TOWNSHIP LIBRARY OF LOWER SOUTHAMPTON

2024 Annual Report



In 2024, the library marked 20 years in its current building! It therefore seemed very appropriate that we continued to expand services and strengthen our connection with the community. Our statistics showed increased library use in practically every category: circulation, library daily visits, programs and program attendance, library card-holders, volunteer hours, and more. Many of these numbers were the best we have seen since before COVID-19. Our Summer Reading program attracted tremendous participation this year, bringing an exciting number of people to the library in June and July to pick out books, track their reading, and attend library programs.

Everything is trending up!	2024	2023	2022	2021
Physical items checked out at our library	93,006	90,283	83,508	76,037
Kids' materials checked out at our library	46,219	42,828	33,813	30,815
Library visits (door count)	64,259	61,464	50,218	39,792
Reference questions answered	7,555	7,150	6,500	3,600
Programs offered	530	452	293	303
Program participants	12,382	10,135	5,208	5,868



























Staff for 2024:

Director: Sydney Mason

Head of Reference & Adult Services: Chryssi Gumina

Head of Youth Services: Dawn Moriens **Head of Circulation:** Debbie Carroll

Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper: Karissa Riley

Information Desk Staff: Gerry & Sue

Circulation Desk Staff: Nancy P., Carole, Shannon, Evelyn,

& Sue. Subs: Nancy Z., Debbie M., & Dana

Office: Peggy Shelver: Drew

New for 2024

The library made some exciting changes in 2024!

- After a much-needed facelift, including new paint, new carpeting, new chairs, and new audiovisual meeting equipment, our meeting room was dedicated as the John W. Pawling Community Room.
- New Museum Pass software allows our patrons to reserve museum passes online and decide in advance when they want to use them.
- Visitors to our children's area can build with new giant Legos, and activity boards. Our children's tablets are now secure in tablet tables.
- We've added an extra chair yoga class each week, one of our most popular programs.
- We welcomed a new relationship with art teachers in the Neshaminy School District, displaying works of art from local students.
- Joining with 6 other community public libraries in the county, we added a new collection of eBooks through the popular LIBBY platform. This collection is only available to patrons from our communities.

Library Board for 2024:

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