Britain, we transformed the outdated kitchen at Hungerford Nature Center. The new, professional-grade kitchen will expand our ability to host events, an excellent use of the recently renovated patio space. Also at Hungerford, generous grants from local foundations allowed us to replace the roof and paint the interior ceiling – a huge upgrade inside and out! And a grant from the Petit Family Foundation allowed us to transform our demonstration garden to a new, interactive, family-friendly children's garden, complete with grasshopper ride, a new fountain, pergola, little lending library, and educational displays.

At the downtown Youth Museum, a grant from the American Savings Foundation funded renovations to the upstairs classroom, bathrooms, and offices. The newly renovated classroom is an ideal space for our expanded community programs (more on that later!). Outside, the grant also allowed us to put in a new Children's Courtyard, creating both new space for interactive exhibits as well as an outdoor oasis for families to play and learn. It also funded new security doors and cameras to keep the venue safe. Inside, a new healthy food exhibit features interactive activities and educational videos that encourage healthy eating.

Last year, in-person school-based outreach and educational programming resumed, and our education team has resumed a busy schedule visiting classrooms from pre-k through grade school. New grant funding allowed us to expand our program offerings going beyond the school day as well. Our educational team designed over 100 new programs to be presented to community groups, senior centers, and the general public throughout the year. Our Summer Nature Camps were also able to resume in person last summer, with four one-week sessions offering unique learning opportunities and summer fun!

With so much more to see and do, visits to both locations continue to increase, and families stay longer and come back more often. In fact, our membership numbers continue to grow, with growing numbers of families who come for the community programming becoming members so they can take advantage of all the Youth Museum and Nature Center have to offer. Plus, after a two-year hiatus, in 2021 we were able to bring back the ever-popular, Pumpkin Palooza.

We are extremely grateful for the continued financial support of the City of New Britain. Local foundations such as the American Savings Foundation, Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, the Marjorie Moore Foundation, Connecticut Humanities, HUD and the many corporations and individuals that have helped continue to meet our goal of becoming one of the leading environmental and recreational destinations in Connecticut.



Christopher LaSaracina, President



Thomas Pascocello, Executive Director

Thank You To Our Volunteers

"I have been a part of the Hungerford family, in various capacities, for more than 30 years. During that time, I have been privileged to work beside many talented, brilliant and compassionate people dedicated to the history and future of the nature center and its guests. As Hungerford continues to reinvent itself, I continue to volunteer at events and projects, joining others to help make Hungerford the best it can be."

Cathy Meehan

"I was introduced into the Hungerford community at a young age through participating in many of the wonderful programs offered. I have fond childhood memories where I spent hours exploring the exhibits and getting to know the animals. When I met my closest friends, who also work and volunteer for Hungerford, it made perfect sense to me to give back to this organization through volunteer work as well. Though I live farther away now, the times I get to return as a volunteer to Hungerford and see the greatness it still brings to the local communities is beyond rewarding."

Madeline Bouchard

Animal Care Volunteers

Lisa Lozier	Shaley
Sara Fraiser	Aymara
Sue Silva	Kayon
Ryson	Ava
Emily	Evangeline
Eve	Anthony
Melvin	

"I like the opportunity to be able to work with so many different species." - **Eve**.

"I like to see the animals and to help clean to keep the animals 'houses' clean." - **Kasha**

"Working with the animals is my meditation time." - **Anthony**

"I love to see the happy faces of the barnyard friends when I feed them and I like being able to work with raptors." - **Sara**

Local Organizations that Support Animal Care through Student Volunteers

Portland High School

Lyman Hall High School VOAG

Southington VOAG

M.A.R.C.

A.R.C.

Special Event Volunteers

Melissa Meehan	Jean Larson
Cathy Meehan	Debra DiCicco
Karie Ottavi	Sandy Desrochers
David Ottavi	Sara Putala
Madeline Bouchard	Loretta Putala
Kelly Boyle	Laura Kersey
Nancy Gould	

Interested in Volunteering?

Please call for more information:
(860) 225-3020 to Volunteer at the Youth Museum.
(860) 827-9064 to Volunteer at Hungerford Nature Center.
Or Email HungerfordNatureCenter@gmail.com

Applications are available on our website:
www.newbritainyouthmuseum.org/volunteers

Year in Review

Animal Care

Animal Care has had a rollercoaster of a year. This past year we sadly said goodbye to three of our beloved friends; Moose the Ferret (7), Marigold the Llama (19) and Clackers the Great Horned Owl (32). They will be missed.

Here's the rollercoaster, everyone please help me welcome the four newest members of the Hungerford family: Two non-releasable Barred Owls will now call Hungerford their forever home. We also welcome our two new alpacas, Bert and Ernie! We have also broken ground on expanding the large animal pasture area in partnership with a local Eagle Scout program. This shaded area will almost double the space for the Wilma the cow and friends.



Petit Foundation Garden

The Petit Family Foundation honors the memories of Jennifer Hawke-Petit, Hayley Elizabeth Petit and Michaela Rose Petit by continuing the kindness, idealism and activism that defined their lives. The foundation's funds are given to foster the education of young people, especially women in the sciences; to improve the lives of those affected by chronic illness; and to support the efforts to help and protect

those affected by violence.

Our garden is a tribute to the wonderful work they do. There are play areas for children, a small fairy village, interactive displays and a variety of flowers and plants, including Michaela Petit's Four O'Clocks, the official Children's State Flower of CT.

Special Events

The Pumpkin Palooza was a huge success. Over 300 carved pumpkins lined our trails. We had a wonderful turnout despite it being a bit rainy one of the nights.

This year's holiday auction will be held on November 19th at the Shuttle Meadow Country Club, so "Save the Date."

Membership

Our membership continues to grow. Benefits include free or discounted admission to museums and nature centers as part of the Association of Nature Center Administrators (ANCA), American Horticulture Society (AHS), Reciprocal Organization of Associated Museums (ROAM), North American Reciprocal Museum Association (NARM) and Association of Science – Technology Center (ASTC).

Classes

During this past year Nicole has begun several exciting preschool programs at Hungerford. We are now offering Nature School on two week-day mornings for children ages 3 to 5 with their caregivers. These classes explore nature and animal topics through stories, hands-on science experiments, crafts, songs, and movement. Much of the class time is spent with animals and exploring the outdoors. Once a week we hold a very popular drop-in story time where attendees meet one of Hungerford's animals, listen to a story and complete an art project centered around that particular animal and its habits and needs.

Nicole has also begun weekly nature walks focused on seasonal changes occurring on our trails, in our woods, and pond. During this school year, she also will be focusing on increasing attendance of school-aged children to our Center through a class for home-schooled students focusing on STEAM as well as a class for students to learn about taking care of domestic animals.

Last January at the downtown Youth Museum, Nicole began weekly classes held in the upstairs classroom for children ages 2 to 5 years old with their caregivers. This class is so popular that we now run two full classes each Friday to meet the needs of the families in attendance. In these classes, children are exposed to various age-appropriate science projects, literature, and school readiness concepts. In the future, Nicole anticipates reaching out to more school-aged New Britain children and their families.

New Britain Youth Museum

Through the continued generosity of the American Savings Foundation, our downtown facility has had some capital improvements. We were able to complete our kitchen with some new appliances and updated cabinets. Additionally, the bathrooms were freshened up along with fresh paint throughout. The children's garden in the back of the museum is almost complete with its beautiful pavers and interactive hands-on exhibits. A new fence was installed surrounding the garden.

We have transformed a couple of rooms upstairs to be very user friendly so that we may offer space for larger meetings/events and a great space for our educational programming currently offered on Friday mornings for children and their parents/caregivers. Which, I may add is very successful and very well attended.

Attendance is steadily growing to pre-pandemic numbers. We continually change and swap out indoor exhibits to keep things fresh and to encourage engagement and repeat visits.

Our most recent addition is a bouncy bee outside our front door which has become quite the icon replacing the Fafnir Dragon which was donated to the Industrial Museum last year, the perfect forever home for it.

By the Numbers

NEW BRITAIN YOUTH MUSEUM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$291,509	Amounts due to related party	\$1,029
Investments	383,981	Accounts payable	550
Inventory	1,061	Accrued taxes and expenses	54,375
Total Current Assets	676,551	Total Current Liabilities	55,954
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		NET ASSETS	
Building improvements	125,790	Unrestricted net assets	152,163
Furniture and equipment	148,317	Board designated net assets	25,258
	274,107	Total Unrestricted Net Assets	177,419
Less accumulated depreciation	(254,248)	Temporarily restricted net assets	463,037
Total Property and Equipment	19,859	Total Net Assets	640,456
Total Assets	\$696,410	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	696,410

	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUES			
City of New Britain Contributions	\$362,000	\$ ---	\$362,000
Grants	80,980	---	60,980
Program income	---	172,489	172,489
Memberships	120,728	---	120,728
Special events	15,943	---	15,943
Gift shop sales	10,274	---	10,274
Investment income	1,473	---	1,473
Gain on investments	---	39,666	39,666
Net assets released from restrictions	---	1,567	1,567
	<u>150,703</u>	<u>(150,703)</u>	<u>---</u>
Total Support and Revenues	<u>722,101</u>	<u>63,019</u>	<u>785,120</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Program services	453,236	---	453,236
Management and general	176,997	---	176,997
Unrealized loss on investments	---	95,045	95,045
Net assets transferred to restrictions	25,000	(25,000)	---
Total Expenditures	<u>655,233</u>	<u>70,045</u>	<u>725,278</u>
Increase in Net Assets	66,868	(7,026)	59,842
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>110,551</u>	<u>470,063</u>	<u>580,614</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$177,419</u>	<u>\$463,037</u>	<u>\$640,456</u>

617
Pre-School
Students

Virtual
Programs for
450 Students

Storytime and
Nature Walk
Drop In
reached 482

There were
25 New Britain Off
Site programs,
reaching 670
students.

Groups visited the
Hungerford Nature
Center with a total
644 of students.

3,765
Children
visited

801
People
attended
Special Events.

There were
79 Off Site
programs, reaching
1,961 students.

3,494
Members
visited

3,566
Adults
visited

32 Birthday
Parties for
594 guests

Members

Benefactor

Robert Mittica

Family Plus Members

Almeida Family
Basinger Family
Frank E. Bradley
Sandra Brown
Wenching Chen
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Elise Kiser
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Jean Larson
Elaine Lechiewicz
Min Liao
Lin Family
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Linda Mattie
McDermott Family
David McSergi
Kenneth and Catherine Meehan
Melissa Meehan and Alex Folsom
Michael Melillo
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Murphy Family
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Shu kai Wu
Yeh Family
Zhang Family

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Adhikari Family
Aguilera Family
Ed Alicea
Alicki Family
Antoinette Almeida
Gerry and Lisa Amodio
Lia Antos
Joanna Audette
Denise Bagwell

Banker Family
Bannon Family
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Kelly Belanger
Nancy Beltran
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