



DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Plymouth District Library Board
From: Shauna Anderson, Library Director
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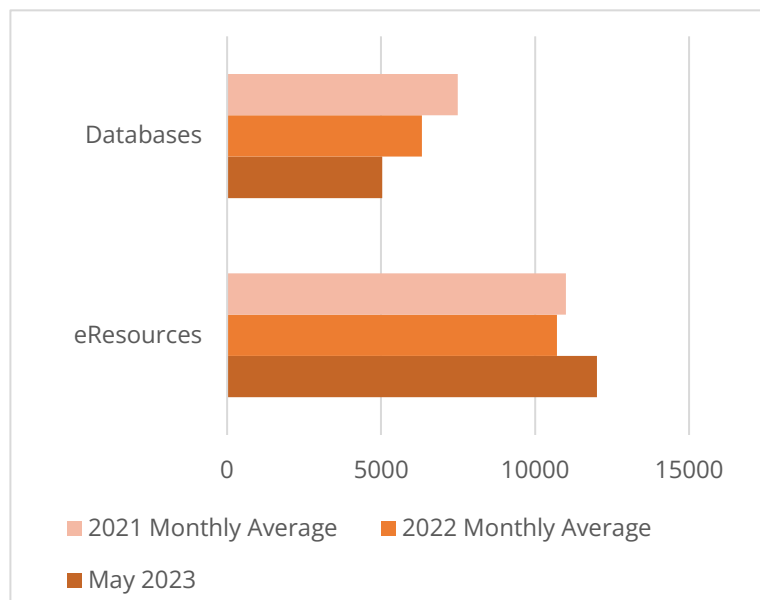
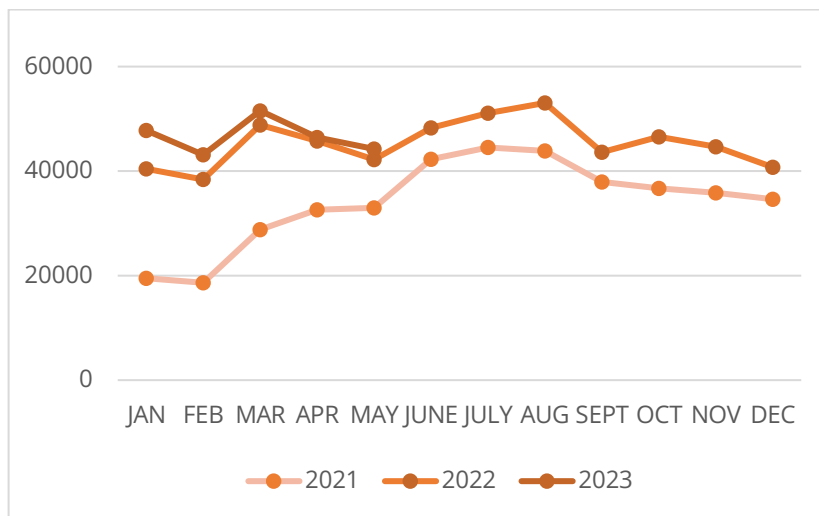
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Physical circulation decreased again, but eResources continue to increase.		Updates in the Lab. \$17,500 BOSCH Grant awarded.	
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Youth programs continue to see increases.		Lab updates and roof access construction	
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Lots of participation in community events.		Welcoming Teen STEM Corp on June 16	

CIRCULATION

PHYSICAL COLLECTIONS

Physical circulation continued to dip and follow our 2022 trajectory, as anticipated based on our reading preferences survey. The fact that this has been replicated two years in a row helps us understand how best to prioritize collection-based projects.



DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Use of eResources such as Libby (by OverDrive) and Hoopla continue to show gains in usage, and this month was particularly high for eResources. Databases saw a considerable dip in the exceptional usage we have come to expect over the past few months.

MAY'S MOST POPULAR TITLES

Simply Lies by David Baldacci

House in the Pines by Ana Reyes

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Verity by Colleen Hoover

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

PARTICIPATION



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Friends annual program garnered 48 attendees. The event featured Devan Anderson from Preservation Detroit.
- Books on Tap continues to expand and prove to be a popular monthly event.
- Our computer class attendance is slowing down, causing us to re-think this program model.
- Bookworms, a book club for emerging readers, featured the *Yasmin* series and included 29 participants

TBD

Library Visits (stats available at meeting)

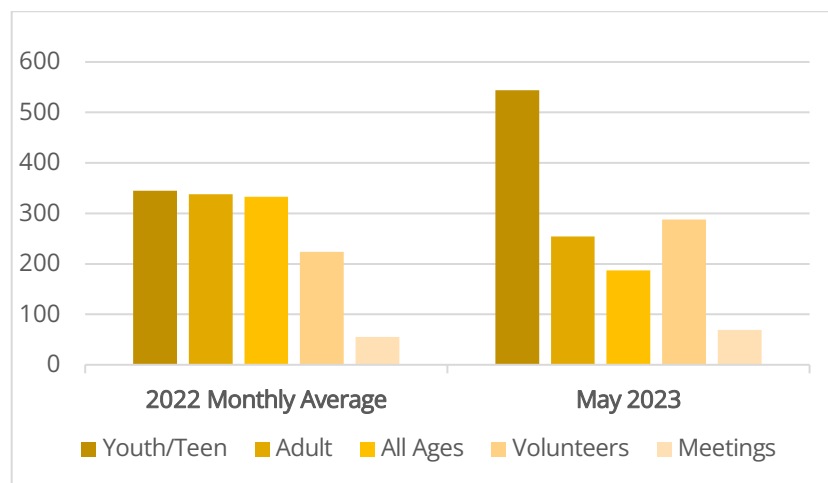
↓ 2,418

Questions Answered

↑ 71

Total Programs

Youth participation continues an upward trend. We expect this summer to be a busy one for youth based on current participation rates.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PROJECT UPDATES

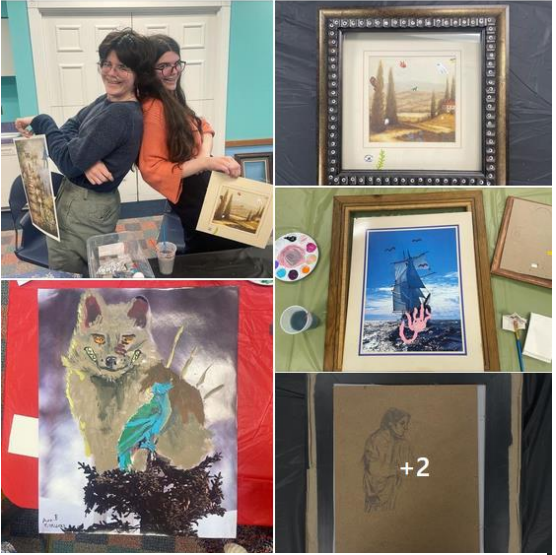
New Photography Services Contract
PDL conducted an informal RFP process to solicit bids for regular photography services. Abby B Photography was the chosen firm, based on a rating scale weighted for quality, pricing, and communication. We hosted Abby at a recent event, and the results were fantastic. We expect to support having professional photography at 2-3 events per month throughout the year, alongside support for more candid patron shots and staff headshots—all with the goal of doing a better job at telling the story of our institution.

Community Events

PDL staff multiple events through out the community including: PCCS English Language Learner Fair, a Farmer's Market Booth (including the Book Bike and Seed Library), and Relay for Life.

Plymouth District Library
May 20 at 1:01 PM · 🌐

Teens joined us last Thursday night to add their own spin to thrifted artwork during our Art Attack program, and here are some of the amazing results (as well as a couple of their friendly faces)! Thoughtful oo's and ah's while you look are appreciated



👍❤️ 18 1 comment

Plymouth District Library
May 16 at 12:01 PM · 🌐


Our Seed Library is GROWING! Head up to the top floor to check it out! Now you can take a cutting and give it a new home. Share a picture of your new plant once you get it settled!



👍❤️ 23 2 shares

Plymouth District Library
May 10 · 🌐

Plymouth District Library is pleased to once again participate in the Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside|Out program. Stop by to appreciate a stunning reproduction of Young Girl Sleeping by Eberhart Keilhau. Plus, watch for a fun chance to reproduce the piece in real life at our Inside|Out photo booth on Friday, June 30.



👍❤️ 26 4 shares

TECHNOLOGY

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Updates in The Lab

We completed the reorganization of The Lab, which now includes space for sewing machines, exhaust for a laser cutter, and a high top table for tinkering projects. The instructor station was moved to the entry of the space to provide a more welcoming atmosphere for patrons trying out the tools for the first time. We will be conducting orientation with the Teen STEM Corps members on June 16 and begin staffing The Lab for all open hours starting the week of June 19.

Walldorf/Dunning AV Project Completion

The technology upgrades for the Walldorf/Dunning Rooms are nearing completion. There are a few small fixes that Sound Planning is currently addressing to make the setup even more seamless for users. Staff has been trained and are getting used to using the new equipment to support programming going forward.

↑ 13,711	↓ 1,440	↑ 125,052	↓ 5,042
WiFi Sessions	Computer Sessions	Website Hits	Mobile App Uses

FACILITIES

HVAC updates

Robertson Morrison was brought in to address a leaky access panel in the Main Level Staff Area. They also performed preventative maintenance.

Keeth Heating supplied a quarterly filter change to our system and installed an exhaust fan in the Lab to support the use of our new laser cutter. This necessitated a hole to be drilled out the building on the upper level for a direct exhaust vent.

Outdoor Services

Sprinkler repairs were made by Transitions Outdoors. We are also reevaluating our irrigation needs in light of upcoming changes to the library's planting schemes.

Friends Room Updates

New flooring for the space will be installed in early July. Yong Heo is also working on re-framing the library's 39 star flag to hang in the space.

Roof Access Construction

As of the writing of this report, construction is ongoing and expected to wrap up soon. City Contracting has been installing the new ladder access point for the past week.

Current Inspections

To keep our annual inspections up-to-date, Yong Heo brought in OK Fire and Dwight Govan to complete our elevator and fire extinguisher inspections. We also worked with Genson Plumbing on our backflow testing.

PERSONNEL

Open Positions

None

New Hires

Zach Hose	HR Specialist	Starting June 19
Maryam Jamil	Teen STEM Corps	Starting June 16
Yash Kalani	Teen STEM Corps	Starting June 16
Olivia Asam	Teen STEM Corps	Starting June 16
Ryan Madden	Teen STEM Corps	Starting June 16
Amelia DiCicco	Teen STEM Corps	Starting June 16

Terminations, Retirements, Resignations

None

Employee Anniversaries

Patty Soter	5/16	6 years	Circulation Clerk
Sarah Perry	5/24	2 years	Youth Librarian
Lauren Baker	5/29	16 years	Youth & Teen Coordinator
Aaron Cunningham	5/31	1 year	Custodial Technician

May FTE Count: 42.1