



Head Librarian Report

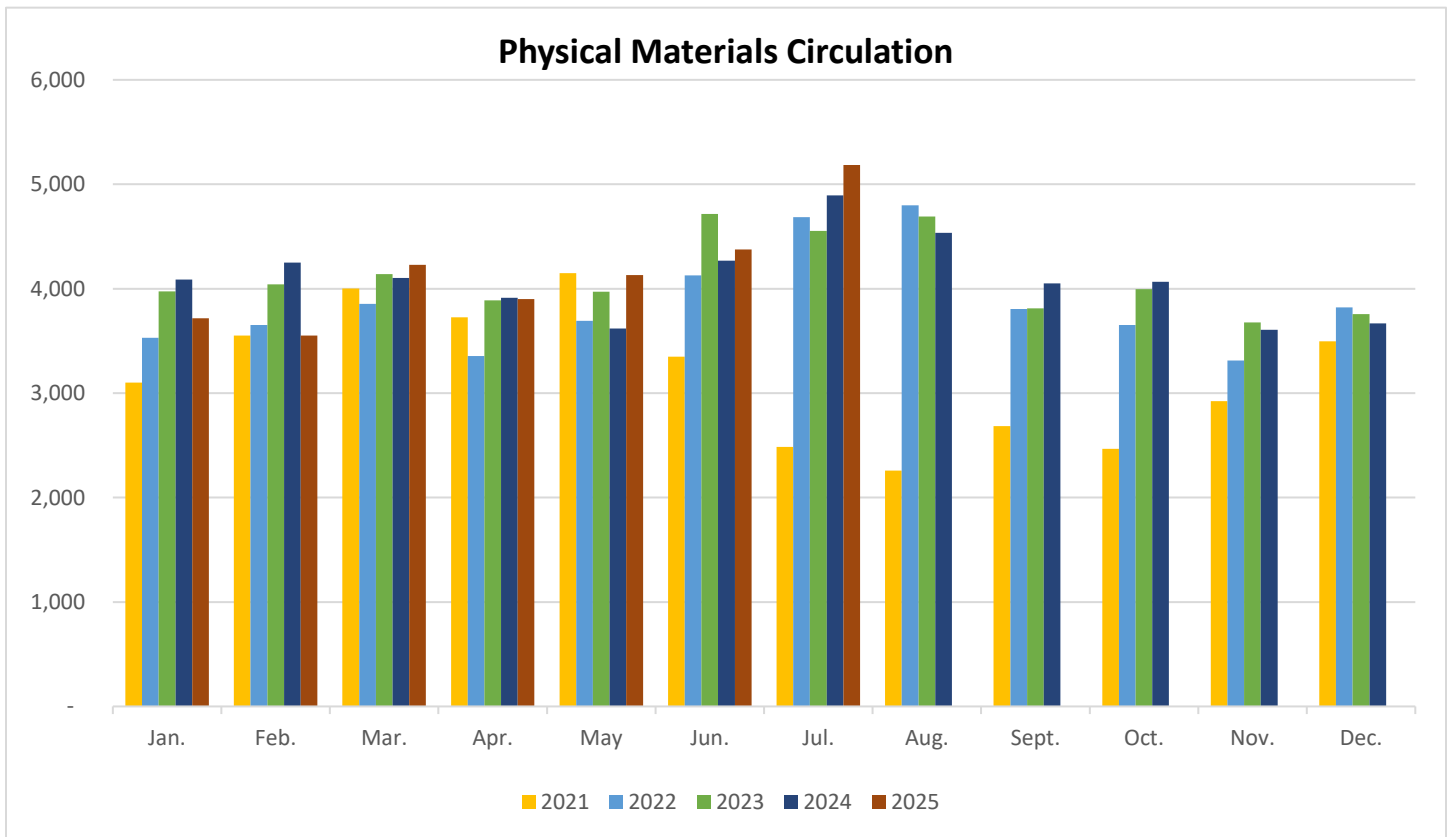
August 28, 2025

Operations

We have a new Circulation Assistant at Paoli Library, Claire! She will be working during the week and has been added to the weekend rotation schedule. Stop by and say “hi” if you get a chance! We are in the final stages of hiring for the open Circulation and Children’s Programming Assistant position.

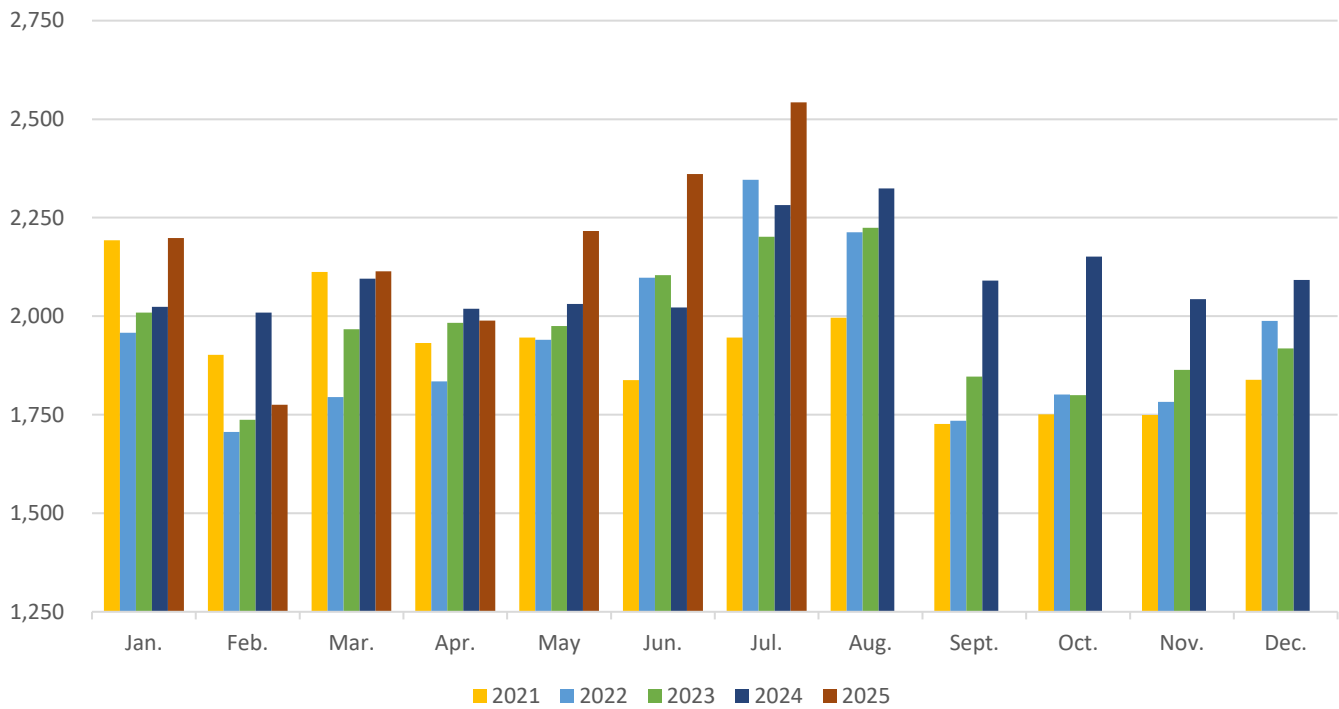
Circulation

In July 2025, circulation of physical materials was 5,186 (293 more than 2024), and circulation of e-materials was 2,543 (261 more than 2024).



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	4,228	3,900	4,131	4,376	5,186						

E-Materials Circulation



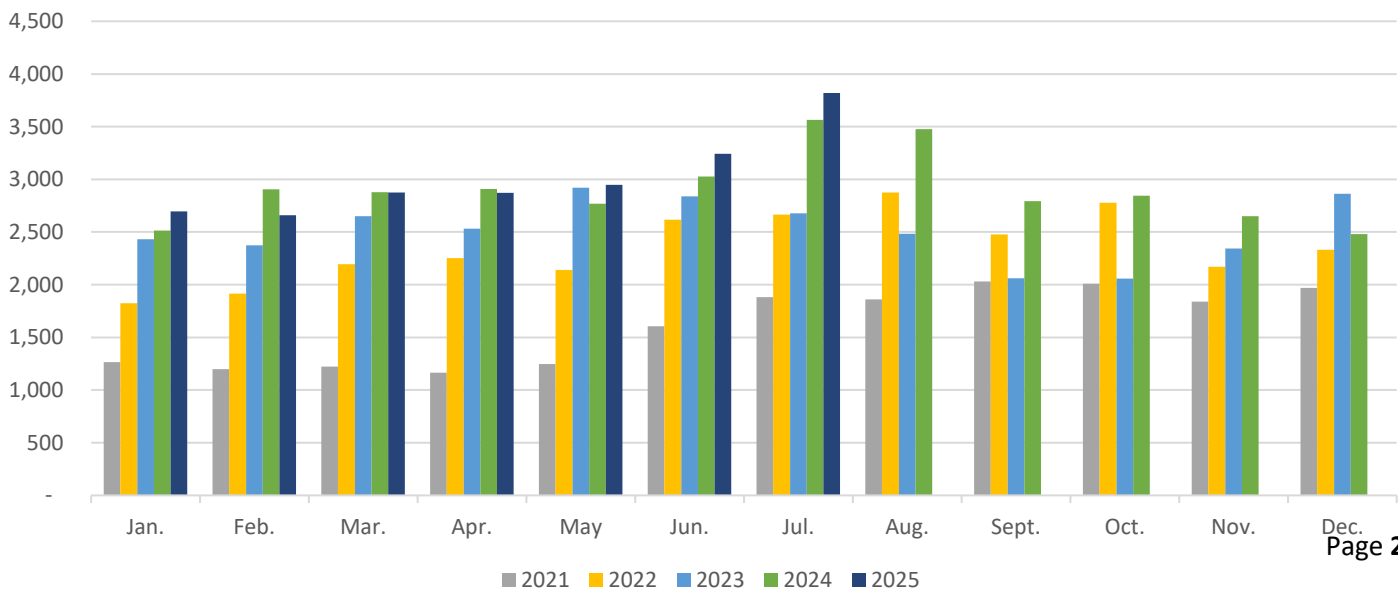
E-Materials Circulation

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	2,114	1,989	2,216	2,361	2,543					

Visitor Count

In July 2025, 3,819 visits were recorded for Paoli Library, 254 more than 2024!

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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	2,875	2,872	2,948	3,243	3,819					

Programs

July 2025 Programs		
Audience	# of Programs	Attendance
Adults (18+)	10	69
Children (0-11)	22	627
Young Adults (12-17)	3	38
General Interest (All Ages)	5	174
Grand Total	40	908

Programs Offered			
Month	2023	2024	2025
January	30	20	26
February	17	21	27
March	34	21	24
April	24	32	40
May	36	24	32
June	49	32	31
July	25	29	40
August	32	30	
September	36	24	
October	18	32	
November	31	24	
December	13	23	
Total	345	312	220

Programs Attendance			
Month	2023	2024	2025
January	354	489	369
February	201	251	450
March	525	286	398
April	342	541	890
May	522	504	737
June	811	907	990
July	336	554	908
August	476	877	
September	506	480	
October	259	612	
November	391	481	
December	161	420	
Total	4,884	6,402	4,742

Summer Reading Sign-Ups		
Age Range	2024	2025
Birth - Preschool	n/a	48
Birth - 4th Grade	113	n/a
Kindergarten - 4th Grade	n/a	78
5th - 12th Grade	54	45
Adults (18+)	38	65
GRAND TOTAL	205	236

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Youth Programs

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

Summer Reading

Summer Reading is officially over, and what a great year it was! This year's theme, Color Our World, was art-focused—perfect for Paoli kids, who love to get creative. Participants made puppets, marionette dolls, puzzles, and sculptures; tie-dyed everything from t-shirts to teddy bears; and even collaborated on one giant coloring page. In total, 174 children and teens ages birth through 12th grade signed up for Summer Reading! It was messy and busy, but the results were a masterpiece! I'm looking forward to next year!

I wrapped up Summer Reading with the Willistown Country Fair on August 19 at Greentree Park and enjoyed perfect weather! This year, I added a park-themed scavenger hunt for families to complete while waiting in line for face painting, balloon animals, or caricatures. The activity was a huge hit, and families were excited to win books, fruit snacks, crayons, and Play-Doh as prizes.

Children

This summer we brought back Book BINGO for the first time in years, and it was a huge hit! Every child had a chance to win and pick out a book, and the excitement of shouting "BINGO!" and cheering for each other was the highlight of the day. The prize books—donated or discarded items—were received with such enthusiasm, you would have thought it was Christmas morning.

Karaoke has also been a favorite activity this summer, so I will be keeping it around for the fall season as well! Families love choosing their own songs, and at our most recent session, many singers selected Hindi and Tamil songs. It was a great and unexpected way to celebrate different cultures together through music and to learn more about the patrons I see every day.

Teens

Paoli teens enjoyed two engaging programs led by local author and poet Robin Gow. The first focused on writing self-portrait poems, one of Robin's specialties. The second was a hands-on DIY fidget workshop, perfect for creating something calming to bring along on the first day of school. Teens always look forward to Robin's visits, and I'm grateful for the continued partnership.

Paoli teens enjoyed four anime movie screenings this summer: Howl's Moving Castle, Kiki's Delivery Service, Ponyo, and Spirited Away. Each film offered unique themes and messages, while all sharing the signature style of director Hayao Miyazaki. These movies remain wildly popular, and teens were thrilled to watch them on the big screen while enjoying themed snacks from the local Asian supermarket. Their favorite was fish-shaped ice cream bars!

What have we been up to?



Eloise got her first library card! After reading in a book that children need to take a reading test to earn their card, Eloise came to the library asking if she could do the same. Of course I said that we could do that! She's reading at a very high level, so I was so proud! Good job, Eloise!



Teens had got to try as many different kinds of Pop-Tarts as I could find at the store. NEVER try the coconut flavor! Yuck!!

Adult Programs

We had a ton of fun during Summer Reading this year! We had 65 adults sign up for Summer Reading, 27 more than last year! Following the theme of Color Our World, Aimee hosted art-themed programs at Greentree Park, such as tie-dye and clay pot painting. Patrons loved getting the chance to show off their creative side in the park!

Additionally, we have launched Open Tech Help Hours at Paoli! A new volunteer, Brian Warren, will be facilitating the program. Brian comes to us over 30 years' experience in the IT field, and he's excited to help answer all of your technology questions!



Respectfully submitted by
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