The Library by the Numbers

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY
100 YEARS 1914–2014

100 years after the stone building at Front and Walnut Streets opened its doors as Harrisburg Public Library, The Library remains the place to go, either in person or online. Community members came to attend programs, hold a meeting, do research, borrow books, use computers and explore limitless possibilities.

Visitors

1.4 million Library visitors came to The Library 700,689 times in person. That's more visitors than at all Philadelphia Eagles home games combined!

712,547 visits via dcls.org, the “Ninth Library” in the system. This was a 10.7% increase over last year.

777 community meetings were held, with 16,726 people attending.

Borrowing

Nearly 1.2 million items were borrowed!

489,252 Children’s items

693,761 Adult items

10,122 New Library cards issued

129,410 Library cardholders

Top areas of inquiry were:

1. History

2. Science

3. Medical

4. Literary Criticism

5. Social issue position papers

6. E-books and e-readers

7. Resumes and Job Applications

8. Readers’ Advisory (what books to try)

9. Database Demos

10. Consumer research

11. Genealogy

12. Legal issues

13. Psychology

14. Grant opportunities

15. Local History

Inquiring Minds

95,693 questions were answered

Big Data

Computer use, digital materials and online research were Big at The Library!

Public computers were used for nearly 4 million minutes—equal to more than 63,000 hours.

Digital items were downloaded more than 500,000 times.

Researchers consulted the library catalog and databases more than 7.25 million times and opened and viewed more than 500,000 items.

149 computers were available to the public, including 30 laptops that could be borrowed for use in The Library or for computer lab training in a meeting room.

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63,000+ items

500,000+ items

Friends

6 Friends groups, consisting of 443 Friends of The Library members, supported The Library through fundraisers, book sales, and raffle auctions.

Financial Support

$34,107

Fun and (Fund)raising

The Library held its first ever social tasting fundraising event with great success, and author Colum McCann entertained more than 170 guests at the Light the Way to Learning banquet.

The Virtual Community

Let’s get social... You’re already our neighbor, won’t you be our friend?

Find us on facebook, twitter, Instagram and Pinterest!

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