



# LIBRARY COMPANY OF BURLINGTON 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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



## UP-Lifting News at the Library

Many things come to mind when you think of the Library Company of Burlington: its rich 264 year history; engaging programs for both adults and children; shelves filled with the latest releases and much-loved classics; and the building's impressive Greek Revival architecture with those imposing, stone steps!

Erected 158 years ago, the stone steps have hindered access to the library for many people in the community. But no more! Whether you're a person with disabilities, a parent with a stroller, or your knees just groan at the thought of climbing steps, the Library Company of Burlington is pleased to announce the installation of a lift that provides access to all public areas of the library.



The 7 month-long construction and installation project was finally completed in February 2022. Making the library accessible to all would not have been possible without extensive research, planning and fundraising. The Library Company would like to acknowledge the long hours and hard work put in by the Library Access Committee members—Thomas Scattergood, Patricia Taylor and Kimberly Gibson. A very special thank you goes out to the library's board of trustees for their dedication to this institution and the community. Additionally, The Friends of the Library Company of Burlington are an invaluable resource and provided much support during the entire process. Lastly, the library would like to recognize all those who contributed to our fundraising appeal last year. Your generosity helped make this dream a reality.

Whether you use the new lift or walk up the stone steps, 2022 in the library saw a return to normal business hours. While COVID necessitated a few changes, such as furniture rearrangement, the library diligently worked to provide a safe environment for guests. Following safety protocols, the library also returned to in-person programming and enjoyed seeing patrons at our monthly clubs, crafts and reading programs.



## Statistics at a Glance

### Community

10,628 Visitors  
 48 Tours Conducted  
 1,164 Answered Reference Questions  
 48 Uses of the Meeting Room  
 1,799 Registered Patrons

### Technology

1,522 Public Computer Sessions  
 1,251 Wireless Sessions  
 172 Print Service  
 696 Computer Assistance

### Circulation

56,624 Items in Collection  
 15,272 Items Circulated  
 1,824 Items Purchased 2022

### Programming

162 Programs  
 3,506 Program Attendees

### Financials

BCLS - \$19,000    Public Funding - \$74,816    Fines/Fees - \$5,444

***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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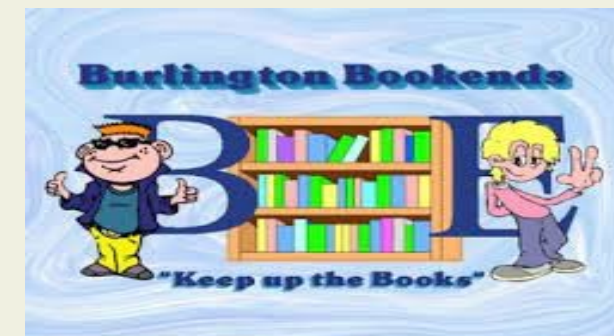
**Thomas Scattergood**

**Barbara Fisher**

**Thomas Swan**

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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.