



TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

TREDYFFRIN PUBLIC LIBRARY & PAOLI LIBRARY

Interim Director’s Report to the Library Board of Trustees April 27, 2023

Operations

We 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 at Tredyffrin Public Library has begun. The Township is coordinating the work with the contractors.

Tredyffrin Library was closed on April 6, 2023, due to lack of air conditioning. This outage was related to the HVAC renovation work. The township coordinated with the HVAC contractor and service was partially restored and the library reopened the following day. Contractors have discovered additional issues with HVAC system components and are working with the township to mitigate the issues. A temporary unit is being put in place to assist with the air conditioning issues until a new unit can be installed. (See pictures at the end of the report).

Work on the roof is scheduled to begin Monday May 8th. The township will be closing off the majority of the lower parking lot for construction vehicles and supplies.

Building Access

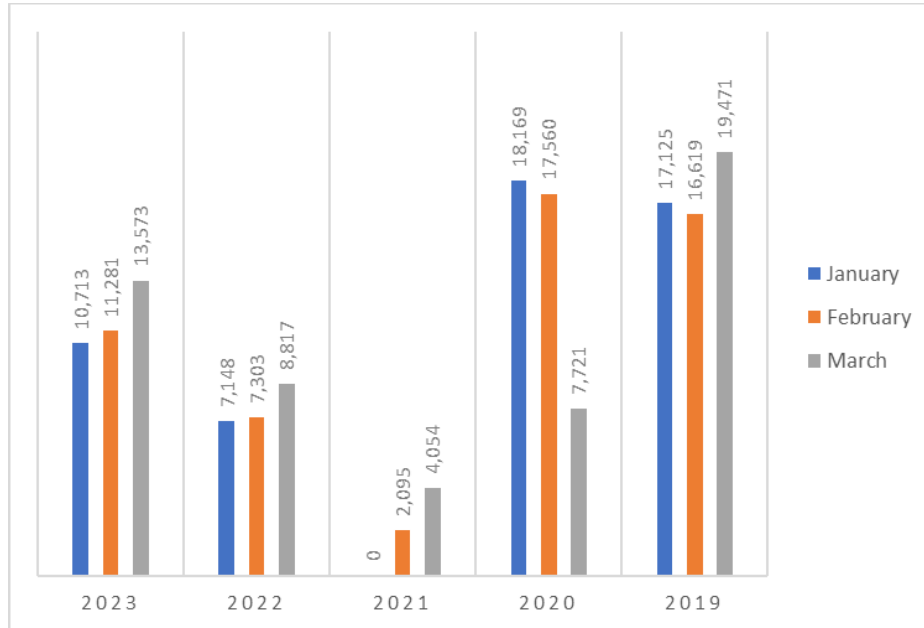
For the month of March, 13,573 library visits were recorded. Compared to March 2022, the visitor count increased by 6,270.

Libraries Combined					
Month to date					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	10,713	7,148	0	18,169	17,125
February	11,281	7,303	2,095	17,560	16,619
March	13,573	8,817	4,054	7,721	19,471



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Monthly 2023 to 2022				
	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	Difference	% increase or decrease
Paoli	2,649	1,914	735	38%
Tredyffrin	10,924	5,389	5,535	103%
Total	13,573	7,303	6,270	86%

Yearly 2023 to 2019			
	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined
2023 (YTD)	28,115	7,452	35,567
2022	92,061	28,232	120,293
2021	52,365	19,298	71,663
2020	52,166	18,532	70,698
2019	170,248	55,422	225,670

Circulation

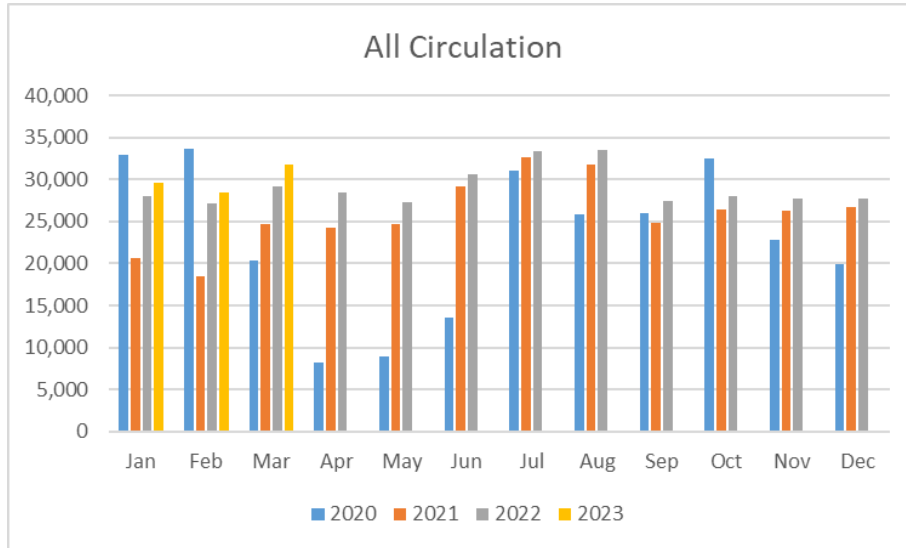
March 2023 circulation totaled 31,813. Overall circulation has improved but continues to remain slightly lower than pre-pandemic totals. E-materials circulation remains high and accounts for approximately 27% of total circulation for 2023.



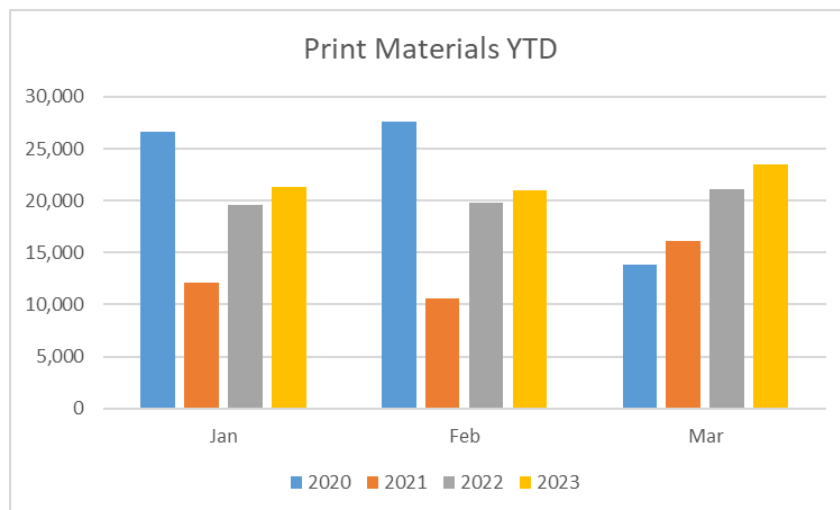
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All Circulation													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2020	32,884	33,602	20,374	8,202	8,923	13,557	31,063	25,791	25,925	32,503	22,762	19,922	275,508
2021	20,659	18,421	24,680	24,230	24,718	29,178	32,707	31,704	24,807	26,401	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	28,481	31,813										89,951



Print Circulation													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
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	21,028	23,467										65,813

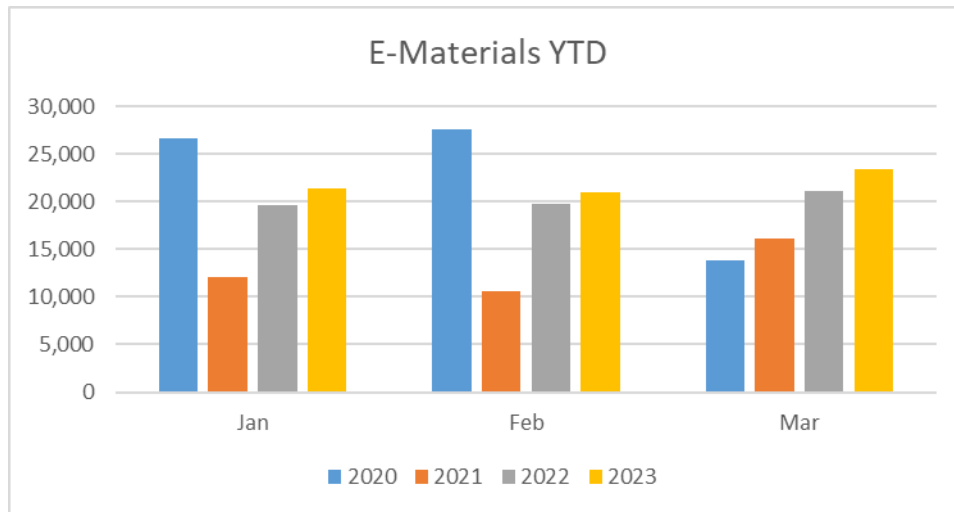




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E-Materials Circulation													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2020	6,275	5,945	6,591	8,115	8,871	8,611	8,599	8,297	7,260	7,213	6,988	7,509	90,274
2021	8,555	7,854	8,523	7,782	7,995	7,934	8,399	8,379	7,553	7,657	7,541	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	7,453	8,346										24,138





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Programming Notes

March 2023 programming numbers are listed here. The charts show updated totals for numbers of programs offered and program attendance.

Programs Offered	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	178	221	84	94
February	183	212	90	91
March	86	153	93	101
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	286

Programs Attendance	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	3,474	2,997	756	1,592
February	3,822	2,966	867	1,531
March	1,156	2,107	1,005	2,033
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	5,156



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Adult Programming (Submitted by Marianne Hooper)

Genealogy and the Arts (Concerts and a play) have been the most popular programs with between 50-90 attendees. The library has partnered with the Valley Forge Alliance to host their Summer Lunch & Learn series in June and July. We are also partnering with Jenkins Arboretum for summer programs, and preparing Summer Reading programs for adults.

In May, programs include local physician and author Milind Dhamankar doing a healthy eating and cooking program called "Chat over Curry," and award-winning author James McCrone will be launching his new book *Bastard Verdict*.

Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg)

We are getting ready for summer! Michele, Amy, and I are planning lots of fun programs done in house and by outside vendors. Beanstack has been purchased for the county but we have decided not to use it in children's this summer and keeping summer reading (or summer learning as we call it) a more tactile experience. Children are able to hold their recording sheet, keep track of what they've done, and turn it in at the library. Beanstack for us was not super successful experience when we had it last.

Programming is going strong! Weekly storytimes are highly attended and Amy's STEM programs are very popular. We have monthly events with Christine Kinslow for music and Ballet 180 for creative movement. We also have a partnered event coming up mid-May with Ballet 180 where there is a performance, mini dance class, and storytime.

Also, thank you to all the staff, board, and foundation members that have come to read at storytime and meet our families and littles. It's been a lot of fun and I hope we can continue until we get everyone in!

Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan)

Teens in March gathered at the library for our monthly Nintendo Switch games, board game night, and a Roundtable Discussion and Dinner.

Our book group met online and added a new member.

The teen department partnered with the McKaig Nature Center to sponsor a "Search for the missing McKaig Pot of GOLD" on St Patrick's Day. Participants received a treasure map via email that gave them the first clue to find the missing McKaig Pot of GOLD. From there, they read the second clue and with the help of the treasure map, they found the next clue and so on. After they found the missing gold, they joined us at the McKaig Beach for a bonfire and S'mores.



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Respectfully submitted by Valerie Green