

Director's Report to the Library Board of Trustees March 24, 2022

Tredyffrin Public Library is open to the public:

Monday – Thursday 10 am – 7 pm

• Friday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

Paoli Library is currently open to the public:

• Monday - Wednesday: 10 am − 5 pm

Thursday: 10 am - 7 pm
 Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
 Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm

The staff and I discussed expanding library hours and opening on Sundays, however, we continue to have significant staff turnover and getting new staff hired, trained, and scheduled has been an ongoing process.

We are currently interviewing for the full-time Children's Librarian position at Paoli Library.

Building and Grounds

The Township has completed the bidding process for the roof and HVAC work to be done at Tredyffrin Public Library. The architectural firm visited the library again the week of March 21st to conduct some additional analysis of the roof and to review previous roof repairs.

Building Access

For the month of February, 7,284 library visits were recorded. Compared to January, total visitor count increased by 144 (+2%). Visitor count has increased significantly compared to 2021, however, building access remains approximately 58% lower than pre-pandemic levels.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Jan	7,147	0	18,167	17,089	16,572	17,227
Feb	7,284	2,088	17,543	16,585	16,522	17,253
TOTAL	14,431	2,088	35,710	33,674	33,094	34,480

		Jan	Feb	TOTAL
Sun	Paoli	5	0	5
Juli	Tredyffrin	40	7	47
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Mon	Tredyffrin	981	908	1,889
Tues	Paoli	330	333	663
rues	Tredyffrin	909	999	1,908
Wedns	Paoli	330	338	668
Weulis	Tredyffrin	712	814	1,526
Thurs	Paoli	357	343	700
	Tredyffrin	843	858	1,701
Fri	Paoli	277	312	589
FII	Tredyffrin	610	698	1,308
Sat	Paoli	180	247	427
Jat	Tredyffrin	1,229	1,092	2,321
Total Paoli		1,816	1,908	3,724
Total Tredyffrin		5,324	5,376	10,700
Libraries Combined		7,140	7,284	14,424

Circulation

February circulation for 2022 totaled 27,215. Although circulation decreased slightly from January to February, overall circulation has improved compared to 2021. E-materials circulation remains high and is continuing to increase overall borrowing totals.

All Circulation		Print Circulation			E-Materials Circulation			
	Jan	Feb		Jan	Feb		Jan	Feb
2018	30,450	29,542	2018	27,024	26,460	2018	3,426	3,082
2019	32,444	30,670	2019	27,621	26,233	2019	4,823	4,437
2020	32,884	33,602	2020	26,609	27,657	2020	6,275	5,945
2021	20,659	18,421	2021	12,104	10,567	2021	8,555	7,854
2022	28,040	27,215	2022	19,633	19,789	2022	8,407	7,426

Programming Notes

In February, the libraries offered 77 programs and recorded 764 attendees. Previous statistics for 2022 have been amended and some February programs were recorded under the January totals.

Compared to programs offered in 2021, 118 fewer programs have been offered and 2,4841 fewer program attendees were recorded. We've offered fewer children's programs overall in 2022 due to the current Children's Librarian vacancy.

Program Attendance

	2020	2021	2022
January	2,447	2,009	406
February	2,435	1,645	764
TOTAL	4,882	3,654	1,170

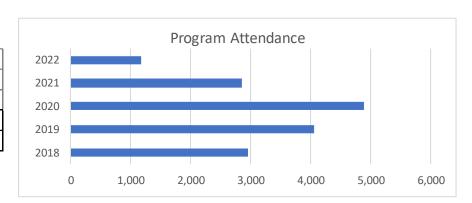
Programs Offered

	2020	2021	2022
January	178	129	37
February	183	103	77
TOTAL	361	232	114

The following table and chart depict program attendance in January from 2018 – 2022.

Program Attendance

2018	2,962
2019	4,057
2020	4,882
2021	2,854
2022	1,170



Teen Notes (Submitted by Laurie Doan)

In February, the teen department continued to work on our Remix Project 2022 which is related to the PA SHARP Grant. Team members Nadia Papachronopoulou, Max Mooney and Sarah Boess, and I continued to meet on Zoom to talk about the handbook we are writing for the project. We developed our chapter headings and assigned individuals to begin writing their sections. The handbook will guide students through their projects from start to finish. Chapters include: Choosing Remix, Characters, storyboarding, etc.

The teens met for our regular JackBox Game-nights, Roundtable Discussions, Chess Tournaments, and our book discussion group. We are getting set to host Anime Club and we have received crafts to begin our craft sessions.

Our annual college series "UNDERSTANDING AND DEMYSTIFYING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS" which runs for four weeks every spring is booked for four successive Mondays on Zoom. The dates are April 25; May 2, 9, 16 and the program runs from 7-8:30 PM. Returning as our workshop Leader is Cigus Vanni. Cigus is a former Assistant Dean of the College and Admissions Counselor, Swarthmore College, 1980's-1990's; former Director of Counseling, Bishop Eustace Preparatory School, Pennsauken, NJ, 1996-2001; and Lead Counselor, Cherry Hill High School West, Cherry Hill, NJ, 2002-2016; now retired and helping locally. This fun and engaging work shop will answer the questions: What does the college admissions landscape look like today? How can you match interests, abilities, values and karma with the right college? How does a college admissions committee operate and for what are they really looking? What

are the current trends in college admissions? Does test optional really mean test optional? And just how are you supposed to pay for it all...?

Adult Programming and Community Outreach Notes (Submitted by Zoey Mills)

Various Reading Challenges

The Winter Reading Challenge began on December 1st and concluded on February 28th. There was a total of 48 adult participants. A Spring Reading Challenge began on March 1st. There is a total of 22 adult participants.

Virtual Adult Programs

In February of 2022, Tredyffrin Township Libraries hosted a total of 31 virtual programs, including outreach programs, passive programs, and STEM programs. In total, there were 356 attendees. There were 11 one-on-one tech help sessions.

As of March 18th, Tredyffrin Township Libraries hosted a total of 17 programs, including outreach programs, passive programs, and STEM programs. In total, there were 271 attendees. There were 13 one-on-one tech help sessions.

Virtual Health and Wellness Fair

Preparations are underway for the Virtual Health and Wellness Fair, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join Tredyffrin Township Libraries on Saturday, March 19th for a full day focused on physical, emotional, and social well-being at Tredyffrin Township Libraries' first Virtual Health and Wellness Fair! Throughout the program, the library will offer free health and wellness programs, such as yoga instruction, meditation, and mindfulness workshops. In addition to the short, free programs, local health and wellness-based organizations and businesses, such as local gyms and various health services, will be providing information about ways in which the community can better their health and wellness.

The Virtual Health and Wellness Fair will offer a wealth of topics including basic exercise, healthy eating, and mental health awareness. Whether you are maintaining your fitness goals or looking to set new and improved goals, the Virtual Health and Wellness Fair is sure to have something for everyone! Drop in on the libraries' Zoom on March 19th from 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to check out the free programs and local health organizations and business!

Visit our website at https://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org/2022-health-wellness-fair/ to learn more about what programs are scheduled, who will be there, and how to win a Fitbit Inspire 2.

Respectfully submitted by Christopher Kibler