



TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

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Director's Report to the Library Board of Trustees

May 22nd, 2025

Operations

The 12% Committee has been busy meeting to come up with a plan moving forward to get us back on track. You can find the first draft in Dropbox.

Our state report has been submitted with the new Tredyffrin Renovations line (roof repairs) corrections and approved by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

There has been some progress with the Paper Retriever, but not much. They still need reminding about emptying the dumpsters. I think they don't realize how fast they fill up. Patrons and people in the neighborhoods by the tennis courts are still complaining.

Our vending machine giveback check for April was \$64.05. I have decided against having him do coffee vending, due to where he would need to put it, and how that area gets used a few times a year for donor events and fundraisers.

Building Access

For the month of April 2025, 13,054 library visits were recorded. Compared to April 2024, the visitor count increased by 363.

Monthly 2025 to 2024						
	April 2025	April 2024	Difference	% increase or decrease		
Paoli	2,872	2,908	-36	-1%		
Tredyffrin	10,182	9,783	399	4%		
Libraries Combined	13,054	12,691	363	3%		

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Month to date							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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	11,174
March	19,471	7,721	4,054	8,817	13,573	14,095	13,425
April	18,458	47	4,764	9,386	11,666	12,691	13,054
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	



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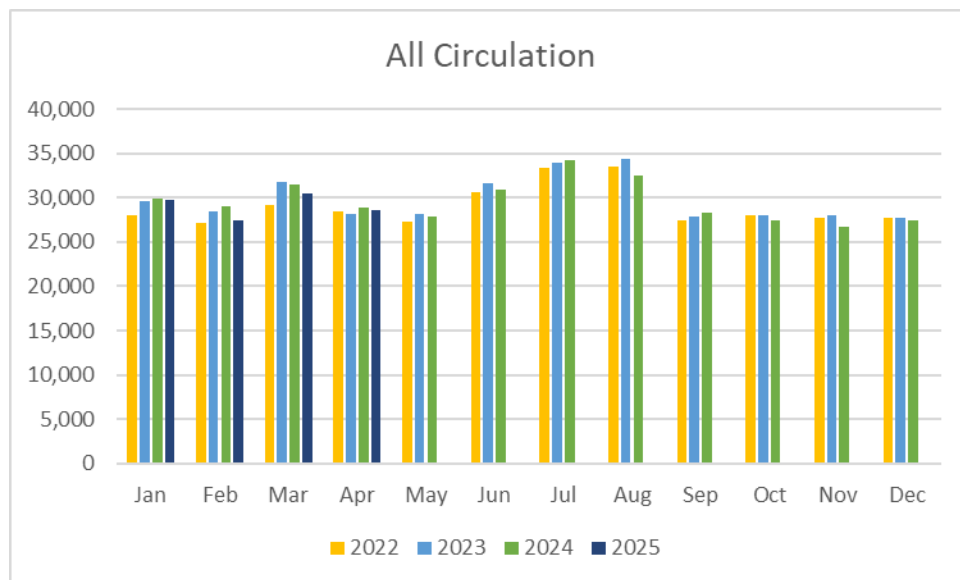
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Yearly 2025 to 2019				
	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined	
2025 (YTD)	38,030	11,102	49,132	
2024	118,419	34,805	153,224	
2023	110,408	30,232	140,640	
2022	92,061	28,232	120,293	
2021	52,365	19,298	71,663	
2020	52,166	18,532	70,698	
2019	170,248	55,422	225,670	

Circulation

April 2025 circulation totaled 28,536. E-materials circulation remains consistent and still accounts for approximately 27% 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	27,420	30,430	28,536									116,143



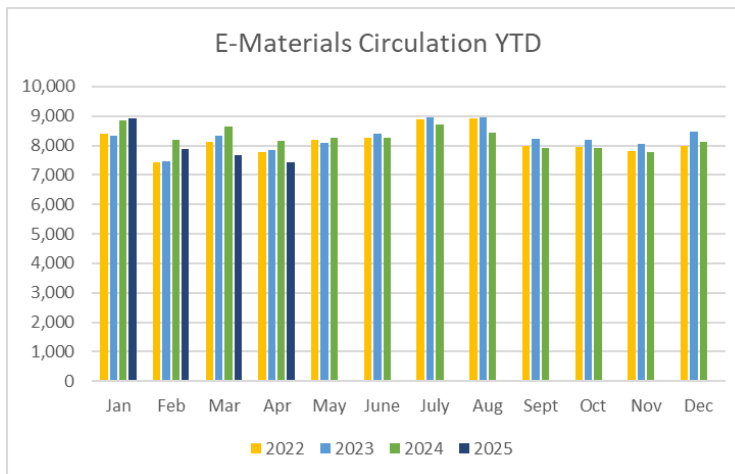
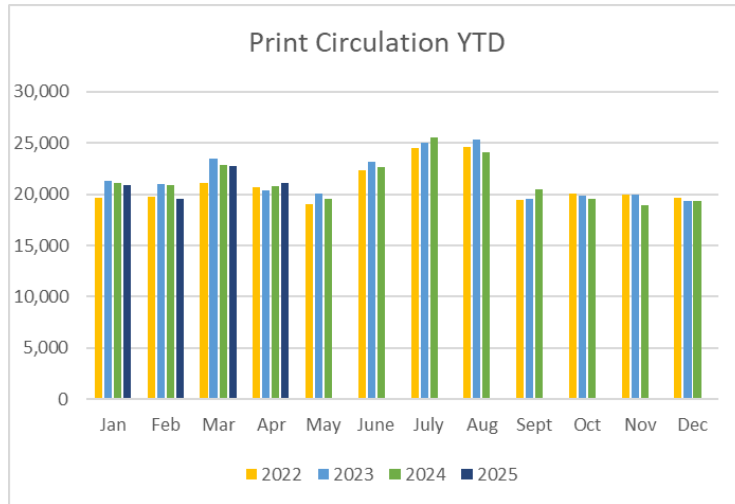


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Print Circulation													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2019	27,621	26,233	28,369	26,674	24,765	27,772	31,099	29,708	26,151	26,602	25,246	24,304	324,544
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	13,865	17,494	18,665	18,077	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	19,542	22,759	21,116									84,265

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	7,878	7,671	7,420									31,878





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Programming Notes

April 2025 programming numbers are listed here. Preliminary May 2025 programming numbers are also listed. The charts show updated totals for numbers of programs offered and program attendance. Are you seeing these numbers???? 😊

Programs Offered							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	126	178	221	84	98	115	154
February	136	183	212	90	93	130	171
March	131	86	153	93	120	136	184
April	169	64	101	82	108	138	198
May	157	99	140	69	121	140	14
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	721

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	2,930
March	2,020	1,156	2,107	1,005	2,220	2,594	2,691
April	2,197	1,418	1,915	841	2,082	2,424	3,788
May	2,420	2,282	2,363	943	1,886	2,471	175
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	11,887



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Adult Services (submitted by Jonathan Trice):

The Library of Things webpages were redesigned to match the navigation and style of the Museum Pass webpage. A new landing page was added for LOT with a link for each library. Each library has its own page due to collection growth, differences in borrowing procedures, and location clarity.

Tara and I have started work to create a new, combined procedural manual for circulation and reference. We decided to move away from a hard copy to a digital document. This will enable us to update it on the fly, which will prevent delays in any updates making their way to desk staff, while allowing desk staff to access it from multiple locations. Due to increasing crossover in desk coverage, all the information will be in one place. Our hope is that this will help employees feel more comfortable assisting patrons in the moment instead of sending them to another desk.

Adult Programming (submitted by Sam Sorensen):

For programs: We held 79 in-person, virtual, and self-directed programs for adults in April. These programs yielded just shy of 1,200 participants! One of April's most notable programs included a concert with Pandit Milind Raikar, a renowned Hindustani classical violinist from Goa, which 66 people attended. Louisa Schnaithmann, one of Tredyffrin's Circulation Assistants, and I also started a new book club for poetry, Well-Versed.

The first full week in April was National Library Week in which we held several programs in celebration. Stephanie Bragg and I cohosted a screening of Free for All: The Public Library through Indie Lens Pop-Up, PBS, and WHYY. Rachel Kramer and I worked on putting together our first Book Buzz and Bites, which was a smashing success.

For outreach: At the end of April, everything solidified for Arbo-READ-um and was published on our website. We are ready for our launch in mid-June! Sarah Roeske, Paoli's Youth Services Librarian, and I were invited for outreach for Senator Carolyn Comitta's Earth Day Festival at the Upper Main Line YMCA. We saw around 200 people despite the rainy weather and chatted with them about upcoming environmental programming and library resources.

Makerspace (submitted by Amy Moscia):

Forty-four programs were held in the month of April in the Makerspace for adults and youth. During the week of TESD spring break, we held multiple family events, which included an all-day escape room that was completely 3D Printed.

We installed firmware and hardware updates on two of the three 3D printers. Both printers have been working even more efficiently with less miss and slightly quicker print times. In the month of April, we had 24 print requests submitted and printed along with 48 pieces created during classes.



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The first 3 months of Timelapse Tuesday have been going well, and will continue. Patrons engage with our online accounts and then are drawn into the library.

Summer planning is in full swing, and we plan on doubling many programs with day and night sessions to allow more attendance at high demand programs.

Local high school students will also be helping run a monthly summer class for middle school students on various topics.

Conestoga senior Declan Redmond asked to do his senior internship with the Makerspace and will be joining us for the month of May.

Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg):

Number of Programs in April: 57

Total Attendance in April: 1249

The children's department (including children's makerspace) highlights for April:

- The makerspace had 23 programs that included, but were not limited to, Family Escape Rooms, 3D Printed Bug Magnets, 3D Printed Clicker Fidgets, and Animation.
- The main children's department had 34 programs, including LEGO Club, Chess Club, The Mystery of the Missing Band (science storytelling), Book BINGO, Creative Movement with Ballet 180, and Grab & Go Kits.
- Included in the programs, we held 15 storytimes seeing 413 patrons. One of our storytimes was a special evening event during Nation Library Week where we read books about cake and then participants (and general library patrons) could get a mini bundt cake from our partner Nothing Bundt Cakes.
- Our new staff member Jenne McGowan began offering Budding Bookworms for ages 3 to 6 years old. In April, there were a variety of topics: daffodils, ladybugs, and earth day.

Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan):

Teens in April held our weekly meetings of crochet club, several game nights, book club, chess, and a cooking class to learn how to make Toll House Cookies with a focus on the economics of baking.

Our Annual Free Online College Admissions Series with Cigus Vanni which helped students and parents demystify the college admissions process was much appreciated!

I was happy to represent the library at ELD Family Night at Conestoga—a special evening dedicated to celebrating and supporting our English Language Development families.



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A major event was our “Stay Gold Trip” to New York City. We held two orientations. One for students included our comprehensive “Stay Gold Trip Study Guide.” One for chaperones included going over our Emergency Action Plan.

Students are working on a film about our trip where we will share our experience with the community.

They are exploring:

At The Outsiders and then walking from 45th St. to Harlem and the Gate of the Exonerated, and hearing the story of the Exonerated Five, does the fact that both are based on a true story intensify the tragedy?

Why are these stories important? Do stories help tell us who we are? Who we need to become? Importantly, do they tell us what we personally need to do to stay gold?

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) ☺