

Hellertown Area Library Awarded Keystone Grant

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Lower Saucon Township is pleased to announce that the Township and the Hellertown Area Library have been awarded a \$117,000 Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund grant. The grant was applied for jointly by the Township and the Library and the funds are awarded to the supporting municipality. The Township's capital contribution to the library will be matched with the grant award to provide a total of \$234,000 in funding that will be used to renovate and improve the interior library space, including a new computer lab, new circulation desk, increased square footage in the children's area, and new paint and carpet throughout the facility.



At the start of 2014, the Hellertown Area Library became the home library for both Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township. As a result, the Library's service area more than doubled; from 5,898 borough residents to a combined population of 16,670.

Keystone funds are used to help public libraries build new facilities, renovate older buildings and make services more accessible. Since the inception of the Keystone Fund, The Office of Commonwealth Libraries has awarded funds to support 212 projects in 48 different counties across the Commonwealth. The Borough of Hellertown and the Hellertown Area Library received a \$75,000 Keystone Fund grant in 2007 to install an elevator in the library building which is located at 409 Constitution Avenue in Hellertown Borough.