



Township Library of Lower Southampton 2022 Annual Report



Message from the Director:

2022 was a year of change for us!

New Director! Dennis Stranz retired in July after serving 16 years total with our library, the last 7 years as director. I started as Director in October.

New Youth Services Specialist! Brittany Eastman left us in April, and the rest of the staff worked hard to run a summer reading program while we searched for a new YS Specialist. Samantha Linskey joined us in late September and immediately starting building the children's program schedule again.

New & returning staff! We happily welcomed back Peg in the office at the end of 2021, Sue at the reference desk in summer of 2022. Evelyn and Rachel joined the circulation desk staff in 2022.

The return of Friday afternoon hours! Starting June 3, the library restored Friday public service hours.

New ILS for all libraries in the BCFL Doylestown District! In January, 2022, BCFL changed to the OCLC Wise integrated library system. The change has required some patience and adjustments from staff and patrons alike.



The return of programs! We were excited to bring in-person programs back in the spring, starting with Thursday morning movies and a partnership with the AARP tax volunteers. The number of in-person programs and attendance increased over the rest of the year, especially after Miss Sam started offering programs like storytimes for our youngest patrons and Pokemon Club for the school-age children. By the end of the year, we felt the momentum building! We are looking forward to increasing program participation in 2023.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Stranz".



Library use statistics are trending up as we welcome more patrons back in the library

	2022	2021
Physical items checked out at our library	83,508	76,037
Kids' materials checked out at our library	33,813	30,815
Library visits (door count)	50,218	39,792
New patrons added	731	410
Sessions of PC Use (visitors using library PCs)	2,895	2,047
Sessions of Wifi use (visitors using their own devices)	3,615	1,692
Estimated number of reference questions answered	6,500	3,600

In-Person Programs returned in 2022!

We were excited to bring back in-person programming to the library, starting off slow and building throughout the year. In January, all program attendance was virtual, but by December, we had 4 times as many program participants attending in person as opposed to virtually. We continue to offer some virtual options, to make programs as accessible as possible.



Programs for ...	Number of Programs	In-Person Attendance	Virtual Attendance
Children & Teens	112	1,119	553
Adults	148	991	814
More than one age group	18	0	683
Total	278	2,110	2,050



Thursday Movie
Dec. 1 @ 10:15am
Downton Abbey



MEET THE AUTHOR
John McCabe
GIRL FROM JAPAN
OCT 19 6:30PM

Family & Baby Storytime
MON & WED
10:30AM

POKÉMON CLUB
Ages 6-12
Thurs. 11/17, 12/1, 12/15,
& 12/29 @ 5PM

A Very Muppet Movie Night
Fri., 12/9 | 6-8pm
Registration required.

Holiday Concert
with **Joey C**
Wed, 12/7
@ 6:30pm

New or improved in 2022!

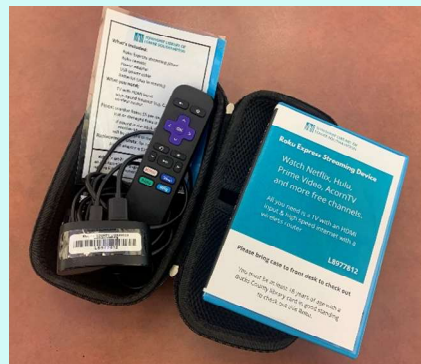


The Library of Things

Thanks to the generosity of our donors from the 2021 appeal letter, the library started a new collection that we hope will inspire patrons to try a new hobby, start a career, or just have fun with friends and family. The library currently has approximately 15 items in this collection, with plans to add more soon!

Rokus & Hotspots

We help patrons keep digitally connected by offering these items. Our Roku devices, added in late 2021, allow patrons to stream programs from Netflix, Prime Video, Hulu, or AcornTV at home or while traveling.



Passes for museums & area attractions

Checkouts of passes are on the rise! We had 181 checkouts in 2022 and are on a pace to have about 330 in 2023! In 2022, we added passes for Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, and the Pearl S. Buck House.



TOWNSHIP LIBRARY OF LOWER SOUTHAMPTON

Staff:

Director: Sydney Mason (Oct.-Dec. 2022);
Dennis Stranz (Jan.-Jul. 2022)

Head of Reference & Adult Services: Chryssi Gumina

Youth Services: Samantha Linskey (Sept.-Dec. 2022);
Brittany Eastman (Jan-Apr. 2022)

Head of Circulation: Debbie Carroll

Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper: Karissa Murray

Information Desk Staff: Gerry & Sue

Circulation Desk Staff: Nancy P., Carole, Shannon, Evelyn,
Rachel, Nancy Z, Laureen (sub), Dana (sub).

Office: Peggy

Shelver: Ruby



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