



Head Librarian Report

October 23, 2025

Operations

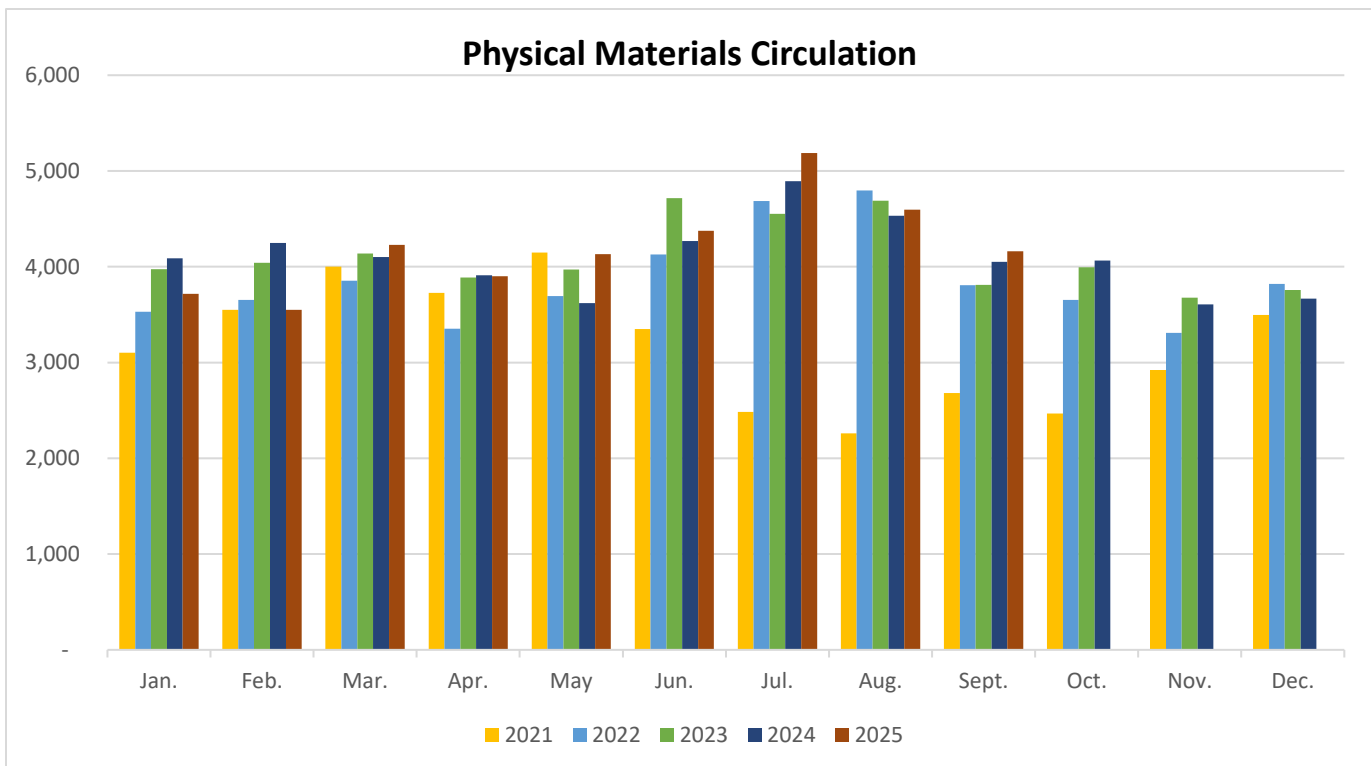
Two Paoli Library staff attended the Chester County Libraries Staff Development Day on October 13th. The day included a keynote presentation from Mychal Threets (library advocate and newly announced host for Reading Rainbow), and educational presentations: Mental Health 101 from the Chester County Department of Mental Health, Narcan/Medication Safety training from Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services, and First Aid training including “Stop the Bleed” training Chester County Department of Emergency Services.

Paoli and Tredyffrin are in the process of migrating to a new vendor to purchase library books. The longtime library book wholesale supplier, Baker & Taylor, announced their upcoming closure earlier this month. We will be moving to Ingram with the help of Valerie Green at Tredyffrin. There may be some delays for incoming new books, but we are using Amazon as a stopgap until our Ingram account is fully up and running.

Starting November 3, 2025, the Chester County Library System will transition from MuseumKey to Springshare’s “Tickets and Passes” software for museum pass reservations. Current reservations made with MuseumKey through November 15th will remain unaffected. This change is driven by feedback that highlighted challenges with MuseumKey, such as difficulties in finding available dates and passes for specific institutions. The new system is expected to be more user-friendly and cost-effective. As we adapt to this update, please don’t hesitate to contact Paoli or Tredyffrin if you encounter any issues. Additional marketing and information are forthcoming from CCLS.

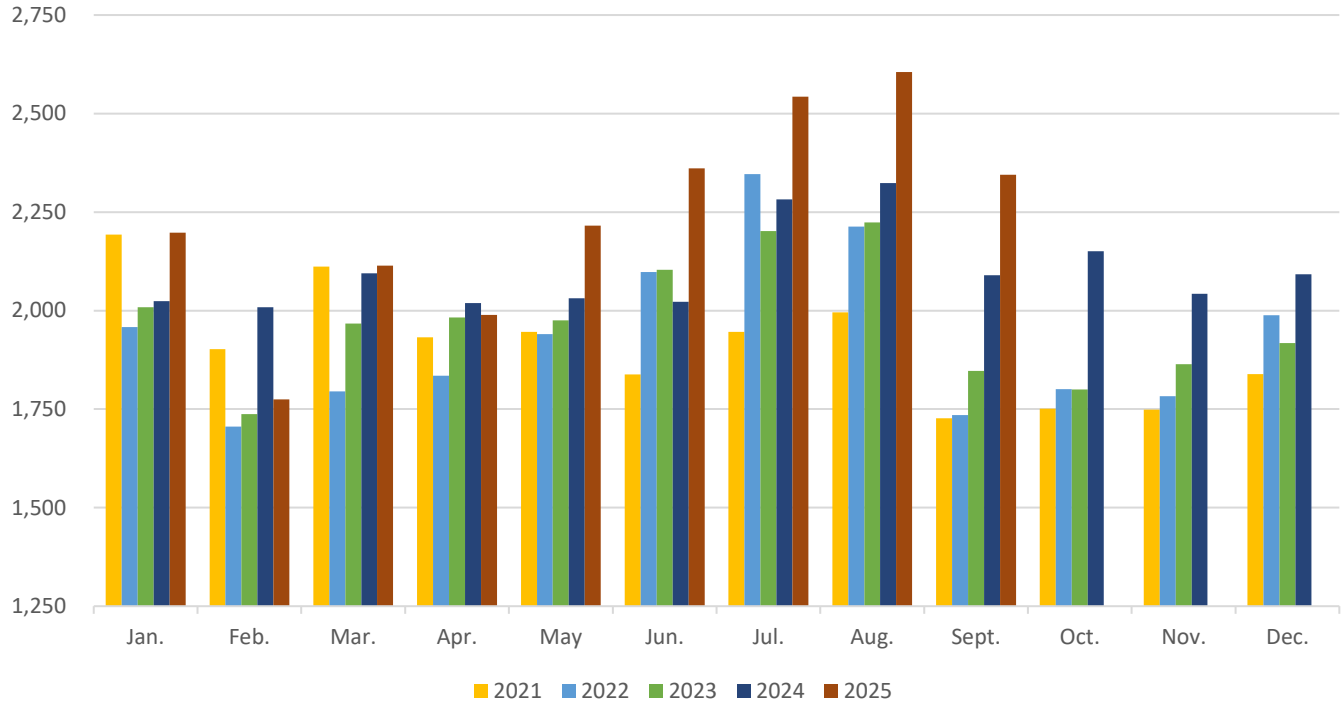
Circulation

In September 2025, circulation of physical materials was 4,163, and circulation of e-materials was 2,345.



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	4,595	4,163				

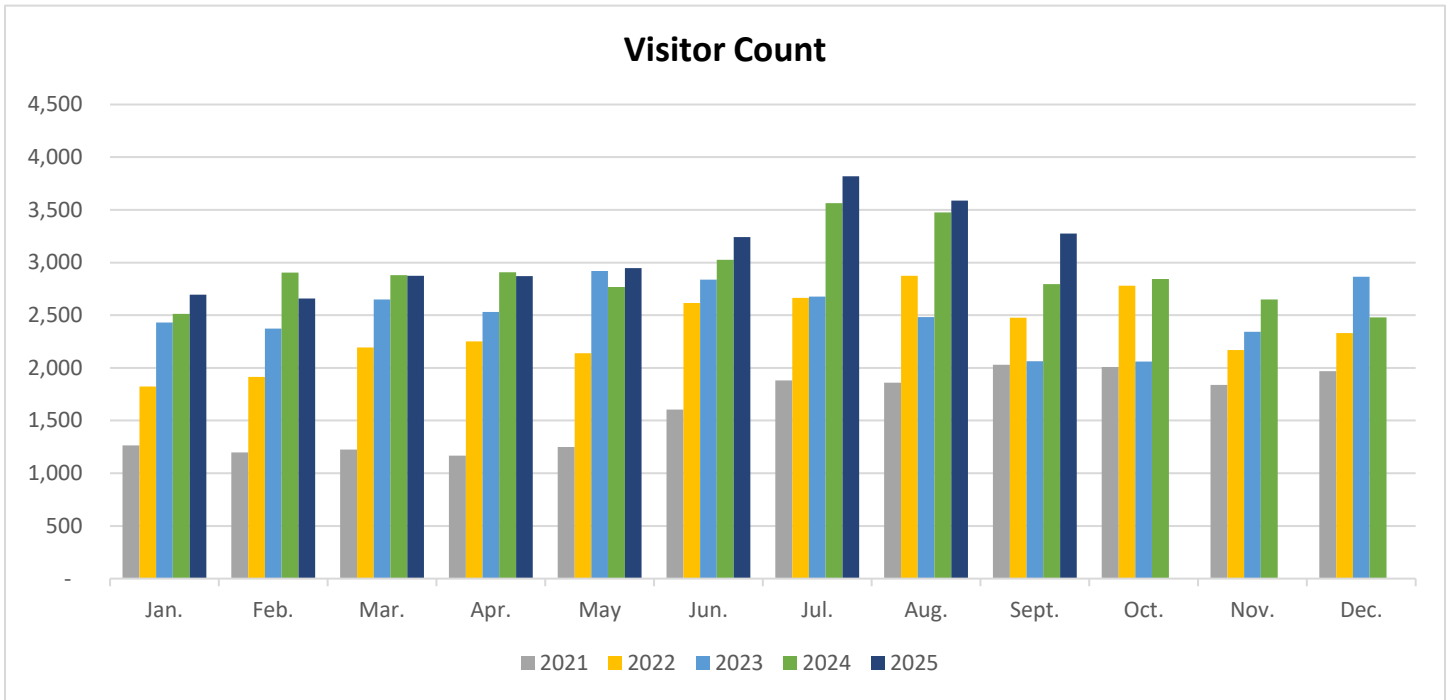
E-Materials Circulation



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	2,605	2,345				

Visitor Count

In September 2025, 3,274 visits were recorded for Paoli Library, over 400 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	3,589	3,274				

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Programs

September 2025 Programs		
Audience	# of Programs	Attendance
Adults (18+)	9	49
Children (0-11)	17	533
Young Adults (12-17)	4	22
General Interest (All Ages)	3	155
Grand Total	33	759

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	36	
September	36	24	33	
October	18	32		
November	31	24		
December	13	23		
Total	345	312	289	

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	1,104	
September	506	480	759	
October	259	612		
November	391	481		
December	161	420		
Total	4,884	6,402	6,605	

Youth Programs

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

September 2025 Overview

September was an exciting month full of new programs, strong engagement, and community connection. I hosted 24 programs with a total attendance of 739 people across children's, teen, and family offerings.

One of the biggest highlights of September was launching "My First Storytime", a brand-new Friday morning storytime designed just for pre-walking babies and their caregivers. The response has been overwhelmingly positive! So far we've hosted 3 sessions which brought in 48 attendees - we already have regular families who are becoming part of the group! This program creates a calm, developmentally-appropriate environment with gentle rhymes, shorter stories, singing, and tummy time play, while also giving caregivers space to connect with each other.

Teen programming was also a success this month, with 4 teen programs bringing in 22 teens. "K-Pop Karaoke" was a standout favorite, with teens specifically requesting that we offer it again! Their enthusiasm and feedback have been incredibly valuable in shaping future teen events.

In addition to in-house programs, I participated in outreach at the local YMCA's "Welcome Week" on September 16th with Adult Programming & Community Outreach Coordinator, Sam Sorensen. The event aligned perfectly with Library Card Sign-Up Week and gave me the chance to connect with over 100 people, many of whom were already library patrons. I also registered 5 new children for library cards at Paoli Library, and many more for Tredyffrin Library. I've

already seen some of those families attending programs since. I even made a giant Chester County library card for a fun photo op!

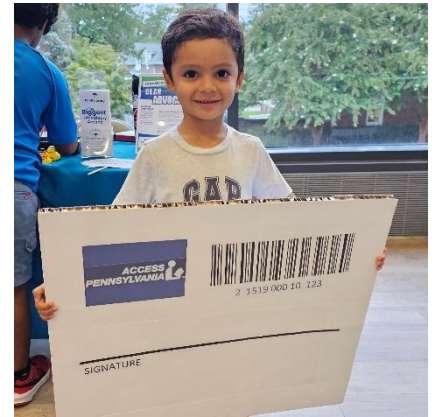
Looking Ahead

October is my favorite month for programming. I am looking forward to all of the spooky holiday fun that is coming our way this month. October will bring us:

- Spooky Teen Halloween Party
- Not-So-Spooky Halloween Party for Families
- Music with Miss Jill

As the weather grows colder, our last Storytime at Greentree Park will be held on October 23rd. We will be indoors until spring, looking to move back outdoors around March or April.

What have we been up to?



Tyson drew an anteater!



Teens made paper self-portraits.



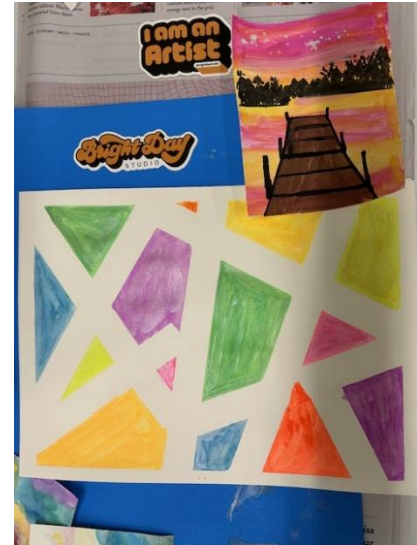
Lying around at baby storytime.



A very impressive clay bear by a teen!

Adult Programs

September was another successful month for Adult Programs at Paoli Library! Patrons practiced art as meditation with Zen Watercolor, hosted by Bright Day Studio. Patrons also learned about enrolling for Medicare through PA MEDI through Chester County Department of Aging, and about Alzheimer's from returning guest speakers from Comfort Keepers. Looking ahead, Aimee is planning creative and engaging programs through the end of the year – keep an eye on our calendar for updates!



Respectfully submitted by
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