

Southern Lehigh Public Library
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Public Statement regarding Southern Lehigh Public Library-February 16, 2022

Southern Lehigh Public Library finds itself entwined in a disagreement between Lower Saucon Township and the Hellertown Area Library regarding Library Services. I want to take this opportunity to update our Patrons and the public regarding Southern Lehigh Public Library's involvement in this situation.

This is a disagreement between the two entities noted above. This is not "our fight" and we are not involved, despite all the rumors and reports that have been published via the Press and social media. Frankly, we do not want to be involved in this "fight" and have made that very clear to both Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Area Library on several occasions. SLPL's Board of Directors feel that it is in the best interest of all involved for Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown Area Library to continue negotiating and come to an agreement.

It is not SLPL's intention to "shop" our services to additional municipalities and organizations. We currently serve Upper Saucon Township, Lower Milford Township, Coopersburg Borough and the Southern Lehigh School District. That service area has worked very well for many years and our plans are to continue that relationship for the foreseeable future.

There have been reports of a possible financial donation being offered by Lower Saucon Township to the Southern Lehigh Public Library, but no action has been taken and we believe this is "on hold". Currently, Lower Saucon Township residents with Hellertown Area Library cards are able to utilize SLPL via the Access PA Reciprocal Borrowing Program and we expect that will continue while negotiations take place.

Sincerely,



Bruce P. Eames
President, Board of Directors
Southern Lehigh Public Library