



PAOLI LIBRARY

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January 2023 Branch Manager's Report

Personnel

Circulation assistant Elissa Sullivan has decided to retire as of February 2. Elissa started working at Paoli in 2015 after retiring as librarian for Valley Forge Elementary School. She initially assumed some of the duties of the office manager, who was on medical leave; she then applied for an open circulation desk position (at a lower rate) just so she could spend more time working with us.

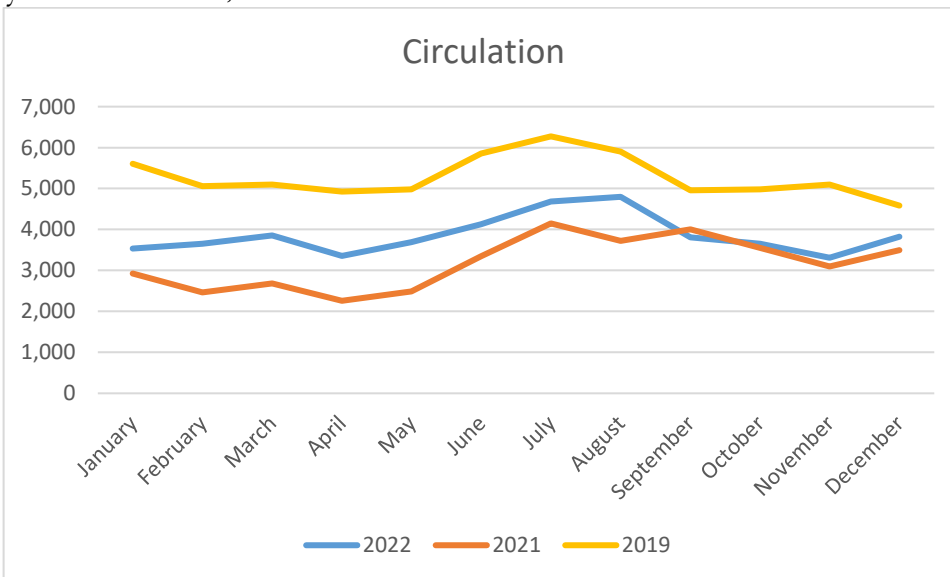
Always calm and cheerful, and well-versed in all things related to libraries and literature, Elissa has been an exceptional asset to Paoli Library and will be greatly missed.

Tax Preparation Assistance

The AARP Tax-Aide program, which offers free income tax assistance, is experiencing challenges with recruiting volunteer preparers, and unfortunately there will be no site in Paoli or Devon this year. Previously there was a site at the Paoli firehouse, with appointments scheduled by both the library and Rep. Melissa Shusterman's office. This year the nearest site will be at Easttown Library and demand will surely exceed supply.

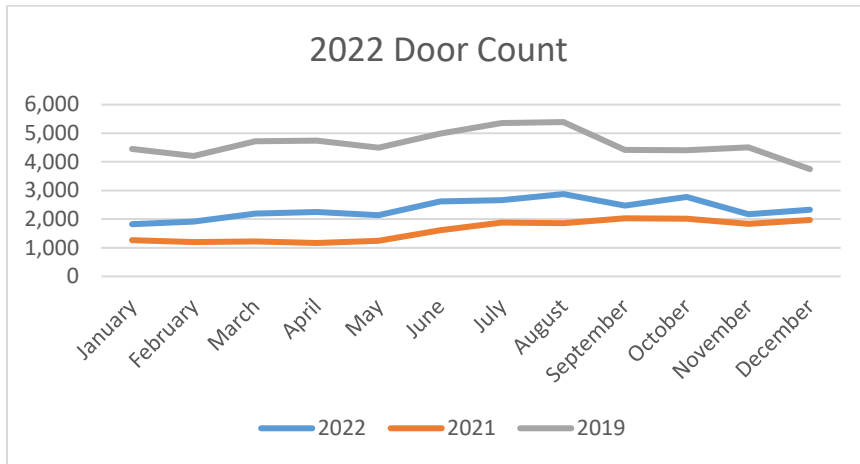
Circulation

By the end of 2022, circulation had risen to 73% of December 2019 numbers.



Door Count

The door count for December 2022 was 18% higher than in December 2021. At the beginning of 2022, the door count was 41% of pre-Covid (2019) numbers; it is now up to 62%.



Fundraising

We are still not able to accept book donations due to a lack of space, but we continue to sell withdrawn books through our partner organization Mission Read. Our fourth quarter check from them was \$60.41.

Respectfully submitted by
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