



## Director's Report to the Library Board of Trustees

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Paoli Library

### Operations

The library's summer programming is going well and I can't believe we are almost at July already! I hope you have all registered for the adult summer reading program (if not for the prizes at least to boost our stats). 😊

Humidity in the building is much lower now with the fix of the second "section" of the big chiller. We are now waiting on the replacement of an air intake unit that continues to get stuck in the open position. For whatever reason, Stephanie's office down in children's remains humid. She is borrowing a dehumidifier from upstairs until the problem can be fixed (I think it's partially because the glass from one of their windows still has not been put back in from the temporary AC units last summer).

Paoli is finally feeling fully staffed, after the addition of Breanne Canedo and Aimee Polaha as circulation assistants in May. Aimee is now working as Paoli's Adult Programming Coordinator and she is doing amazing! It feels great to bring a lot of programs for adults back into the building.

Some of the part-time staff were surprised to find out last week that they were not actually paid for breaks longer than 20 minutes. This was information from pre-township taking over payroll that just did not transfer well. We are working on getting everyone settled and understanding the proper information.

I officially take my position as President of the SAC (System Advisory Council, I believe) of the County in August, and I'm starting to ask around to learn the ropes of what to do. Fun times!

The Makerspace open hours have officially started and are incredibly popular! We may have to limit to an even smaller amount of people until everyone (patrons) get the hang of how the open hours work.

I will be on vacation without access to email, Slack, etc., from Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

The township has received several applications for Beverly's position. We are going through them and hope to begin interviewing once I am back from vacation the week of July 8<sup>th</sup>. Beverly has been a cornerstone of the beloved Paoli Library for many years and she will be missed.



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## Building Access

For the month of May 2024, 12,045 library visits were recorded. Compared to May 2023, the visitor count decreased by 895.

Libraries Combined						
Month to date						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	17,125	18,169	2,308	7,148	10,713	10,755
February	16,619	17,560	2,095	7,303	11,281	11,963
March	19,471	7,721	4,054	8,817	13,573	14,095
April	18,458	47	4,764	9,386	11,666	12,691
May	16,740	154	5,611	8,767	12,940	12,045
June	20,593	1,451	7,184	11,108	13,418	
July	21,000	3,542	8,345	12,621	11,962	
August	22,354	4,899	8,447	12,609	12,889	
September	19,778	5,167	5,959	10,576	9,937	
October	19,870	5,007	7,380	10,575	11,117	
November	18,930	4,719	8,230	11,661	11,051	
December	14,732	2,262	7,286	9,722	10,093	

Monthly 2024 to 2023					
	May 2024	May 2023	Difference	% increase or decrease	
Paoli	2,768	2,920	-152	-5%	
Tredyffrin	9,277	10,020	-743	-7%	
Libraries Combined	12,045	12,940	-895	-7%	

Yearly 2024 to 2019				
	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined	
2024 (YTD)	47,576	13,973	61,549	
2023	110,408	30,232	140,640	
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	



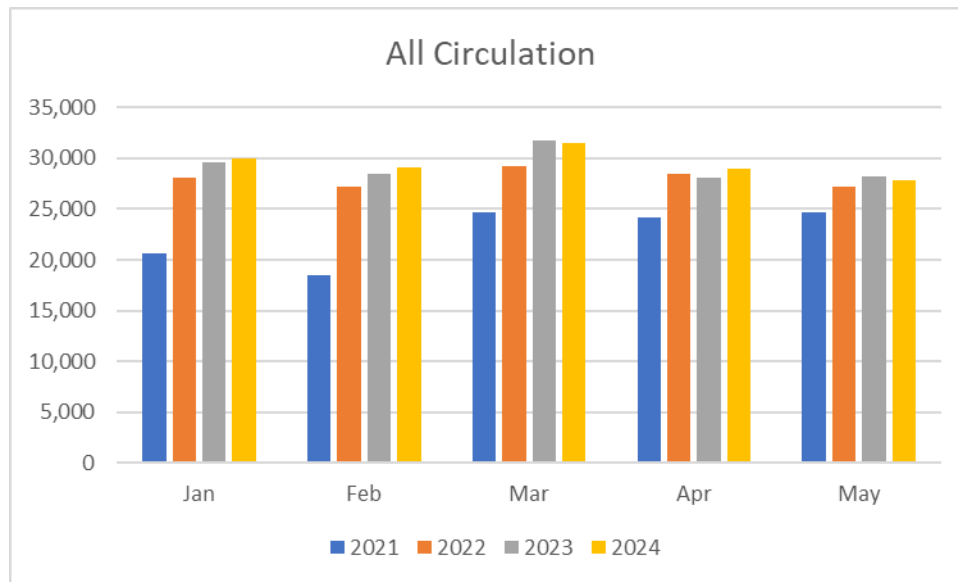
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## Circulation

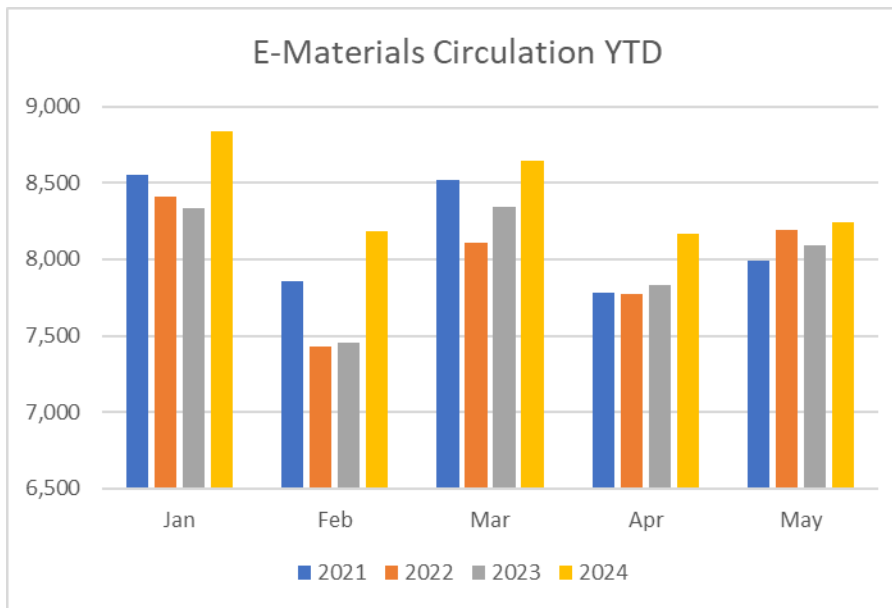
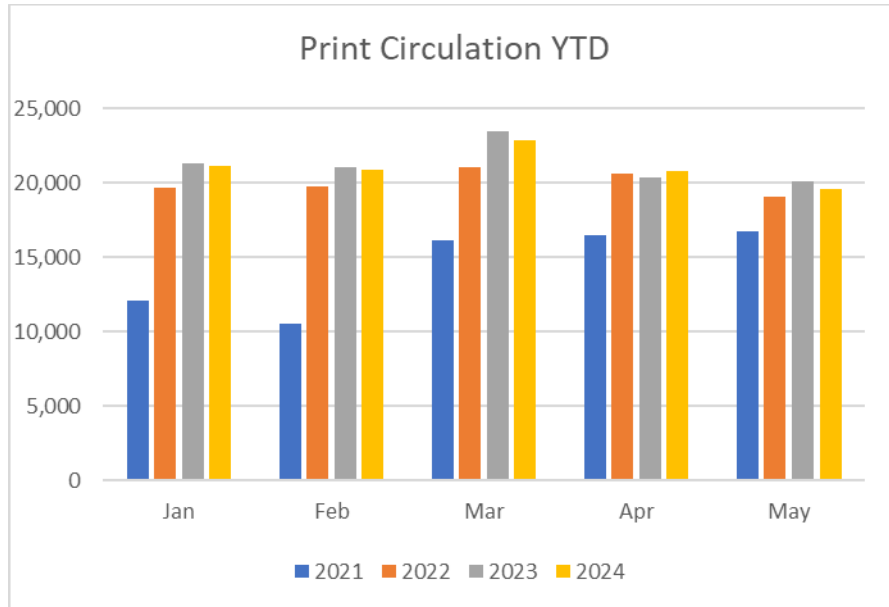
May 2024 circulation totaled 27,825. Overall circulation continues to improve but remains slightly lower than pre-pandemic totals. E-materials circulation remains high and accounts for approximately 29% of total circulation for 2024, so far.

All Circulation													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2019	32,444	30,670	33,220	31,318	29,629	32,899	36,563	35,057	31,093	31,583	29,979	29,330	<b>383,785</b>
2020	32,884	33,602	20,374	8,202	8,923	13,557	22,464	25,791	25,925	25,290	22,762	19,922	<b>259,696</b>
2021	20,659	18,421	24,680	24,230	24,718	29,178	32,707	31,704	24,807	26,929	26,285	26,682	<b>311,000</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	28,181	31,593	33,983	34,308	27,822	28,048	27,995	27,771	<b>357,802</b>
2024	29,948	29,070	31,479	28,936	27,825								<b>147,258</b>



Print Circulation													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2019	27,621	26,233	28,369	26,674	24,765	27,772	31,099	29,708	26,151	26,602	25,246	24,304	<b>324,544</b>
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	13,865	17,494	18,665	18,077	15,774	12,413	<b>169,422</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	20,090	23,191	25,042	25,355	19,583	19,848	19,951	19,304	<b>258,494</b>
2024	21,109	20,887	22,833	20,771	19,579								<b>105,179</b>

E-Materials Circulation														
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	
2019	4,823	4,437	4,851	4,644	4,864	5,127	5,464	5,349	4,942	4,981	4,741	5,026	<b>59,249</b>	15.44%
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	<b>90,274</b>	34.76%
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	<b>96,025</b>	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	<b>97,734</b>	28.0%
2023	8,339	7,453	8,346	7,833	8,091	8,402	8,941	8,953	8,239	8,200	8,044	8,467	<b>99,308</b>	27.8%
2024	8,839	8,183	8,646	8,165	8,246								<b>42,079</b>	28.58%





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## Programming Notes

May 2024 programming numbers are listed here. The charts show updated totals for numbers of programs offered and program attendance.

Programs Offered	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	126	178	221	84	98	121
February	136	183	212	90	93	128
March	131	86	153	93	120	135
April	169	64	101	82	108	137
May	157	99	140	69	121	125
June	153	135	165	76	119	
July	137	162	241	80	124	
August	165	130	122	74	122	
September	154	99	57	132	127	
October	171	107	126	81	116	
November	122	88	94	62	123	
December	142	76	70	52	78	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>646</b>

Programs Attendance	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	2,084	3,474	2,997	756	1,641	2,616
February	1,973	3,822	2,966	867	1,545	2,198
March	2,020	1,156	2,107	1,005	2,220	2,604
April	2,197	1,418	1,915	841	2,082	2,407
May	2,420	2,282	2,363	943	1,886	2,264
June	5,786	1,928	2,254	1,086	2,335	
July	2,518	2,144	2,966	941	2,502	
August	3,230	1,925	2,324	1,192	2,162	
September	2,334	2,897	816	2,095	2,218	
October	3,335	1,491	1,445	1,218	2,104	
November	2,005	1,494	1,635	806	1,964	
December	1,930	1,278	852	890	1,230	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,832</b>	<b>25,309</b>	<b>24,640</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>23,889</b>	<b>12,089</b>



## **Adult Programming (submitted by Sam Sorensen):**

Last month, we saw 729 patrons for Adult and General Interest programs at the library and online. The T/E Historical Society meeting yielded 60 attendees, which is a fantastic way to conclude the spring with us. We also introduced a new program based on patron requests. We now offer weekly Mah Jongg gatherings, and attendance slowly increases as more people learn about the recurring program.

Many programs continue to grow. The Medicare educational workshops took a brief dip in attendance but have returned to average. The ukulele group used to fit in the computer lab--which is now our Makerspace--and they now have nearly 30 attendees for one session at times! At the May donor event, the representative for the Main Line Genealogy Club thanked the library and expressed how much she treasured our partnership. She explained to me that they used to meet at Easttown Library, and when the pandemic hit, the library wasn't interested in exploring virtual/hybrid options with them. She said that once they got started here at Tredyffrin, membership kept increasing as a direct result of how we support multiple access points for programs (in person/hybrid/virtual).

In February, I connected with staff over at People's Light to begin a partnership with them. For the month of April, we participated in a community read program with other Chester County libraries in advance of the play debuting in May, Hurricane Diane. Tredyffrin specifically worked with People's Light staff (Andrew and Nora!) to create a display for their lobby of our materials that would be up through the duration of the play. I read the script, and Tara Thorne worked closely with me as I put together materials to reflect and expand on core themes. The display included QR codes to place a hold at the patron's home library since we were aware that attendees would be from all over (and outside of) Chester county. We also included information on signing up for library cards and program details. People's Light invited Jonathan Trice to speak on a panel about queer art with other community representatives following one performance. We are really excited about deepening this rich partnership with People's Light, and the outreach we conduct with our materials hopefully boosts the entire library system. At the time of writing this report, I just finished curating another display for Off By One that will be up by the time everyone reads this. It will be in place until July 7th.

Going into the summer, we have two adult reading programs: Summer Reading passports and Arbo-READ-um Community Read challenges. The former began on June 14th, and the latter begins July 1st. Summer Reading passports offers a physical copy that patrons can sign up for at the circulation desk. We are hosting weekly raffles (a total of 7 weeks) for Longwood Gardens ticket vouchers. At the end of summer, participants can turn in their completed passports for raffle tickets for a prize pack focused around adventure, the summer theme. Arbo-READ-um challenges are hosted on the app Beanstack and includes activities, such as logging a shared read, attending a program at Jenkins, and borrowing a Museum Pass from the library. We will have a bird-themed prize pack for one lucky winner as well. Ideally, these provide opportunities for our patrons to visit us and grab materials for their travels—or staycations—and increase traffic to both the library and Jenkins.



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

May in the children's department was mostly about getting ready for summer. We finished prep on our passports, gathered prizes, and arranged outside performers. Volunteers were trained and the kickoff party was planned. Some program highlights were a successful Mother's Day Card drop in program, Young Illustrators made line drawings inspired by Serge Bloch, and Preschool STEM made it rain with food coloring and shaving cream.

Looking forward to summer, we have some great performers joining us. Quiver Farms will be bringing a goat and talking about using goat milk to make cream and butter. Eyes of the Wild is a rescue that will bring some exotic animals to learn about. STEM Spark will be teaching about space and spacesuit engineering. This summer is an ADVENTURE!

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

Teens in May held our monthly events including: board game and cards night, teen book groups, weekly crochet club, anime, Switch on the big screen, chess, and our Roundtable Discussion Dinner.

Teen Librarian, Laurie Doan completed a course "Connected Learning," as part of Transforming Teen Services, an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association in partnership with Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

In May, we held the final three sessions of our Annual Free Online College Admissions Series, "UNDERSTANDING AND DEMYSTIFYING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS," with workshop leader Cigus Vanni.

On May 24, the library hosted *Inkwell* to launch *The Folio*; a student-run literary and art publication from Conestoga High School. Although the name *Folio* has been only since 2007, the group has collected, compiled, designed, and published student-produced art and literature since 1967.

For the entire month of May, the teen librarian worked with ten interns in Library and Information Science. The interns, from Conestoga High School and The Woodlynde School explored the different departments of the library including circulation, processing, and programming. They read and discussed *Protocol: The Power of Diplomacy and How to Make It Work for You* by Marshall; an accessible guide to empower them with the tools of diplomacy in the workplace. They also chose an individual project to work on and present to the group.

It works well for Tredyffrin Library to host a cohort of interns. Friendships are the heart of creative human ecologies. Most every field recognizes the need for creative teams. Our internship explores that idea.

Our Remixed Classics program is ongoing.

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