



Director's Report to the Library Board of Trustees July 24th, 2025

Operations

The 12% Committee has finished their third revised plan and submitted it to CCL the afternoon of July 10th. The next step is approval of this plan at the CCL board meeting on July 15th and then approval at the System Advisory Council on August 12th. Rob C., Rob R., and I attended the CCL board meeting on 7/15 in case there were any questions. The good news is that the Office of Commonwealth Libraries is changing the way they are looking at the 12% expenditure for libraries. The number will be firm, as it will go by the year prior instead of current. This will be helpful.

A couple of our staff attended the ALA Annual Conference in Philly in early July. They enjoyed it and felt it was very educational. I'm glad we are able to offer these types of things to our staff. PaLA (Pennsylvania Library Association) Annual Conference is October

Our vending machine giveback check for June was \$36.35. I have been in contact with the vending machine owner that the credit card machine on the vending machine was not functional (at least every time I went to use it), so I do believe this to be the reason for the checks being lower than they have been.

Herman Goldner (HVAC company) fixed the air conditioning units and they have been running beautifully (fingers crossed we make it through the hottest of the hot this summer). Several dehumidifiers were purchased and continue to run daily due to Pennsylvania humidity regardless of heat. However, the air handler in the King Room has taken to shutting itself off and we cannot figure out why. Goldner was out to take a look at this and could not see any issues so has asked us to call them as soon as we notice it has shut itself off (and not turn it back on ourselves).

Joe DiRocco was finally able to set up our PLGIT account. I must request a check from CCL in order to get the money into the PLGIT account. I will send the check request in with our next batch of invoices next week.

One of our reference staff, Heather Hillas, who also runs our ELL classes, has resigned, effective August 21st. We will miss her terribly, and it is a great loss to our library, as well as to the ELL community. She has been doing a wonderful job with those classes as well as other literacy and informational programs for adults.

Building Access

For the month of June 2025, 14,875 library visits were recorded. Compared to June 2024, the visitor count increased by 463.



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Monthly 2025 to 2024						
	June 2025	June 2024	Difference	% increase or decrease		
Paoli	3,243	3,026	217	7%		
Tredyffrin	11,632	11,386	246	2%		
Libraries Combined	14,875	14,412	463	3%		

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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	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	13,205
June	20,593	1,451	7,184	11,108	13,418	14,412	14,875
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	

Yearly 2025 to 2019			
	Tredyffrin	Paoli	Libraries Combined
2025 (YTD)	59,919	17,293	77,212
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

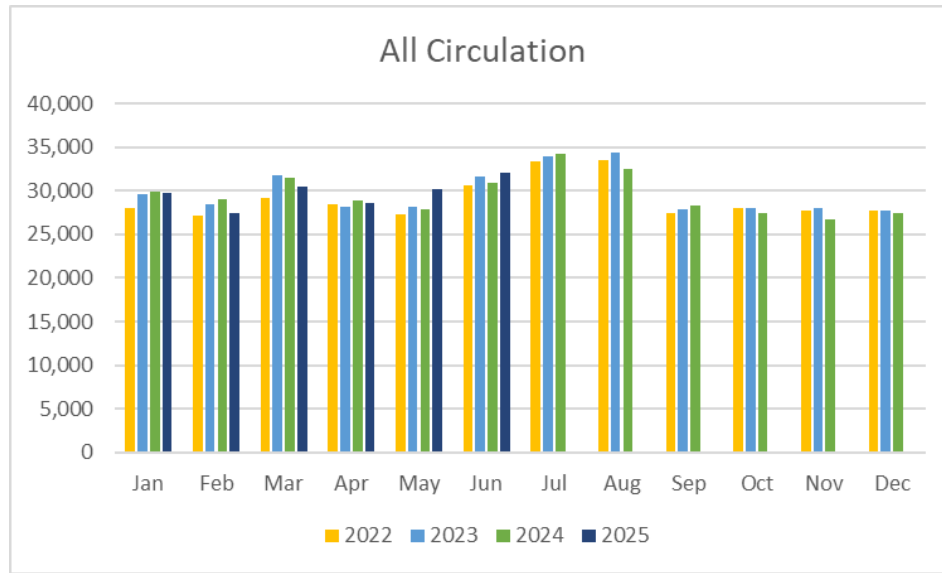
June 2025 circulation totaled 32,123. An increase of 1,947 items from June 2024! E-materials circulation remains consistent and still accounts for approximately 27% of total circulation for 2025, so far.



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All Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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	30,176	32,123							178,442



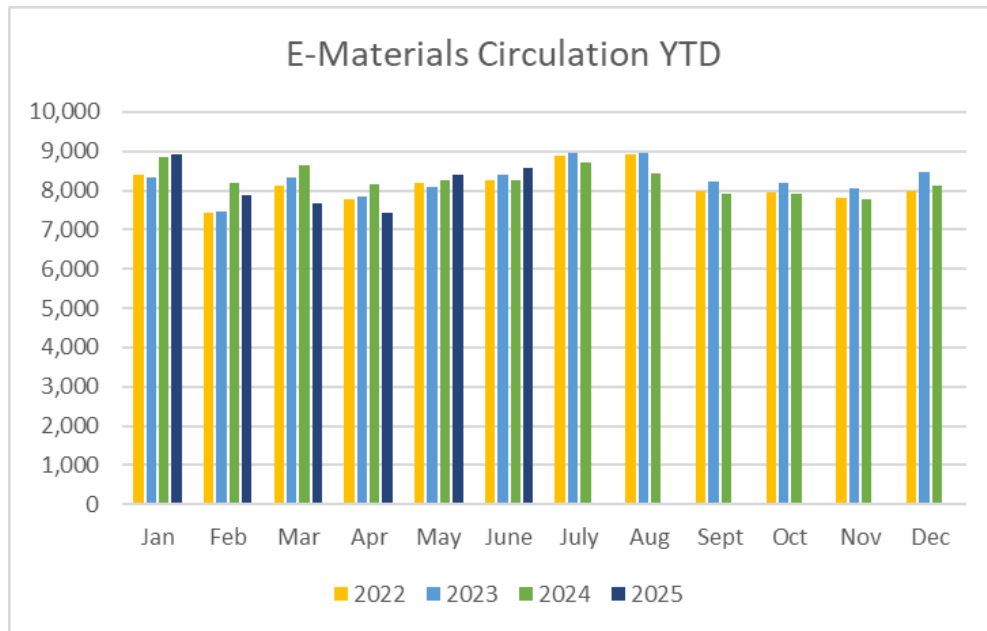
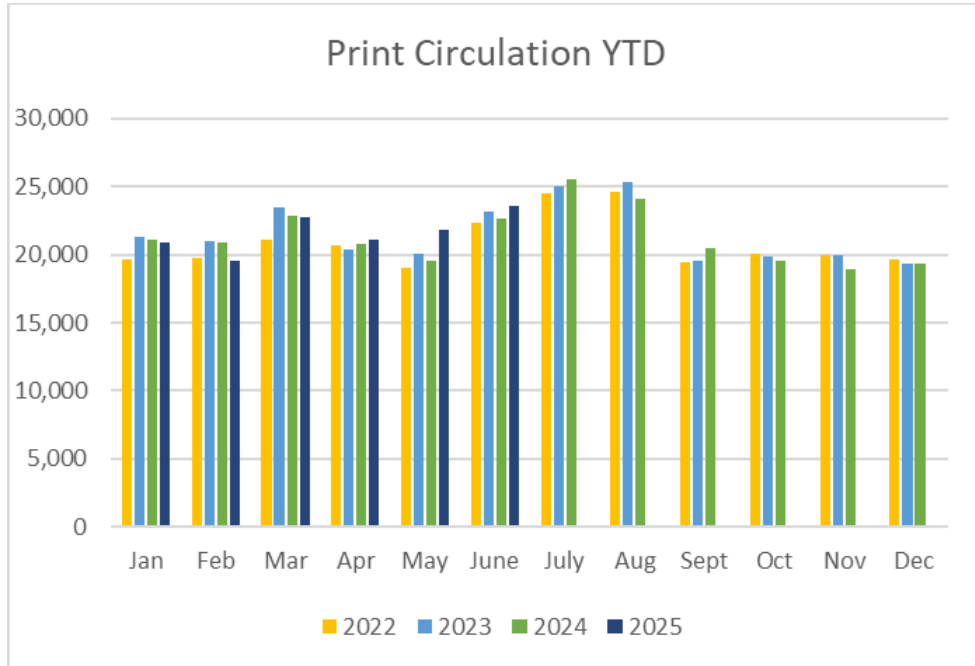
Print Circulation													TOTAL
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2019	27,621	26,233	28,369	26,674	24,765	27,772	31,099	29,708	26,151	26,602	25,246	24,304	324,544
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	13,865	17,494	18,665	18,077	15,774	12,413	169,422
2021	12,104	10,567	16,157	16,448	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	21,774	23,553							129,592

E-Materials Circulation													TOTAL	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec		
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	15.44%
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	34.76%
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	30.9%
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	28.0%
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	27.8%
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	27.96%
2025	8,909	7,878	7,671	7,420	8,402	8,570							48,850	27.38%



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Programming Notes

June 2025 programming numbers are listed here. Preliminary July 2025 programming numbers are also listed. The charts show updated totals for numbers of programs offered and program attendance.

	Current month numbers are preliminary						
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	197
May	157	99	140	69	121	140	182
June	153	135	165	76	119	137	201
July	137	162	241	80	124	166	33
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	1,122

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	3,779
May	2,420	2,282	2,363	943	1,886	2,471	3,143
June	5,786	1,928	2,254	1,086	2,335	3,214	4,255
July	2,518	2,144	2,966	941	2,502	3,290	745
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	19,846



Adult Services (submitted by Jonathan Trice):

It is official, we have taken delivery of our new printers and copiers from Toshiba Business Solutions. Due to lack of use we decided to only lease one machine for public printing and copying. So far there haven't been any issues involving patrons having to wait to use the printer/copier. Two new staff machines were added to replace various desktop printers that were much less cost effective than the leased machines. The children's department now has their own printer so they no longer need to walk upstairs and across the building for the other staff machine, and the Makerspace has a new machine to help support programming.

Adult Programming (submitted by Sam Sorensen):

June was yet another busy month for programs at the library! We had just shy of 1,000 participants for 94 in person, virtual, and self-directed adult programs this month. Our most popular programs included the Main Line Genealogy Club's meeting on DNA and Revolutionary Ancestors with 61 attendees and the Piano Duet Concert with 58 attendees. Our weekly offerings, such as yoga and our English Language Classes, are maintaining strong attendance. For both yoga classes this month, we saw 139 participants. For all ELL classes, we saw 96. Several partnerships take a break in the summer months, like the Main Line Genealogy Club, Delaware Valley Sisters in Crime, Tredyffrin Great Books Group, and our poetry workshop facilitator.

The summer Lunch & Learn series we offer in partnership with the Valley Forge Park Alliance kicked off in June. The series runs for six consecutive weeks. Our first session, focused on the organization Braver Angels and bridging the divide, brought in 27 attendees. Throughout the month, we saw regular attendance at the compelling and diverse talks with Valley Forge National Park Guides.

Arbo-READ-um also started on June 16. We hosted the author for a wonderful virtual talk on June 19, which 39 people attended. On June 26, I held the first of a three-part book club to discuss the community read. A smaller group attended, but yielded great intimacy and thoughtful conversations. Amy Moscia, Makerspace Coordinator, also led a floral-themed oil pastel program for Arbo-READ-um.

Adults looking for summer reading challenges are encouraged to participate in Arbo-READ-um and/or the 24 in '25 yearlong book challenge. For June, participation in the yearlong challenge increased again with 53 entries!

Makerspace (submitted by Amy Moscia):

37 classes were held in the Makerspace in the month of June, with roughly 360 attendees. Summer programs and appointments have been very busy so far this summer. Many of the summer's programs are doubled to allow for more attendees. We have welcomed many new attendees this summer who didn't know the library had a makerspace.

CareArts and Conestoga Girls who code have partnered with the Makerspace to hold a variety of classes this summer, including portrait drawing, scrapbooking, scratch coding, and robots.



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We added 6 ChompSaws to the makerspace purchased with funds from the FLITE grant we received in May. Chomp Saws are kid-safe, power-assisted tools designed for cutting cardboard and more. We are working them into some summer programs but will start using more come fall programming.

Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg):

Number of Programs in June: 57

Total Attendance in June: 1880

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

- The makerspace had 17 programs that included, but were not limited to, 3D Light Plates, Cricut shirts, Diamond Dotz, and Beaded Lizards.
- The main children's department had 18 programs, including Budding Bookworms, Preschool Dance Party, Arlo Draws an Octopus, and Grab & Go Kits.
- Included in the programs, we held 12 storytimes seeing 329 patrons.
- We ran a summer kick off event for all age groups in the library and saw about 150 patrons in an hour.

Other news from children's:

- At the end of June we had roughly 400 participants signed up for Summer Reading.
- New collection item: Playaway has launched a new item called a Whazoodle. It's a children's screen free podcast device loaded with stories, songs, jokes, and more. We have purchased some to start circulating as soon as they are cataloged.

Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan):

Teens in June held our weekly meetings of crochet club, weekly game nights, chess, and Home & Economics class. A special event was the Improv & Academia series led by Second City Chicago conservatory alumna, Laurie Doan. The event was supported by members of our Teen Advisory Board with experience in theatre games.

Another special event was "Ukulele 101 with Bach to Rock," where students learned to play the perfect instrument for that summer vibe!

On June 23, the library hosted award-winning tutor and writing specialist Carrie Waldron-Brown, MA for College Essay Night. This enthusiastic educator holds a Master of Arts in English Literature from Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School via Oxford University (UK), and an undergraduate degree in English Literature magna cum laude from Barnard College/Columbia University. Carrie is a seasoned/former English teacher and writing center director with a particular passion for helping students gain confidence with the writing process.

Hundreds of students have benefitted from Carrie's guidance. In this workshop, which we'll repeat in the fall, she gave us an overview of the essay process, advice on how to nail down a superior topic, and



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guidelines to effectively develop a precise and eloquent essay. Carrie covers “pro tips” to magnify your “WOW” factor, helping your essay radiantly stand out for admissions officers.

Students continue to work on crafting responses to our “Stay Gold” trip which are in process of being shaped into a film to share our experience with the community. Responses include drawing, painting, mixed media, writing, photography, sculpture, and an original musical composition.

The Remixed Classics is ongoing. I attended the American Library Association conference in Philadelphia where I spoke with Macmillan Publishers which inspired our original project. Their Remixed Classics series features authors from diverse backgrounds taking different literary classics from centuries past and reinterpreting them through their own unique cultural lens.

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