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Photo courtesy of CHPL Technology Center Assistant John Guido
2022: Year in Review

Library Card Holders: 22,417
Library Visitors: 160,779
Library Materials Circulated: 255,269
Electronic Materials Circulated: 50,985
Reference and Youth Services questions answered: 14,832

Kid Programs: 193
Teen Programs: 110
Adult Programs: 635
Tech Classes: 70
Tech Class Attendees: 537
Website Visits: 214,000

Facebook: 5,424
Instagram: 3,317
LinkedIn: 175
TikTok: 933
Twitter: 1,835

2022 Summer Reading: Oceans of Possibilities

Adults Participated: 332
Books Logged for Adults: 2,147

Children & Teens Participated: 829
Books Logged for Children & Teens: 7,803
Director's Message

“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better.”
— Sidney Sheldon

Welcome to the 2022 Cherry Hill Public Library Annual Report! In the past year, CHPL primarily returned to in-person programs since the start of the pandemic. We do have a mixture of some virtual and hybrid programs, based upon the type of program (i.e. Book Clubs, ESOL classes, etc.). This Annual Report allows us to reflect on the significant accomplishments we achieved over the past 12 months. As always, our staff is incredibly talented and knowledgeable when expanding our collections and providing services and programming in new ways. Enjoy a snapshot of the incredible work of our team, with the support of the Library Board of Trustees, Cherry Hill Township, Friends of the Library and volunteers to bring you the best public library!

See you at the library,

Laverne Mann, CHPL Library Director

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CHPL Mission Statement
Create Community
Honor Equity
People Focused
Lifelong Learning
Reference & Adult Services

Most popular programs:
Diwali Festival = 110 attendees
Meet Meteorologist Chris Sowers = 100 attendees
"Duly Noted" Barbershop Quarter = 84 attendees
War on Ukraine Discussion: 71 attendees
Meet the Author: Matthew Quick = 70 attendees

Other significant information:
- Added 11 musical instruments to the Library of Things
- Assorted staff attended 17 community based programs to promote CHPL
- Offer 11 weekly ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) classes
- Fulfilled 534 seed requests from the Seed Library; distributed over 200,000 seeds

Youth Services

Most popular programs:
Trucks! Summer Reading Kick-Off = 2,000 attendees
Trick-or-Treat in the Library = 527 attendees
Sea Animals Scavenger Hunt = 480 participants
Tie Dye Open Hours = 197 attendees
Noon Year’s Eve = 150 attendees

Other significant information:
- Celebrated Pride Month by hosting a hugely supported Drag Queen Story Time and Pride Crafts
- CHPL teens enjoyed successful after-hours lock-ins including Teen Murder Mystery and Amazing Race
- Children's librarians attended 18 outreach programs in the community
- 10 Family Book Club kits were created; they include two copies of an adult book with two copies of the Young Readers version of the same book
Circulation

Highlights from 2022:
- September was Library Card Sign-up Month. We welcomed 126 new adults and 49 new juvenile members. We renewed 277 adult memberships and 27 juvenile memberships.
- Once a month the Circulation Department hosted a popular movie and a documentary. In 2022 we showed nine movies (237 attendees) nine documentaries (146 attendees).
- During the week of August 15-19 we held an Oscar Film Series. We showed the Oscar winner for best picture and six other nominated movies, as well as the winner for best documentary. 230 people attended during the week.
- Circulation Staff contacted 434 patrons who had items that were assumed lost. Out of 1,928 assumed lost items 1,652 items were returned or paid for. A total of $28,547.50 worth of library materials have been paid for or have returned to Circulation.

Technical Services

In 2022:
- 1,055 donated items were added to collections
- Added 7,330 print books, 3,638 OverDrive eBooks, 2,436 Audiobooks, 141 music CDs, 344 DVDs, 18 video games, 186 puzzles, and more

Maintenance

Highlights in 2022:
- Started to refinish Friendship Grove park benches
- Continued to replace the existing 2x2 light troffers with LED troffers, reducing our electric consumption
- Got the HVAC system components repaired so the unit will function properly
Volunteers

Highlights from 2022:
- Total number of volunteers = 115
- Total number of volunteer hours in a typical week = 62
- Most volunteer hours are logged in the Book Room, Youth Services, ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) tutors, and at the Welcome Desk

Fundraising

Highlights from 2022:
- Library fundraisers = $22,190.90
- Individual Gifts & Patron Donations = $5,817.57
- Grants = $23,779
- Some fundraisers included: Candy Bingo, Craft Fairs, Antiques Road Show appraisals, and Murder Mystery Night

Support CHPL!
Donations accepted: chplnj.org/support-the-library