

MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025



From the Director



As I write this, the season of my tomatoes is officially over. All the late season fruits have been picked, and the very small number of still green cherries and beefsteaks and heirlooms will just have to make good compost. The season was incredibly bountiful and I am going to miss my tomato salads (imported winter fruits just aren't the same).

But the change brings good things to my yard. The smells of autumn are upon us. The light softens, and the world seems to exhale after this very dry summer's intensity. Trees transform into living fireworks of crimson, gold, and amber, scattering leaves like confetti across sidewalks and fields. I am so very much looking forward to sweater weather and all the fabulous shoes I have that can't be worn in the summer.

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Currently Reading:
Thriving Together by David Viafora

More importantly, fall reminds us to pause, to look up at the semi-bare trees, and down at the colors at our feet. We pause, breathe, and see the beauty in change. I was talking to a group about the Library the other day and mentioned that, through all the changes we have seen in the last century, the mission of the public library is basically unchanged: we provide people with resources they need and want.

Currently Listening on repeat: All my albums in alphabetical order (I'm currently in the "E"s)

Currently Watching:
Wayward

It's the needs and wants that have changed. All the things we offer still starts with books, but goes so much further: portable DVD machines & screens for outdoor movie nights, metal detectors, cake pans, electric drills, yard games. Museum and attraction passes to places like Elmwood Park Zoo, Chanticleer, Montgomery Theatre, Mennonite Heritage Center, and so many more. Hotspots for times when you need internet access and don't have it. We provide space to gather, to meet, to learn. Space to sing, tell a story, recite a poem. Space to be quiet, study, or read.

When I started in LibraryLand, we offered framed art, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ records (and a couple of 78s), a paper card catalog, and long tables with chairs that weren't particularly comfortable. Now we offer computer searching for our items, streaming music and movies, and comfy nooks. Storytimes have evolved to include dancing and movement. We'll bring your holds to your car with our curbside service and show you places like Fallingwater and histories of rock and roll in the comfort of your home with virtual programs.

We're not quiet anymore. Libraries are essential to the wellbeing of a community. What we offer is more than necessity. We offer lifelines.

Come check it all out!





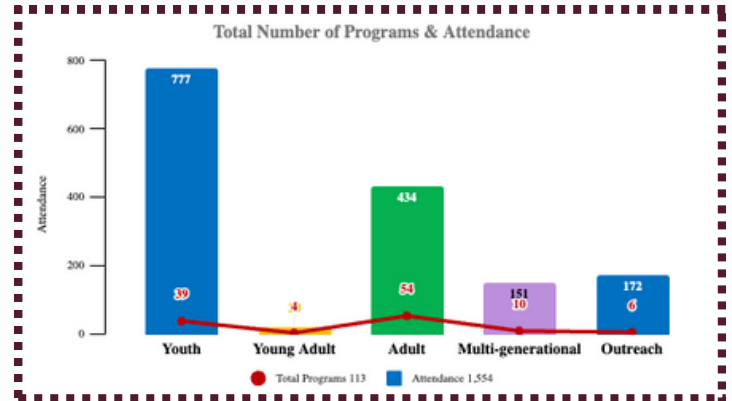
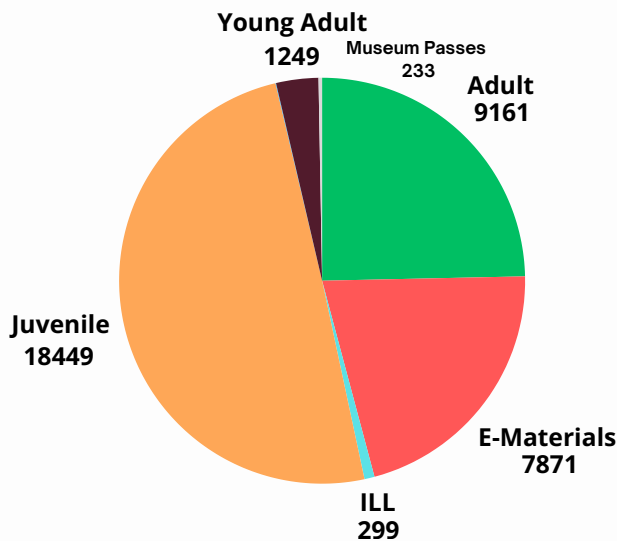
September Statistics

Meeting Rooms Use
25 Groups
159 People



ACTIVE USERS: 35,430 (+168)
FRANCONIA TWP: 7,574 (+40)
LOWER SALFORD TWP: 8,056 (+40)
SALFORD TWP: 1,545 (+6)
SOUDERTON BORO: 5,452 (+16)
TELFORD BORO: 3,968 (+13)
ACCESS PA (BUCKS, MONTGOMERY, OTHER): 8,835 (+53)
60% of Indian Valley residents
have active library cards

Items Borrowed



10,772 Visits to
IVPL
(note that our
counter was not
working for several
days)
Average visits per
day: 431

121,524
items in
collection



September @ the Library

