



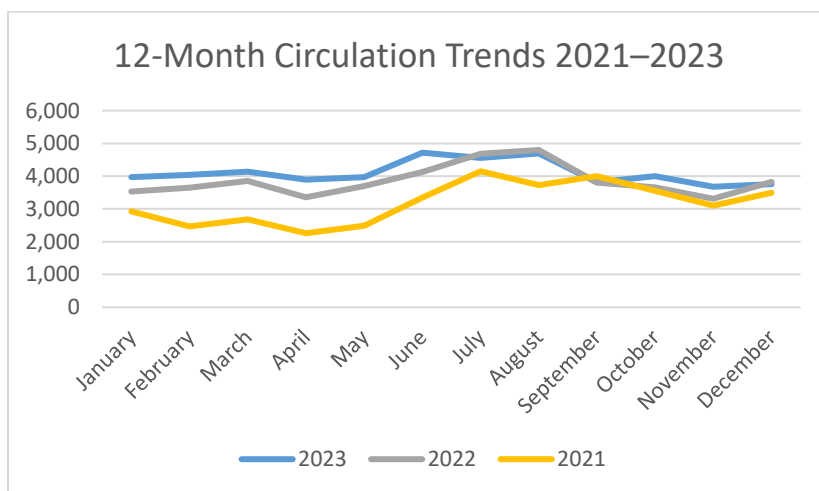
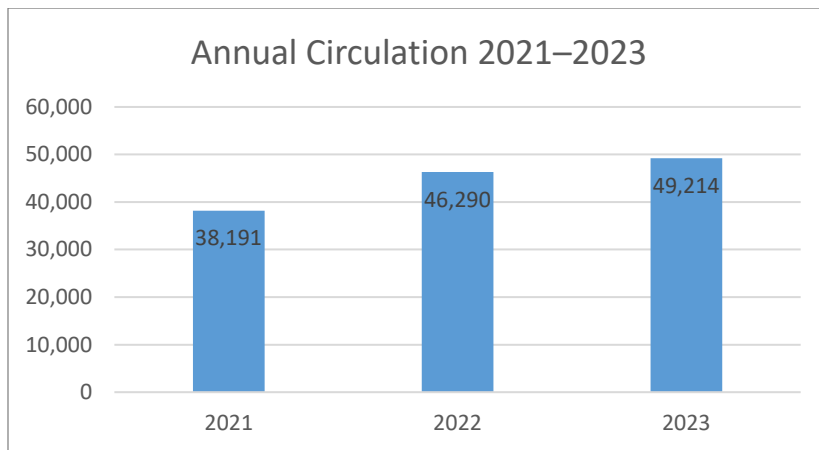
## January 2024 Branch Manager's Report

### Facilities

The library was closed Tuesday, January 16–Saturday, January 20, due to weather-related problems with the parking lot. The plowing company hired by the bank failed to show up, and the parking spaces in front of the library turned into solid ice. I contacted the Wells Fargo property manager, as did the bank manager and township manager Bill Martin. The lot was partially cleared by a new company on Thursday, but there was still ice in many parking spots and on one of the handicap cutaways. Unfortunately, then it snowed again Friday, and that snow was not cleared until midday Saturday.

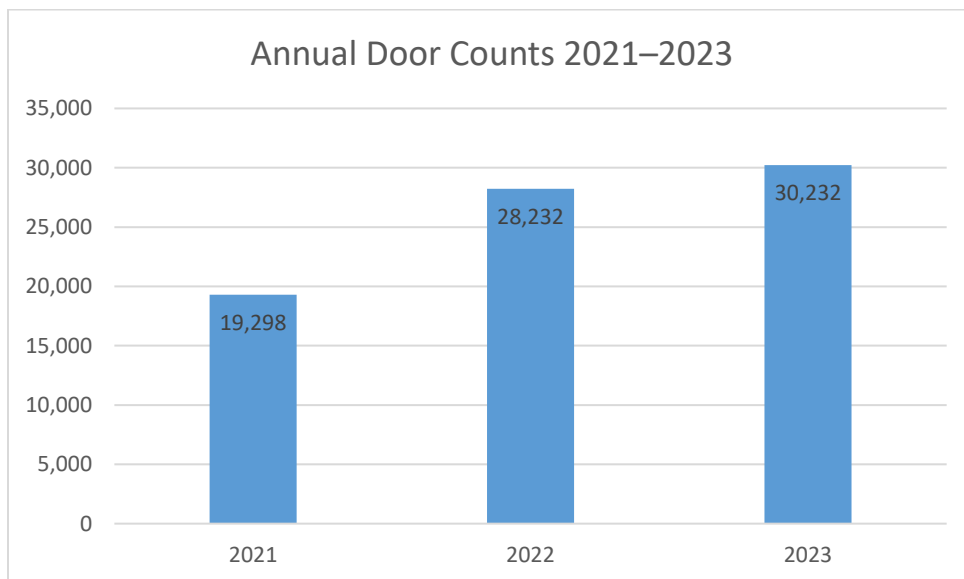
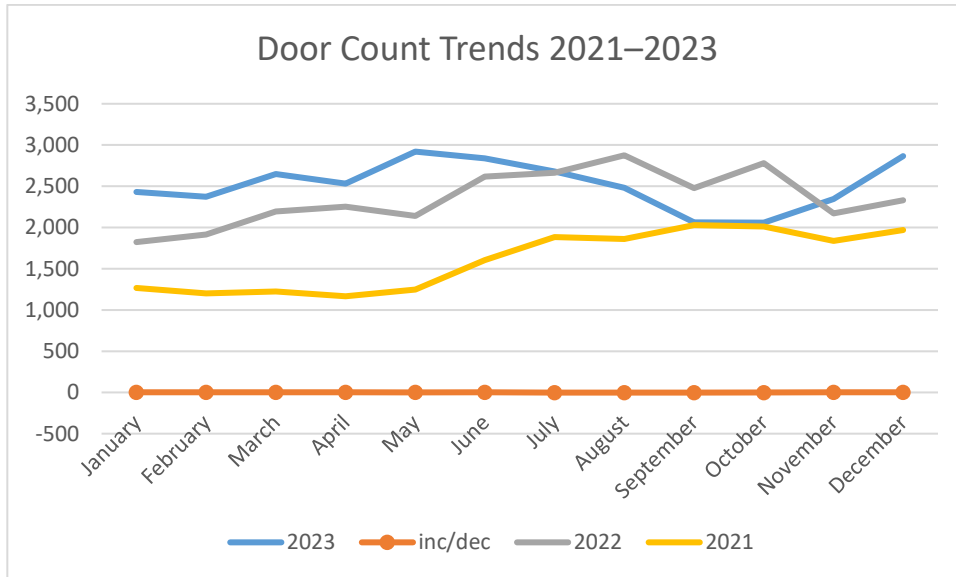
### Circulation

Circulation dipped slightly in December but overall circulation for the year was 6% higher than in 2022.



## Door Count

Now that our door counter is functioning properly, the numbers for December reflect our own observations that the library is getting busier and busier. The December 2023 count was 23% higher than December 2022 and 45% higher than 2021.



## Adult Programming

The Mystery Book Club has announced their themes for January–May and the Next Big Thing Book Club has announced selected titles for January–June. Both clubs are continuing to meet via Zoom. The Next Big Thing group has decided to expand their theme from debut novels to debuts of any kind, so that they can now include debut memoirs as well.

Bernadette Smith, a Mindfulness Educator and Consultant as well as a Paoli Library staff member, will be offering a four-week introduction to mindfulness practice in January and February.

Respectfully submitted by

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