



# TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

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## **Director's Report to the Library Board of Trustees September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### **Operations**

We are working diligently to get to 12% collection expenditures by year's end.

Our vending machine giveback check for July was \$80.40. We had some trouble in August and September with patrons not getting items from the vending machine and having to put more money in to get their "stuck" item out, but as always, Craig, the owner of Purple Penguin Vending, was very responsive, gave us what we were owed, and made sure the machine was in working order.

The air handler in the King Room has been working well.

I've run two payrolls on our new software "isolated." It's a very lengthy process, but one I am getting used to. There are still many glitches, and the system itself has many faults that we work around as best we can.

On Tuesday morning, 9/16, the entire CCLS network went down. Much of it is still down, but we're working through all of it as best we can. Public WiFi returned late Monday afternoon, 9/22. All computer passwords county-wide need to be changed, and Tuesday, a slow roll out of emergency inbox access began. I received access to my email messages from Wednesday, 9/17 on. As of Tuesday afternoon, we still did not have Internet access to desktop PCs, both public and staff, all drives, and printing has been a workaround from the beginning (you can save to a thumb drive and insert to printer).

I'm told that access to these things (files, normal email access for all) may be a slow, painful process. In the meantime, please email those of us that have tredyffrinlibraries.org accounts at those emails instead of at our ccls.org email accounts so we can be sure we are receiving important emails and/or documents. All full-time employees except for Laurie have tredyffrinlibraries.org accounts, as well as Rachel should you need to contact her after the holiday. If you are unsure how to contact someone, feel free to contact me and I can get you in touch.

This has been a learning experience for all and I'll be backing up my files in numerous places once we're fully back up and running. In the meantime, my sincere apologies for this document which had to be converted from a pdf to a word document and the formatting is terrible.

I still have high hopes of starting the 2026 budget very soon (once I get files back or begin from scratch).

Capital expenses were submitted to the township for the next five years, beginning in 2026. These included items such as HVAC upgrades, new handicap doors (front entrance), interior renovations at Paoli (including paint, carpet, and furniture), interior renovations at Tredyffrin (including paint, carpet, and furniture), and a renovation feasibility study.



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## Building Access

For the month of August 2025, 15,045 library visits were recorded. Compared to August 2024, the visitor count increased by 816.

Monthly 2025 to 2024				
	August 2025	August 2024	Difference	% increase or decrease
Paoli	3,589	3,476	113	3%
Tredyffrin	11,456	10,753	703	7%
Libraries Combined	15,045	14,229	816	6%

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	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	17,088
August	22,354	4,899	8,447	12,609	12,889	14,229	15,045
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)	84,644	24,701	109,345
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



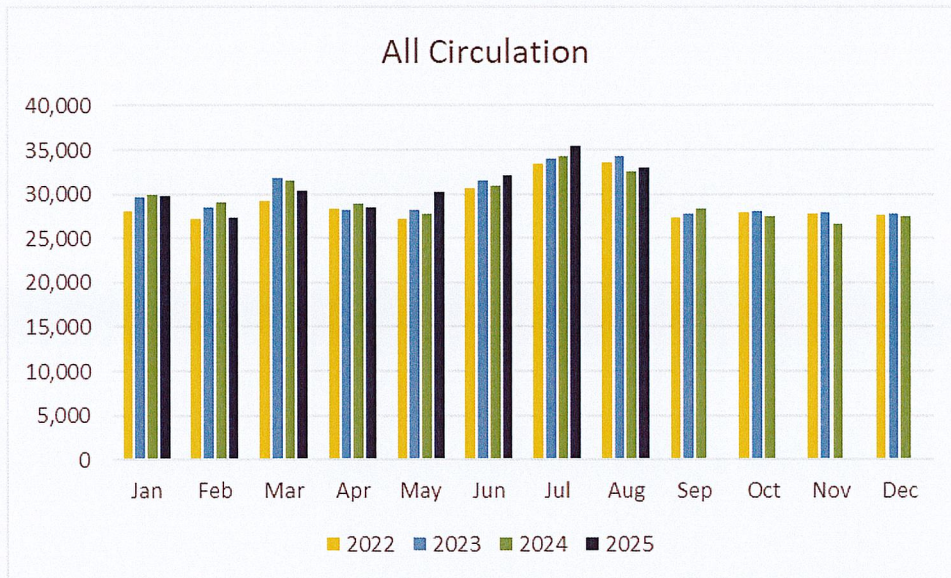
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## Circulation

August 2025 circulation totaled 32,962, which is an increase of 396 items from August 2024. E-materials circulation remains consistent and still accounts for approximately 27% of total circulation for 2025, so far.

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	<b>383,785</b>
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	<b>259,696</b>
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	<b>311,000</b>
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	<b>348,576</b>
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	<b>357,802</b>
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	<b>354,864</b>
2025	29,757	27,420	30,430	28,536	30,176	32,123	35,422	32,962					<b>246,826</b>



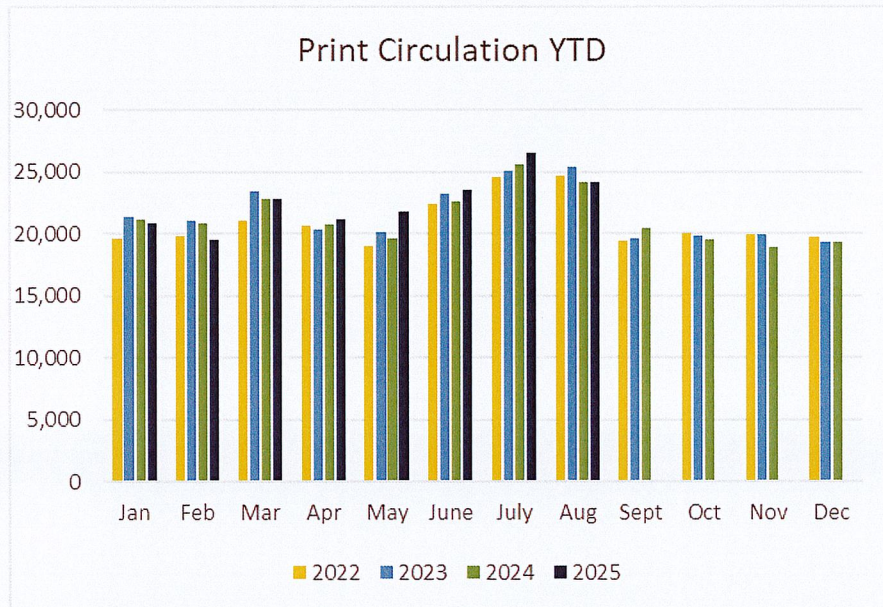


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## Print Circulation

	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	<b>324,544</b>
2020	26,609	27,657	13,783	87	52	4,946	13,865	17,494	18,665	18,077	15,774	12,413	<b>169,422</b>
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	<b>214,447</b>
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	<b>250,842</b>
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	<b>258,494</b>
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	<b>255,657</b>
2025	20,848	19,542	22,759	21,116	21,774	23,553	26,498	24,154					<b>180,244</b>



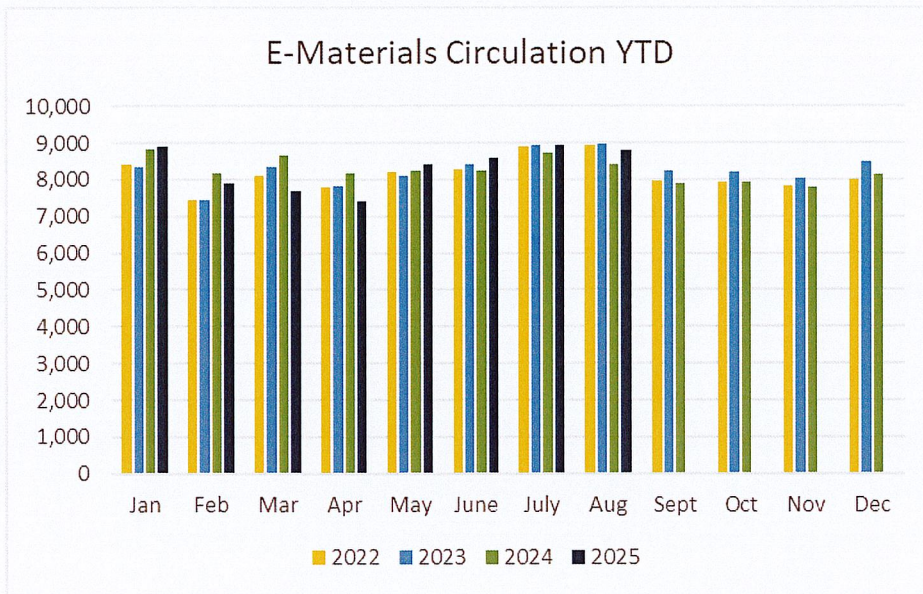
## E-Materials Circulation

	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	<b>59,249</b>	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	<b>90,274</b>	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	<b>96,025</b>	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	<b>97,734</b>	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	<b>99,308</b>	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	<b>99,207</b>	27.96%
2025	8,909	7,878	7,671	7,420	8,402	8,570	8,924	8,808					<b>66,582</b>	26.98%



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## Programming Notes

August 2025 programming numbers are listed here. Preliminary September 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	200
July	137	162	241	80	124	166	253
August	165	130	122	74	122	132	196
September	154	99	57	132	127	137	25
October	171	107	126	81	116	166	
November	122	88	94	62	123	148	
December	142	76	70	52	78	134	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>1,562</b>

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	4,222
July	2,518	2,144	2,966	941	2,502	3,290	4,598
August	3,230	1,925	2,324	1,192	2,162	2,940	3,616
September	2,334	2,897	816	2,095	2,218	2,252	370
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	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,832</b>	<b>25,309</b>	<b>24,640</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>23,889</b>	<b>31,296</b>	<b>27,652</b>



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## **Adult Services (submitted by Jonathan Trice):**

Earlier this year it was decided that free version of Slack was no longer a viable option for internal messaging. The lack of security and message retention meant that we would either have to step up to a paid version or find another alternative. The decision was made to upgrade our Google Workspace subscription instead. This will unlock several valuable features on top of more robust messaging such as 2TB of storage per account and individual appointment scheduling pages for each user. I will be working to set up everything for a changeover and the top of the year.

I will also be including monthly reference statistics in the board reporting again starting next month. This will allow to get a better understanding of staffing needs and resources at the service desks.

## **Adult Programming (submitted by Sam Sorensen):**

In August, we held nearly 90 in-person, virtual, and self-directed programs for adults, and we saw roughly 730 participants. The dip in attendance is what we typically expect for August with patrons vacationing and preparing for the school year. We hosted some new programs, like Jump Start Your Book, which was a successful workshop for those seeking advice on getting started with a writing project and insight into the publishing industry. Our weekly programs, like ukulele and yoga, are still going strong with regular attendance.

I spent time chatting with community partners, such as Jenkins and People's Light, regarding how we can deepen collaboration in the coming months. I am also working with Jonathan Trice, Head of Adult Services, to rework the English Language Learning program in the wake of Heather's departure from the library. More soon!

On September 27th, we will be hosting award-winning author and artist Mike Curato at Tredyffrin Public Library. Curato will be giving a fireside chat style presentation from 4-5PM with a book signing to follow. Curato's book, *Flamer*, was on the ALA's most challenged books list in 2022, 2023, and 2024. We read (and loved!) This book in our Banned Book Club in January '24. He also made his adult graphic novel debut this past June. Main Point Books will be on site with his books for purchase. We encourage everyone to attend and tell people about it!



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## **Makerspace (submitted by Amy Moscia):**

36 classes were held in the Makerspace in the month of August with roughly 370 attendees. Summer programs and appointments have remained busy throughout the month, with most programs having a waitlist.

We had 12 amazing teen volunteers help at Makerspace classes throughout the summer. They assisted in youth, teen and adult classes, both tech and non-tech classes. They are a pivotal part in allowing us to host so many events.

We are still working on a list of consumables that patrons can purchase to make projects during open hours. During open hours currently attendees must bring all the supplies they need for their project. Consumables would allow more attendees to be able to create who are unable to obtain materials and eliminate them from having to purchase a whole pack of something to make only 1 item. There will be a limit on how many can be purchased in a time period, and the price of items will just reflect the cost of the materials. We hope to start this in early October.

## **Children's Programming (Submitted by Stephanie Bragg):**

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Number of Programs in August: 76

Total Attendance in August: 1475

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

- The makerspace hosted programs that include, but were not limited to, rubberband cars, extreme fingerpainting, sphero robots, and digital sculpting.
- The main children's department hosted programs including, book bingo, preschool dance party, and young artist programs
- Outside performers in August were Makin' Music with Mr. Mike and Indian Run Education Center.

Other news from children's:

- Summer reading ended on August 17th. We ended with 585 participants registered, hundreds of raffle tickets given out, 3 sets of 20 prizes given away, 8 weeks of guessing jars, and 54 final prizes handed out.
- Trunk or Treat is coming up for October 24, 2025 at 6PM. Fill out this google form if you're interested in being a trunk this year. You can come up with your own theme or I have some premade decorations.

<https://forms.gle/pe3v2V6BZTEZZTv37>

## **Teen Programming (Submitted by Laurie Doan):**

Teens in August held our weekly meetings of crochet club, weekend Teen Library Nights, chess, and art journaling with postage stamps.

Special events included:

An Entrepreneur Camp where participants took the lead in creating new ideas and building their own businesses, guided by camp leaders from the Baldwin School nonprofit group "Future for Her".

A Girl Scout with a passion for sustainability taught us how to make environmentally friendly bath bombs.

Middle schoolers joined us for a fundraiser showing of the "The Lorax." A Conestoga Girl Scout Gold Award Candidate raised half of the money for her project: to plant a tree on library property that is significant to American literary history.



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We wrapped up our summer programming with a social on the terrace. Many of the students finished reading our book of the summer, "My Family and Other Animals," by Gerald Durrell. There was a wholly positive reaction to the book with many students saying it changed the way they saw the natural world. A rising high school student finished the "Read Around the World" project and will receive the award in September.

In just two short weeks, our Performing Arts Camp put together a revue, all the while instilling a passion for singing, dancing, acting, and socializing. Our college-aged teaching artists who come from extensive theatre backgrounds worked with the students to create an encouraging, inclusive, and ensemble based theatrical experience, rather than a competitive one. This camp, which was founded in 2013, was previously highlighted in the US Congress as, "an exceptional program in my district that empowers, inspires, and supports performance arts." The article in the Congressional Record notes that, "It has long been proven that students that participate in the arts have improved academic performance and a strong sense of community."

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.

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