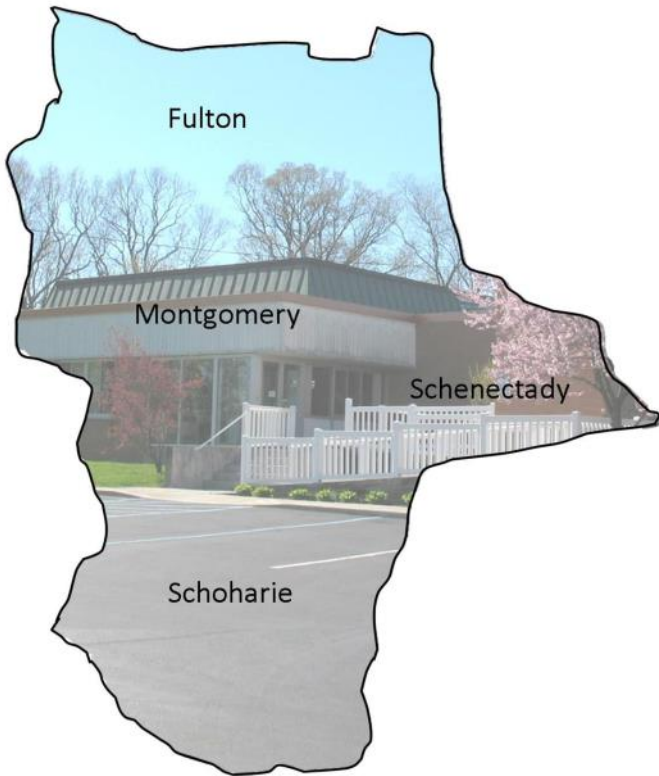


# The Foundation

Supporting Libraries for the Future

**For Mohawk Valley Libraries**



## Annual Report

for calendar year

**2022**

## 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.



On the green at the Canajoharie 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 was successful in 2022, including events like the golf tournaments, annual giving, and larger tie-ins like Library Giving Day and Giving Tuesday. We were able to raise enough to rebuild the foundation fund balance after Covid. The grant programs continued to provide 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 valued educational opportunity for library staff and trustees.

The remainder of this report provides the details of how these traditions played out in 2022. The Foundation's volunteer board, representing the 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

The Foundation had its busiest year ever in 2022, as we worked to raise money for public libraries. Fundraising initiatives now happen year-round, and include many giving opportunities.

Our fundraising year now begins with Library Giving Day. This nationwide giving opportunity, often associated with National Library Week, takes place in early April. By plugging into this tested giving mechanism, the Foundation raises more than \$2,000 with minimal effort, creating another touchpoint for existing donors and attracting new supporters.

The Canajoharie golf tournament keeps the Foundation engaged in the western part of our service area. Twenty golfers and 30 donors made for a small but successful tournament, with a profit of more than \$3,000. Thank you to all of the participants, donors and volunteers!

For our second golf tournament, we traveled to the Van Patten Golf Club in Clifton Park on September 26. This was another small but successful tournament where 20 golfers along with donors and volunteers helped the Foundation raise over \$3,000 in profit. Again, thanks to all who worked to make this possible.



Foundation golfers at the Van Patten Golf Club

Finally, we again did our end-of-year annual appeal, combined with the Stay at Home & READ! concept. This has been our primary fundraising mechanism. Combined with all other initiatives, we raised nearly \$16,000 in 2022. These activities allow the Foundation to provide support to the public libraries of the Mohawk Valley Library System. Since its inception in 2014, the Foundation has granted more than \$92,000 to strengthen area public libraries.

## Grants to Benefit MVLS Libraries

The Foundation Grant Programs matured and expanded in 2022, bringing valued benefits to the MVLS member libraries. Grant applications were down slightly, but many libraries continue to participate. The *Dream and Do Grants* allowed libraries to add display shelving, computer furnishings, specialized equipment, library classes and events , 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.



Foundation supported STEM programming in Middleburgh

## 2023 Projects & Goals

**Grants for MVLS Libraries** will continue, with a new grant program for summer reading in 2023.

**Two Golf Tournaments** are planned: the Canajoharie tournament on July 24 and a Cobleskill tournament on September 25.

**New Giving** initiatives to raise money include the Stay at Home & READ event, Giving Tuesday, and Library Giving Day.

## Financial Reports - 2022

In 2022, the Foundation regained some of the fund balance that was depleted in 2020 and 2021 when we couldn't do all fundraising activities. The Foundation remains in sound financial condition, with money available for additional grant opportunities for libraries. The Foundation remains very focused on minimizing administrative and overhead costs so that all of the money raised is available for helping MVLS serve the member libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, and Schoharie Counties. As we go forward, the hope is that our income generating activities expand to open up opportunities for more grant funding to help our libraries connect to their communities.

### Statement of Activities January 1 through December 31, 2022

#### Income

Contributions	\$7,824
Grants	\$1,350
Event Revenue	\$10,036
Total	\$19,210

#### Expense

Grants Awarded	\$11,000
Event Fees	\$2,909
Supplies & Postage	\$1,027
Total	\$14,937

**Net Assets Beginning of Year** \$13,382

**Net Assets End of Year** \$17,655

## Donors & Supporters

### Major Donors (\$1,000 or more)

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Donors of Auction Items  
Basket Donations

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Vice President:	Doug McFadden
Secretary:	Sally Rappa
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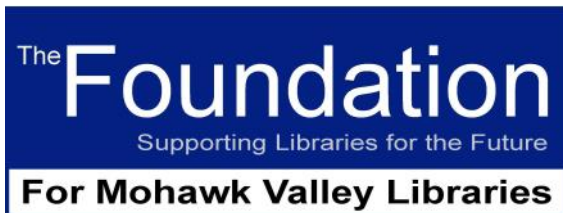
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Foundation board meetings are held six times each year at the MVLS Service Center, 858 Duanesburg Rd., Schenectady, NY 12306. Please check the website for details.



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