



# TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

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## Director’s Report to the Library Board of Trustees May 25, 2023

### Operations

Tredyffrin Public Library is officially fully staffed at the circulation desk. Once I am a little more settled in, I would like to look at the operating hours at both Tredyffrin and Paoli. I plan to spend a week at Paoli in June to get a better feel for it since I’ve only been there twice for an hour or two.

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. The HVAC company was also out Thursday, May 25 to change the filters.

Work on the roof officially began Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Dave from the township came out and spoke with me and strongly encouraged posting to our Facebook pages to let community members know that it will not be quiet in the library for the foreseeable future due to the project. Stephanie took care of the posts.

### Building Access

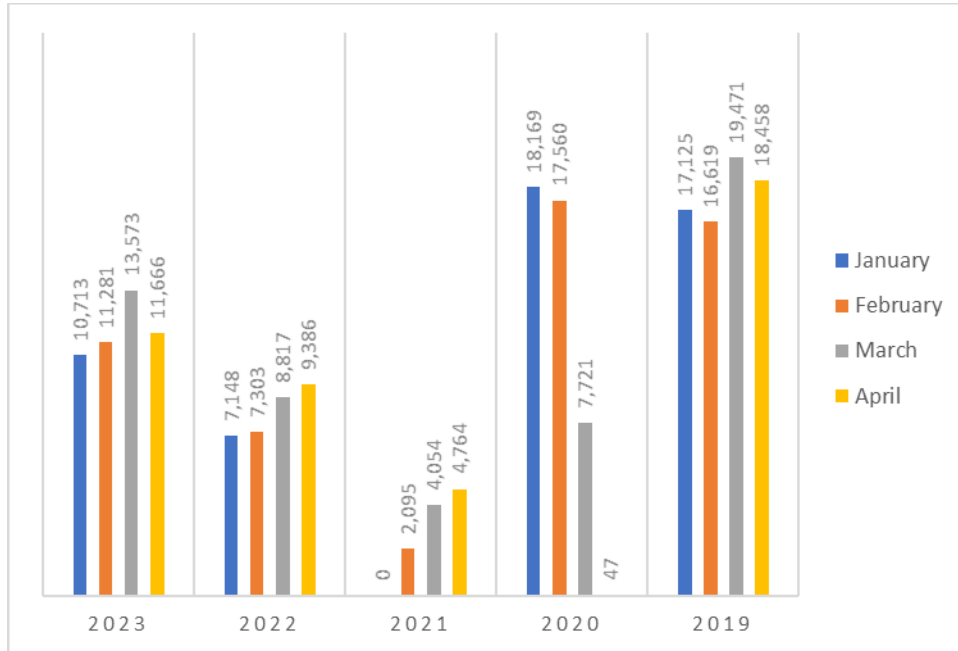
For the month of April, 11,666 library visits were recorded. Compared to April 2022, the visitor count increased by 2,280. The county began installing Tredyffrin’s new people counters on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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
April	11,666	9,386	4,764	47	18,458



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Monthly 2023 to 2022				
	April 2023	April 2022	Difference	% increase or decrease
Paoli	2,532	2,251	281	12%
Tredyffrin	9,134	7,135	1,999	28%
Total	11,666	9,386	2,280	24%

Yearly 2023 to 2019			
	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined
2023 (YTD)	37,249	9,984	47,233
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

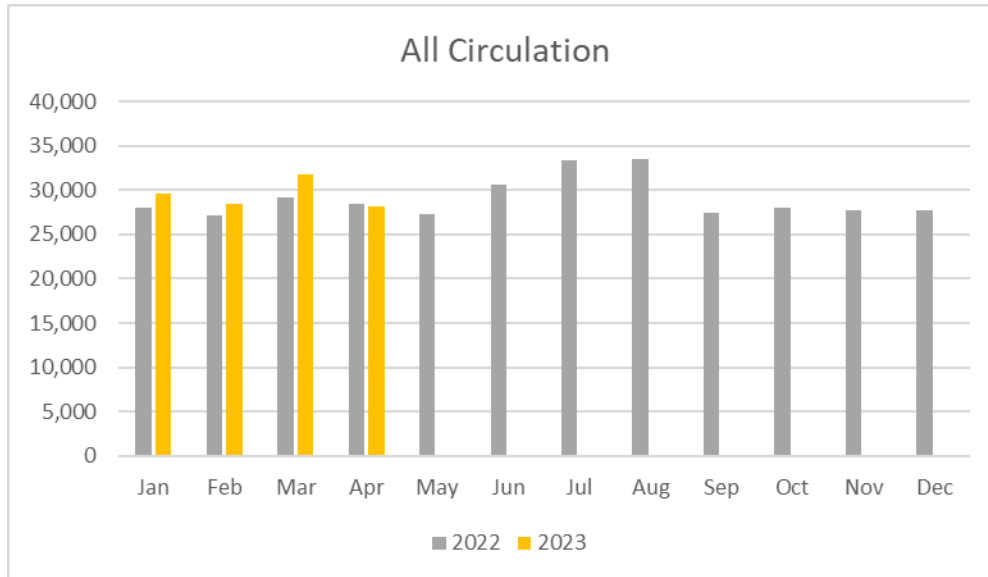
April 2023 circulation totaled 28,150. Overall circulation has improved but continues to remain slightly lower than pre-pandemic totals. E-materials circulation remains high and accounts for approximately 37% of total circulation for 2023.



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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	<b>275,508</b>
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	<b>310,472</b>
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	<b>348,576</b>
2023	29,657	28,481	31,813	28,150									<b>118,101</b>

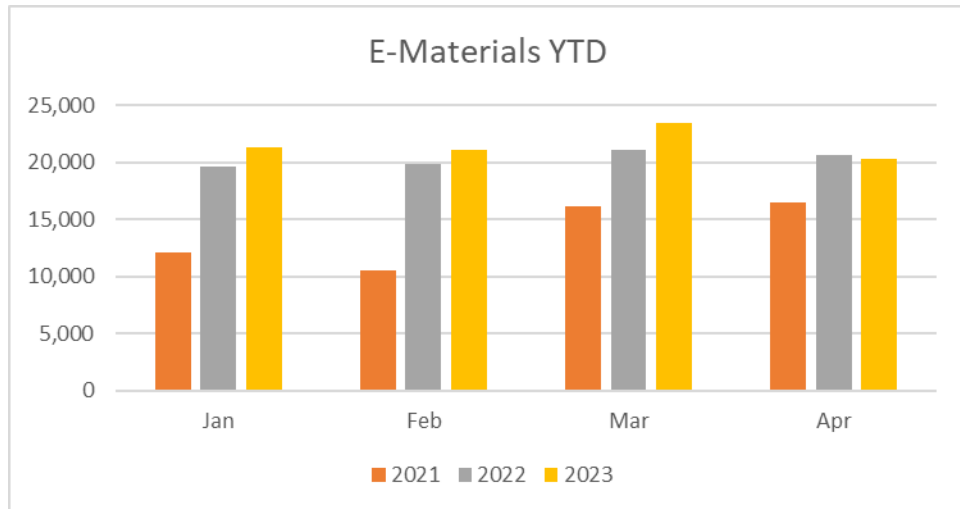
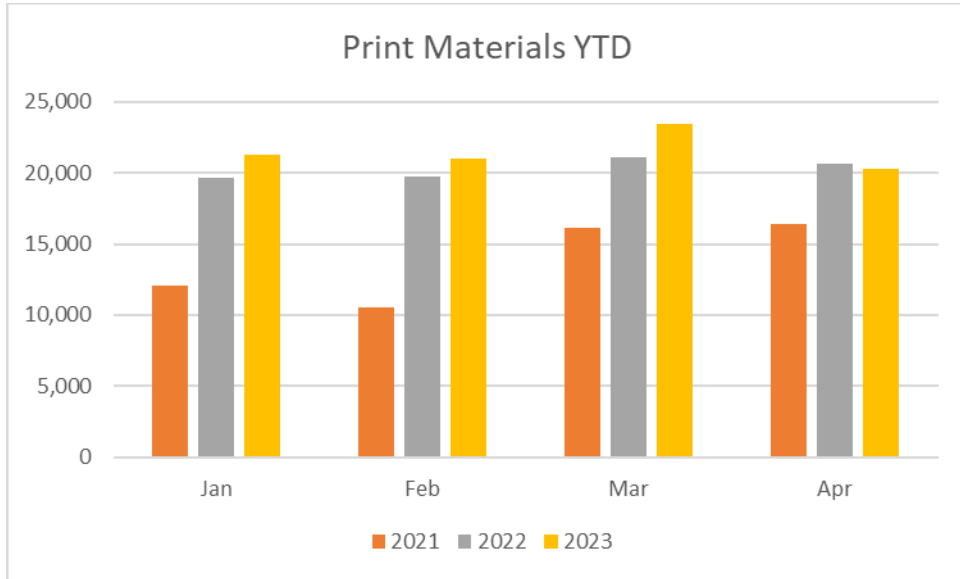


Print Circulation													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	22,464	17,494	18,665	25,290	15,774	12,413	<b>185,234</b>
2021	12,104	10,567	16,157	16,448	16,723	21,244	24,308	23,325	17,254	18,744	18,744	18,829	<b>214,447</b>
2022	19,633	19,789	21,069	20,636	19,036	22,377	24,545	24,638	19,450	20,033	19,957	19,679	<b>250,842</b>
2023	21,318	21,028	23,467	20,317									<b>86,130</b>



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## Programming Notes

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



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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	84
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	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>370</b>

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	1,663
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	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,309</b>	<b>24,640</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>6,819</b>

### Adult Programming (Submitted by Marianne Hooper)

Our final Camerata concert for the season was on April 29 with 49 attending. The dates for the 2023-2024 season are already booked.

Our first effort to hold a Spring craft fair was moderately successful. After consulting with the Friends, we have combined the Fall Craft Fair with the Book Sale; both to be held on November 4, 2023.



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Connecting Club was a success this month after a rough start in April. We believe the program will continue to grow. We also had a genealogy program on land records; Saving Oakwell, which was recorded for YouTube, a healthy eating program called "Chat over Curry," and a book launch with award winning author James McCrone.

Summer programs will include our a series of Lunch & Learns in partnership with the Valley Forge Alliance; Arbo-Read-Um events in partnership with the Jenkins Arboretum, and a summer reading challenge for adults using Beanstack.

## **Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg)**

Just a couple of weeks until summer begins! We are finalizing the reading log, updating LibCal with summer programs, and gathering the prizes. Our kick off party is June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4PM and it ends of August 11<sup>th</sup>. During the course of the summer we will have in house programs put on by children's department staff, including a STEAM week. During STEAM week, each day of the week will feature a program dedicated to each letter is STEAM. Monday is Science day, Tuesday is Technology day, and so on. Some of the outside performers coming this summer are Talewise with a dry-ice interactive show, Harmonius STEM with the physics of sound, and Elmwood Park Zoo.

We are still looking for staff and board members to come to storytime, introduce yourself, and read book for the group. And thank you again to everyone that has already volunteered!

## **Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan)**

Teens in April held our monthly events including board game and cards night, Nintendo Switch on the Big Screen afterschool, teen book groups, and our Roundtable Discussion Dinner.

Special events included the first two sessions of our annual four-week college admission series with Cigus Vanni, a meeting of the bands from Bach to Rock on the back deck, and a White House Correspondents Talk with a special Pre-Event Dinner for teens to meet the young journalists.

*Respectfully submitted by Mallory Hoffman with a ton of help from Valerie Green ☺*