



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

Eastpointe Memorial Library

Putting Community First

From the Director:

In 2021-22, the Library continued its return to normal by providing patrons with a relaxing place to go where they could continue nurturing their minds with our print and digital collections, attend programs and use our services. We are that third place or trusted area, after home and workplace, where people can meet people they know or get to know others they don't know because of their shared interest -- the Library and what we provide.

This year we gave our patrons the choice of virtual and in-library programming. Two popular virtual programs with our adult patrons were Spark Joy: Tidy Space, Tidy Mind, the Power of Organizing, and The Detroit Institute of Arts Behind the Seen presentations. These programs helped our patrons recover from the pandemic by showing them more creative ways to organize their homes or workplaces while enriching their cultural knowledge and understanding of history by exposing them to the art found at the DIA. Game nights held at the Library are a patron favorite. They were offered throughout the year and are led by our Eastpointe Jeopardy champion, Sandie Baker. Summer Reading programs continued in the Library and virtually using Beanstack software. After a two-year hiatus, we resumed our summer concert series, where patrons enjoyed listening to various musical performances in our courtyard. Additionally, we continue to innovate by adding notary services, video games, scrapbooking kits, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) kits for youth. Finally, we no longer charge our patrons for DVD loans.

The City of Eastpointe participated in the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside/Out program. The Library was one of the buildings selected to showcase a high-quality reproduction from the DIA collection. Reginald Marsh's *Savoy Ballroom* hung outside near our entrance and was enjoyed by patrons for six months.

Perhaps the best news of the year occurred when our residents continued to support the Library by overwhelmingly voting to renew our millage for five years. Clearly, our residents realize the importance of having a library in their community. It also incentivizes our staff to continue offering excellent services, programs, and collections to meet their needs.

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report for 2021-22.

Sincerely,

Sue Todd

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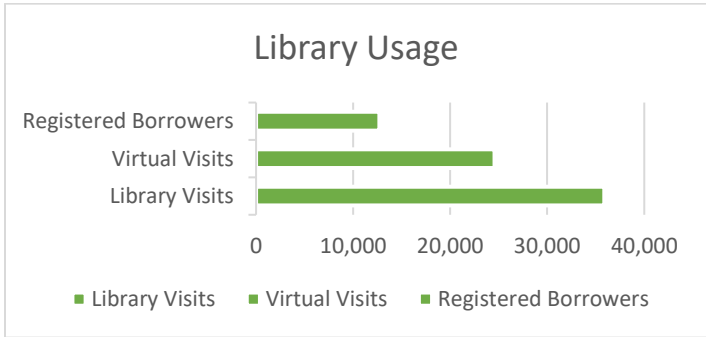
Full-Time Staff

Director: Sue Todd
Youth Services Librarian: Abby Bond
Clerk: Amy McGee
Clerk: Theresa Evans

Part-Time Staff

Librarian: Elizabeth Nahat
Librarian: Sylvia Arakelian
Librarian: Matthew Coppi
Circulation Aide: Mixie Clerard
Circulation Aide: Katina Sanders
Circulation Aide: Serena Shirkey
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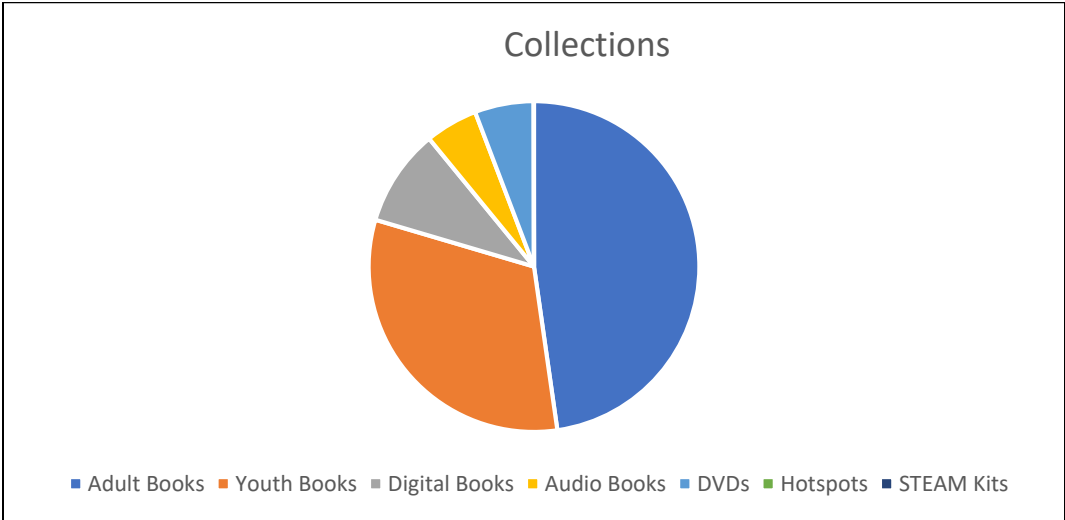
Number of active registered borrowers: 12,723



Total Library Visits: 35,882
Total Virtual Visits: (Library Website, Social Media) 23,152 views

Collections

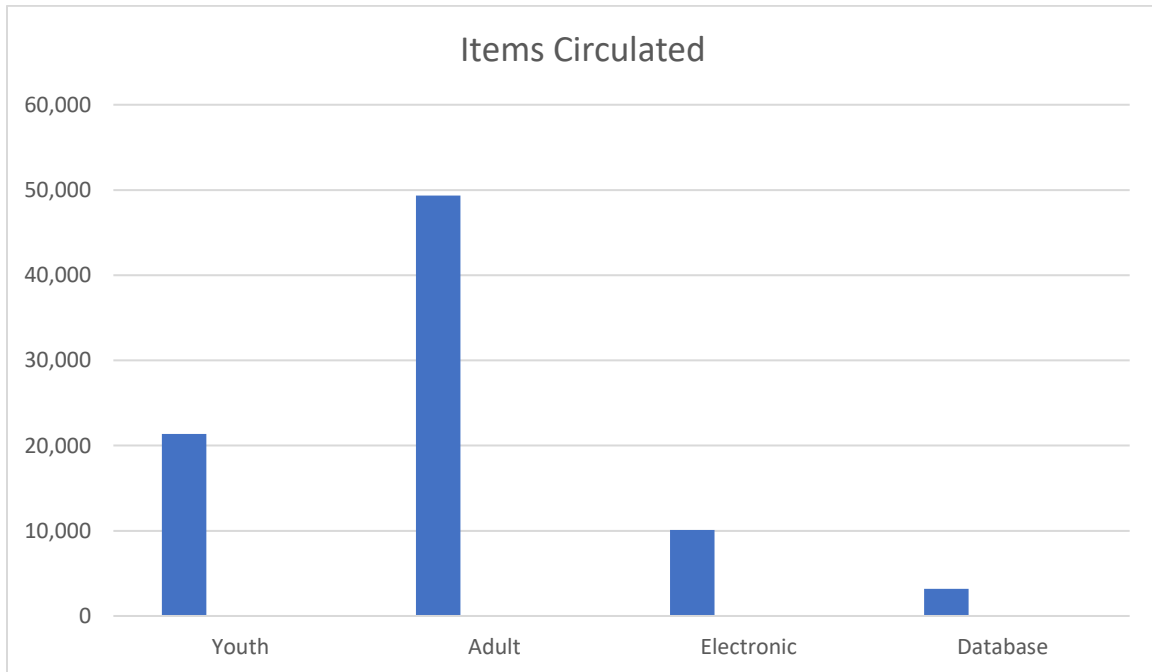
Total Number of Adult Books: 36,272
Total Number of Youth Books: 24,182
Total Number of Digital Books: 7,221
Total Number of Audio Books: 3,900
Total Number of DVDs: 4,388
Total Number of Hotspots: 6
Total Number of STEAM Kits: 9



Total Items Circulated:

83,994

Circulation of youth materials:	21,380
Circulation of adult materials:	49,327
Circulation of electronic materials:	10,115
Electronic database use:	3,172



Total Reference Transactions: 10,690

Adult 9,032

Youth 762

Telephone 896

Interlibrary loans:

Number of items loaned to other libraries:	8,544
Number of items borrowed from other libraries:	6,817

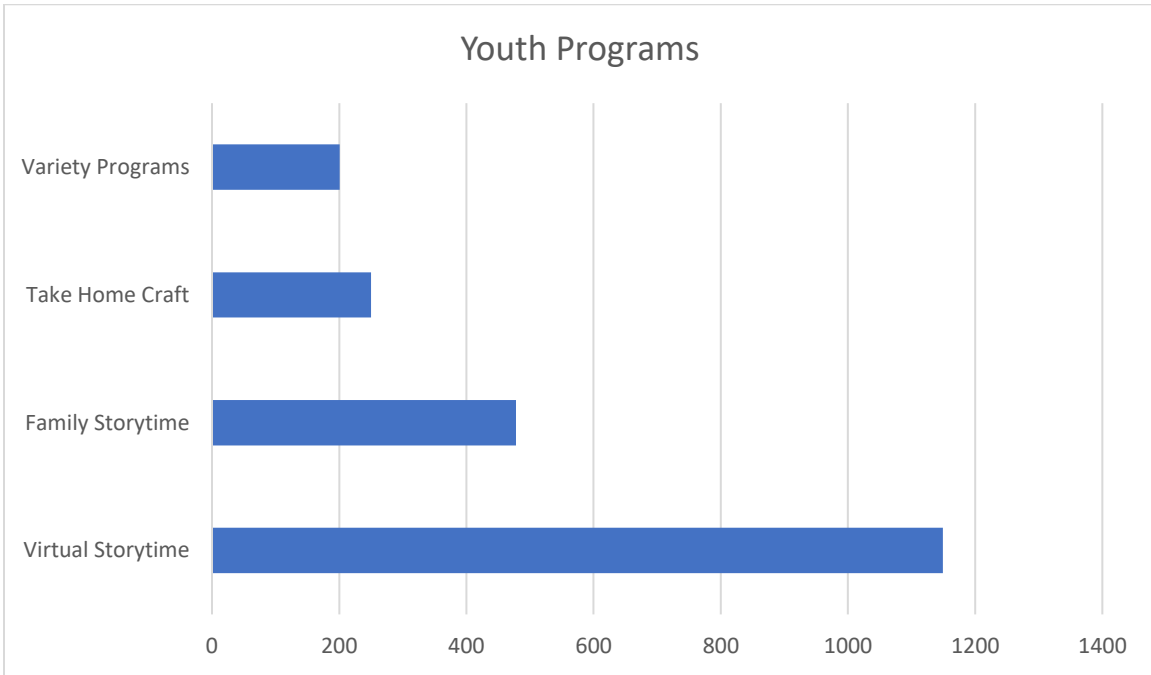
Computer Usage:

Public Internet Use:	11,682 hours
Children's Computer Use:	76 hours
WI-FI Use:	8,020 connections

Program Attendance:

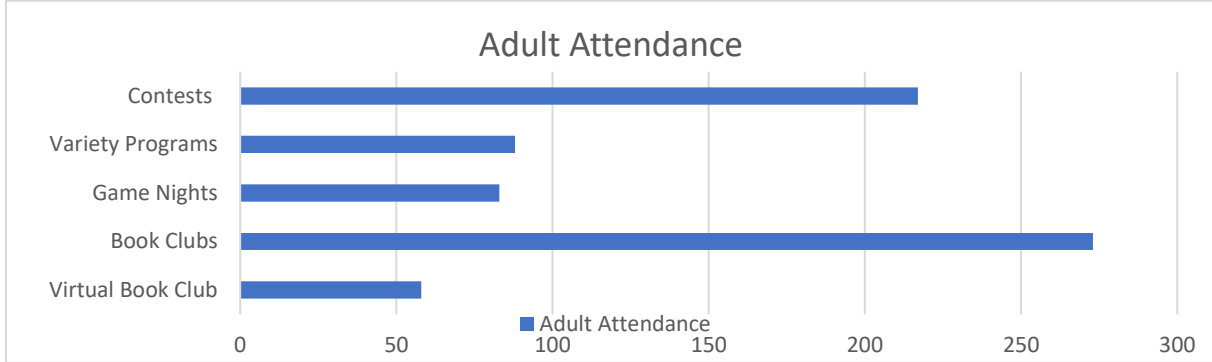
Youth

Virtual Storytime	1,149 views
Family Storytime	478
Take Home Craft	250
Variety Programs	201



Summer Reading Programs for Children

Adult



Virtual Book Clubs (9)	58
Book Clubs (26)	239
Virtual Game Nights (10)	83
Variety Programs (4)	88
Contests (2)	217



Thursday Night Book Club



One of the winning teams

Game Nights with Sandie Baker

