



LIBRARY COMPANY OF BURLINGTON 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

ESTABLISHED 1758

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



The Year in Review

2024 was a busy year at the Library Company of Burlington! Attendance and circulation statistics increased for the third year in a row. Libraries are no longer the quiet places of the past so we enjoyed the hustle and bustle of patrons accessing technology, enjoying the new block table in the young people's room, checking out the latest best-sellers, and attending our many programs. Speaking of programming, we were excited to add monthly Teen Nights, bi-monthly Adult Craft Nights, a Harry Potter Night, and an Adult Book Club to our already packed calendar of programs. Not to be out-shined, the library's Solar Eclipse Party in April was a big highlight of the year. People from all over the county met at the library to share in the festivities.



The Trustees and the Friends of the Library Company met in 2024 and developed a plan to fundraise money to begin the long and expensive process of restoring strategic areas of the 160 year old library building. First on the list of upgrades was the installation of a new roof. Next on the list is window restoration and the addition of storm windows.

The programming and care of the library would not be possible without community support. The library would like to thank the Friends of LCOB, The Burlington Bookends, JB Bakery, Eastwood Restorations, Rita's Water Ice, SJGR, Jan Murphy Griswold, the Psychic Fair Organizers, the Gusz family, the Costello family, the Baird family, and all our Wine and Cheese Party Sponsors for their generous donations throughout the year.



Partnerships: Libraries, Schools and Communities:

The Library Company of Burlington strives to create an interactive and engaging environment for all of our community members. The library's collection and program information is accessible on our website and social media, shared monthly with area schools in the City and Township of Burlington, and advertised in the downtown area by local businesses. Our staff and volunteers make it a priority to participate in events outside the library to promote the library's mission and meet the needs of our community.



Partnering with Area Schools

- Doane Academy students in PreK through 5th grade visited the library and participated in a scavenger hunt to learn about all libraries have to offer.
- Burlington City rising freshmen toured the library.
- Burlington City preschool teachers hosted a Ready Set Read event and a Week of the Young Child Art Show for local families in the library's meeting room.
- The library partnered with Burlington City Schools for summer reading kick-off events in the classroom, the CBEA Summer Reading Promotion, Boardwalk Bash event, and the Raising Readers Program.
- The library partnered with the Burlington Township High School media specialist for the "Get Ducked at the Library" summer reading promotion.
- Staff and volunteers from the Friends of the Library Company of Burlington attended a total of 8 back to school nights in the City and Township of Burlington.
- The library assisted Burlington Township 1st graders with obtaining library cards.

Community Involvement

- The Friends of LCOB attended Burlington Island Fun Day, National Night Out, Burlington Township Craft Fair and Burlington Fun Fest.
- The Burlington Bookends Teen Group volunteered at community events—Pearl Pointe Trunk or Treat, the Wood Street Fair, the Holiday Parade, and 6 Burlington County Historical Society programs.
- The Library served as donation site for Toys for Tots and Movers for Moms.
- The library's meeting room was utilized 62 times by 11 local organizations such as the Girl Scouts, the Friendly Institution, the O League and the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia.

A Snapshot of 2024 Programs



Statistics at a Glance

Programming & Outreach

192 Events
7,413 attendees

Technology

2,122 Public Computer Sessions
1,561 Wireless Sessions
2 Mobile Hotspots on Loan
26 Hotspot Check-Outs

Circulation

56,923 Items in Collection
22,316 Items Circulated
1,678 Items Purchased

Most Checked-Out

The Frozen River
By Ariel Lawhon
Special Ops: Lioness
DVD
US Weekly
Magazine
Wimpy Kid #18
No Brainer
By Jeff Kinney

Community

14,049 Visitors
105 Tours
764 Answered Reference Questions
62 Uses of the Meeting Room
315 New Library Cards
1.9K Social Media Followers

Financials

BCLS - \$31,000 Public Funding - \$75,741 Fines/Fees - \$4,127

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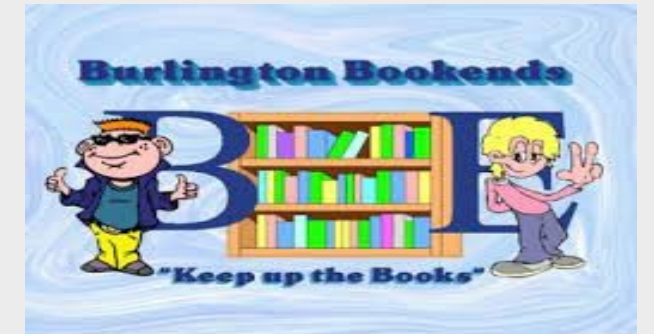
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Burlington Bookends is an organization that affords students in grades 6 through 12 the opportunity to work together to further the mission of the Library Company through a variety of volunteer events and special activities in the library and out in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