

# Village Library of Wrightstown

Library Director's Annual Report Summary for 2024

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**Wrightstown Service area population:** 3,286 (according to the most recent census)

**Hours of service per week:** 51

**Number of weeks open to the public:** 52

**Number of days open per week:** 7 (One of only 3 libraries in a system of 18 libraries that is open 7 days per week)

**Annual # of Library visits:** 15,067 (up from 14,386 in 2023)

Our collection consists of 22,636 circulating items (down slightly from 2023 which was 22,991). This was due to extensive weeding of outdated or damaged materials in order to make space for new materials.

**Number of registered users as of December 31, 2024:** 1,642 (up from 2023, which was 1,498)  
This means that half of our service population are registered users.

**Circulation:** A total of 47,429 physical and electronic materials were borrowed from our library. This is up from 44,225 in 2023. Of that 47,429... 25,259 were circulation of children's materials. This means that children's materials account for more than half of our circulation. Children are reading or have parents that are reading to them.

**Interlibrary Loans:** we *provided* 7,201 items to other libraries and *received* 8,833 items from other libraries for use by our patrons. In 2023 it was 6,730 & 7,813 respectively.

**Staff:** We have 5 regular staff members and 2 substitutes who occasionally fill in at the circulation desk.

**Programs:** We offered a total of 263 programs in 2024 which was about the same as in 2023 when we offered 260 programs. This is particularly noteworthy because our community room was closed for 4 months to allow for lead remediation. We thought it might impact our programming numbers, but that doesn't appear to have been the case. We were able to offer a lot of our programs *outside* under our recently erected memorial pavilion. Of the 263 programs offered, **44** were for preschool children aged 0-5, **25** were for children aged 6-11, **2** were for young adults aged 12-17, **145** were for adults aged 19 or older, and 47 were of General Interest (meaning mixed age group).

**Program Attendance:** Total attendance at our programs was 3,910 (up slightly from 2023 where we welcomed 3,721 people to our programs). **1,034** were preschoolers aged 0-5, **283** were school-aged students age 6-11, **13** were young adults age 12-17, **987** were adults age 19 or older, and **1,593** were of general interest...these were mostly movie nights, family fun events and, virtual art classes.

**Materials Purchasing:** The total amount spent on materials in 2024 was **\$14,403** which was slightly under the 12% of our total operating budget requirement. We should have spent **\$14,595** in order to be compliant, so we were *almost* there. It appears that the State rounded the numbers up in the online report, so as far as the state is concerned, we were compliant. Also, being a part of a library *system* protects us from being non-compliant since other libraries who spent *over* their requirement would help to balance us out. I will aim to spend more next year so that we are not cutting it so close.

**Service to Our Community:** The Village Library hosts a variety of programs for adults, teens and children throughout the year. Our programs include Family Movie nights, Exercise Classes, Chair Yoga sessions, An Adult Crafting Group, Virtual Art Classes, Book Clubs for adults and children, Afterschool Lego Clubs, Afterschool Sewing Clubs, Preschool Story Times, and STEM Clubs. We also offered off-site community outreach programs at the Wrightstown Farmer's Market, Harvest Festival, and Community Yard Sale Event... all at the Middletown Grange Fairgrounds.

Our community room provides a meeting space (at no cost) for a variety of community groups including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, political groups, Wrightstown PTO, the League of Women Voters, Wrightstown CSA, SHARE, Neighborhood Outreach, etc.

Our STEAM kits continued to be popular in 2024. STEAM kits offer families the opportunity to borrow educational kits to explore together at home.

Our Museum Passes allowed hundreds of patrons to visit a total of 12 different venues in the Bucks County and Delaware Valley areas for FREE. Our most popular passes were the *Bucks County Children's Museum*, *the Elmwood Park Zoo*, and *the Mercer Museum/Font Hill Castle*.

Our Used Book Sales, held bi-annually and run by a dedicated group of volunteers, not only offered community members a great deal on used books, but also helped to supplement the support we receive from the State of PA and from Wrightstown Township. Our annual fund-drive, lead by the Library's Board of Trustees, also generates funds used to supplement our other sources of income. All these funds allow us to continue offering the wonderful selection of books, delightful programs, and engaging materials on which our community has come to rely.

The Village Library is truly the heartbeat of our vibrant community. We strive to offer a warm and friendly environment where everyone is welcome.