



# Township Library of Lower Southampton 2023 Annual Report



## In 2023, many of our statistics continued to grow...

	2023	2022	2021
Physical items checked out at our library	<b>90,283</b>	83,508	76,037
Kids' materials checked out at our library	<b>42,828</b>	33,813	30,815
Library visits (door count)	<b>61,464</b>	50,218	39,792
New patrons added	<b>545</b>	731	410
Sessions of PC Use (visitors using library PCs)	<b>3,035</b>	2,895	2,047
Reference questions answered (est.)	<b>7,150</b>	6,500	3,600
Programs offered (incl. passive programs)	<b>452</b>	293	303
Program participants (incl. passive programs)	<b>10,135</b>	5,208	5,868



# The library was the place to be in 2023





# Changes in 2023

- **New head of Youth Services!** We welcomed Dawn Moriens to the library in October.
- **Meeting room refurbishment is on its way!** We acquired new chairs and fresh paint. Carpeting is on the agenda for 2024, as well as upgrades to the audiovisual equipment.
- **New phones!** We cut the costs of our telephone service by moving to VoIP, and got new phones as part of the bargain.
- **New window tinting!** We added much-needed tinting to some of the windows on our western-facing wall, and some on the east wall.
- **New automatic door opener!** We installed an opener for the inner door in the vestibule.



# Additions to the collection

- **New Museum Passes!** We added passes for the Morven Museum and Garden (Princeton NJ), Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum (Horsham), and an extra pass to the Elmwood Park Zoo (Norristown).
- **New Boardgames & “Things”!** With the growing popularity of board games, we decided to increase our collection. We also bought several new items for our “Library of Things.”







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## Staff:

**Director:** Sydney Mason

**Head of Reference & Adult Services:** Chryssi Gumina

**Head of Youth Services:** Dawn Moriens (Oct.-present);  
Samantha Linskey (Jan.-Sept.)

**Head of Circulation:** Debbie Carroll

**Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper:** Karissa Riley

**Information Desk Staff:** Gerry & Sue

**Circulation Desk Staff:** Nancy P., Carole, Shannon, Evelyn,  
Rachel, Sue, Nancy Z. (sub), Debbie M. (sub), Dana (sub)

**Office:** Peggy

**Shelver:** Drew (Aug.-present); Ruby (Jan.-July)

## Library Board (during 2023):

Anne Berlin

Dr. Gary Bowman

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Michael Johnson

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