



Head Librarian Report

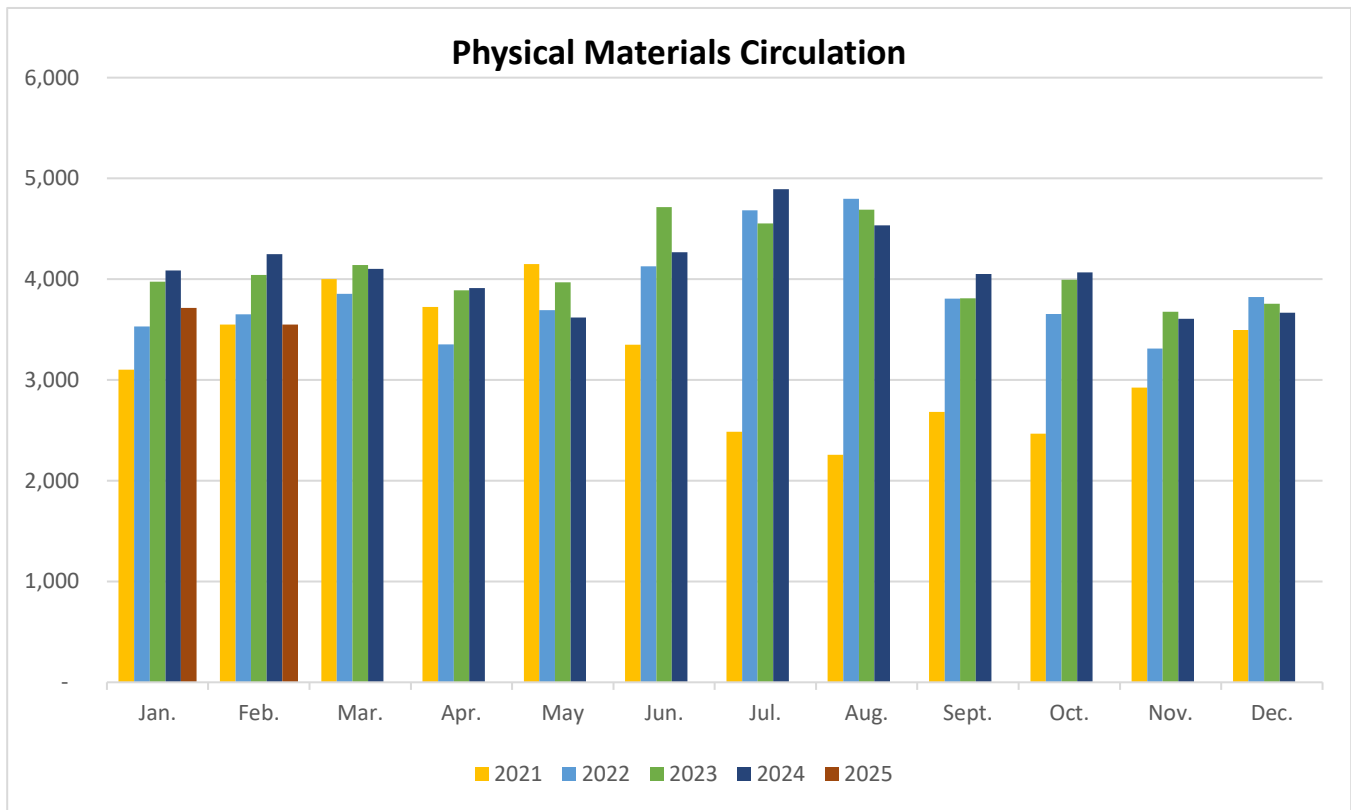
March 27, 2025

Operations

Paoli Library is planning to reintroduce Sunday hours, as requested by the Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors. Sunday hours will be from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Currently, there is no set timeline; we are focusing on hiring and training staff to ensure consistent and reliable weekend coverage. To support weekend staffing, the township has approved the addition of two new circulation assistants. Interviews will be starting next week, and training for existing staff is underway.

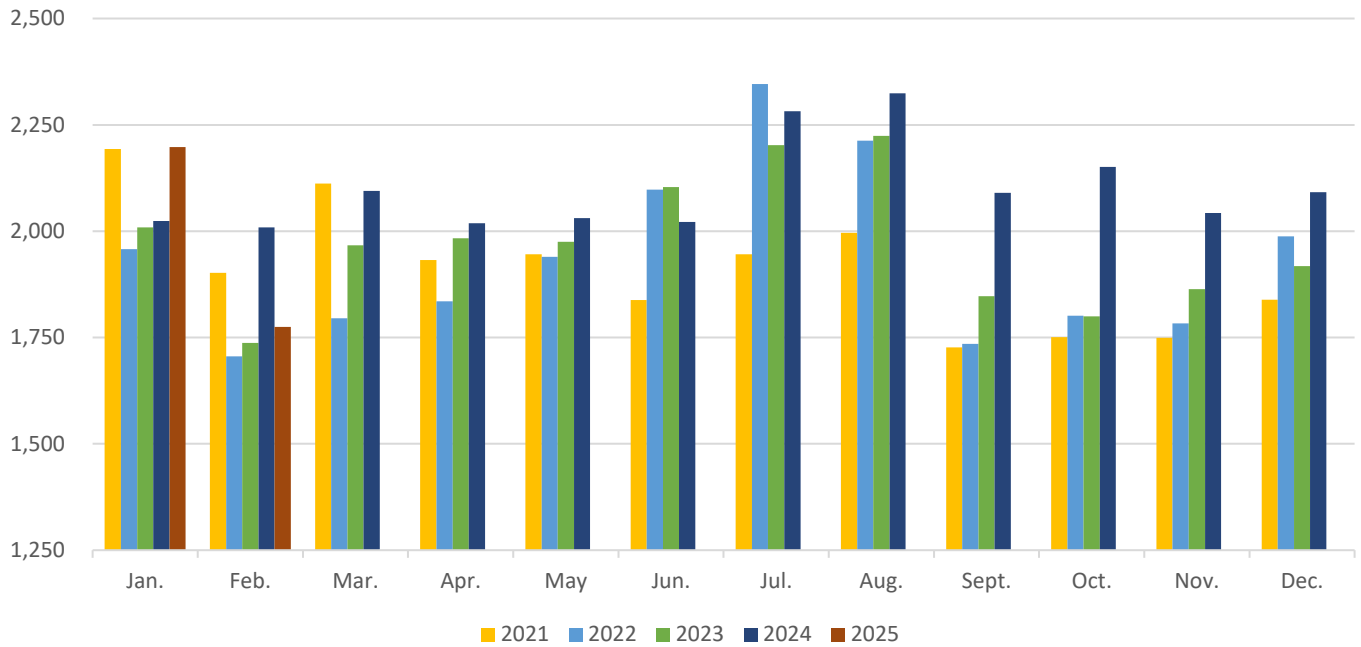
Circulation

In February 2025, circulation of physical materials was 3,550, and circulation of e-materials was 1,775. The decline in physical checkouts could be attributed to the poor weather experienced in February 2025. We will be monitoring future checkout activity and anticipate an increase in circulation in the upcoming months.



Physical Materials Circulation													
Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
2018	5,109	4,630	5,128	4,654	4,735	5,846	5,886	6,019	5,162	5,227	5,370	4,842	
2019	5,604	5,057	5,098	4,926	4,983	5,854	6,274	5,906	4,958	4,979	5,097	4,584	
2020	5,243	4,992	2,556	55	24	1,041	2,727	3,435	3,345	3,038	2,710	2,793	
2021	3,101	3,551	4,001	3,726	4,149	3,349	2,485	2,259	2,683	2,467	2,923	3,497	
2022	3,531	3,653	3,854	3,354	3,693	4,128	4,685	4,798	3,807	3,654	3,311	3,822	
2023	3,974	4,041	4,139	3,889	3,970	4,716	4,554	4,691	3,811	3,995	3,677	3,757	
2024	4,088	4,249	4,102	3,912	3,620	4,268	4,893	4,534	4,052	4,066	3,606	3,668	
2025	3,716	3,550											

E-Materials Circulation



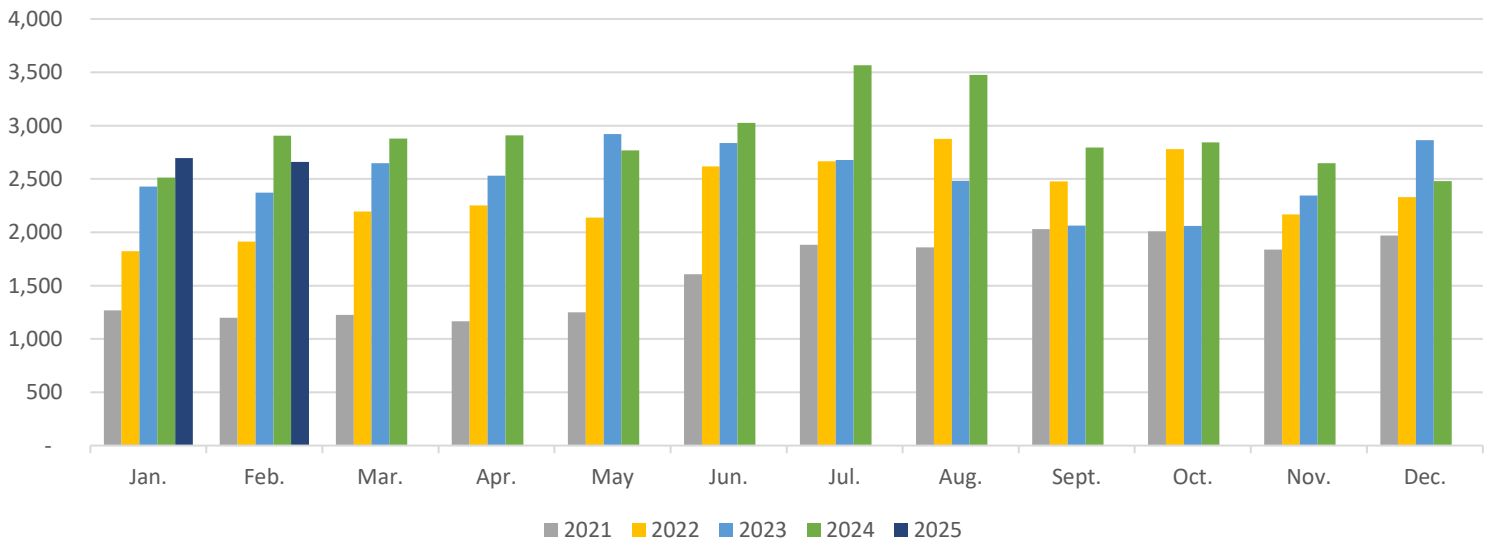
E-Materials Circulation

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2018	819	688	935	940	894	880	1,016	971	898	998	906	977
2019	1,125	1,155	1,199	1,223	1,305	1,402	1,461	1,342	1,328	1,297	1,111	1,316
2020	1,391	1,331	1,431	1,875	2,171	1,937	2,101	1,852	1,567	1,657	1,704	1,971
2021	2,193	1,902	2,112	1,932	1,946	1,838	1,946	1,996	1,727	1,751	1,749	1,839
2022	1,958	1,706	1,795	1,835	1,940	2,098	2,346	2,213	1,735	1,801	1,783	1,988
2023	2,009	1,737	1,967	1,983	1,975	2,104	2,202	2,224	1,847	1,800	1,864	1,918
2024	2,024	2,009	2,095	2,019	2,031	2,022	2,282	2,324	2,090	2,151	2,043	2,092
2025	2,198	1,775										

Visitor Count

In February 2025, 2,660 visits were recorded for Paoli Library.

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
2019	4,454	4,204	4,714	4,740	4,496	4,987	5,356	5,390	4,422	4,407	4,505	3,747	
2020	4,400	4,168	2,047	13	16	575	1,185	1,309	1,302	1,255	987	1,275	
2021	1,266	1,199	1,224	1,166	1,248	1,606	1,882	1,860	2,029	2,010	1,839	1,969	
2022	1,823	1,914	2,194	2,251	2,139	2,617	2,665	2,875	2,476	2,779	2,169	2,330	
2023	2,430	2,373	2,649	2,532	2,920	2,838	2,678	2,483	2,062	2,059	2,344	2,864	
2024	2,513	2,905	2,879	2,908	2,768	3,026	3,565	3,476	2,794	2,843	2,649	2,479	
2025	2,695	2,660											

Programs

February 2025 Programs		
Audience	# of Programs	Attendance
Adults (18+)	8	51
Children (0-11)	15	323
Young Adults (12-17)	2	20
General Interest (All Ages)	2	56
Grand Total	27	450

Youth Programs

February was full of creative programs for all ages at the library! Toddlers experienced hands-on exploration of art materials in the Toddler Art program, and elementary students created little jars of happiness to fill the coming year! Little ones also learned about hibernation in a hands-on science program, and ended the month on a high note at the Family Karaoke party!

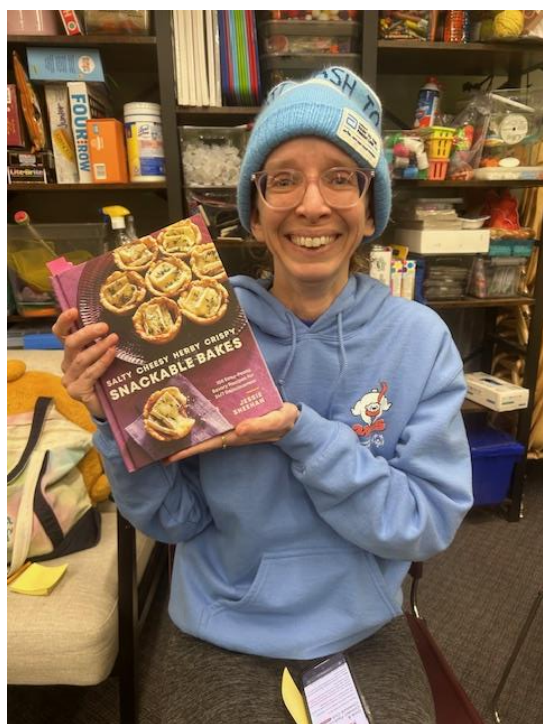
For teens, we hosted two teen art workshops using funds from the Pennsylvania Youth-Let Humanities Grant. Teens had a blast creating self-portraits and tiny art, which you can see on display at the Little Free Art Library at Paoli! In April, keep an eye out for Big Teen Art Week, which will feature workshops from local artists, such as fiber arts and photography. We're looking forward to seeing what they create!



Adult Programs

Our new Cook & Connect Cookbook Club is building steam with interest growing every month. In February, participants shared their favorite snackable bakes and are can't wait to share more tasty creations throughout the year! We also saw a boost in our new Feature Friday program, where attendees came together to watch and discuss an inspiring film. Craft programs continue to see blockbuster attendance, with over 20 people on the waitlist for our soap-making program, and a full house for the February weekend paint-along program.

Looking ahead, our Adult Programming Coordinator, Aimee, is working on fantastic ideas to engage adults in summer reading with the theme "Color your World." She's excited to share her ideas with you!



Respectfully submitted by
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