2016 was a year of growth and change at the library. The most high-profile development was, of course, the construction project. The building received a much-needed overhaul in two of the most heavily used areas: the Customer Services Department and Local History. Highlights of the project include adding a drive-up book return, implementing item self-check for those who wish to bypass traditional checkout, creating a new business center, building a new meeting room, and relocating the Local History Room to the main floor. We’re very pleased to report that we completed the construction within the projected timeline and budget. We appreciate your patience during the inconvenience of the renovation, but hope you will agree that it was well worth the wait.

Also new last year was our first annual Discover Your Library fundraiser. The event allowed us to leverage funds raised by the committee with a grant from the Barberton Community Foundation, which enabled the purchase of 18 Chromebooks for customer use, technology coaching, and outreach programs. We thank everyone who attended and worked to make this effort a success. The second annual event will be coming in October 2017.

A new service, 3 for Me library cards, allows children to check out up to three books, print items, or eMedia from our library without the signature of a parent or guardian. This service is vital, as not all children who visit our library have an adult who is willing and able to help them borrow books. It is our goal to have a library card in the hand of every child in Barberton and 3 for Me cards allow us to reach a group of children who otherwise may not have access to library materials.

Finally, in 2016 we celebrated 45 years of service by our Friends of the Barberton Public Library. This active group has established a tradition of supporting the library in our mission, but they are always looking for new ways to grow literacy in the Barberton community. Last year they awarded their first scholarship to a graduating senior. In November 2016, the Friends established their first Little Free Library in cooperation with the Barberton Moose.

The library enjoys fantastic support from our community and we are grateful for the patronage. As always, it was a pleasure to serve Barberton residents in 2016 and it will be our pleasure to continue our work in 2017.
Library Use
Items Borrowed: 331,777
Registered Library Card Holders: 21,933
Library Visitors: 173,264
Meeting Room/Quiet Study Use: 4,937
Questions Answered: 32,448
Computer Sessions: 34,164
Wireless Use Sessions: 34,620

Children’s Programs Offered: 466
Attendance at Children’s Programs: 15,825
Teen Programs Offered: 46
Teen Program Attendance: 472
Adult Programs Offered: 244
Adult Program Attendance: 4,520

Total Programs: 756
Total Program Attendance: 20,817

The Collections
Print Books: 75,025
Print Magazine Subscriptions: 169
Videos: 14,016
CDs: 5,326
E-books: 373,194
Downloadable Videos: 18,738
Downloadable Audio: 370,649
Databases: 81

GENERAL INFORMATION

Brenda Worthy and her niece, Syriah Tyler, at the Taste of Tea program in June 2016.

Anna Wallace got her book, Andi Unstoppable, signed by author Amanda Flowers.

Officer Bon Hill (L), Kaden Hiller, and Officer Justin Brownfield (R) played Giant Jenga at the first Got Game program in October 2016.
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Expenditures: $2,403,074

Library Services
- Public Services and Programs: $976,917
- Collection Development: $189,078

Support Services
- Facilities Operation and Maintenance: $81,863
- Information Services: $87,486
- Business Administration: $73,245

Capital Outlay: $994,485

Revenue: $1,596,789

- Public Library Fund: $888,354
- Local Property Tax: $577,027
- Homestead: $77,143
- Fines and Fees: $35,361
- Gifts and Donations: $10,482
- Miscellaneous: $4,826
- Investment Earnings: $3,596

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The Mission

The Barberton Public Library will promote independent thought and community interaction by providing services and resources necessary for individuals to pursue educational, creative, personal, and professional interest.

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