

2022 Annual Report

The year at a glance



John C. Hart
MEMORIAL LIBRARY





Director's Digest

Yvonne Cech

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As we all come up for air from nearly 3 years of dealing with Covid, we can say that 2022 was an incredibly strong year for the library!

Our recovery from Covid closures has been swift and efficient. We headed into last February with the celebration of national Take Your Child to the Library Day. This brought many families and children back to the library for fun events. Our storytimes, which historically provide critical early literacy support for children ages 0 – 5, resumed in person and it wasn't long before the sessions were overflowing and we had to add more!

In the next few months we offered everything from a Python Coding Class to free tax filing help (via a partnership with AARP). Drop-in games like Mah-jongg and Scrabble began in our newly organized downstairs Program Room, (which we created to handle the overflow in demand for programs and events in the upstairs community room). All are welcome.

Last Spring, we had a few firsts; a community plant swap for adults and an open mic poetry night for teens! Our Summer Reading Kickoff event brought an unprecedented 904 people to the library in one afternoon in June, with fun outdoor activities to entertain and encourage students to maintain their reading skills during the summer months.

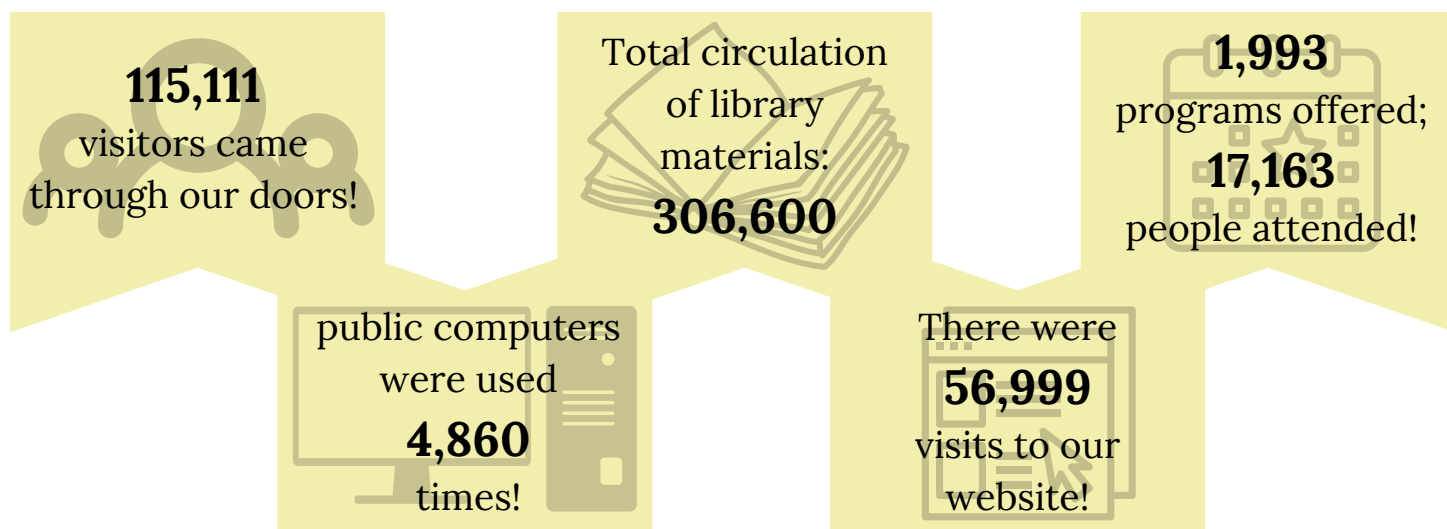
Along with our many regular programs, such as art receptions for local artists and music concerts to showcase local music talent, we added an exciting new family-oriented Haunted House in October. Based on the over 1,500 people that attended, we can count that as another well-received program for the community.

We also added a vitally important new service in 2022. We became a certified Passport Acceptance Facility, passing all the stringent trainings, tests and requirements from the federal Department of State in order to do so. You can now get your passport in the comfort of your library!

We are Yorktown's community library. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023! There's always something for everyone here at the library.

Warmest regards,
Yvonne Cech
Library Director

2022 Overview



Happenings @ Hart

2022 Stats



*Want to stay in the loop?
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Earring making workshop



Concert with Tennessee Walt

Adult

839 programs offered
3,991 attendees

Young Adult

89 programs offered
3,897 attendees



Teen Poetry Night



Teen Python Coding Class



Summer Reading Kickoff



1st Annual Haunted House

Children

1,065 programs offered
9,275 attendees

Circulation

219,572 books, movies & audiobooks
were borrowed
87,028 e-books, e-magazines & e-audiobooks
were downloaded or streamed



Processing books
upon return



Winner of Kindle from
Library Card
Sign-Up Month



Looking Ahead

Our Hart's desire

We are receiving almost daily requests for different types of meeting spaces here at the library. The one we hear most often is a desire for separate, quiet, reading areas for adults. Another request we hear about continually is to have a larger gathering space for presentations, programs and meetings. We also hear from our teens in the community that they would like to have their own place that feels welcoming.

Thanks to federal funds provided through the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA), the library received grant funding to create individual private study rooms in response to the demand from people who are working and studying remotely, or who just want to have a designated quiet space in the library. These spaces will be created within the existing library in 2023.

Did you know that our library was built and designed before the invention of the internet? The ways in which people use libraries has changed. We hope to be able to update some of the service area spaces within the library in the near future to better serve the Yorktown community.

As spring approaches, look for the launch of our first ever Seed Library; a fun and free way to explore and learn about gardening! Use heirloom seeds to start your first garden or to enhance your existing one!

2023 promises to be a busy and exciting year at the library! Stop in and see everything we have to offer or browse our website for upcoming events: www.yorktownlibrary.org

Want to lend a hand?

Here's how you can support the library

Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library help support and fund our programs year round.

Upcoming Events:

Library Giving Day: April 4

Annual Book Sale: October 13-16

Donate today:



Library Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees help oversee budgets and create policies for the library.

**Monthly Meetings every 3rd Wednesday
at 6:30pm - all are welcome!**

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