

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Report - August 2022

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our library's millage renewal/restoration ballot proposal passed this month. With funding secured for the next 10 years we are concentrating on fulfilling our promise to restore service hours on Fridays in 2023. We so appreciate Waterford's support for the library which is so evident in this most recent renewal of our operating millage.

Melissa S., Librarian I - Children's Services, accepted a job offer from the Detroit Public Library. It's a great opportunity for a librarian so early in her career. Her last day was August 8, a bittersweet time for all of us. The process to hire a replacement is underway.

The project to replace the carpet in the Children's Room moved one step closer to becoming a reality this month. A second moving contractor has started the process of preparing a quote that we hope will be comparable to one received earlier in the year, which met our specifications. Our current plan is to complete this project in December.

SERVICE UPDATES

The following Service Updates are highlights by our department heads of activities their staff have been involved in this month.

Adults, Outreach, & Teens Services

Submitted by J. Hansen, Head of Adults' & Outreach Services

The library's millage renewal and restoration proposal passed, for which we are all very grateful.

I told Jim Flury, Technical Services Manager at The Library Network (our cooperative), we are ready to start getting set up with 9xx ordering with Ingram. We do that type of ordering for the collection with Baker & Taylor, but not with Ingram, yet. It's a process that makes it possible for patrons to place holds on titles we have on-order.

Research and discussions among co-op librarians has help us reconsider using ethnic labels on some of our fiction titles as a guide for readers. Lindsay finished compiling a list of our African American authors in fiction that patrons and staff can use as a reader's advisory tool. We told Heather C. that Technical Services can start removing the African American labels from spines in all the fiction and large print.

Outreach circulation detail		Home or Mini-Branch Visits with Materials	
Materials delivered to homes	213	Homebound Visits	31
Materials used at mini-branches	179	Senior sites - mini-branch collection rotation: Fox Manor, Mendelson	2
TOTAL	392	TOTAL	33

Children's Services

Submitted by C. Walker, Head of Children's Services

August was a quieter month in the children's department as most of our summer programs ended in July. We screened nine family movies for patrons at no cost. It had been three years since we have done this due to the COVID pandemic.

We had 32 students who had finished their summer reading goals come in to collect their books. Book Bucks were still going out and being redeemed with 48 students getting new books, and 11 young children earned a book through the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program.

One of our children's librarians took a position at another library closer to their home. The children's staff has been getting ready for fall programs.

Circulation Services

Submitted by J. Deahl, Circulation Services Coordinator & Page Supervisor

The circulation department finished inventory to the juvenile nonfiction section and started work on the juvenile biographies. The juvenile biography section is fairly large and with a vacancy and numerous clerks scheduled off I expect it will keep the department busy through September. Once the juvenile biography section is completed, I am going to have the department take a break from inventory to begin work on the usual end of the year cleanup projects.

Rose A.'s last day as Library Page was Thursday, August 24. Joan and I reviewed all of the Page and Part-Time Circulation Clerk applications we received and scheduled interviews for both positions for early in September. We have three strong applicants for the Page position and two strong applicants for the Part-Time Clerk position.

During the last week of the month through Thursday, September 8, the library will serve as a collection site for school supplies donations for Waterford School District Students in need.

DONATIONS THIS MONTH

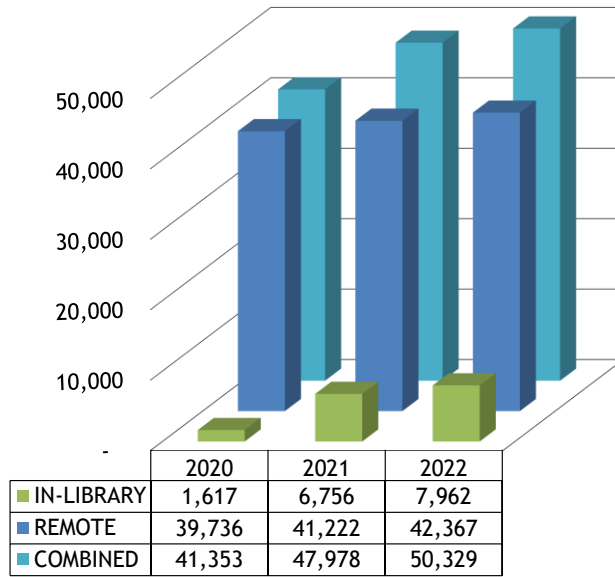
Total: \$1,185

- \$ 25 Casual donations received at the Circulation Desk
- \$1,160 from F. Hoopengartner, unrestricted

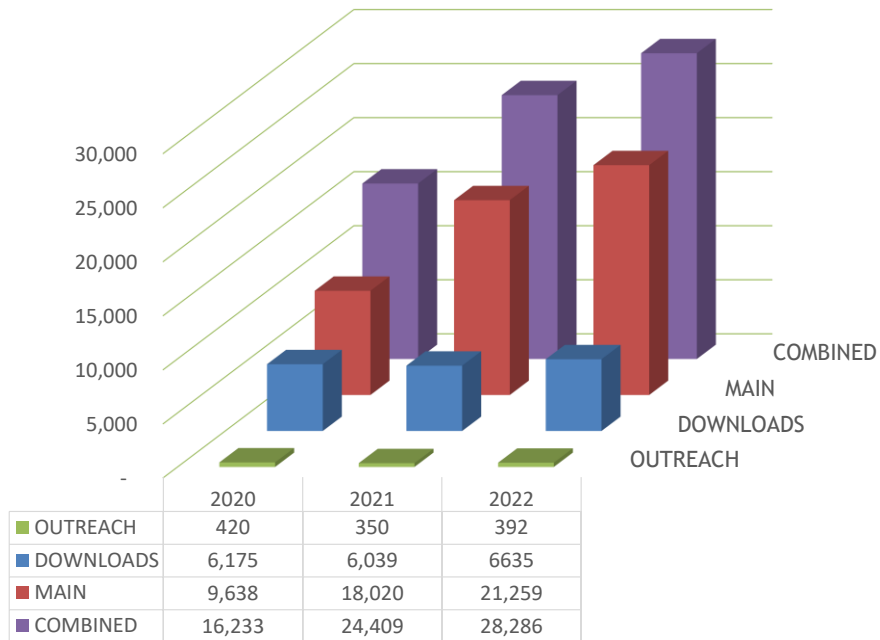
PROGRAMS & FACEBOOK REACH

PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
ADULTS	
Waterford Genealogy Society - Afternoon meeting	14
Weekly Knitting Group (5 sessions)	76
Waterford Writers Workshop (2 sessions)	16
Library Garden Club - Gardener, Hedge Your Bets	21
Adults Movie Matinee: Sister Act	11
Genealogy Workshop by Waterford Genealogic Society & local DAR Chapter	23
TOTAL	161
TEENS	
Grab Bag - make & take kits	10
TOTAL	10
CHILDREN	
Family Movie (9 screenings)	129
TOTAL	129
TOTAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION	300
FACEBOOK	TOTAL REACH/DAY
People served any activity from our Page	376

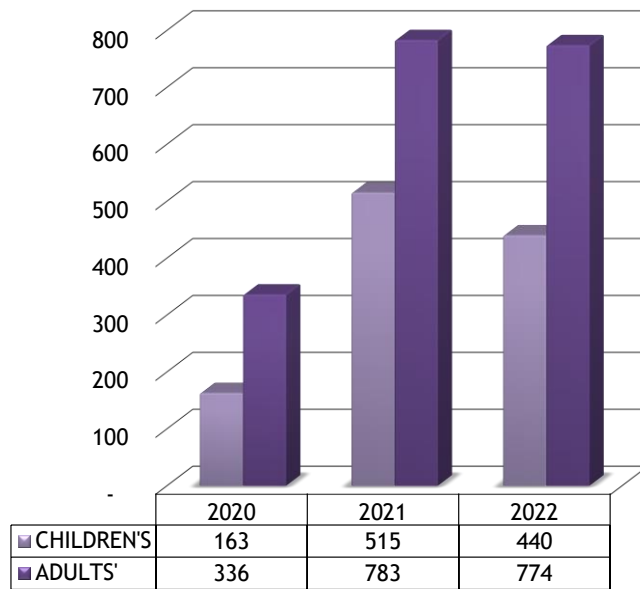
LIBRARY VISITS - August 2022



Checkouts - August 2022



REFERENCE - August 2022



Collection - August 2022



(This chart is a snapshot in time)