

# WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Report - June 2022

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year's Summer Reading programs all began June 6<sup>th</sup>. We have had robust signup for each of them. The new electronic registration and tracking application selected for our patrons to use has been a great success. The fact that it includes a phone app is especially appealing for young parents. Attendance at library programs for school age children has exceeded 2019 counts. The daily Activity Center craft projects have been a highlight this season.

Late this month we met with a cabinet maker to see about replacing the hollow, carpeted bench in the storytime room bench with a wood finished installation that has drawers underneath for storage. This will be part of the part of the project to replace the carpet in the Children's Room at year's end.

Rich and Kris Kuhn, stopped by this month for a tour of the areas upgraded with the funds from the Estate of Edward Kuhn. This included the new Tween area developed in the Children's Room, new seating in Teens Services and new casual seating for the Quiet Study Room in Adults Services.

The John Ubbes estate is nearly settled. I attended a Zoom meeting with heirs and devisees plus the Township attorney regarding the process that will be followed to liquidate investments and distribute those proceeds. The Township Treasurer and Accounting Manager will meet with the Edward Jones representative to establish an account to receive the proceeds for both the library and fire department which will then be allocated to each department. To date the library has received a total of \$82,500 in cash distributions. A request for a budget amendment is in process to make these funds available to the library to purchase much needed replacement furnishings, primarily in the Adults Services area.

I attended a very useful webinar offered by the Michigan Library Association on responding to challenges to library materials, programs and displays. Interesting to note that such occurrences can often be directly linked to nationwide campaigns to limit free speech, generally circulated through social media. Helpful to focus on the fact that libraries, as publically funded entities, are required to defend the US Constitution, in particular the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. The sources of materials we purchase for our collections are legitimate vendors who cannot, by law, peddle pornography. Several of the panelist had direct experience with censorship efforts in other parts of the state and shared their experiences dealing successfully with such challenges.

## SERVICE UPDATES

The following Service Updates are highlights by our department heads of activities their staff have been involved in this month.

### Adults, Outreach, & Teens Services

#### Submitted by J. Hansen, Head of Adults' & Outreach Services

Summer reading using our new online program, Beanstack, began June 6. Registration numbers were good and I'm happy to report that patrons seemed to have no trouble using Beanstack (the app or the website).

A Whispering Woods resident who was determined to get their library space back open again (after it being closed for about 2-3 years), did so, and asked us to put a collection of books there again, so Sandy and Kayla did that.

I restarted about 35 of our travel guide standing orders which I had temporarily cancelled when the pandemic started. Each of us did some weeding in one of the sections we are responsible for maintaining.

Outreach circulation detail		Home or Mini-Branch Visits with Materials	
Materials delivered to homes	208	Homebound Visits	36
Materials used at mini-branches	163	Senior sites - mini-branch collection rotation: Canterbury-on-the-Lake, Lockwood, Whispering Woods	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>

### Children's Services

#### Submitted by C. Walker, Head of Children's Services

We began our summer reading program on June 6. Parents and children began using a new online program to track their reading called "Beanstack". Students reading a minimum of 7 hours are automatically entered into the summer reading drawing for Kindle tablets, STEAM toys and kits, books and other items. They also get to pick out two books to keep. We handed out summer reading bags with beach balls, pencils, coloring pencils, and coupons for free meals or attractions at local businesses, and summer reading program information. By the end of June, we handed out 355 SRP bags, and 288 people signed up through Beanstack.

We resumed our outdoor family storytime on June 6. We debuted this program last summer and it's been a lot of fun for both the families and staff. It is held on Mondays and Wednesdays; although, our Wednesday storytime had to be moved indoors temporarily until the lawn maintenance schedule is sorted out.

On June 13, after a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we reopened our craft room for the summer activity centers. This year's summer theme is "Oceans of Possibilities". Each week features a different ocean or water related sub-theme. Our June weekly themes were: What You See under the Sea; Sun, Sand and Surf; and Marine Mammals and Sea Birds. Each week the children can make four different craft projects to make and take home. Some patrons have requested crafts-to-go bags, and we are happy to accommodate them. Instructions are included.

Through the MI-83 Grant, a Library of Michigan project, we received an outdoor tent and held two outdoor programs under them in June: Seascape Painting and Tie-Dye Shirts. The tent had to be taken down before the Tie-Dye program due to high winds.

We also resumed our popular summer book buck program. The children stop by the children's desk to show the librarian that they are checking out books, and collect a book buck. When they collect 4 book bucks, they can "buy" a book off of our cart.

Something new this summer is our ocean mural on a large painted wall of cardboard. It's been painted to look like an ocean shore. We have a craft table set up by Beginning Reader collection. Children can color an ocean animal, cut it out, and glue it on the mural. We have different animals each week to go along with that week's theme.

### *Circulation Services*

#### *Submitted by J. Deahl. Circulation Services Coordinator & Page Supervisor*

The Circulation Department continued with inventory of the Children's Department. We finished the picture and concept books and started work on the paperbacks. Following completion of the juvenile paperbacks, we will move on to juvenile fiction.

After five years of employment, Brady M. tendered his resignation as Library Page. Brady's last day was Thursday, June 30. A great member of our staff, he is moving on to a career-related internship and will be missed by us.

### **DONATIONS THIS MONTH**

Total: \$30,061.02

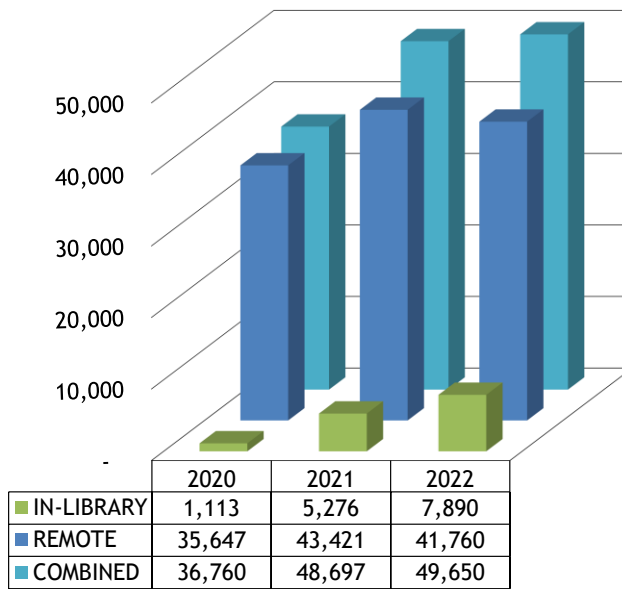
- \$61.02 - Casual donations received at the Circulation Desk
- \$30,000 - Cash distribution from Ubbes Estate

PROGRAMS & FACEBOOK REACH

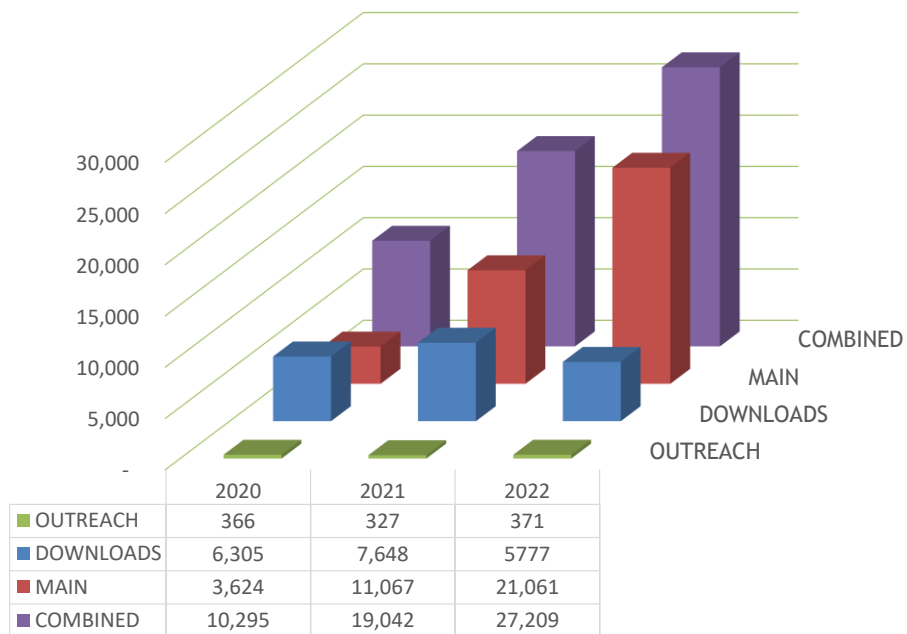
PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
<b>ADULTS</b>	
Waterford Genealogy Society - Afternoon meeting	10
Waterford Genealogy Society - Evening meeting via Zoom	6
Evening Book Discussion	6
Afternoon Book Discussion	8
Weekly Knitting Group (5 sessions)	67
Waterford Writers Workshop (2 sessions)	12
Library Garden Club - Caring for Clematis	15
Pam Jaslove, Women in Jazz Concert	18
Ask the Tech Guy	3
Adults Movie Matinee: Knives Out	19
History of Bourbon (on Zoom)	6
Computer Basics for the Computer Shy	1
Internet 101	1
Using Email	2
Adult Summer Reading (June registrations)	165
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>339</b>
<b>TEENS</b>	
Oakland County Parks Climbing Tower	15
Teen Summer Reading (June registrations)	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>

<b>CHILDREN</b>	
Family Storytime	279
Activity Center	578
Great Start Collaborative Summer Event - off site visit	200
Movie Palooza - off-site visit	53
Seascape Painting	28
Tie Dye Shirts	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1188</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION</b>	<b>1575</b>
<b>FACEBOOK</b>	<b>TOTAL REACH/DAY</b>
People served any activity from our Page	331

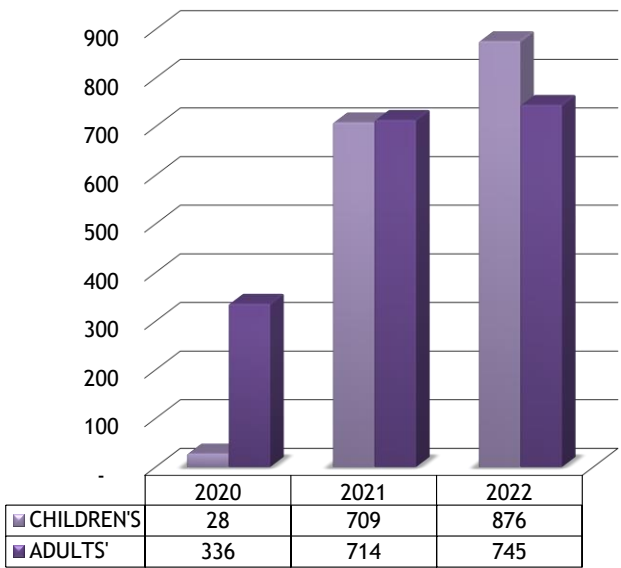
### LIBRARY VISITS - June 2022



### Checkouts - June 2022



REFERENCE - June 2022



Collection - June 2022



(This chart is a snapshot in time)