



# PAOLI LIBRARY

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## February 2021 Branch Manager's Report

### Book Bundles

Request forms for library Book Bundles are now available for children, teens, and adults. Patrons who enjoy getting book recommendations from the library staff can now easily do so online or by phone.

### Programming

A member of the Paoli Library Writers Group has taken the initiative to resume their weekly meetings via Zoom. Their first online meeting will be February 23.

### Circulation

Circulation was higher in January than in December:

| Jan 2021 | Dec 2020 | % change |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 2923     | 2793     | 4.65%    |

But is still running well behind pre-pandemic numbers:

| Jan 2021 | Jan 2020 | % change |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 2923     | 2793     | -44.25%  |

### Curbside Pickup

Curbside pickup has been very busy, with 887 pickups in the month of January. Daily numbers vary with weather and days of the week, from about 35 to as many as 70 pickups.

### Friends of Paoli Library

On Tuesday, February 16, Rachel and I sat in on a Zoom meeting of seven prospective Friends of Paoli Library, led by the group's new leader, Kay Carr. Some had responded to a call for volunteers in AdLib, and others had seen the announcement in NextDoor (thanks to Rachel, who got the word out). Some of the attendees were regular Paoli patrons, but some were just enthusiastic library advocates looking for a way they could support the library. At least four have responded to Kay's follow-up email, and they are already getting started on booksale plans.

In addition to fresh ideas and enthusiasm, the new Friends bring with them new skills and expertise. One is an attorney who specializes in nonprofit organizations – a perfect fit!

### Library Staff

Jeanene Willcox, who just returned to work at the beginning of January, has had to leave again due to a family situation. We are looking into the best options for covering her shifts.

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