



Director's Report to the Library Board of Trustees September 28, 2023

Operations

Work on the HVAC at Tredyffrin Public Library continues. The Township is coordinating the work with the contractors, but I believe at this point, there is no work to be done until the part that is needed arrives – which isn't expected until 2024.

Work on the roof is officially finished! The contractors began work on fixing the lobby and the small part of the wall in the King room on Monday 9/18 and it is supposed to be completed within a week. The cost of the work is being covered by the contractor.

We are still waiting on the part for the HVAC unit in the King room, but temperatures have been relatively cool lately so it's not problematic. Word on the street is that our 70-ton chiller may arrive in February, 2024 – but I will not be holding my breath. Will continue to provide monthly updates.

The computer lab is getting painted Tuesday, 9/26 for the MakerSpace! We're so excited about this amazing new adventure we're going on.

FT staff evaluations are complete and approved by Casey at the Township and I will work on meeting with each person to review them.

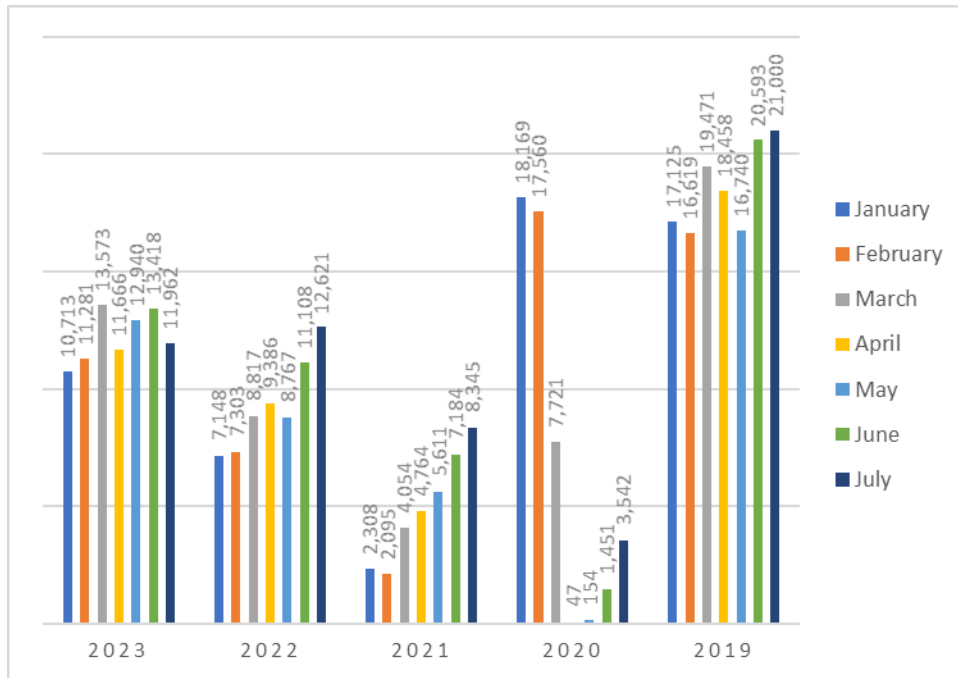
Next up on my agenda is working on the 2024 budget for presentation at the October board meeting.



Building Access

For the month of August, 12,889 library visits were recorded. Compared to August 2022, the visitor count increased by 280.

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
June	13,418	11,108	7,184	1,451	20,593
July	11,962	12,621	8,345	3,542	21,000
August	12,889	12,609	8,447	4,899	22,354





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Monthly 2023 to 2022	August 2023	August 2022	Difference	% increase or decrease
Paoli	2,483	2,875	-392	-14%
Tredyffrin	10,406	9,734	672	7%
Libraries Combined	12,889	12,609	280	2%

Yearly 2023 to 2019	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined
2023 (YTD)	77,539	20,903	98,442
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

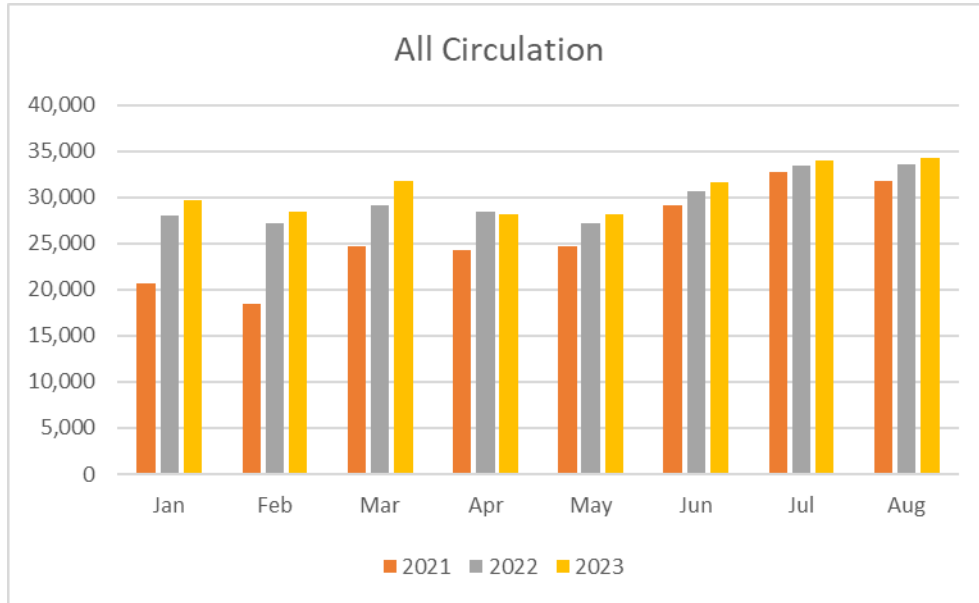
August 2023 circulation totaled 34,308. Overall circulation continues to improve but remains slightly lower than pre-pandemic totals. E-materials circulation remains high and accounts for approximately 27% of total circulation for 2023.

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	28,150	28,181	31,593	33,983	34,308					246,166



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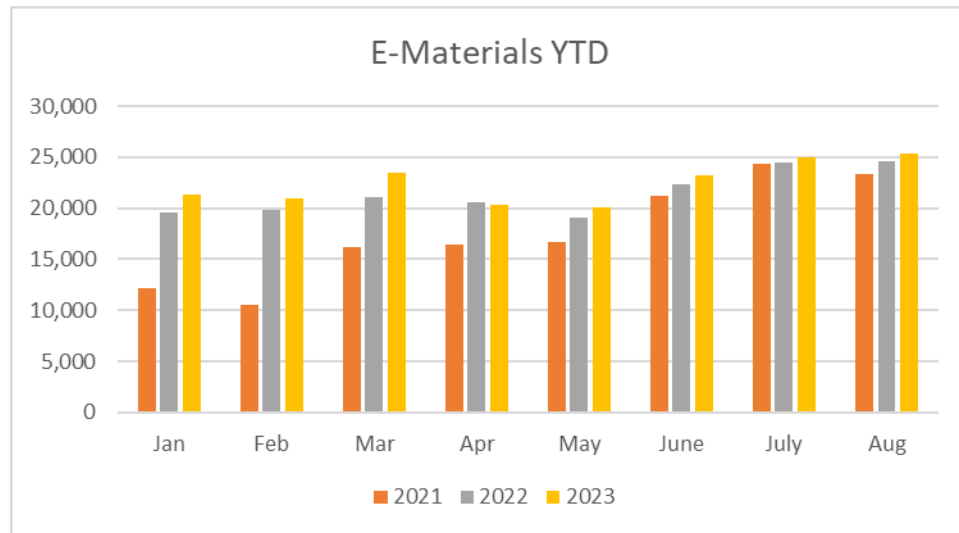
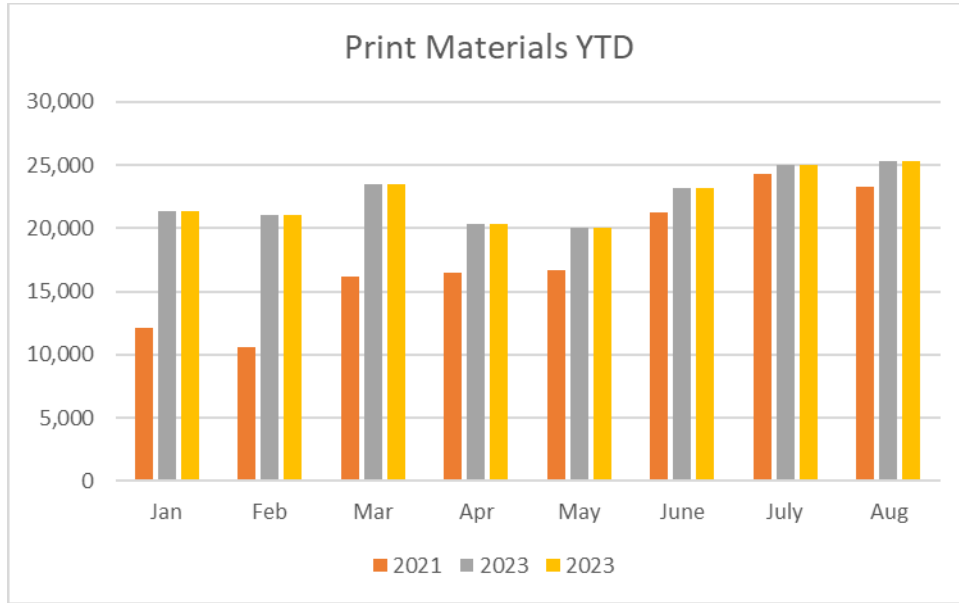
Print Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	22,464	17,494	18,665	25,290	15,774	12,413	185,234
2021	12,104	10,567	16,157	16,448	16,723	21,244	24,308	23,325	17,254	18,744	18,744	18,829	214,447
2022	19,633	19,789	21,069	20,636	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	23,191	25,042	25,355					179,808

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	32.8%
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	30.9%
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	28.0%
2023	8,339	7,453	8,346	7,833	8,091	8,402	8,941	8,953					66,358	26.96%



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Programming Notes

August 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	102
February	183	212	90	93
March	86	153	93	123
April	64	101	82	107
May	99	140	69	121
June	135	165	76	116
July	162	241	80	124
August	130	122	74	97
September	99	57	132	
October	107	126	81	
November	88	94	62	
December	76	70	52	
TOTAL	1,407	1,702	975	883

Programs Attendance	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	3,474	2,997	756	1,713
February	3,822	2,966	867	1,545
March	1,156	2,107	1,005	2,265
April	1,418	1,915	841	2,077
May	2,282	2,363	943	1,886
June	1,928	2,254	1,086	2,283
July	2,144	2,966	941	2,502
August	1,925	2,324	1,192	1,739
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	16,010



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Summer wrapped up with the Novel Tea Fundraiser. Tredyffrin Library sold 10 books, and we were the only library to host an in person watch party. We had snacks and a lively discussion as we watched Pam Jenoff on Zoom. We kicked off September with a program on the Women Justices of the Supreme Court which was held at St. Luke's Church due to the lack of air conditioning in the King Room. In September, there were two author programs with Erin Reilly and John Dobbyn. The Great Books group is meeting back in the library post-covid and is doing a Zoom hybrid format which was very successful; the Residential Rain Garden Program was well attended by a very engaged group, and will be followed up by a tour of local rain gardens. Camerata and Genealogy, two of our most popular programs, have started up again after the summer break and routinely draw 60-80 attendees. The library's first Pride in the Park event is scheduled for Sunday September 24. A new community partnership for programs has been established with the Wayne Senior Center, which is offering tech programs and a caregiver support group. Another new partnership is with Choosing Change Counseling in Wayne which is providing programming on a variety of mental and family health issues and resources. Chester County CareerLink will now be coming to the library once per month for outreach to provide free resume and job search resources for residents.

Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg)

Well it's back to school time! We planned a lot of programs this month to keep the momentum from this summer. We've had 16 programs so far this month in addition to our regular storytimes. The scavenger hunts through the department continue to be super popular with kiddos coming back multiple times to complete the hunt. They love it!

We move into October with the same enthusiasm. We are looking forward to great programs like the return of plant club and more kids' makerspace programs. October also brings the return of Trunk or Treat! We had a blast last year and looking forward to it! If anyone is interested in being a trunk for the event please contact me, Stephanie, at sbragg@ccls.org. I would be happy to help with a theme if you like or you can help out with another trunk.



Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan)

Teens in August held our monthly events including: board game and cards night, Nintendo Switch on the big screen afterschool, teen book groups, monthly mystery event, chess, anime, and our Roundtable Discussion Dinner.

Our camp that began in July was ongoing. Ten summers ago, we set out to create a performing arts camp that emphasized community and ensemble rather than competition—something affordable, flexible and accessible to all families and schedules. This year we welcomed a new teaching artist Haley Phares. Our accompanist Maria Dell’Orefice stepped into the role of teaching artist.

Haley Phares is an actress and singer who performed onstage at Conestoga High School. Her favorite role was working in the ensemble for “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” She practiced voice with the Kate Mallon-Day Voice Studio for all four years of high school and is currently pursuing a BA from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in Music Therapy; her major instrument is voice. She believes in the promise of music to improve emotional and physical well-being and is passionate about the inclusivity of music and theatre.

Maria Dell’Orefice, a classical pianist and avid violinist, has shared the stage with a multitude of performers including Alexander Markov, Francesca DePasquale and Chris Botti. While Maria frequently presents solo and collaborative performances in the Philadelphia area, she has also performed solo piano in Carnegie Hall’s Weill Recital Hall as a result of winning the Semper Pro Musica Competition, Elite International Music Competition, and Crescendo International Piano Competition. Maria recently returned from a program in Mondavio, Italy in which she accompanied opera singers in Mozart’s *Don Giovanni*. She was the musical director for the Delaware Valley Opera Company in July 2023 for their productions of *Goyescas* and *Abu Hassan*.

Both Maria and Haley are Conestoga High School graduates.

Our Remixed Classics program is ongoing.

We continued to host a teen for the summer who is interning in Library Science. The internship is similar to our spring internship and covers many aspects of professional librarianship.

Respectfully submitted by Mallory Hoffman (with statistics and pivot table help from Valerie Green) ☺