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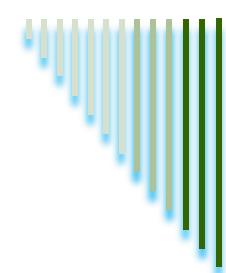
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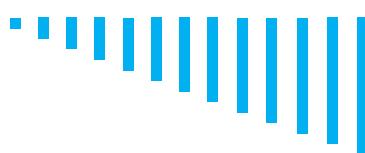
Waterford Township Public Library

Annual Report 2023



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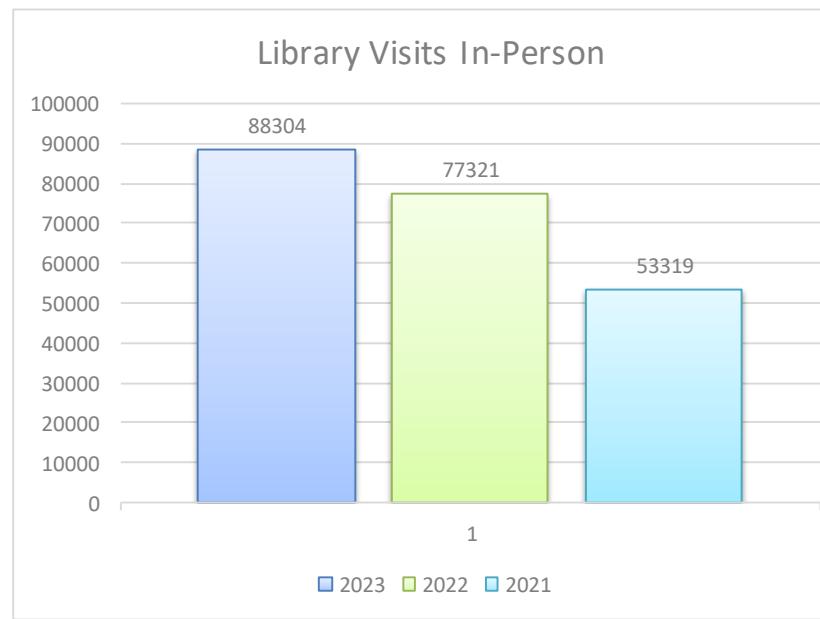
2023 was a time of improvements in the library building, the grounds, furnishings as well as staff changes. Most significant of all was the retirement of Joan M. Rogers as Library Director after 18 years in the position. Jean Hansen, Head of Adult & Outreach Services was appointed Interim Director as of December 15.

Building improvements included renovations of the public restrooms, including the Family Restroom in Children's, as well as the staff restrooms. New tables and chairs in the Adult Services Area were added, and lightweight tables for the Conference Room were purchased from the bequest from the John Ubbes Estate.

Another update in 2023 was the redesign of the Township website which included the library section. It has a nice fresh look and is easier to navigate. In addition, we began testing a new app product called WTPL To Go. This app allows patrons quicker and easier access to their account and the online materials catalog. We also changed out the library calendar to a product called (conveniently) LibraryCalendar. The older calendar was no longer being offered so a lot of libraries had to change with little notification. We do like the new calendar system's functionality and ease of use; it's a plus for our patrons.

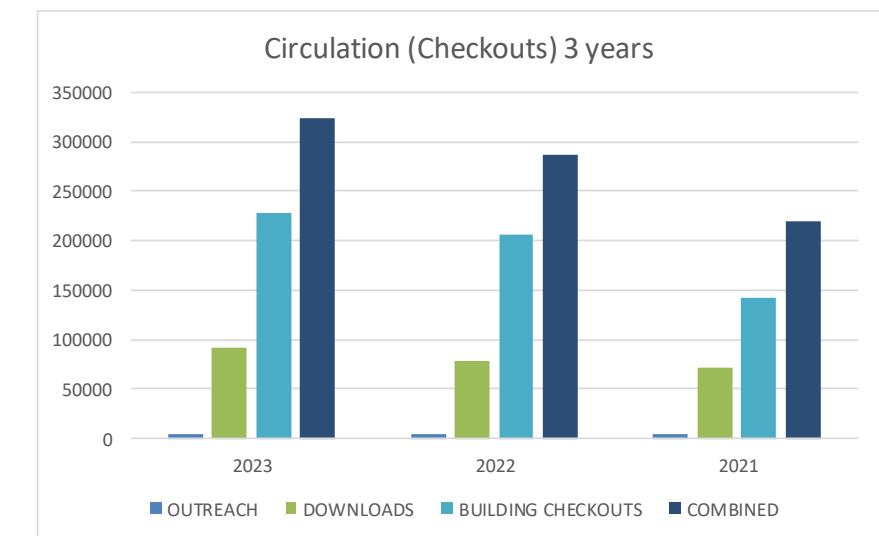
Other highlights:

- ◆ The Waterford Friends of the Library continues its great support of the library through bi-monthly used book sales, annual Book It 5k Family Fun Run/Walk and other fundraisers. Truly the Friends are our friends.
- ◆ Waterford Garden Club created a seed library as part of a grant-funded project
- ◆ Timber borders on our beds in the Children's Sensory Garden were replaced with stone borders. The beds are beautifully landscaped and maintained by the Library Garden Club led by Janet Macunovich, Master Gardener.
- ◆ Outside lighting was improved both on the light poles in the parking lot and the replacement of the bollard lights along the walkway.



New Landscaping Stone Borders Installed

June 2023



Joan M. Rogers retired as Library Director after 36 years working for Waterford Township Public Library. Amongst her accomplishments as Library Director:

- ◆ She initiated the Library Garden Club which resulted in the beautiful sensory garden and rain garden we all enjoy today.
- ◆ She created a separate Technical Services Department to ensure accurate and consistent processing of library materials.
- ◆ She proactively added RFID tags to the entire collection at Waterford Township Public Library.
- ◆ Active with local community groups as well as The Library Network which is the shared cooperative in the tri-county area
- ◆ Continually dedicated to the growth of the library in Waterford Township and to keeping it a well-respected part of the community

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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