

MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2025



From the Director



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Currently Reading:
Mary Oliver's
poetry

Currently Listening on repeat:

Annie Lennox,
Aimee Mann

Currently Watching: Top
Chef, Hacks
Season 4

As I write this, daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips are bursting out of the ground. Forsythia, cherry trees, and some magnolias are already in bloom—and my allergies are in full swing. Oh, and it's 40 degrees outside. Welcome to spring in the Northeast.

Over the last several months, I've struggled to read for any length of time. Grief, stress, and other life circumstances have made it hard to focus, even when I'm genuinely enjoying a book. I know this isn't unusual—it happens to many of us. I also know it'll come back in time. For now, I'm giving myself grace and doing what I can: trying to carve out a few minutes at the end of the day to read even just a page or two. Some days it doesn't happen at all. Some days I have to put the book down as soon as I pick it up. It's frustrating, especially because reading has always been a great source of escape and comfort. But I'm learning not to beat myself up. This is where I am right now.

So, I'm focusing on what I can manage: poetry, short stories, essays. The book club selections aren't getting the attention they deserve, but I do my best. I wish I could listen to audiobooks, but having someone read to me puts me right to sleep—which isn't ideal when you're driving.

So I persist, slowly. And that's okay.

This time of year also marks the season when the State budget is in the works. During a recent conversation with fellow MontCo Library Directors, one shared a message that I couldn't say better myself:

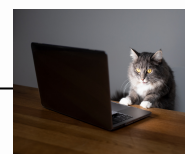
There are so many reasons to love IVPL. Whether you come for the books, movies, and digital resources, or you participate in our engaging programs, there's something for everyone. Our dedicated staff members are always ready to help you find what you need, answer your questions, and connect you with information that empowers and inspires.

Libraries are also champions of intellectual freedom, ensuring that you have the right to read what you want, when you want to. In an era where access to information is more important than ever, we take pride in being a space where diverse ideas can be explored and shared freely.

Beyond books, libraries are community hubs — safe and welcoming places where people of all ages can gather, learn, and grow. Whether you're attending a storytime with your little ones, joining a book club discussion, learning a new skill at a workshop, or simply finding a quiet space to read, the library is here for you.

Books are our spine, but the whole body of IVPL is you. So when you're talking to your friends, neighbors, colleagues, or even the person at the grocery store standing by the bananas, don't forget to tell them how much you love IVPL and everything we offer. And if you feel inclined, let your legislators know, too.

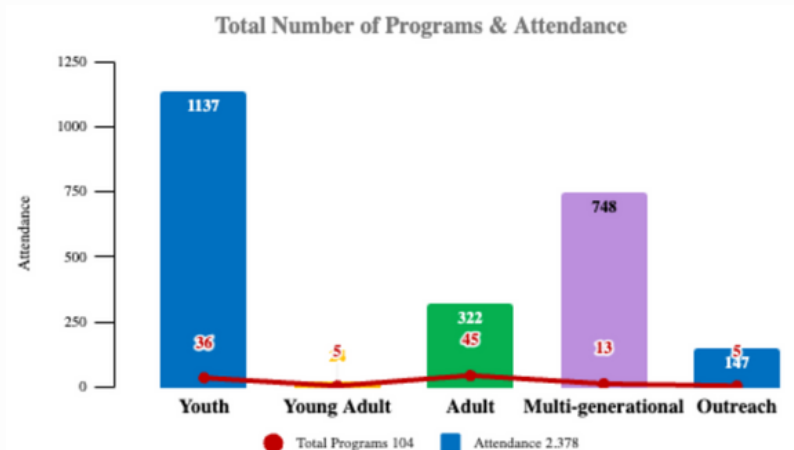
Thank you for all you bring to the Library. We're better because you're part of it.



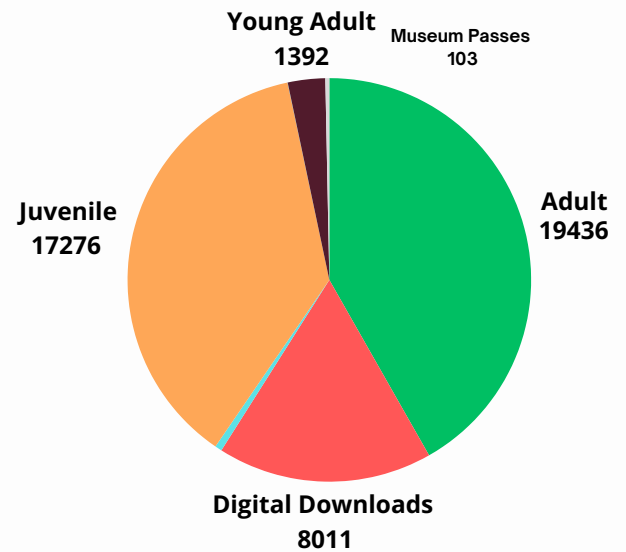


March Statistics

Programs and Attendance



39,311 Items Borrowed



ACTIVE USERS: 34,471 (+183)

FRANCONIA TWP: 7,400 (+29)

LOWER SALFORD TWP: 7,842 (+44)

SALFORD TWP: 1,520 (+10)

SOUDERTON BORO: 5,355 (+19)

TELFORD BORO: 3,887 (+15)

ACCESS PA (BUCKS, MONTGOMERY, OTHER): 8,467 (+56)

**59% of Indian Valley residents
have active library cards**

14,942 Visits to IVPL



February @ the Library - SASD Student Art Reception

