

MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2025



From the Director



As I write this, I'm listening to Janis Ian. I took a break from *The Great Alphabetical Album* Listen (for those playing along, I'm in the "C"s) because I went to see her at the Sellersville Theatre last night. They screened the documentary about her life and then she did a Q&A. She talked a bit, both in the documentary and after, about her time in Philly, and the amount of time she spent at the Library writing. This was in the early 70s and the concept of third place hadn't been named.

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Currently Reading: *The Salt Path* by Ragnar Winn

Currently Listening on repeat: All my albums in alphabetical order (I'm currently in the "C"s), but took a break today to listen to Janis Ian

Currently Watching: *Wednesday*

What struck me about that wasn't that she used the Library, I've had many artists of all flavours use the Libraries I've worked in, but how it truly was her third place. It was where she went because she needed a place to go and write. She needed a place to go that was climate controlled. She needed a place to go that had resources to help her art. She needed a place where nothing was expected except good behaviour.

Right now, the trees are just starting to show their color, and the first hints of cooler evenings make me want to dig out my sweaters. Fall has a way of reminding us to slow down, take stock, and appreciate the small comforts—like a good book on a chilly night.

But here's the thing: the library is about so much more than books. Don't get me wrong, books will always be the spine of IVPL. Yet every day I see people coming through our doors for reasons that have little to do with the stacks—someone using our computers or wifi to apply for jobs, a child discovering coding in a STEM program, a group of neighbors meeting to plan a community event, a caregiver finding storytime to be the highlight of their week.

In every season, but especially in fall when we gather in closer, the IVPL is a place to connect—to information, to opportunities, and most importantly, to each other.

So yes, stop in for that novel or cookbook you've been meaning to check out. But don't be surprised if you also leave with a new skill, a new idea, a new piece of art, or even a new friend.

That's the real magic of the library: it's where community happens.

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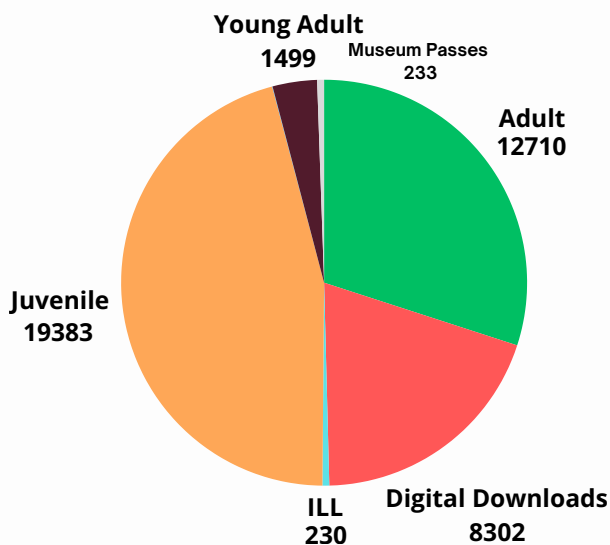
August Statistics

Meeting Rooms Use
25 Groups
159 People

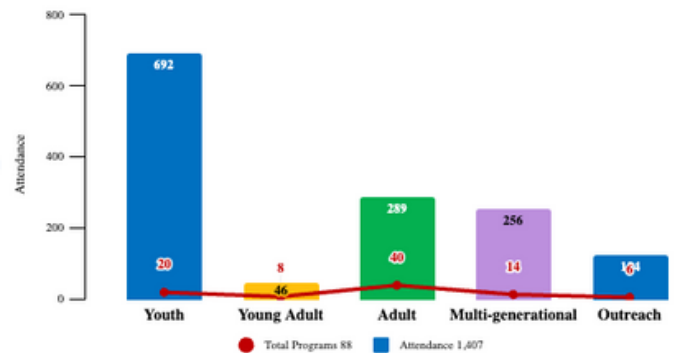


ACTIVE USERS: 35,262 (+174)
FRANCONIA TWP: 7,534 (+36)
LOWER SALFORD TWP: 8,016 (+41)
SALFORD TWP: 1,539 (+3)
SOUDERTON BORO: 5,436 (+8)
TELFORD BORO: 3,955 (+17)
ACCESS PA (BUCKS, MONTGOMERY, OTHER): 8,782 (+69)
**59% of Indian Valley residents
have active library cards**

Items Borrowed



Total Number of Programs & Attendance



155,131
items in
collection

14,806
Visits to
IVPL
Average
visits per
day: 478



August @ the Library

