



MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017



■ Physical improvements were made to the library, including a reconstructed parking lot, new flooring in different areas, and a remodeled Friends of the Library Bookstore. The Friends of the Library funded the bookstore renovation.

■ The library expanded its American Girl Doll Lending Program by adding two additional dolls for a total of seven that may be checked out by Heggan Library cardholders.

■ The library hosted “The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln,” a New Jersey Council for the Humanities program.

■ The Summer Reading Program kicked off with the musical duo “Two of a Kind.” Throughout the summer, 2,321 children attended 154 programs.



■ The Friends of the Library provided money for the library to purchase 118 new large print books, computers, chairs, shelving, and landscaping at the Delsea Drive library entrance.

■ The library has continued to add new museums to its Museum Pass Program. Passes are now available for 23 museums and attractions, an increase from 17 in 2016.

■ The library made thousands of streaming movies available to patrons via Kanopy.

■ The library now offers mobile printing. Print jobs may be sent to the library from a computer or smart phone from anywhere.

Sheila Mikkelson, Library Director

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PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION

The library's parking lot was reconstructed in April.



2017 STATISTICS

CIRCULATION

238,610

ITEMS ADDED TO COLLECTION

8,808

2.99% increase from 2016

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

9,860

TOTAL PROGRAMS OFFERED

732

VISITORS

132,437

INTERLIBRARY LOANS SENT AND RECEIVED

596

REFERENCE QUESTIONS

20,651

6.13% increase from 2016

NEW CARDHOLDERS

1,160

TOTAL CARDHOLDERS

25,966

4.55% increase from 2016

INTERNET USERS

19,275

DOWNLOADABLE MATERIALS

6,548

38.93% increase from 2016

LOGIN ITEMS SENT AND RECEIVED

14,465

MUSEUM PASS CHECK-OUTS

518

AMERICAN GIRL DOLLS BORROWED

158

OUTREACH

The library continues to reach out to the community and schools.

In 2017, the library had a presence at the following events or locations:

- Grenloch Terrace School; Wedgwood, Whitman, and Thomas Jefferson Elementary Schools; Chestnut Ridge Middle School; and Washington Township High School
- Choices of the Heart
- Greenwood Park/Bells Lake and Whitman Square Swim Clubs
- Super Saturday
- Olde Stone House Harvest Festival
- Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce
- Washington Township Chamber of Commerce
- Parke Place, WT Senior Center, and Cardinal Village
- WT Rotary Club
- ABC Express, Children of America Daycare, and Malvern School
- Rainbow Gymnastics

The library collected food items for Mother's Cupboard and collected coats for the annual HFM Coat Drive.

PARTNERSHIPS

During 2017, the library partnered with:

- American Red Cross
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Music at Bunker Hill
- Kennedy Health
- Washington Township Environmental Commission