

# WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Report - January 2023

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Library Advisory Committee welcomed new member Dana Sharp. JoAnn Kohler has been re-elected Committee Chair and Jura Kaupas will be asked to help with recording the meeting minutes. The committee plans to review their bylaws on a regular basis starting this year to ensure that they stay current.

Staffing update: Still no applicants for the full-time Librarian I - Children's Services position. This has been reposted the Job Board on The Library Network website. The part-time Library Clerk vacancy does have a couple of applicants whose interviews we deferred from late 2022. We plan to get these scheduled and successfully completed in February 2023.

Over the past few years purchase of the replacement bulbs for the canister lights throughout the library have been increasingly difficult and more costly. On advice from the Township's electrical vendor a replacement fixture has been recommended that will offer brighter light with the least amount of refitting. The lights in the Circulation Lobby were replaced with this month. Patrons and staff are very pleased with the brighter lighting in this area and are looking forward to similar improvements as the remaining canister lights are upgraded.

## 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*

We started a Lucky Day Collection to replace the Rental Collection that we had prior to the start of COVID. The Lucky Day books have already been circulating very well.

The group "Citizens for Peace" donated \$400 for the purchase of both children's and adult books related to the subject of peace.

We received the supply of eclipse glasses Liz sent for, so we're prepared for the almost total solar eclipse coming in April of 2024.

Mary is weeding the 500s and Lindsay is continuing weeding the fiction.

The Inn at Cass Lake is renovating their library space, so Kayla had to temporarily remove all the books we had placed there.

Outreach circulation detail		Home or Mini-Branch Visits with Materials	
Materials delivered to homes	165	Homebound Visits	32

Materials used at mini-branches	189	Senior sites - mini-branch collection rotation: Lakeland Place and Inn at Cass Lake.	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>

### *Children's Services*

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

During January, we resumed our weekly storytimes for children ages 0-3, Saturday Storytimes, and Lego Club. We have not added any other Saturday programs as we still have an unfilled full-time children's librarian position. We restarted our monthly Scavenger Hunt and Guessing Jar games. Winners get a \$10 gift card. The scavenger hunt had 57 participants, and the guessing jar had 139 entries.

The Children's Winter Reading Program is still ongoing. We had a few students finish and collect their books, pencils, and bookmarks. Students are using Beanstack, to track their reading for this program. Those who have finished their minimum of 600 minutes by February 28 be automatically be entered into a drawing for a gift card. Currently, 51 students are registered with 39 actively logging their minutes, and 15 have reached their goal.

On January 18, two new AWE Learning Stations were put out for our young patrons use. They have bigger screens and new games, but a few old favorites as well. One station is also bilingual, offering the games in Spanish. The AWE stations were purchased with funds from the Waterford Library Friends' Group.

### *Circulation Services*

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

The department completed inventory of the Juvenile Graphic Novels and started reviewing the Juvenile Reference books. I expect that we will be ready to move onto inventory of the Juvenile Easy Readers mid-February.

We received several applications for the Part-Time Circulation Clerk opening and hope to set up interviews in early February.

### *DONATIONS THIS MONTH*

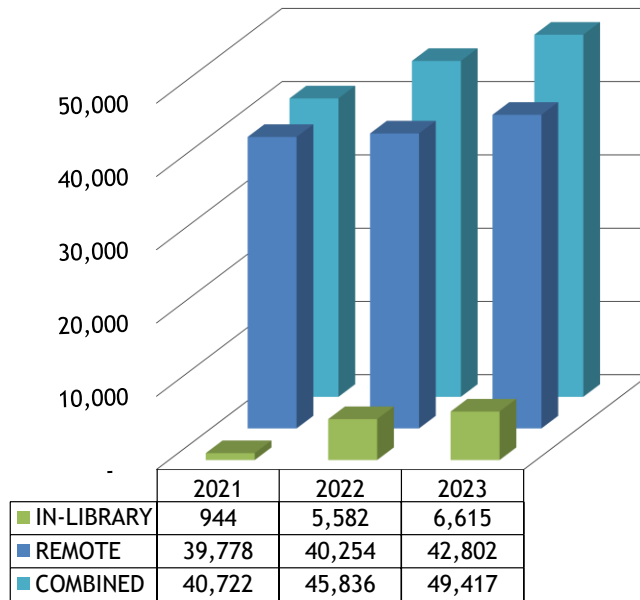
Total: \$1,622.59

- \$1,000 Waterford Genealogical Society, in support of Ancestry.com subscription
- \$ 400 Citizens for Peace, books on peace for the collection
- \$ 200 Deborah Bachman, book memorial re: Donald G. Bachman
- \$ 20 Julie Hauler, book memorial re: Ari Leilani DuFour
- \$ 2.59 Casual donations received at Circulation Desk

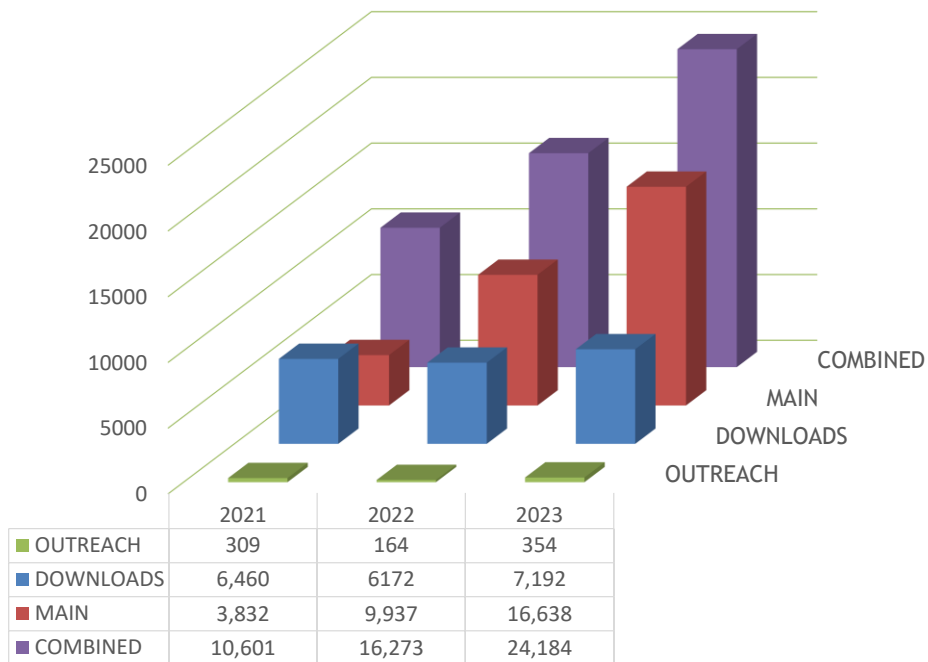
## PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
<b>ADULTS</b>	
Waterford Genealogy Society - Afternoon meeting	21
Waterford Genealogy Society - Evening meeting via Zoom	5
Evening Book Discussion	4
Afternoon Book Discussion	11
Weekly Knitting Group (4 sessions via Zoom)	52
Waterford Writers Workshop	7
Library Garden Club - Tool Sharpening Workshop	14
Mini Yarn Hats take & make craft kit	16
Planning Ahead: Care Options as You Age from the Area Agency on Aging	8
Ask the Tech guy	2
Movie Matinee - A Raisin in the Sun	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>TEENS</b>	
Take & Make Kit: Bagel Birdfeeders	12
Resolve to Read: 66-day Reading Challenge	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>CHILDREN</b>	
Saturday Storytime: Snow Much Fun	10
Babytime (2 sessions)	53
Toddler time	6
2-year-old Storytime (2 sessions)	44
3-year-old Storytime	5
Lego Club (2 sessions)	58
Beaumont Elementary Family Library Night	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>376</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>535</b>

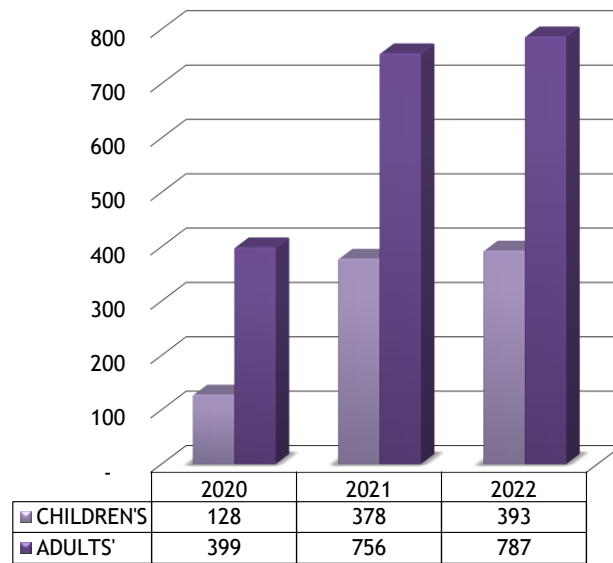
### LIBRARY VISITS - January 2023



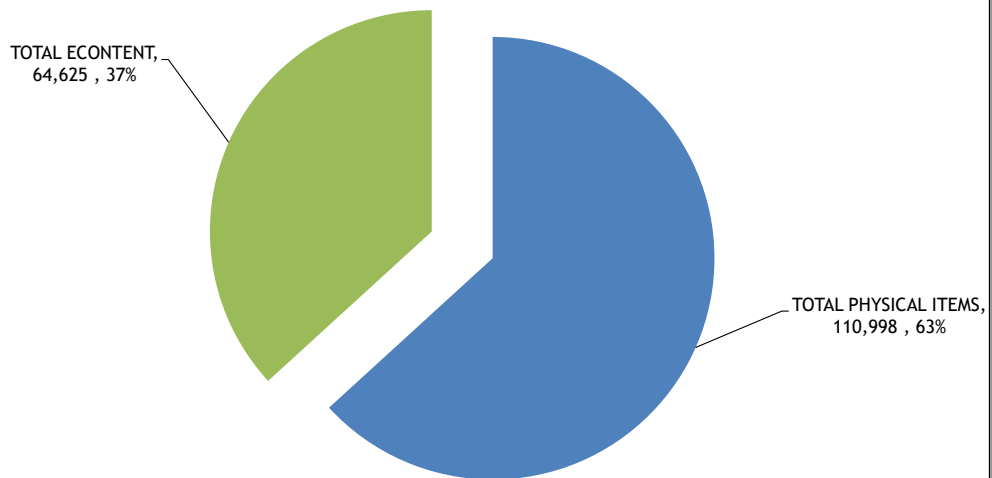
### Checkouts - January 2023



### REFERENCE - January 2023



### COLLECTION - January 2023



(This chart is a snapshot in time)