

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Public libraries throughout the country, including our own library district, continue to thrive. Despite a worldwide pandemic that began in 2020 and continues to affect businesses, schools and travel, public libraries are very relevant in these challenging times.

Without doubt, the way in which people are using the library is changing. Even though our physical space was closed to the public for 4 months, from March 14, 2020 to July 8 – library services continued online through digital downloads and virtual programs. This past year looks unlike any other in our history, but library use has continued to increase month by month since this setback. In 2018 we offered no virtual programs at all, and by the end of FY 2019-20 we had launched virtual programming in every department with success.

Check outs of physical library materials (books, audiobook CD's, DVD movies, etc.) has been decreasing over the past several years, while use of digital content (eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, downloadable and streaming movies and music) has been on the rise. The pandemic has greatly accelerated this trend.

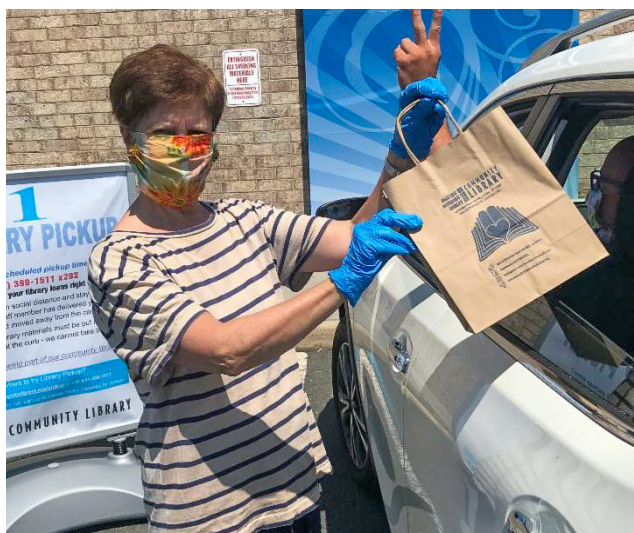
More importantly, the demand for use of the library – as a destination for community events, activities, services and programs – plays a much more prominent role in shaping our strategic priorities.

Examples of these services and programs include: citizenship preparation classes, career counseling, internet access, early literacy programs, STEM programs for schoolage children, new technology learning sessions, social worker appointments, health and wellness events, and author programs.

Even as we respond to new demands and changes, we do not abandon our responsibility to promote and celebrate literacy from preschool through adulthood. Stories, reading, and literacy in all its forms and formats are central to our mission.

As we move forward with the construction project, we look forward to completing the construction of two new satellite branches opening in the fall of 2022 and continuing to meet the needs of our community as it changes and grows.

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Curbside pickup – we delivered materials curbside while the building was closed from March 15 – July 8th



The Literacy Department held an online-only New Citizen Ceremony to celebrate 8 new citizens passing the Naturalization Exam.

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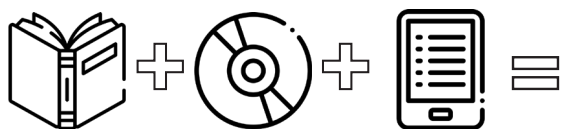
**MASTICS
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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Outdoor programs like Stroller Club, Nature Walks, Pumpkin Picking and many more were popular with patrons during the pandemic in 2020.

Books & Materials



TOTAL CIRCULATION

447,578

Print checkouts
161,869

Digital checkouts
194,701

eBook checkouts =
44,197

+14%
over previous year

Holds placed =
9,655

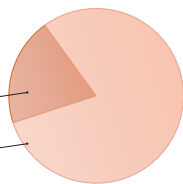
Most popular digital magazine =
People

Total Items in Our Collection =

521,186

104,263 print items

416,923 eBooks



Movies streamed =

6,787



Most downloaded movie =

What We Do in the Shadows

Computer Usage

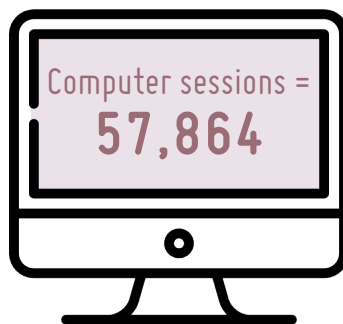
Total visitors

202,711

-44%
from previous year

Total cardholders
29,911

Total new library cards
2,069



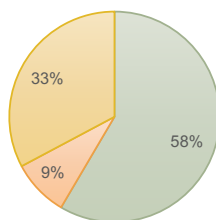
Wifi users

27,483

Website visits

22,245

Financials



Library 2019-2020 budget

Payroll/Staff	\$5,747,001
Materials/Programs	\$859,500
Operations/Facilities	\$3,221,499
Total library operating budget	\$9,828,000

Fact: There was a 0% budget increase from 2020 to 2021, and the library budget had 0% increases in the budget from 2015 - 2019!

People & Programs

Total programs held

1,680

In-person program attendance

38,681

Virtual program attendance
6,939



Children's program attendance

26,150

Teen program attendance

4,619

Literacy class attendance

4,935

554
sessions

670
sessions

536
sessions



Total reference questions = 17,317

Museum pass uses =

874



Most popular museum pass =

Harbes Barnyard Adventure

60
checkouts