



PAOLI LIBRARY

A TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP BRANCH LIBRARY

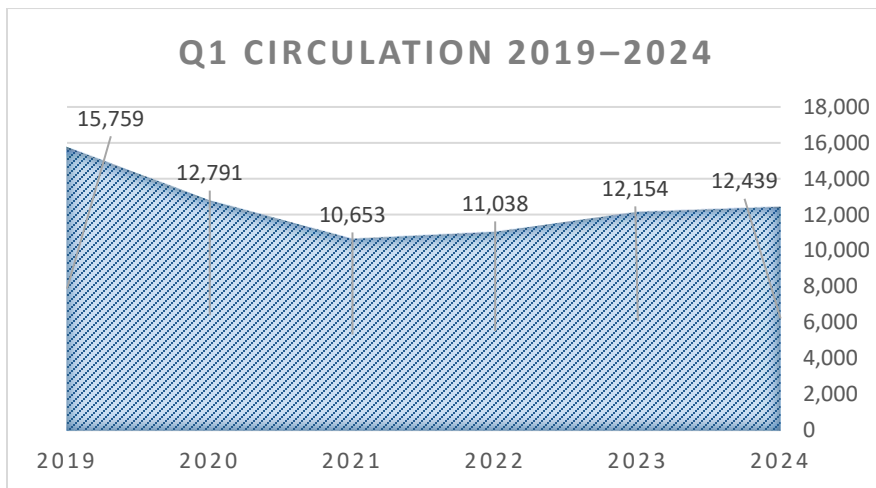
May 2024 Branch Manager's Report

Friends of Paoli Library

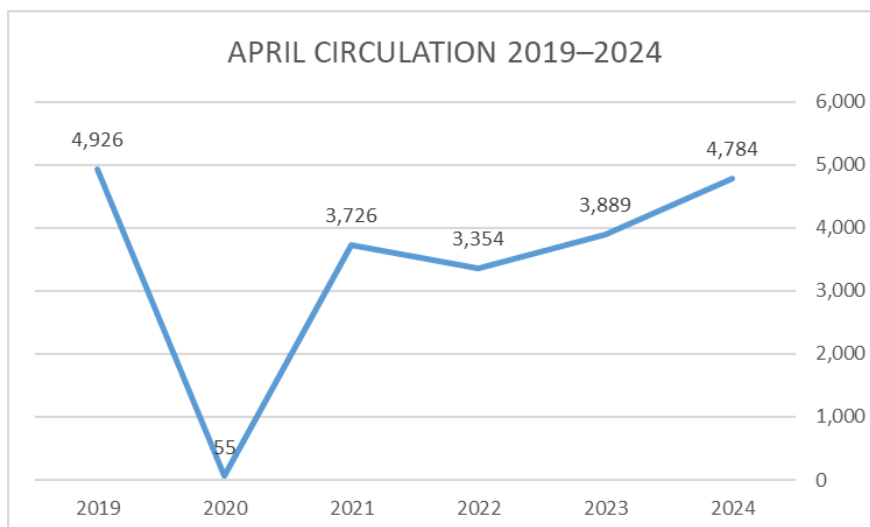
The Friends of Paoli Library have made their annual donation of \$2000 to support the summer reading program. Unfortunately, Kay Carr, who was doing a great job of reviving the Friends, is no longer able to lead the group due to increasing memory problems. We will continue to recruit new members and new leadership.

Circulation

Circulation of print materials continues to increase. First quarter circulation in 2024 was 12,439, 2% higher than in 2023 (12,154). This is 21% below pre-pandemic's 2019 Q1 (20,685) but represents a healthy 17% rebound from 2021 Q1 (10,653).

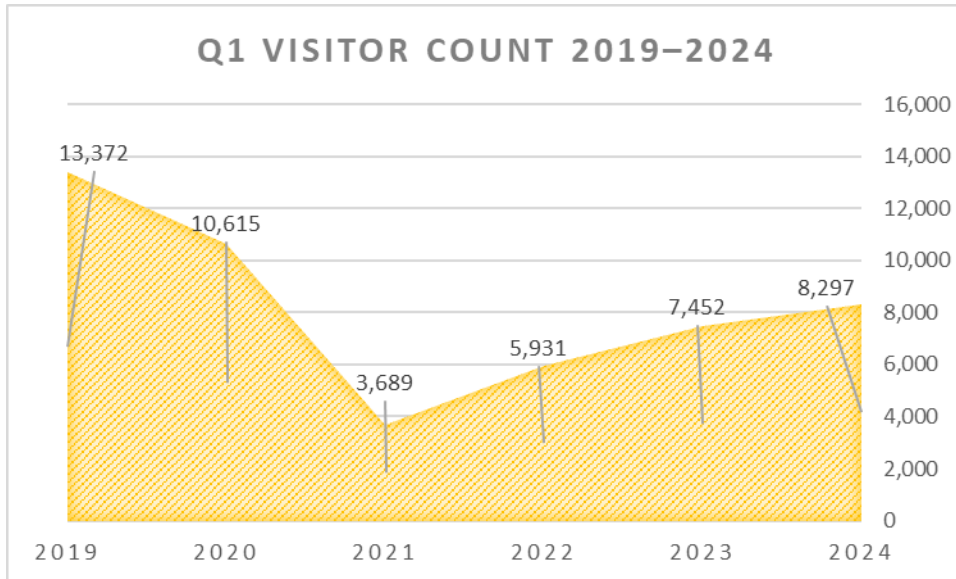


The recovery is even more striking using the April circulation numbers. April 2024 circulation (4,784) lagged behind April 2019 (4,926) by only 3%. With our pandemic closure, In April 2020 only 55 items circulated, which means that April 2024 circulation was 87 times higher.



Visitor Count

The door count continues to rise, with first quarter visits up 11% from last year. It is 39% below 2019 (pre-pandemic), which means that the number of library visits is not rebounding at the same rate as checkouts.



Personal Note

I will be retiring from Tredyffrin Township Libraries as of June 30. I truly appreciate the Library Board's support and encouragement through all the years I have worked here.

I will of course continue to be a library user and library advocate. Thanks to professional relationships begun here, some of my best friends are librarians! 😊 And a few are even past board members!

Respectfully submitted by
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