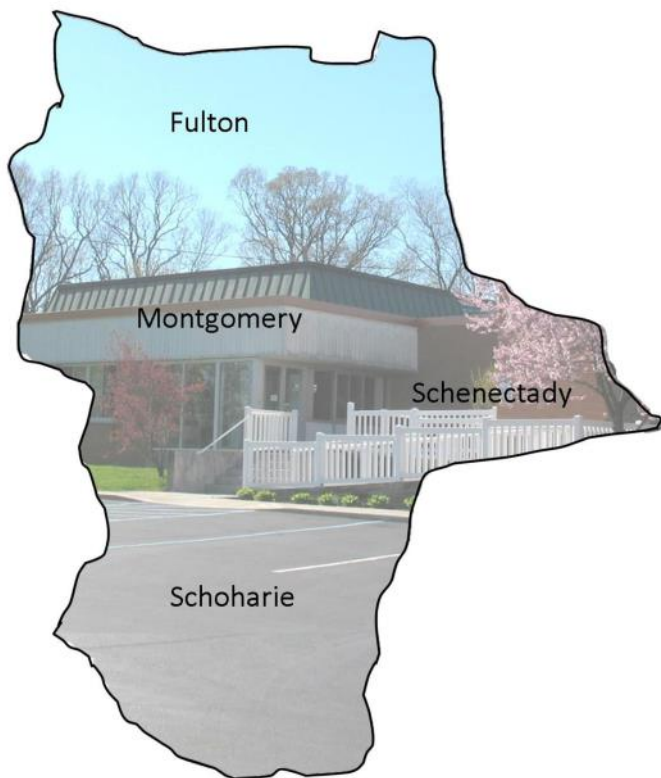


The Foundation

Supporting Libraries for the Future

For Mohawk Valley Libraries



Annual Report

For calendar year

2018

Foundation Mission and Overview

The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries supports the Mohawk Valley Library System, providing funding that helps the fourteen member libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties. The Foundation is a fully registered public charity with a mission of raising money to benefit libraries.



A gorgeous day at the Mohawk Golf Tournament

Formed in 2014, the Foundation has established successful traditions as an organization that works to provide opportunities for public libraries in the Mohawk Valley Library System service area. Those traditions include fundraising efforts, grant programs to support libraries and the annual Foundation meeting.

Fundraising events now include two annual golf tournaments and the annual year-end campaign. With these combined efforts, we are able to raise \$15,000 annually to benefit libraries. The grant programs have been established to provide that funding in ways that will maximize the impact on library services in the Mohawk Valley. And our annual Foundation program, held each June, provides a new educational opportunity for library staff and trustees.

The remainder of this report provides the details of how these traditions played out in 2018. The Foundation's volunteer board, representing all four counties, many additional volunteers, the Mohawk Valley Library System board and staff and the many donors and supporters listed later in the report are committed to continuing to work together to raise and distribute additional funding that allows libraries in the Mohawk Valley to explore new services and programs. We invite all to join us in this valuable and vital work.

Fundraising Efforts

Two golf tournaments and the year end campaign formed the basis of Foundation fundraising efforts in 2018. On May 18, we held our fourth annual tournament at the Mohawk Golf Club. With major sponsors the Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital, Rivers Casino & Resort, and Neil & Jane Golub, many other sponsors and donors, and a good contingent of volunteers and players; the Foundation successfully raised more than \$5,000 at what has become the signature annual library fundraising event in Schenectady. Thanks to all who contribute to this ongoing success.

A second golf tournament has now become a tradition in the western part of our service area, allowing for additional participants and sponsors. Bonnie Kerr and her dedicated group of volunteers planned, recruited donors and golfers, and hosted a great tournament at the Canajoharie Golf & Country Club on July 30, 2018. With many sponsors and donors, and seven foursomes of golfers; the tournament was a smashing success, raising nearly \$3,000 and getting many businesses, individuals and libraries involved in the mission of raising money for libraries. These two golf tournaments will benefit Mohawk Valley libraries for years to come.



Canajoharie Golf Tournament Basket Raffle

Finally, our track record for successful year-end appeal netted \$5,000 from 50 donors, establishing a tradition that involves donors from across the service area that give to benefit libraries. To this suite of traditions, we are working to add the ability for libraries to establish dedicated funds that allow for individualized fundraising for specific library purposes as well as for planned giving efforts. We will continue to work with the member libraries to develop ways that the foundation can directly benefit public libraries through targeted fundraising.

Grants to Benefit MVLS Libraries

The Foundation Grant Programs matured and expanded in 2018, bringing greater benefits to the MVLS member libraries. The *Dream and Do Grants* allowed libraries to add display shelving, computer furnishings, specialized equipment, library classes and events for adults and children, and expanded access to library materials.

Member libraries also received assistance through the *Advocacy Grant* program. This grant program allows libraries to use grant funding to increase their community engagement and local public funding. Several libraries held successful library proposition campaigns to boost the community's investment in the library. The Johnstown Public Library was successful in changing their charter to a school district public library. These efforts will continue in 2019.



Canajoharie "Library of Things" purchased through a Foundation grant

2019 Projects & Goals

Grants for MVLS Libraries will continue, with both grant programs expanding in 2018.

Two Golf Tournaments are planned: May 17 at the Mohawk Golf Club and July 29 at the Canajoharie Country Club.

Planned Giving initiatives to raise and hold money specifically for member library projects remain viable.

Financial Reports - 2018

In this fourth full fiscal year, the Foundation continued to establish norms for both income and expenses. The fundraising initiatives that have been established have settled in to regular occurrences that will net at least \$15,000 per year, money that is then available to the MVLS member libraries through well established grant programs. The Foundation remains very focused on minimizing administrative and overhead costs, so all of the money raised is available for helping MVLS serve the member libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie Counties.

Statement of Activities January 1 through December 31, 2018

Income

Contributions	\$4,650
Grants	\$2,065
Event Revenue	\$18,028
Total	\$24,743

Expense

Grants Awarded	\$13,700
Event Fees	\$8,574
Supplies & Postage	\$920
Total	\$23,194

Net Assets Beginning of Year \$18,933

Net Assets End of Year \$20,482

Donors & Supporters

Major Donors (\$1,000 or more)

Neil & Jane Golub
Stewarts Shops

Rivers Casino and Resort
Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital

Sustaining Donors (\$500 - \$999)

John H. Blackmon
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Palatine Literary Society
Catherine Parry
Pattersonville Furniture Store
Jonathan D. Pessen
Carl Pieper
Pine Lake Stove & Fireplace

Pizza Hut
Price Chopper Supermarket
Price Chopper Supermarkets
Price Chopper's Golub Foundation
Raindancer Restaurant
Stephen and Ellen Renison
Robins Nest Hair Salon
Eleanor Rowland
Rubbin Butts Bar-B-Q
Ruby & Quiri
Save-A-Lot Grocery
Say it with Signs
SEARS Valley Home Center
Secret Caverns
Sharon Springs Granola Co.
Shear Delights
Sheila's Hair Salon
Carlton Shepard
Sievert's Sports, Inc.
Sondra's Fine Jewelry
Eleanor Spencer
St. Johnsville Nursing Center
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The Historic Hoffman Farm
The Open Door Bookstore
The Shults Agency
The Tire Shop
The Wrath of Grapes
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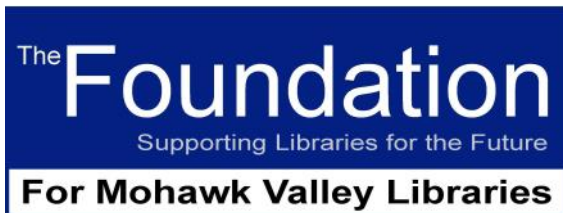
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Foundation board meetings are held six times each year at the MVLS Service Center, 858 Duaneburg Rd., Schenectady, NY 12306. Please check the website for details.



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