



# Head Librarian Report

May 22, 2025

## Operations

Paoli Library has filled the open Circulation Assistant position. Starting June 1st, we will be opening on Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. For the month of June, we will have a soft launch of Sunday hours with word-of-mouth promotion. A full announcement about our Sunday hours is planned for July.

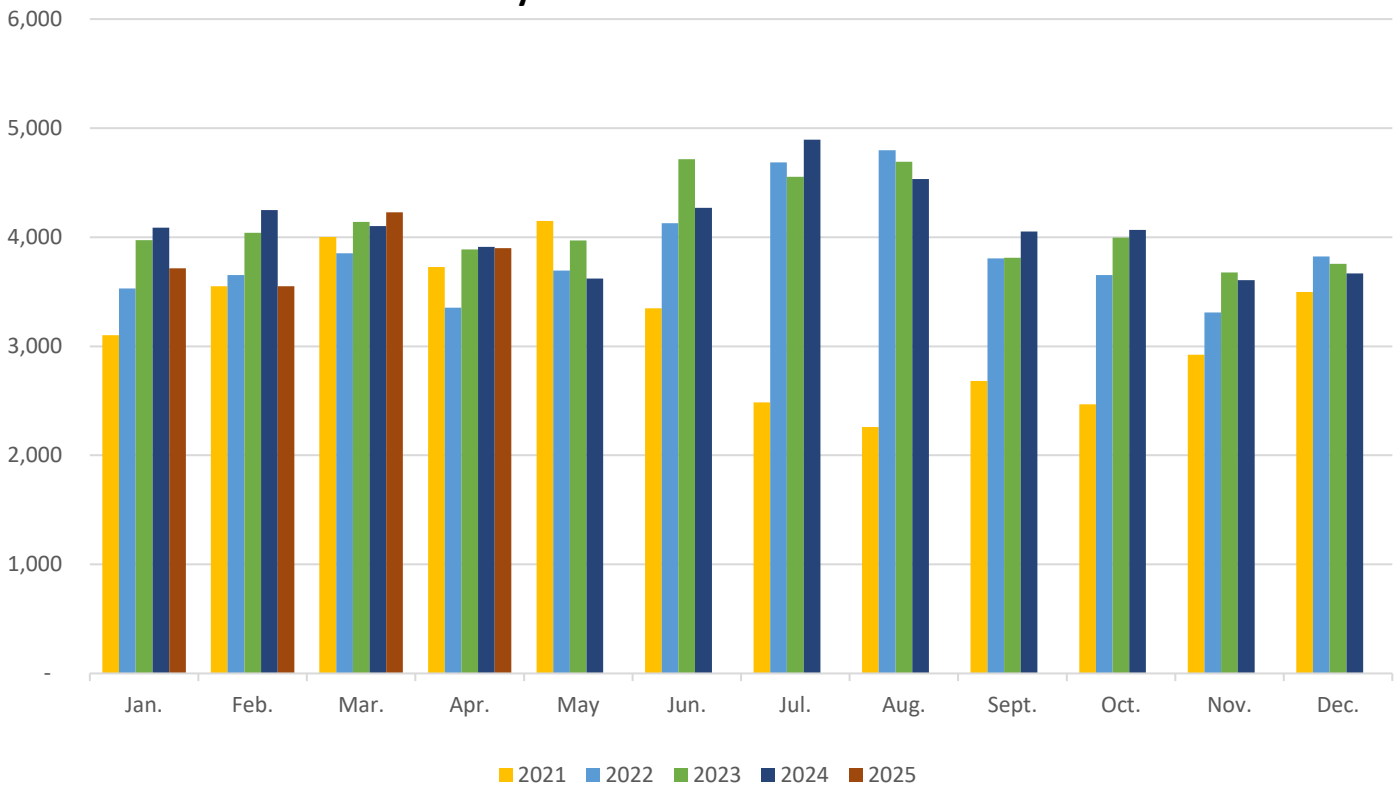
Plans for Summer Reading 2025 are almost complete! Join us for the Summer Reading and GOWilMa kick-off event on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Sarah will be at Greentree Park to celebrate the beginning of summer! Sign up for Summer Reading at the library's booth, then head over to the Parks and Rec booth to sign up for GO WilMa!

Last, but not least, you may have seen that Chester County will now be offering magazines on Libby/Overdrive county-wide. The Libby/Overdrive magazines will be replacing the current Flipster app, which will be available until the end of December. No new issues will be added to Flipster after June 2025. Libby/Overdrive magazines offers thousands more titles at a lower cost than Flipster, with an easy-to-use interface. Check out magazines on Libby today!

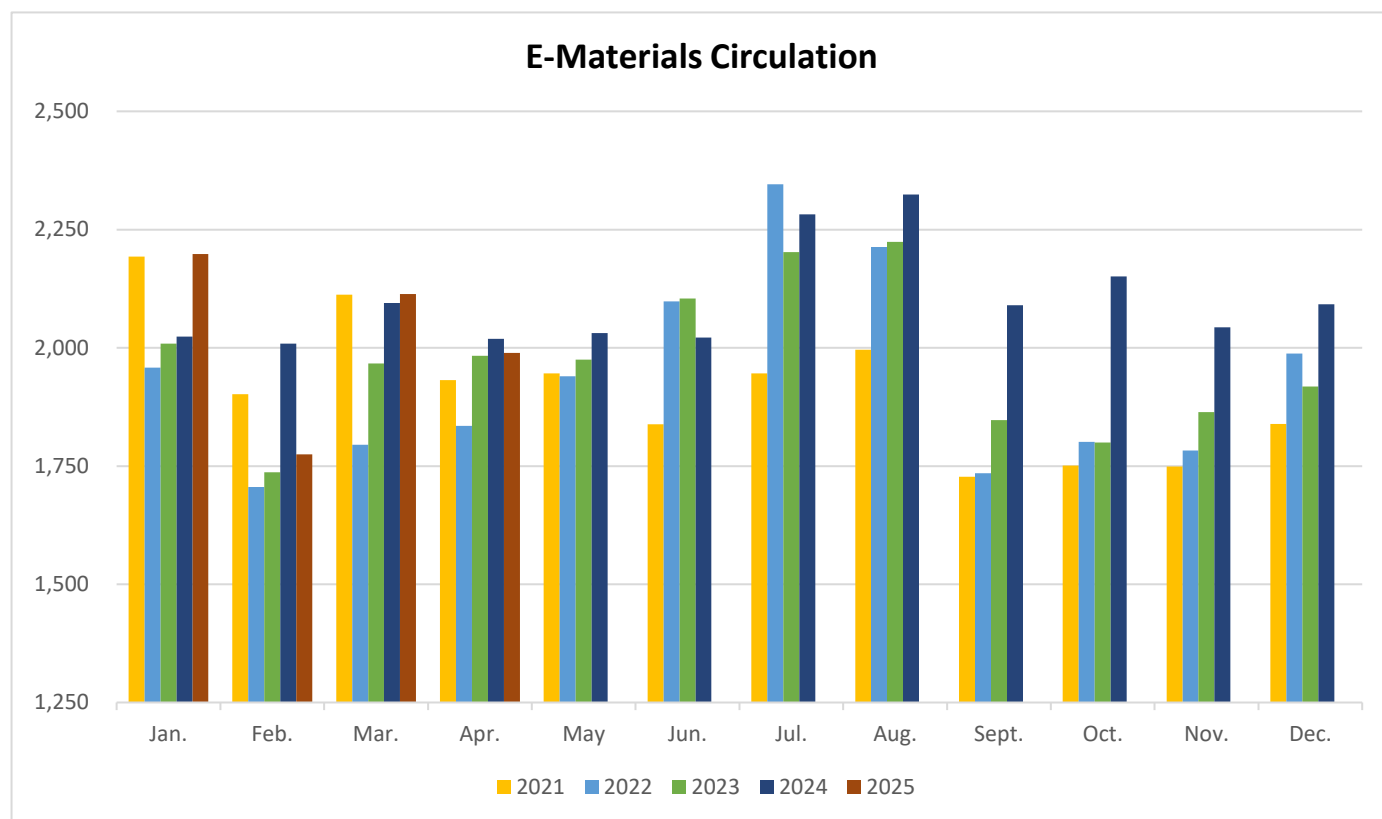
## Circulation

In April 2025, circulation of physical materials was 3,900, and circulation of e-materials was 1,989.

**Physical Materials Circulation**



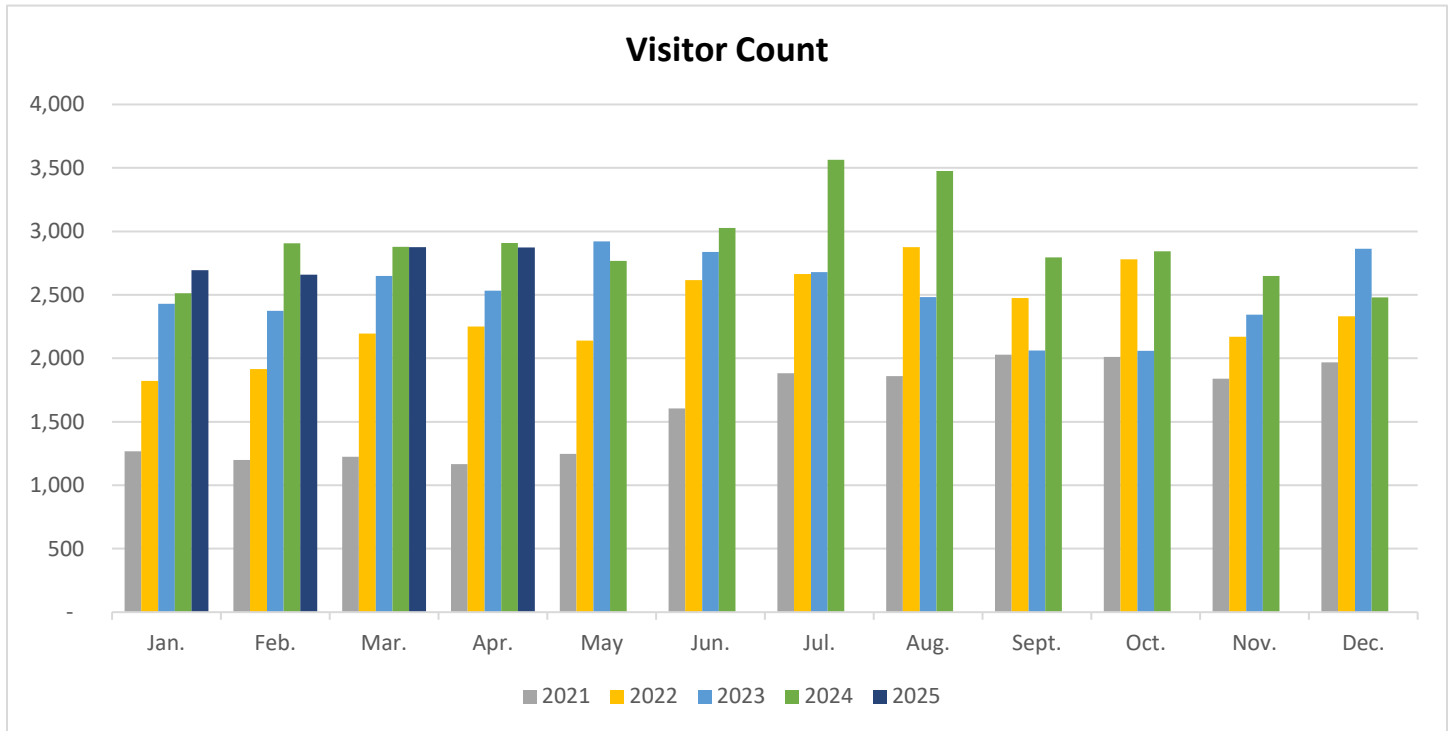
Physical Materials Circulation														
Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	
2018	5,109	4,630	5,128	4,654	4,735	5,846	5,886	6,019	5,162	5,227	5,370	4,842	62,608	
2019	5,604	5,057	5,098	4,926	4,983	5,854	6,274	5,906	4,958	4,979	5,097	4,584	63,320	
2020	5,243	4,992	2,556	55	24	1,041	2,727	3,435	3,345	3,038	2,710	2,793	31,959	
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	38,191	
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	46,290	
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	49,214	
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	49,058	
2025	3,716	3,550	4,228	3,900									15,394	



E-Materials Circulation														
Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	
2018	819	688	935	940	894	880	1,016	971	898	998	906	977	10,922	
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	15,264	
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	20,988	
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	22,931	
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	23,198	
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	23,630	
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	25,182	
2025	2,198	1,775	2,114	1,989									8,076	

## Visitor Count

In April 2025, 2,872 visits were recorded for Paoli Library.



Visitor Count														
Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	
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	55,422	
2020	4,400	4,168	2,047	13	16	575	1,185	1,309	1,302	1,255	987	1,275	18,532	
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	19,298	
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	28,232	
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	30,232	
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	34,805	
2025	2,695	2,660	2,875	2,872									11,102	

## Programs

April 2025 Programs		
Audience	# of Programs	Attendance
Adults (18+)	11	77
Children (0-11)	18	486
Young Adults (12-17)	5	59
General Interest (All Ages)	6	268
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>890</b>

(continued on next page)

## Youth Programs

### Storytime Highlights

My Tuesday storytimes continue to grow in popularity and are filling up even faster than they did last spring and summer. Attendance now ranges from 27 to 45 patrons per session, reflecting strong community engagement.

My Greentree Park Storytime on Thursdays is off to a fantastic start this season. We've already broken last year's attendance record for this time of year with over 60 patrons at a single session—and I fully expect we may hit over 100 attendees before summer officially begins.



### Special One-Off Programs

April also included several successful themed programs:

- **Earth Day Birthday:** Families enjoyed hands-on crafts while learning about the environment and sustainability. A major highlight was making seed bombs, which were a hit with kids and parents alike.
- **Show & Tell:** Children brought their favorite toys to the library and proudly shared stories with the group. It was a joyful, confidence-building experience that fostered community and self-expression.
- **Family Karaoke Night:** It was a fun, lighthearted way to unwind and spend quality time together. Everyone took turns choosing songs, and even the shyest members got up to sing. The mix of laughter, music, and a few surprisingly good performances made it a memorable bonding experience.



### Teen Programs

Teens continued to shine with their creativity this month during our Big Teen Art Week, featuring four local artists: Dan Barends, Jae Kazmar, Katie Allen, and Robin Gow.



Each artist introduced a different artistic principle, and the teens were fully engaged throughout the week. Their enthusiasm and excitement to learn were truly inspiring. These programs were made possible through a PA Humanities grant, which Rachel helped us secure—thank you, Rachel! I hope to plan something just as impactful next year.



### Outreach

On April 28th Sam Sorensen, Adult Programming & Community Outreach Coordinator from Tredyffrin Library and I went to the YMCA for their annual Earth Day event. Although it was a little rainy, we ended up talking to about 200 people, including Senator Comitta, about how wonderful our libraries are. Through this outreach event I gained a few new storytime friends, so I would count this as a roaring success.

*Report respectfully submitted by Sarah Roeske, Youth Services Librarian*





## Adult Programs

We had another wonderful month of cooking and crafting at Paoli! Attendees indulged their sweet tooth with recipes from the cookbook *Sweet Enough: A Dessert Cookbook*, and embraced their flower-power by creating beautiful spring wreaths!

April also saw two successful firsts for Adult Programs at Paoli. We partnered with local non-profit Comfort Keepers for “The Dementia Experience,” where participants experienced a firsthand simulation of what it feels like to live with dementia. Attendees loved the program and were highly impressed with the presenter, and many expressed excitement about seeing more events like this at the Library in the future. Aimee Polaha, Paoli’s Adult Program Coordinator, will be working with Comfort Keepers to set up a series of educational workshops and a support group for patrons.

We also had great success with our first-ever adult poetry workshop, hosted by our amazing staff member, Jordan Mulford. Participants left feeling inspired and excited to attend similar workshops in the future. Also in honor of National Poetry Month, Aimee created a “Poet-Tree” for the library. People of all ages had a blast writing and adding their poems to the tree, making it a truly special and fun celebration of poetry!



Respectfully submitted by  
Abby Cengel, Head Librarian  
May 22, 2025