



**Director’s Report to the Library Board of Trustees
June 22, 2023**

Operations

I am beginning to observe the operating hours at both Tredyffrin and Paoli. I spent a week at Paoli in early June to get a better feel for it and plan on spending at least a day there each week for the foreseeable future.

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 continues. The Township is coordinating the work with the contractors. The HVAC company was also out Thursday, May 25 to change the filters. After the rain on Monday, June 12, there were some leaks within the building and it was realized that there was 6 inches of standing water in the HVAC well on the roof. The pumps that are supposed to be in there are also missing.

Work on the roof officially began Wednesday, May 24th and continues. To date, no mold has been found. Update from Dave Duda, the project manager, is below.

“We just wrapped up our progress meeting for the library. I'm happy to report that Houser has installed sump pumps to help temporality reduce water in the swimming pool. Hirschberg will be onsite tomorrow with their line jetter to re-open the 4 drains that have filled up with construction debris. Short of the long story is..... I do not anticipate any more indoor rain events from here on out! Houser will be onsite concurrently until the project is finished. We are about 75% completed with the steel work. Decking should start tomorrow and finish next week. This is the "roof" over the swimming pool to make it flat with the existing roof. The TPO "roof membrane" will also start next week. This will be one of the highest noise producing parts of the project unfortunately. With this, please plan accordingly. We are still lightyears away from a realistic timeframe for the a/c chiller that needed to be replaced. the manufacture has been tight lipped on this. My intuition is that it will be Winter or spring of 2024.”



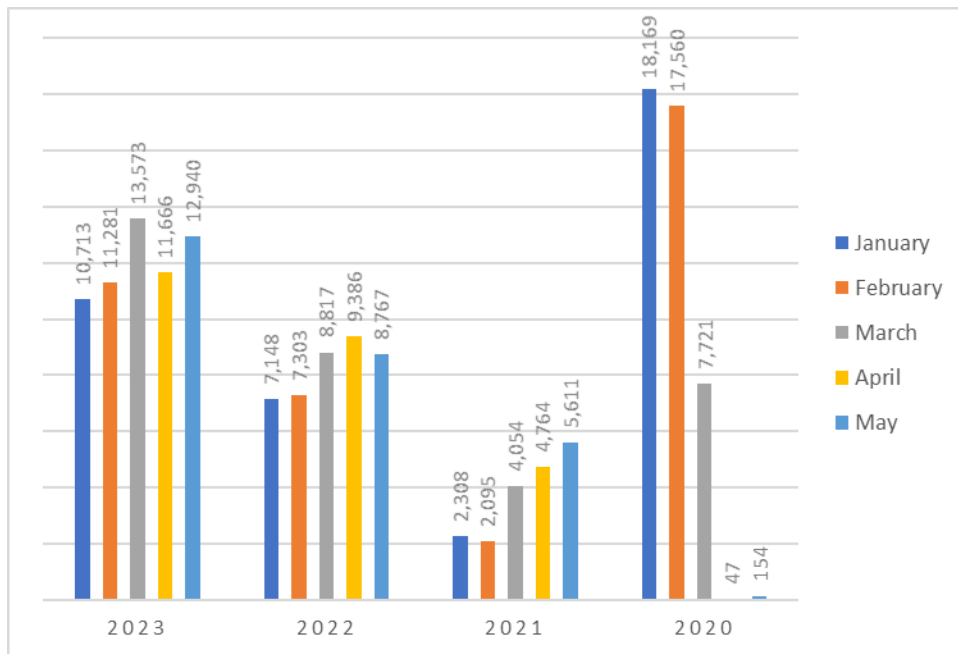
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Building Access

For the month of May, 12,940 library visits were recorded. Compared to May 2022, the visitor count increased by 4,173.

Libraries Combined					
Month to date					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
January	10,713	7,148	2,308	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
May	12,940	8,767	5,611	154	16,740



Monthly 2023 to 2022	May 2023	May 2022	Difference	% increase or decrease
Paoli	2,920	2,139	781	37%
Tredyffrin	10,020	6,628	3,392	51%
Total	12,940	8,767	4,173	48%



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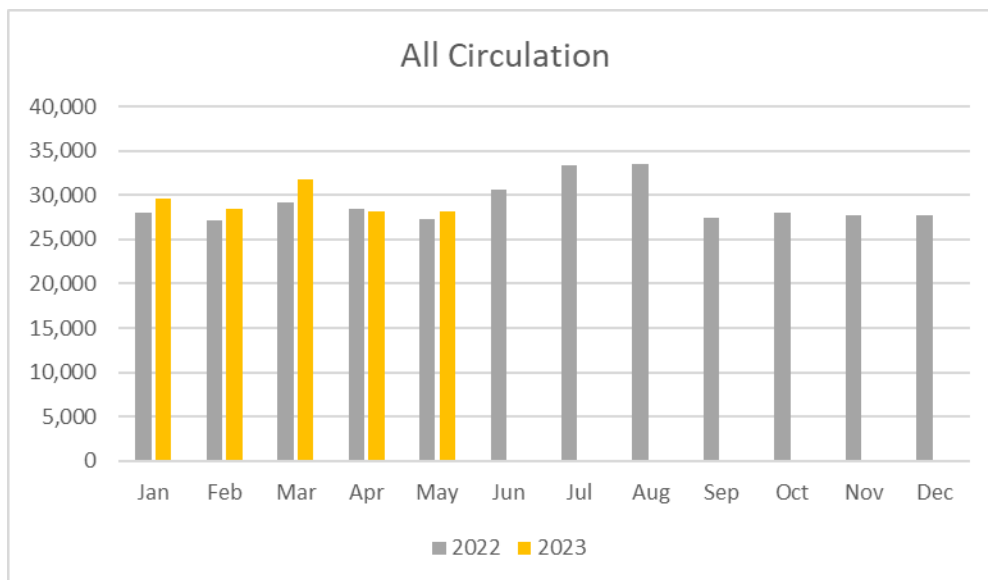
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Yearly 2023 to 2019			
	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined
2023 (YTD)	47,269	12,904	60,173
2022	92,061	28,232	120,293
2021	52,365	19,298	71,663
2020	52,166	18,532	70,698
2019	170,248	55,422	225,670

Circulation

May 2023 circulation totaled 28,181. Overall circulation has improved but continues to remain slightly lower than pre-pandemic totals. E-materials circulation remains high and accounts for approximately 38% 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	28,481	31,813	28,150	28,181								146,282



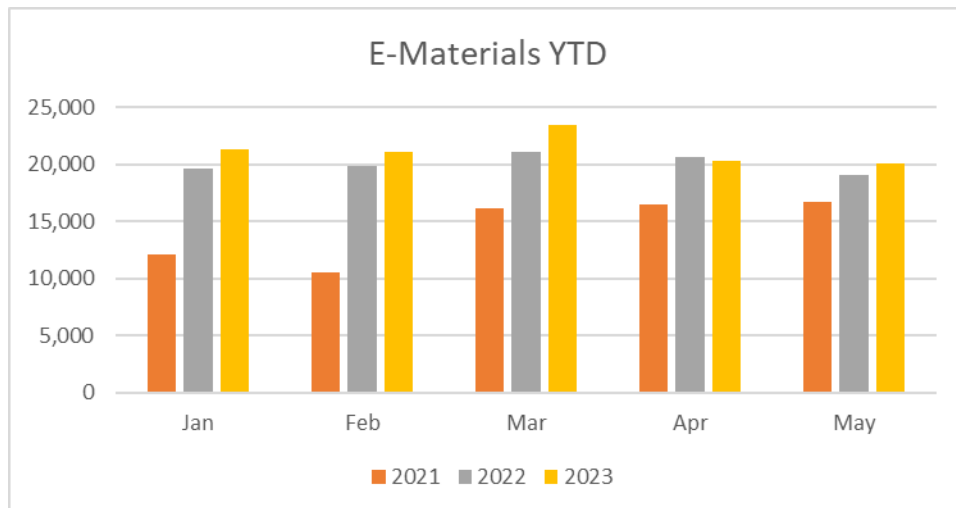
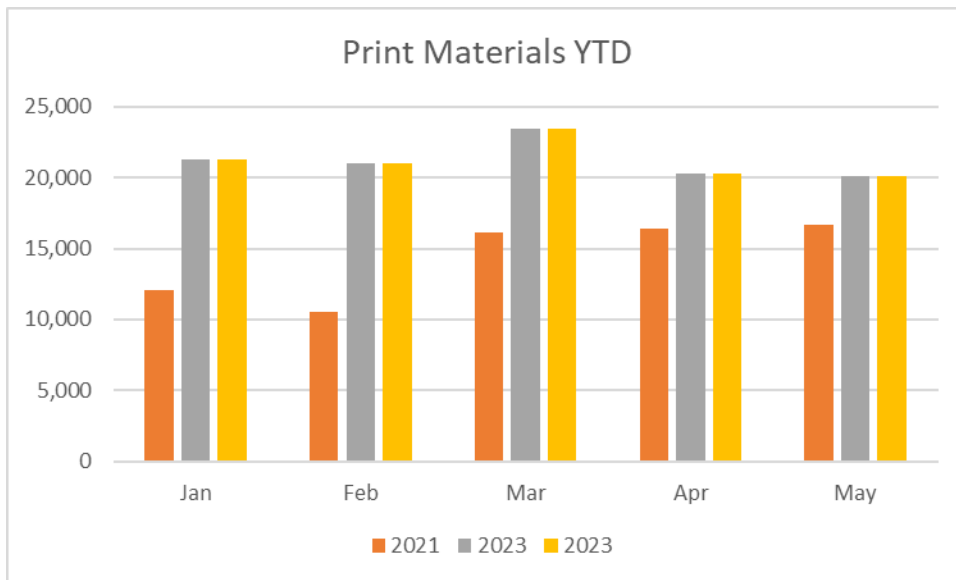


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Print Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	22,464	17,494	18,665	25,290	15,774	12,413	185,234
2021	12,104	10,567	16,157	16,448	16,723	21,244	24,308	23,325	17,254	18,744	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	21,028	23,467	20,317	20,090								106,220

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	7,453	8,346	7,833	8,091								40,062





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Programming Notes

May 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	93
February	183	212	90	92
March	86	153	93	111
April	64	101	82	98
May	99	140	69	110
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	504

Programs Attendance	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	3,474	2,997	756	1,583
February	3,822	2,966	867	1,540
March	1,156	2,107	1,005	2,230
April	1,418	1,915	841	2,073
May	2,282	2,363	943	1,890
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	9,316



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Adult Programming (Submitted by Marianne Hooper)

We had a successful first half of the year with our many library partners. Some of them take the summer off from meetings including Sisters in Crime, Main Line Genealogy, Camerata Philadelphia, SCORE, and the TE Historical Society. Regular programs that will continue throughout the summer include yoga, ukulele, ESL, Medicare workshops, Connecting Club, and our book clubs.

This Summer we are renewing our partnership with the Valley Forge Alliance to provide a series of six Lunch and Learn programs in June and July. Also, we are once again teaming up with Jenkins Arboretum to sponsor Arbo-READ-um. There are a series of reading and activity challenges on Beanstack as well as three programs: two with author Maria Rodale and another with Mark Highland of Organic Mechanics about having healthy soil for your garden.

The Adult Summer Reading program kicked off on Friday, June 16 along with the children's program launch. Adults have an opportunity to play Library Bingo on Beanstack (or on paper if they would rather) to win prizes including passes to Longwood Gardens, gift certificates to Main Point Books, and more. In addition, there a number of individual programs including a "Community Conversation on Book Bans," a program on cover letters and resumes, and some author talks.

The Fall schedule is already in the works with dates for a number of programs already on the calendar. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 14 for the annual Party in the Park where the library will have multiple tables promoting the library. In the past, the Library Board has also had a table and may want to consider that for this year.

I would like to recognize the many staff members who have provided program ideas, and especially to those who have stepped up and headed up various programs including Jonathan Trice, Sam Sorenson, Carla Vastine, and Lisa Baron.

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 16th at 4PM and it ends of August 11th. 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!



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Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan)

Teens in May 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 second two sessions of our annual four-week college admission series with Cigus Vanni, a stained-glass bookmark craft class, and hosting the annual intern program for students from Conestoga High School.

There were nine graduating seniors in this years' internship; they spent a month at the library learning all aspects of the operation from technical services, to customer service, to our core values, to community programming. A few highlights were: "The Journey of the Book," training with Saj Bewtra, reading and discussing, "Protocol: The Power of Diplomacy and How to Make It Work for You," business lunches with Sam Bewtra, two sessions on time management with college expert and reference librarian, Carla Vastine, and training to tell stories with Stephanie and Michele in the Children's department.

It is always a thrill to attend the Conestoga High School graduation to see the interns, and many of the students that have come to the library for years, take those final high school steps.

Respectfully submitted by Mallory Hoffman (still with help from Valerie Green) ☺