

The Library by the Numbers

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

100 YEARS

1914 - 2014



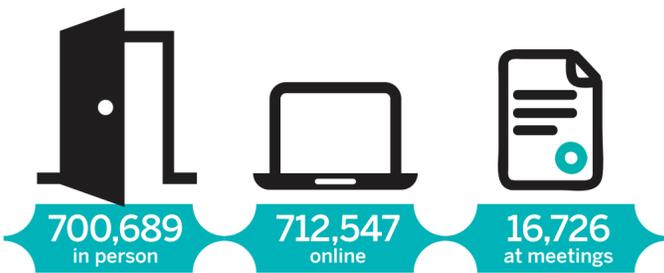
100 years after the stone building at Front and Walnut Streets opened its doors as Harrisburg Public Library, The Library remains the place to go, either in person or online. Community members came to attend programs, hold a meeting, do research, borrow books, use computers and explore limitless possibilities.

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!

There were also **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

Balancing work and personal life was on adult readers' minds—***Overwhelmed: Work, Love, and Play When No One Has the Time*** by Brigid Schulte was the 3rd most borrowed book.

James Patterson took the top 2 slots with his ***Private L.A.*** and ***NYPD Red 2*** mysteries.

Dr. Seuss was still on top in 2014, with ***Hop on Pop*** the 3rd most borrowed children's book, but he was edged out of holding two of the top three spots by Tedd Arnold's ***FlyGuy and the Frankenfly*** and Jeff Kinney's ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck***.

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 10 laptops that could be borrowed for use in The Library or for computer lab training in a meeting room



Engaging Children

59,458 people attended library programs, **31,818** of them children. That means that The Library reached **87** children for every day of the year.

Inspiring Adults

Adult programs were reintroduced on a small scale and more than **800** adults attended **62** programs covering topics ranging from book discussions to couponing and using an e-reader.

Filling the gap

13,038 children, who might not have been able to come to The Library otherwise, enjoyed Library outreach programs.



Inquiring Minds

95,693 questions were answered



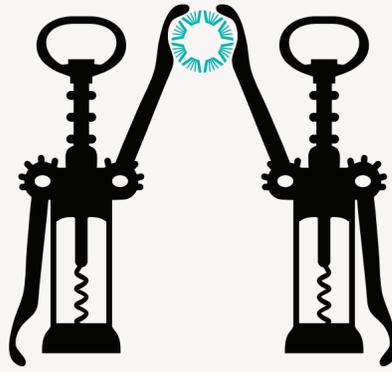
Top areas of inquiry were:

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



Fun and (Fun)draising

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



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



The Virtual Community

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