



TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

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Director's Report to the Library Board of Trustees

February 27th, 2025

Paoli Library

Operations

I am working my way through our state report. It's always a fun time of year with lots of questions to staff, the county, district consultant, myself... It is due to Meghan Lynch at Chester County Library by the end of February so she can review it and make sure all of our information is correct. This report is full of statistics on our library like programming numbers and attendance, how many items are in our collection, circulation numbers, staffing and salaries, etc. It needs to be signed off on each year by the board president and treasurer.

A cleaning company has been chosen from the bids put in to the township on PennBid. It's under budget and should be approved by the BoS at their March 17th meeting. Their company is out of King of Prussia and they plan on sending a four-person crew.

Our new book drop has arrived! It is not open yet due to bad weather and Public Works being busy. We need their help getting it unboxed and off the pallet, but if you've been to the library within the last few weeks, I'm sure you've seen the box!

The HVAC system issues seem to have been resolved by Goldner. Valerie no longer needs her fingerless gloves and I no longer need my blanket. Patron complaints about how cold it is in the building are fewer and far between.

We have a few wonky building issues that are working on being fixed, eg., a haunted bathroom lock that unlocks itself, a broken water fountain/water bottle filling station, and a clogged roof drain which is why you now see a hole in the lobby ceiling. All are works in progress, but as always, the township is always on top of it. These items are still works in progress! The roof issue is still questionable as to who is at fault (whether it truly is a problem with the roof itself, or if it was a frozen drain pipe). Luckily, we have not had water in the building since. Please knock on wood. Great Valley Lock is replacing the entire (haunted) bathroom locking mechanism, as well as looking at the accessible front door entrance, which has stopped working. We are working on both water bottle filling stations; one that has a wonky water fountain, and another that has a broken censor.

The weather this winter has been fun (and expensive) so far. We had a delayed opening on Thursday, February 6th and closed Tredyffrin early at 5:30pm on Tuesday, February 11th.

The CCLS survey results are in. Tredyffrin and Paoli Libraries received some very positive feedback as well as some constructive criticism about our building, and other things beyond our control. The full results of both libraries are in Dropbox.



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The CCLS's Legislative Breakfast is slated for Friday, April 4th. Please mark your calendars, but a formal invitation should be sent soon.

Our vending machine giveback check for January was \$37.08.

I will not be at our May 22nd board meeting – we'll be heading to Florida with friends for Memorial Day.

Building Access

For the month of January 2025, 11,479 library visits were recorded. Compared to January 2024, the visitor count increased by 724. You can see we are trending upwards for the year (already!) and I strongly believe this is due to fantastic programming for all ages at both libraries, including more makerspace now that Amy is full time.

Libraries Combined							
Month to date							
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
January	17,125	18,169	2,308	7,148	10,713	10,755	11,479
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	14,412	
July	21,000	3,542	8,345	12,621	11,962	15,851	
August	22,354	4,899	8,447	12,609	12,889	14,229	
September	19,778	5,167	5,959	10,576	9,937	11,816	
October	19,870	5,007	7,380	10,575	11,117	12,192	
November	18,930	4,719	8,230	11,661	11,051	13,165	
December	14,732	2,262	7,286	9,722	10,093	10,010	

Monthly 2025 to 2024						
	Jan. 2025	Jan. 2024	Difference	% increase or decrease		
Paoli	2,695	2,513	182	7%		
Tredyffrin	8,784	8,242	542	7%		
Libraries Combined	11,479	10,755	724	7%		



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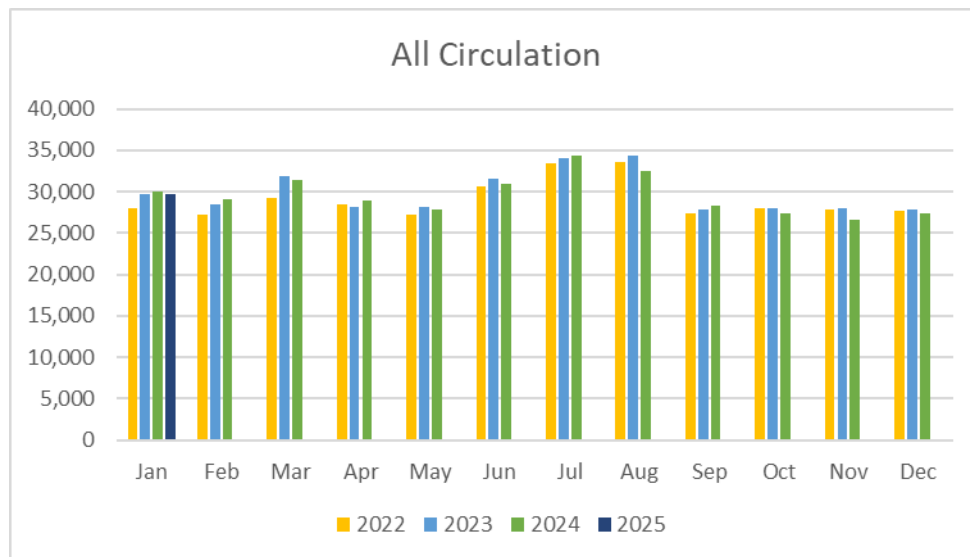
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Yearly 2025 to 2019				
	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined	
2025 (YTD)	8,784	2,695	11,479	
2024	118,419	34,805	153,224	
2023	110,408	30,232	140,640	
2022	92,061	28,232	120,293	
2021	52,365	19,298	71,663	
2020	52,166	18,532	70,698	
2019	170,248	55,422	225,670	

Circulation

January 2025 circulation totaled 29,757. E-materials circulation remains high and accounts for approximately 30% of total circulation for 2025, 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	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	27,825	30,893	34,294	32,566	28,332	27,431	26,658	27,432	354,864
2025	29,757												29,757



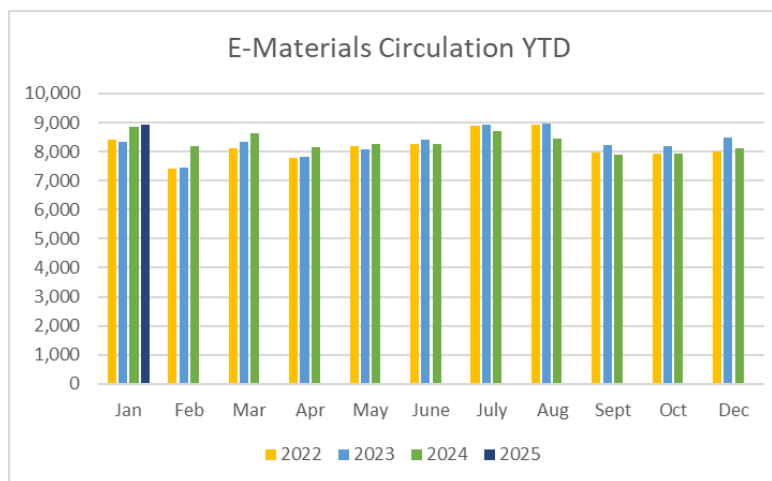
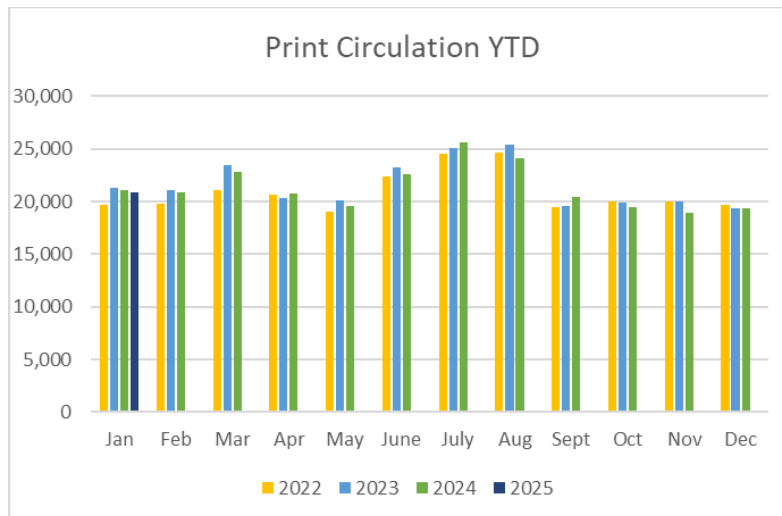


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Print Circulation													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2019	27,621	26,233	28,369	26,674	24,765	27,772	31,099	29,708	26,151	26,602	25,246	24,304	324,544
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	13,865	17,494	18,665	18,077	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	19,579	22,637	25,575	24,137	20,428	19,514	18,881	19,306	255,657
2025	20,848												20,848

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	59,249
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
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
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
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
2024	8,839	8,183	8,646	8,165	8,246	8,256	8,719	8,429	7,904	7,917	7,777	8,126	99,207
2025	8,909												8,909





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Programming Notes

January 2025 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	2025
January	126	178	221	84	98	115	154
February	136	183	212	90	93	130	
March	131	86	153	93	120	136	
April	169	64	101	82	108	138	
May	157	99	140	69	121	140	
June	153	135	165	76	119	137	
July	137	162	241	80	124	166	
August	165	130	122	74	122	132	
September	154	99	57	132	127	137	
October	171	107	126	81	116	166	
November	122	88	94	62	123	148	
December	142	76	70	52	78	134	
TOTAL	1,763	1,407	1,702	975	1,349	1,679	154

Programs Attendance							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	2,084	3,474	2,997	756	1,641	2,613	2,303
February	1,973	3,822	2,966	867	1,545	2,217	
March	2,020	1,156	2,107	1,005	2,220	2,594	
April	2,197	1,418	1,915	841	2,082	2,424	
May	2,420	2,282	2,363	943	1,886	2,471	
June	5,786	1,928	2,254	1,086	2,335	3,214	
July	2,518	2,144	2,966	941	2,502	3,290	
August	3,230	1,925	2,324	1,192	2,162	2,940	
September	2,334	2,897	816	2,095	2,218	2,252	
October	3,335	1,491	1,445	1,218	2,104	2,694	
November	2,005	1,494	1,635	806	1,964	2,584	
December	1,930	1,278	852	890	1,230	2,003	
TOTAL	31,832	25,309	24,640	12,640	23,889	31,296	2,303



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Adult Services (submitted by Jonathan Trice):

This month, I finalized the details with Toshiba Business Solutions, the company that leases our printers, for new printers/copiers and a cloud-based print release system that should finally solve our printing woes. If integration with the county software is possible, the print solution will also offer wireless printing for patrons and staff. We are looking to sign the lease by the end of February if all goes to plan. Equipment delivery will be determined at a later date.

Plymouth Rocket, our previous provider for Library of Things reservations, shut down at the end of 2024. As such, we have shifted to a first come, first served model for Library of Things items. We have yet to receive any quotes or callbacks from the companies we contacted for reservation solutions.

I have also been in conversation with a few people about further developing and utilizing the local history room at Tredyffrin.

Finally, Sam and I are working on implementing developer feedback on the website and ensuring accessibility compliance. I am building out new pages and revising existing ones. Sam is copyediting and creating new pages as well. Sam developed an accommodation request form for patrons to request accommodations to participate in programming at both libraries. They created an accessibility contact form so patrons can contact us about accessibility issues in the buildings or on our website. Both can be found on our website: tredyffrinlibraries.org > About > Accessibility.

Adult Programming (submitted by Sam Sorensen):

We held 74 in person, virtual, and self-directed/passive programs in January, which yielded over 1,000 participants. This is a fantastic start to 2025! Of note, the “How to Manage Stormwater and Streamside Areas on Your Property” program we offered in partnership with the Tredyffrin Environmental Advisory Council, Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, and Open Land Conservancy of Chester County had 110 in attendance. This program was possible thanks to a grant from Aqua/Essentials.

I designed a yearlong book challenge for Tredyffrin called 24 in ‘25 with the goal to read 24 books throughout this year. I provided two prompt suggestions for each month, but patrons are able to read in any order, which enables anyone to join at any point in the year. I created bookmarks with the challenge prompts on them, available on the yearlong display near circulation. The information is also available on our website for our patrons who may not be in all the time, and I provide recommendations each month on our social media. There are two tiers of prizes: each read for a prompt counts as a “ticket” to enter one of three small raffles, and those who complete all 24 prompts are entered for a super raffle at the end of the year. In January alone, we logged 45 entries, which makes this challenge one of the more successful ones in recent years.

January also marks the return of community partners like the T/E Historical Society, who spends the spring at Tredyffrin. Unfortunately, they had to cancel their January event due to inclement weather.



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For community outreach, I met with Amy Mawby at Jenkins to solidify details for our annual summer Arbo-READ-um program. Amy has already secured an author/speaker, and we are filling in details now to finish planning by March. Arbo-READ-um and the yearlong reading challenge will likely be the way we direct adults for summer reading this year instead of hosting a separate program. I have also been meeting with Andrew Watring at People's Light to plan more community events, including an upcoming community read in March.

Makerspace (submitted by Amy Moscia):

We held a total of 31 Makerspace programs for all ages this month. Since some programs had long waitlists, they will be offered again—first to waitlist patrons—in February. 3D Printing is still the most in-demand service, with full classes and waitlists across every age group.

We are in the process of upgrading the hardware for two of the 3D printers. The newest hardware will allow for faster printing and even better print quality. We have also added more color choices for makers. Previously, they could only choose between black or white filament. All 3D printers are running whenever the library is open with class prints and requested prints. The average turnaround is around one week.

We are also monitoring Open Hours to see if we need to adjust limitations on how many a maker may attend in a month to allow more makers to have access to Open Hours time. We added more Open Hours time slots in the coming months.

Currently, we are in the process of adding instruction pages to the Makerspace's webpage. The goal is to have project sheets that cover materials needed and the instructions on how to make specific projects in the Makerspace. They will be housed under their respective machines.

Finally, I also started partnering with Girl Scout Troops to introduce them to the Makerspace and to work with them on specific projects. This month, we hosted a troop interested in learning crochet. We are working on a policy for how often a troop can submit requests.

Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg):

The Children's Department had a very nice January. We had 26 programs within the department (not including the makerspace) with 572 participants. Our partnership with Ballet 180 has started back up with classes on the last Monday of each month. We also started classes with a new partner, SoccerStars MainLine. One of their coaches came to the library and designed a soccer lesson based on the themes of a story, a winter theme for example where the soccer balls were snowballs.



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Coming up in February more SoccerStars and Ballet 180. New programming assistant Jenne McGowan is starting Budding Bookworms, a preschool aged program that will explore winter animals as the monthly theme through stories, songs, and crafts.

Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan):

Teens in January held our weekly meetings of crochet club, several game nights, Switch on the big screen, book club, chess, and roundtable dinner & discussion.

Special events included a class on baking muffins with a recipe from a teens' grandmother and a Clue Conspiracy secret role strategy game night led by a teen patron.

I continue to volunteer with T&E Care working with Tarin and Lani each January to spearhead the Holiday Drive thank you note process. This worthy organization helps families in our community whose lives are turned upside down for various reasons.

We announced the dates of our summer performing arts camp and attended the Mainline Camp Fair at Conestoga High School. The camp is full with a waitlist.

Related to camp, I heard from teaching artist alum, Max Mooney, about a show Max was stage managing at La MaMa, 66 East 4th St., NY. I made the trip to see "SpaceBridge" which is a live performance that was devised by a group of Russian refugee children, who fled their homes due to their families' anti-war stance, now residing in NYC shelters, who worked with American-born peers to build, "a more welcoming world where their new friendships can thrive and grow."

La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club is a world-renowned cultural institution recognized as, "the seed bed of new work by iconic Off-Off-Broadway artists." It has been heartwarming to see Max journey from helping students to thrive in our chamber theatre set in Tredyffrin Library, Strafford Park, to continuing to help students build their confidence and resilience in New York.

The Remixed Classics program, student internship, and "Stay Gold" projects are ongoing.

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