



TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

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Interim Director’s Report to the Library Board of Trustees February 23, 2023

Operations

We also continue to experience turnover and continue hiring for part-time staff positions in order to increase operating hours at Tredyffrin Public Library.

Tredyffrin Public Library is open to the public:

- Monday – Thursday 10 am – 7 pm
- Friday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
- Sunday 1 pm – 5pm

Paoli Library is open to the public:

- Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 am – 5 pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30 am – 7 pm
- Friday & Saturday: 9:30 am – 5 pm

Work on the HVAC and the roof at Tredyffrin Public Library has begun. The Township is coordinating the work with the contractors. No completion date has been given.

Building Access

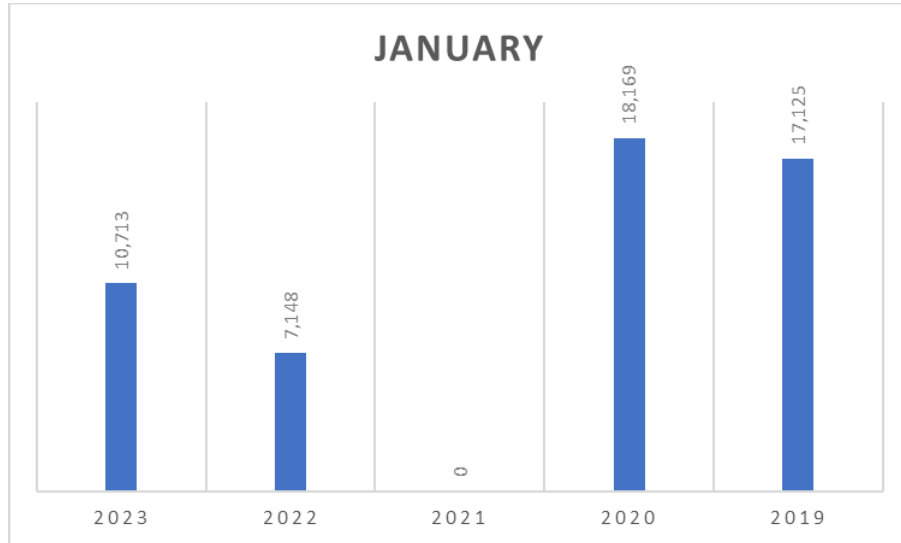
For the month of January, 10,713 library visits were recorded. Compared to January 2022, the visitor count increased by 3,565.

Libraries Combined					
Month to date					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	10,713	7,148	0	18,169	17,125



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Monthly 2023 to 2022				
	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	Difference	% increase or decrease
Paoli	2,430	1,823	607	33%
Tredyffrin	8,283	5,325	2,958	56%
Total	10,713	7,148	3,565	50%

Circulation

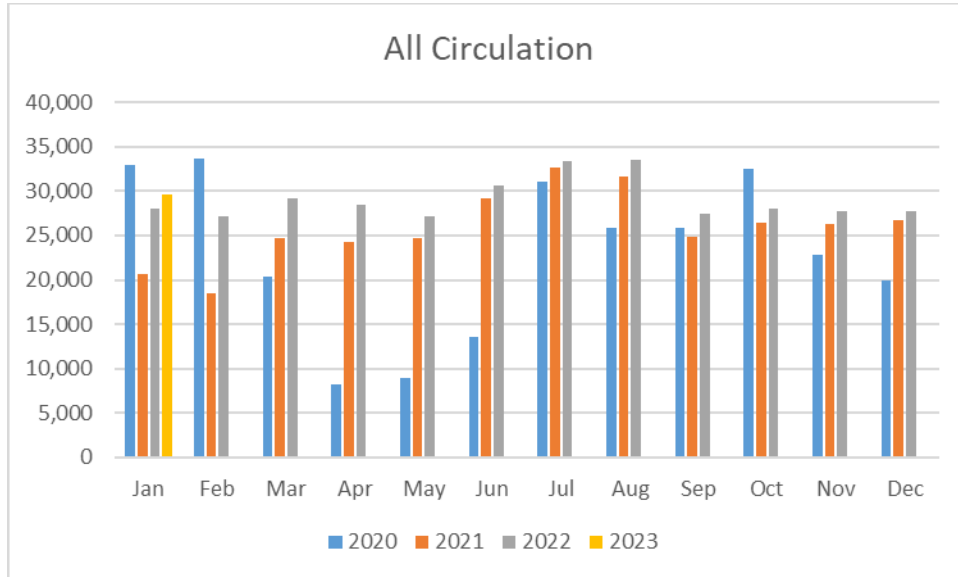
January 2023 circulation totaled 29,657. Overall circulation has improved but continues to remain slightly lower than pre-pandemic totals. E-materials circulation remains high and accounts for approximately 28% of total circulation for 2023.

All Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2020	32,884	33,602	20,374	8,202	8,923	13,557	31,063	25,791	25,925	32,503	22,762	19,922	275,508
2021	20,659	18,421	24,680	24,230	24,718	29,178	32,707	31,704	24,807	26,401	26,285	26,682	310,472
2022	28,040	27,215	29,181	28,411	27,226	30,653	33,428	33,568	27,421	27,976	27,783	27,674	348,576
2023	29,657												29,657

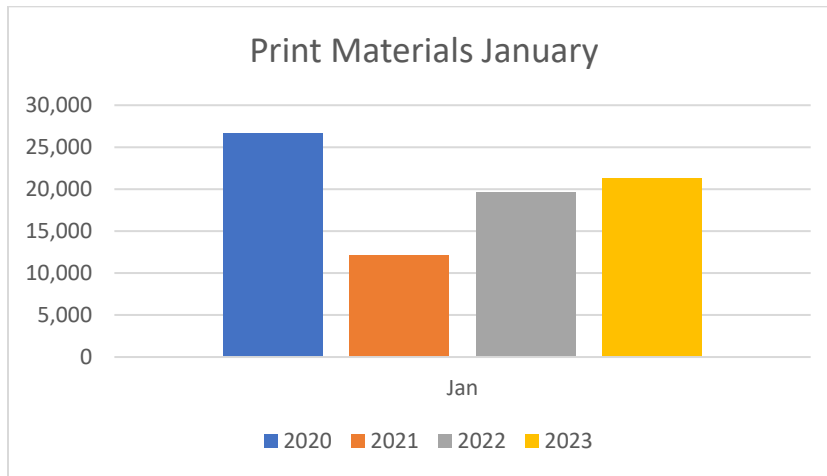


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Print Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	22,464	17,494	18,665	25,290	15,774	12,413	185,234
2021	12,104	10,567	16,157	16,448	16,723	21,244	24,308	23,325	17,254	18,744	18,744	18,829	214,447
2022	19,633	19,789	21,069	20,636	19,036	22,377	24,545	24,638	19,450	20,033	19,957	19,679	250,842
2023	21,318												21,318

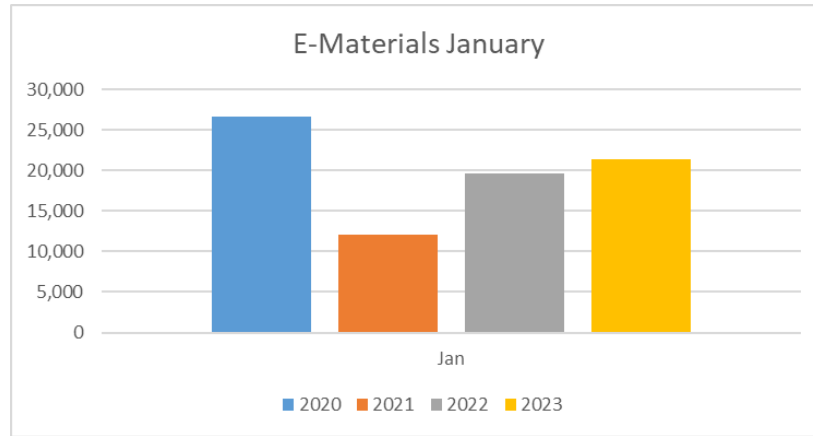




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E-Materials Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2020	6,275	5,945	6,591	8,115	8,871	8,611	8,599	8,297	7,260	7,213	6,988	7,509	90,274
2021	8,555	7,854	8,523	7,782	7,995	7,934	8,399	8,379	7,553	7,657	7,541	7,853	96,025
2022	8,407	7,426	8,112	7,775	8,190	8,276	8,883	8,930	7,971	7,943	7,826	7,995	97,734
2023	8,339												8,339



Programming Notes

January 2023 programming numbers are listed below. The number of programs offered was lower in January but attendance was higher. Programming totals remain lower due to staffing challenges and generally lower overall library visits.

Programs Offered	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	178	221	84	59
February	183	212	90	
March	86	153	93	
April	64	101	82	
May	99	140	69	
June	135	165	76	
July	162	241	80	
August	130	122	74	
September	99	57	132	
October	107	126	81	
November	88	94	62	
December	76	70	52	
TOTAL	1,407	1,702	975	59



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Programs Attendance	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	3,474	2,997	756	1,133
February	3,822	2,966	867	
March	1,156	2,107	1,005	
April	1,418	1,915	841	
May	2,282	2,363	943	
June	1,928	2,254	1,086	
July	2,144	2,966	941	
August	1,925	2,324	1,192	
September	2,897	816	2,095	
October	1,491	1,445	1,218	
November	1,494	1,635	806	
December	1,278	852	890	
TOTAL	25,309	24,640	12,640	1,133

Adult Programming (Submitted by Marianne Hooper)

Attendance at adult programs has been growing. In addition to the ongoing programs (yoga, meditation, ukulele, etc.) and the six different book groups, there were 10 individual programs in January as well as 12 programs in February and 16 planned for March.

In January, over 80 people attended each of the two Classical Music concerts. We also welcomed Ben Franklin (Mike Kochen) who talked about his life and his experiments to an audience of 65 in a hybrid setting. Our monthly genealogy talks in partnership with the Main Line Genealogy Club regularly draw between 60 and 80 attendees also in a hybrid format.

Among the February programs are two author talks – Greg Nobles and Pam Jenoff. There are three Black History programs: Enslaved at Oakley; the poetry of Langston Hughes and Gwendolyn Brooks; and “Meet Ned Hector,” a Black Revolutionary War Soldier. We are also showing the films Black Panther and Wakanda Forever for the regular film series.

On March 19, we will be welcoming Martha Washington (Amanda Carey) for women’s history month, and we are partnering with Main Line Health for a seminar in end of life care. Other programs include a talk on the Treasures of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the curator of the North American Collection at the Penn Museum who will be highlighting some of the Native American Collection there.



Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg)

We've had a great beginning to 2023! Recently a new position was added to our department with the help of the Reference Department, Children's Reference Assistant. This position will provide reference help to our younger patrons and help with programming. We are very excited to have Amy Moscia in this position.

So far from the beginning of the year we have held over 50 programs and Grab & Go kits with over 1000 participants. Some program highlights:

- Consistently robust weekly storytime attendance
- A super fun pizza party storytime
- A checkout challenge! For every book checked out patrons are offered a white sticker (a snowball) to place on our cardboard cutout of Captain America. The goal is to completely cover him before the end of the month. Almost 1000 stickers have been placed so far. We are well on our way!
- A new session of Framed and Framed+

More books and fun to come!

Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan)

A teen advisory budget meeting kicked off the 2023 teen program year. We started with a discussion of the generous support of The Friends of Tredyffrin Library and then brainstormed how to best use the funds to support the programming interests in our community.

Our book club and gaming club continued to meet. We've added in a Nintendo Switch weekday program and monthly crafts. We set up the stage for a KMD studio show which had a great turn-out.

The American Library Association wrote an article on the Remixed Classics Handbook which is being used to coach local students to take a classic story and retell it through their own lens. Here is the link to the article: [Remixed Classics: Scriptwriter's Handbook | Programming Librarian](#)

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Green