

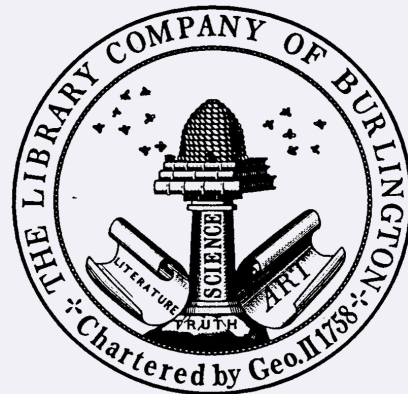


LIBRARY COMPANY OF BURLINGTON 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

ESTABLISHED 1758

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Burlington, NJ 08016
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Library Hours:
Monday -Thursday 11am - 8pm
Friday 1pm - 6pm
Saturday 11am - 3pm
Closed Fridays and Saturdays
in July and August



2021: A “New Normal” Library



Despite the lingering effects of COVID-19 on normal business operations, 2021 was a very busy year for the Library Company. The library began the year following 2020 protocols - open by appointment only and with no in-person programming. Staff found unique and creative ways to reach patrons, especially children, but the library missed the hustle and bustle of the pre-COVID days. We were very excited when the Governor loosened restrictions in June and we could open wide the library doors to the public, who no longer needed an appointment to enter.

The newly opened doors came just in time for the library’s popular summer reading program. Following last year’s success, 30 large Grab-N-Go bag filled with eight weeks worth of themed crafts, reading recommendations, coupons and activities were prepared for local children. The library was also able to host an in-person reading incentive program, titled “Unmask a Great Book”, with prizes for participation. As excited as we were to offer this program, it would be the only in-person program offered by the library during 2021. The library looks forward to 2022 and the possibility of returning to in-person programming.

Natalie Ebner joined the library staff in November. She is a long-time Burlington resident and a past public school paraprofessional. She is a treasure in the community and a great asset to the library.



Statistics at a Glance

Community

6,730 Visitors
 59 Tour Attendance
 380 Answered Reference Questions
 8 Uses of the Meeting Room
 2,104 Registered Patrons

Technology

1,104 Public Computer Sessions
 1,001 Wireless Sessions
 56 Print Service
 388 Computer Assistance

Circulation

56,514 Items in Collection
 13,857 Items Circulated
 1,770 Items Purchased 2021

Programming

114 Programs
 2,135 Program Attendees

Financials

BCLS - \$19,000 Public Funding - \$74,847 Fines/Fees - \$3,553.50

The Library Company of Burlington is able to fulfill its mission because of its dedicated Board of Trustees, an active Burlington Bookends volunteer group, and a supportive Friends of the Library organization.

The Board of Trustees

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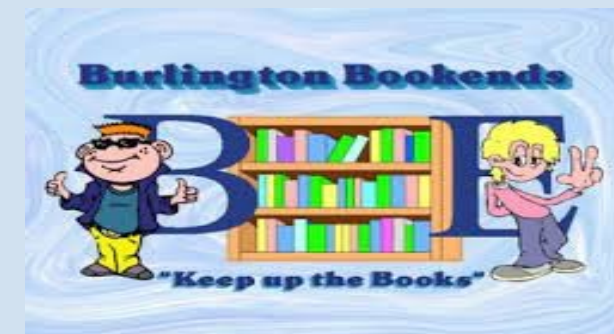
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Burlington Bookends is an organization that affords students in grades 6 through 12 the opportunity to work together to further the mission of the Library Company through a variety of volunteer events and special activities in the library and out in the community. Teen volunteers are positive examples for younger patrons and encourage library usage and a love of reading. The motto of the Burlington Bookends is

“Keep up the Books!”



The Friends of the Library Company of Burlington was formed to promote awareness of library services and solicit financial support to fund programs, collections, resources, and equipment not included in the regular library budget. The Friends meet the challenges through the solicitation of grants and bequests from private individuals and public organizations. FOLCOB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization.