



Director's Report to the Library Board of Trustees

May 23rd, 2024

Operations

The library continues to run smoothly. The chiller is up and running, the green roof is only slightly drippy, and the de-humidifiers are running to help get some moist air out of the building – but it is NOT as bad as it was last summer. Whatever this issue was seems to have been fixed on Tuesday 5/21. Goldner was out to do some work and we mentioned the humidity so they took a look. The temp dropped in my office by about 3 degrees and the humidity by about 3%.

Paoli is finally feeling fully staffed, after the addition of Breanne Canedo and Aimee Polaha as circulation assistants. We hope to push Aimee into an Adult Programming Coordinator position at Paoli, though, to help them re-start some programming for adults.

We are also fully staffed here at Tredyffrin with the addition of three part-time circulation assistants (Louisa Schnaithmann, Vinia Panjaitan, and Angela Nguyen) as well as a Planning Coordinator, Jennifer McLuckie, who will be working circulation, reference, and tech services so will be cross-trained in several areas.

Our landscaper, who was originally hired many years ago by Marian Stevens, never started coming to do work in 2024, so we are a bit overgrown. The township is working with him further on the “why” and also to help us get a new company. Please pardon our weedy appearance. We’re trying to get cleaned up by our donor event on May 31st.

I celebrated my one-year anniversary as Tredyffrin’s Director of Libraries on May 15th. The time flew by – cheers to many more!

Building Access

For the month of April 2024, 12,691 library visits were recorded. Compared to April 2023, the visitor count increased by 1,025. Also – thanks to Valerie for providing us with pre-Covid numbers! Now we can truly see our goals.



TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

TREDYFFRIN PUBLIC LIBRARY & PAOLI LIBRARY

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	
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					
	April 2024	April 2023	Difference	% increase or decrease	
Paoli	2,908	2,532	376	15%	
Tredyffrin	9,783	9,134	649	7%	
Libraries Combined	12,691	11,666	1,025	9%	

Yearly 2024 to 2019				
	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined	
2024 (YTD)	38,299	11,205	49,504	
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	

Circulation

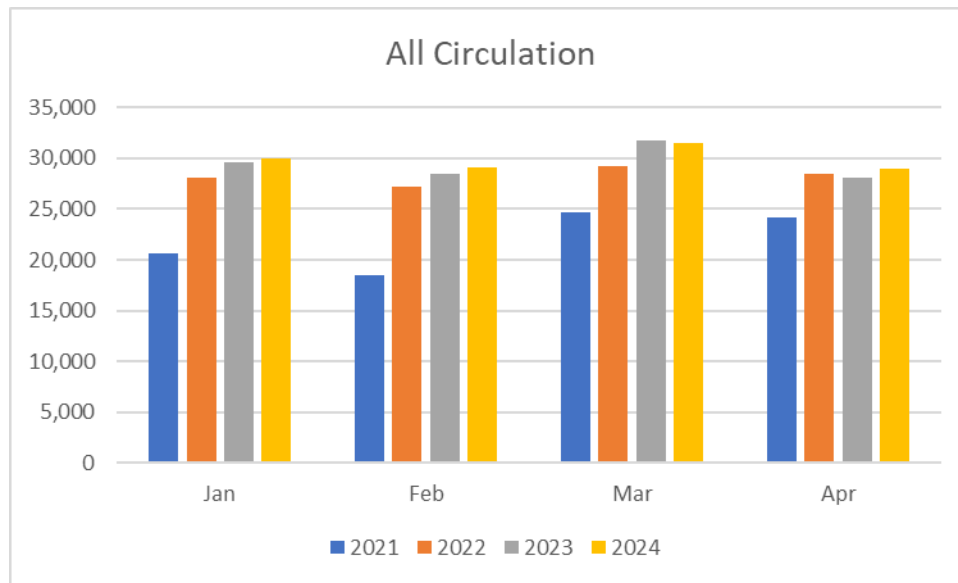
April 2024 circulation totaled 28,936. Overall circulation continues to improve but remains slightly lower than pre-pandemic totals. E-materials circulation remains high and accounts for approximately 28% of total circulation for 2024, so far.



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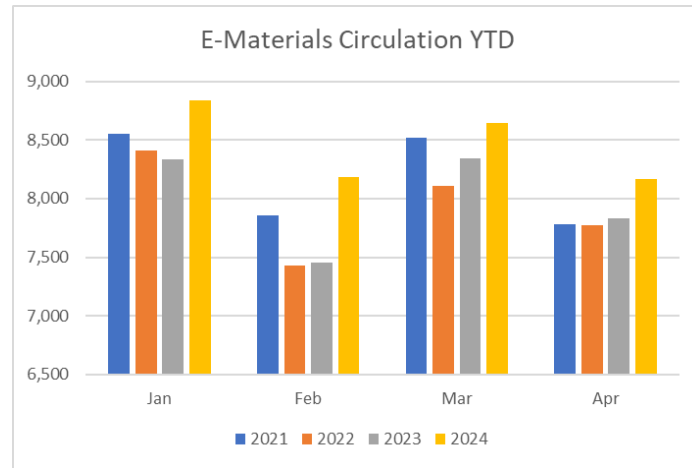
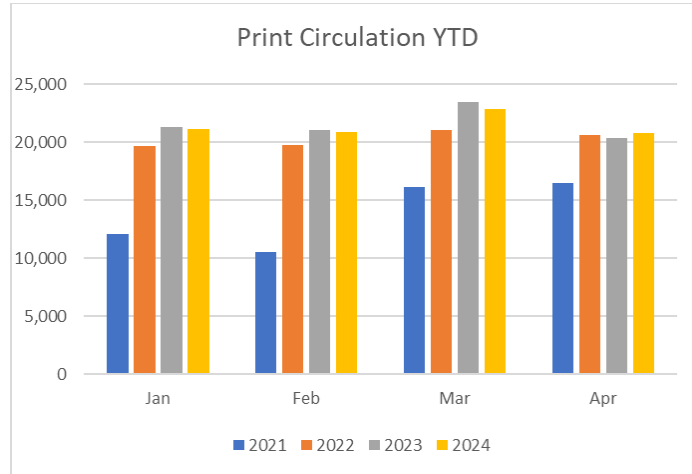
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All Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2019	32,444	30,670	33,220	31,318	29,629	32,899	36,563	35,057	31,093	31,583	29,979	29,330	383,785
2020	32,884	33,602	20,374	8,202	8,923	13,557	22,464	25,791	25,925	25,290	22,762	19,922	259,696
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	311,000
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	27,822	28,048	27,995	27,771	357,802
2024	29,948	29,070	31,479	28,936									119,433



Print Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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	324,544
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	13,865	17,494	18,665	18,077	15,774	12,413	169,422
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	19,583	19,848	19,951	19,304	258,494
2024	21,109	20,887	22,833	20,771									85,600

E-Materials Circulation													TOTAL	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec		
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	59,249	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	90,274	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	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	8,239	8,200	8,044	8,467	99,308	27.8%
2024	8,839	8,183	8,646	8,165									33,833	28.33%



Programming Notes

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



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Programs Offered	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	221	84	98	121
February	212	90	93	128
March	153	93	120	143
April	101	82	108	136
May	140	69	121	
June	165	76	119	
July	241	80	124	
August	122	74	122	
September	57	132	127	
October	126	81	116	
November	94	62	123	
December	70	52	78	
TOTAL	1,702	975	1,349	528

Programs Attendance	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	2,997	756	1,641	2,616
February	2,966	867	1,545	2,198
March	2,107	1,005	2,220	2,613
April	1,915	841	2,082	2,364
May	2,363	943	1,886	
June	2,254	1,086	2,335	
July	2,966	941	2,502	
August	2,324	1,192	2,162	
September	816	2,095	2,218	
October	1,445	1,218	2,104	
November	1,635	806	1,964	
December	852	890	1,230	
TOTAL	24,640	12,640	23,889	9,791

Adult Programming (submitted by Sam Sorensen):

In April, Tredyffrin saw just shy of 700 patrons for our adult programming. Our twice weekly yoga classes have been steadily increasing in size, and patrons rave about our instructor, Eileen. We hosted a few partner events, such as the talk on caring for big trees with the township's Environmental Advisory Council, which yielded 30 attendees. In addition to our recurring events, we offered new programming, like a bouquet workshop with local flowers (and led by a florist whose first job was shelving books here at TPL!).



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This workshop brought in patrons who have never been in the library before as well as a few who only come in to pick up holds and leave, so getting new folks into programs feels like a great success! We also hosted a concert for the Munier Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra, and we will be welcoming them back for another performance in November.

So far this month, I've been finalizing the details of Arbo-READ-um with Amy Mawby over at Jenkins and adult summer reading at Tredyffrin. Both will have a number of talks and activities aligned with each theme (birds and adventure, respectively). I solidified dates for a monthly caregivers support group, a Hindustani concert with a highly esteemed musician from Mumbai, and a Pride Film Festival. We have a lot coming up on summer's horizon!

Looking ahead, I am working with Heather Hillas, one of our reference assistants, to begin offering conversation groups for English language learners again. I want to expand offerings to supplement the one weekly English Language Class we currently offer. Additionally, I am working with Jackie Courtney at Brightview to build programming specific for seniors. We have created Makerspace programming, such as coding for seniors, so that older patrons can try new skills in a supportive environment.

Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg)

April was another great month in the children's department! We have a great group of littles that come weekly for storytimes. Michele held a fun and successful event to make bug hotels for gardens out of materials we normally throw away like corks and egg cartons. In partnering with the Makerspace Amy helped kids design their own 3D printed clip bookmarks and code Sphero robots to help the Pigeon drive the bus. For Earth Day, Pre-K friends stopped in to make seed bombs for their gardens to grow wildflowers; then school age friends came in to use paper mache to make their own globes.

Hey, have you heard that summer is coming soon? We are in full planning mode and hope to have everything ready and wrapped up to go by the end of May. Children from Pre-K to rising 8th grades will be able to participate in summer reading by signing up at the summer reading table and receiving their Summer Learning Passport. Inside is a reading challenge as well as learning activities that when completed earn raffle tickets for prizes. Prizes will be awarded every 2 weeks, but we will also have a couple of grand prizes that you can enter for all summer long. We have some great performers joining us this summer! Quiver Farms, Talewise, Makin' Music with Mr Mike, STEM Spark, and more!

Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan)

Teens in April 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.



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Teen Librarian, Laurie Doan completed a course “Computational Thinking,” and began 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.

The teens took a field trip to Villanova Mullen Center to see, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” which was much appreciated.

Over 75 people gathered for teen, Anwen Deng's, flawless piano performance to enjoy a beautiful evening together for a good cause. Anwen helped raise over \$500 for CHOP, an organization offering top-notch healthcare services for children and their families, often at no cost to those in need. Anwen was accepted into the prestigious Julliard Pre-College program at the age of six, making her the youngest person accepted into Julliard Pre-College. It was a privilege to host such a remarkable concert with her.

April marked the end of our 5-week course [Introduction to Python with Aarav](#). The course covers: Introduction and Installing Python & VS Code, Data Structures (Lists, Sets, Dictionaries etc), Control Flow (If, Else, Elseif, Loops), Functions and its uses, File Management, and Game Development using Python.

April marked the beginning of our Annual Free Online College Admissions Series, “ UNDERSTANDING AND DEMYSTIFYING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS,” with Cigus Vanni. These workshops answer the questions: What does the college admissions landscape look like today? How can you match interests, abilities, values and karma with the right college? How does a college admissions committee operate and for what are they really looking? What are the current trends in college admissions? Does test optional really mean test optional? And just how are you supposed to pay for it all...?

Workshop Leader Cigus Vanni is a former Assistant Dean of the College and Admissions Counselor, Swarthmore College; former Director of Counseling, Bishop Eustace Preparatory School; lead Counselor, Cherry Hill High School West; now retired and helping locally.

Our Remixed Classics program is ongoing.

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