



Director’s Report to the Library Board of Trustees

April 28, 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 continue discussing offering Sunday hours of operation at Tredyffrin Public Library, however, we continue to experience difficulty with hiring new staff and continue to experience a high level of staff turnover.

We are currently interviewing for the full-time Children’s Librarian position at Paoli Library. The full-time Head of Reference and Technology position (title changed from Director of Reference and Technology) position has been posted and we are currently accepting applications.

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 April 21st to check the integrity of the roof and to inspect the roof drains. An engineer hired by the firm also stopped by to review the HVAC service tickets for the past few years and to check the condition of the HVAC system and components in order to provide guidance for replacement, repair, and maintenance.

Building Access

For the month of March, 8,808 library visits were recorded. Compared to February, total visitor count increased by 1,524 (+21%). Visitor count has increased significantly compared to 2021, however, building access remains approximately 50% lower than pre-pandemic levels.

	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	Difference	% Increase or Decrease
Paoli	5,911	2,423	3,488	144.0%
Tredyffrin	17,321	3,708	13,613	367.1%
Total	23,232	6,131	17,101	278.9%



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		Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
Sun	Paoli	5	0	2	7
	Tredyffrin	40	7	94	141
Mon	Paoli	337	335	340	1,012
	Tredyffrin	981	908	1,052	2,941
Tues	Paoli	330	333	422	1,085
	Tredyffrin	909	999	1,238	3,146
Wedns	Paoli	330	338	380	1,048
	Tredyffrin	712	814	1,119	2,645
Thurs	Paoli	357	343	481	1,181
	Tredyffrin	843	858	1,161	2,862
Fri	Paoli	277	312	370	959
	Tredyffrin	610	698	869	2,177
Sat	Paoli	180	247	192	619
	Tredyffrin	1,229	1,092	1,088	3,409
Total Paoli		1,816	1,908	2,187	5,911
Total Tredyffrin		5,324	5,376	6,621	17,321
Libraries Combined		7,140	7,284	8,808	23,232

	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
Mar	8,808	4,043	7,680	19,445	19,547	18,645
TOTAL	23,239	6,131	43,390	53,119	52,641	53,125

Circulation

March circulation for 2022 totaled 29,181. Overall circulation has improved compared to 2021. E-materials circulation remains high and is continuing to increase overall borrowing totals.

All Circulation

	Jan	Feb	Mar
2018	30,450	29,542	36,574
2019	32,444	30,670	38,071
2020	32,884	33,602	26,965
2021	20,659	18,421	24,680
2022	28,040	27,215	29,181

Print Circulation

	Jan	Feb	Mar
2018	27,024	26,460	33,492
2019	27,621	26,233	33,220
2020	26,609	27,657	20,374
2021	12,104	10,567	16,157
2022	19,633	19,789	21,069

E-Materials Circulation

	Jan	Feb	Mar
2018	3,426	3,082	3,082
2019	4,823	4,437	4,851
2020	6,275	5,945	6,591
2021	8,555	7,854	8,523
2022	8,407	7,426	8,112



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Programming Notes

In March, the libraries offered 194 programs and recorded 2,151 attendees.

Compared to 2021, 482 fewer programs have been offered and 5,702 fewer program attendees were recorded. We've offered fewer children's programs overall in 2022 due to the current Children's Librarian vacancy, difficulty in hiring and retaining part-time staff, and have had difficulty with staffing the buildings for general operations while simultaneously offering programming.

Programs Offered

	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
Adults 18+	5	28	39	72
Adults 18+ (Outreach)	0	0	0	0
Adults 18+ (STEM)	0	12	4	16
Children (Ages 0-5)	8	13	12	33
Children (Ages 0-5)(Outreach)	0	0	0	0
Children (Ages 0-5)(STEM)	1	0	0	1
Children ages 5-11	6	9	5	20
Children ages 5-11 (Outreach)	0	0	0	0
Children ages 5-11 (STEM)	3	1	5	9
Young Adult ages 12-17	14	14	14	42
Young Adult ages 12-17 (Outreach)	0	0	0	0
Young Adult ages 12-17 (STEM)	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	37	77	80	194

Program Attendance

	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
Adults 18+	28	313	469	810
Adults 18+ (Outreach)	0	0	0	0
Adults 18+ (STEM)	0	50	17	67
Children (Ages 0-5)	160	209	284	653
Children (Ages 0-5)(Outreach)	0	0	0	0
Children (Ages 0-5)(STEM)	12	0	0	12
Children ages 5-11	100	113	58	271
Children ages 5-11 (Outreach)	0	0	0	0
Children ages 5-11 (STEM)	30	3	64	97
Young Adult ages 12-17	76	76	77	229
Young Adult ages 12-17 (Outreach)	0	0	0	0
Young Adult ages 12-17 (STEM)	0	0	12	12
TOTAL	406	764	981	2,151

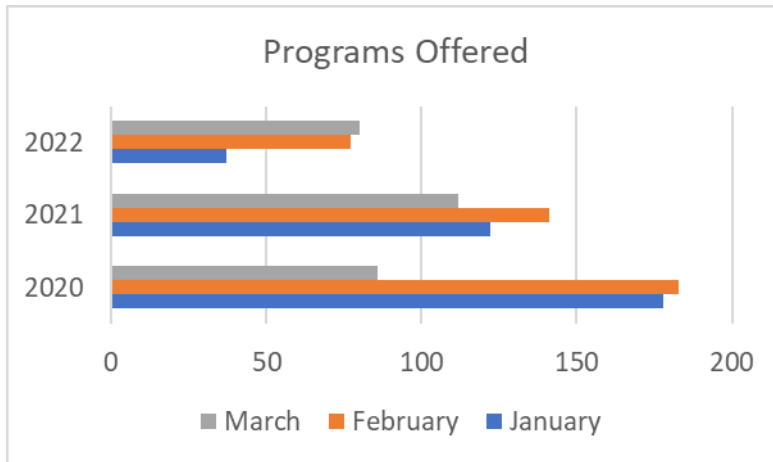


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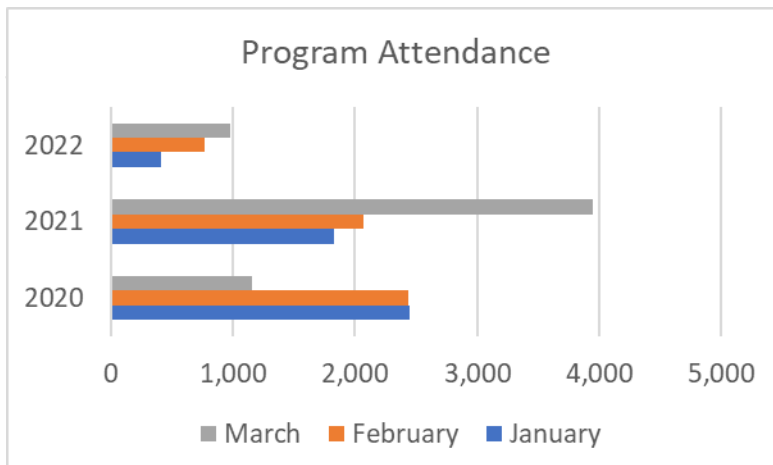
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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	125	126	178	122	37
February	108	136	183	141	77
March	120	131	86	112	80
TOTAL	353	393	447	375	194



Program Attendance

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	1,654	2,084	2,447	1,832	406
February	1,308	1,973	2,435	2,067	764
March	1,539	2,020	1,156	3,954	981
TOTAL	4,501	6,077	6,038	7,853	2,151





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In March, 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 work on the handbook we are writing for the project. The book is progressing well and we are almost at 100 pages. The handbook will explain how to remix a classic story into a film or playscript that only the student author could write, it will encourage them to explore the ins and outs of timeless classics, and it will encourage students to have fun and be creative.

The teens met for our regular JackBox Game-nights, Roundtable Discussions, Chess Tournaments, and our book discussion group. Anime Club and craft sessions will begin when school breaks for summer.

Our annual college series “UNDERSTANDING AND DEMYSTIFYING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS” which runs for four weeks every spring has begun. The remaining dates are May 2, 9, 16. If someone missed the April 25 session, we will post it on the libraries’ YouTube page so they can catch up.

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

Various Reading Challenges

The Spring Reading Challenge began on March 1st. As of April 19th, there is a total of 24 adult participants.

Virtual Adult Programs

In March of 2022, Tredyffrin Township Libraries hosted a total of 32 virtual programs, including outreach programs, passive programs, and STEM programs. In total, there were 499 attendees. There were 11 one-on-one tech help sessions.

As of April 19th, Tredyffrin Township Libraries hosted a total of 20 programs, including outreach programs, passive programs, and STEM programs. In total, there were 248 attendees. There were 4 one-on-one tech help sessions.

Money Smart Week & Arbo-READ-um

The Money Smart Week program series was scheduled between April 9th and April 16th. There was a total of 2 virtual and 4 in-person programs planned. During the week, had an audience of 36 attendees.

Preparations are underway for the 2nd annual Arbo-READ-um, a community read event planned in partnership with Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens. Join Tredyffrin Public Library and Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens for the 2nd annual Arbo-READ-um Community Read Event. The Arbo-READ-um event is a distinct program series born from a collaboration between the library and Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens. During the program the library and the arboretum work together to provide opportunities to promote literacy, library and arboretum usage, and community conversations by encouraging Tredyffrin Township to come together by reading and discussing a single book.



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Tredyffrin Public Library and Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens are excited to announce the book selection for the 2022 Arbo-READ-um event: *The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis* by Christiana Figueres & Tom Rivett-Carmac

Beginning July 1st through to August 18th, join the library and arboretum in reading *The Future We Choose* and discussing the climate crisis and climate solutions.

Respectfully submitted by Christopher Kibler