

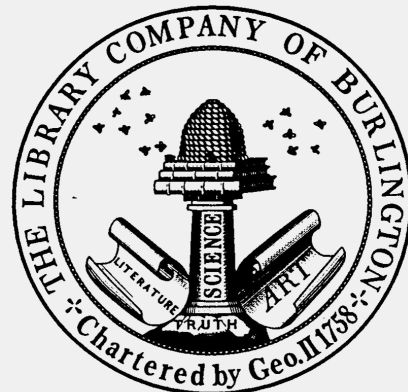


LIBRARY COMPANY OF BURLINGTON 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

ESTABLISHED 1758

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



The Year in Review

In 2023, the library was excited to see attendance and circulation statistics increase. While not quite at pre-COVID numbers, we were definitely headed in the right direction. With such a positive vibe and creative staff, we amped up our programming to include a Teen Book Club, Saturday morning Story Times, Open Mic Night, Jigsaw Puzzle Competitions, a Tiny Art Show, an Author Book-Signing, a Paranormal Presentation, a Celebrity Story-Time and Book Challenges to inspire readers of all ages. The Library Company was also very excited to be awarded the PSEG Foundation Neighborhood Partners grant which will be used to purchase Makerspace materials for new programming in 2024.



In between programs and applying for grants, we found the time to do a little reorganization of the Young People's room. We listened to patron feedback and separated our junior, teen and young adult fiction books into their own sections, making for a more efficient and enjoyable browsing experience. We also carved out some dedicated space for our fast-growing and wildly-popular graphic novel and manga collection.

The library would like to thank the Friends of LCOB, JB Bakery, Eastwood Restorations, Rita's Water Ice, the Burlington Thoroughbreds, SJGR, the Baird Family, the Canivan Family and Umms' Ice Cream Parlor for their generous donations throughout the year.

The library welcomes
new employee,
Shannon Reed.



Statistics at a Glance

Programming

149 Programs
4,482 Program Attendees

Technology

1,770 Public Computer Sessions
1,241 Wireless Sessions
2 Mobile Hotspots on Loan
28 Hotspot Check-Outs

Circulation

56,923 Items in Collection
19,189 Items Circulated

Community

12,328 Visitors
535 Tour Attendance
632 Answered Reference Questions
91 Uses of the Meeting Room
195 New Library Cards
1.9K Social Media Followers

Most Checked-Out

3 Days to Live
By James Patterson

The Do-Over
By Lynn Painter

Invitation to Murder
DVD Collection

Financials

BCLS - \$18,328 Public Funding - \$75,886 Grants - \$3,500 Fines/Fees - \$1,253

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

The Board of Trustees

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-President

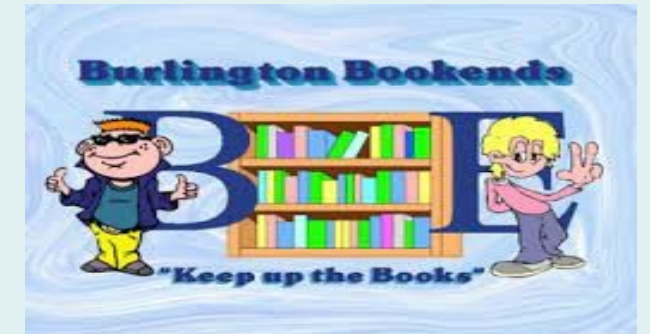
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Burlington Bookends is an organization that affords students in grades 6 through 12 the opportunity to work together to further the mission of the Library Company through a variety of volunteer events and special activities in the library and out in 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.