



DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Plymouth District Library Board
From: Shauna Anderson, Library Director
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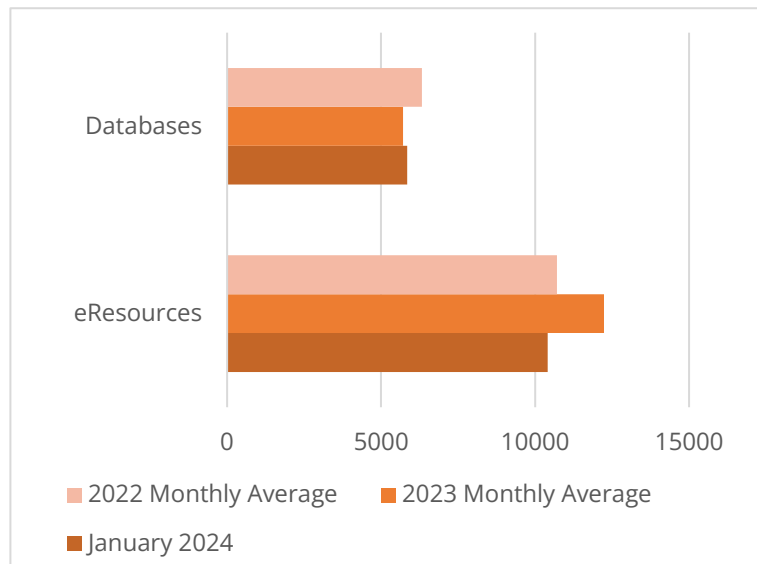
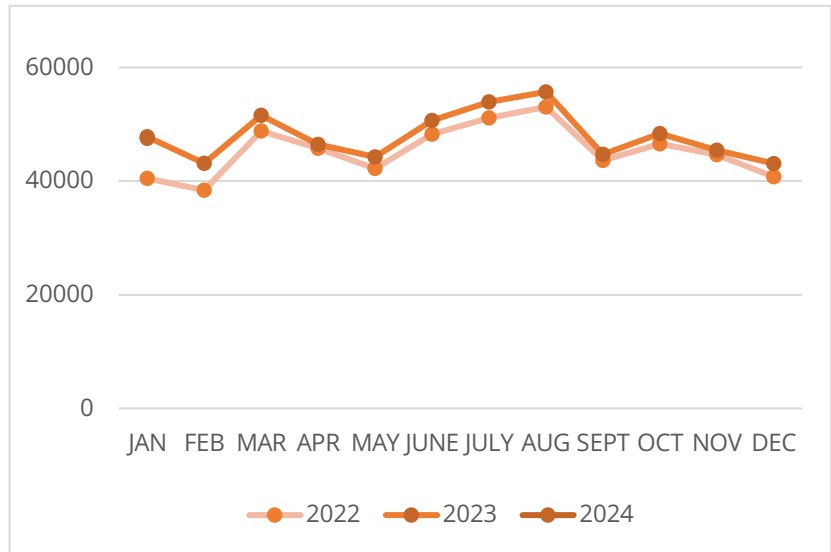
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Circulation stayed on par with previous year, likely due to lack of mobile app.		New mobile-friendly catalog and updated OPACs coming soon.	
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Youth program attendance continues to grow, doubling last years' growth.		Staff Day scheduled for 2/19/24	
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PDL hosted an exhibit from the Automotive Hall of Fame and was featured on 88.1.			

CIRCULATION

PHYSICAL COLLECTIONS

Circulation in January tracked with 2023 performance. I assess that this has to do with the lack of a mobile application to support remote searching and hold placement. We are still working with Capira to launch a new application in the coming months.



DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

eResource usage increased by 11% over the previous month. Database usage decreased, despite the additional subscriptions added. Overall, the 2023 monthly average for eResources increased 14% over the previous year's monthly average, while the monthly average for databases decreased by 10% over the prior year.

JANUARY'S MOST POPULAR TITLES

- Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett
- None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell
- The Edge* by David Baldacci
- Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
- The Mystery Guest* by Nita Prose

PARTICIPATION



Participants in January's Books on Tap discussion enjoy the conversation. Patrons create Valentines for Hospitalized Kids using supplies created in The Lab.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Michigan's Poet Laureate, Nandi Comer, presented two programs in January—one for adults and another for young children. Both events were well-attended and received positive feedback from the community.
- The library held its first community potluck, dubbed Spice Club. Each quarter, participants are given a different spice and bring their own dish to share with the group, to explore new cooking styles and cultures. This event featured Juniper and offered 29 different dishes to sample and enjoy.
- PDL hosted a well-attended storytime with Miigwetch, a Michigan non-profit working to support indigenous communities. Afterward, the group's leader facilitated a training for staff.

↑ 19,503

Library Visits

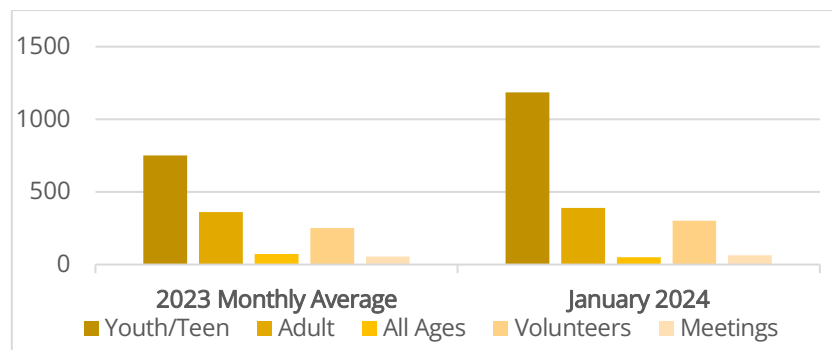
↑ 2,959

Questions Answered

↑ 75

Total Programs

The monthly average for youth program attendance more than doubled over the previous year and January participation almost doubled that! Youth program participation is skyrocketing.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PROJECT UPDATES

88.1 The Park

Community Relations Specialist, Heather Pacheco, and Teen Librarian, Sean Glasgow, hosted an hour of radio programming on 88.1, the station hosted by our local high schools.

Automotive Hall of Fame

The library connected with the Automotive Hall of Fame to host their exhibit on Black Leadership in the Automotive Industry throughout the month of February.

Clothing Drive

PDL hosted a collection to support the PCCS clothing closet, run by the Plymouth Democrats club.

School Connections

Teen Librarian, Colleen Kingsbury, attended the district-wide middle school book club kickoff. PDL also hosted classrooms from Our Lady of Good Council to learn about conducting research.



Unveiling the latest addition to our sewing equipment in The Lab – the Baby Lock Capella embroidery machine! Elevating our sewing machine family alongside our Janome sewing machines and Singer serger. Discover more about our sewing program here: <https://plymouthlibrary.org/lab/>



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12 comments 14 shares



We had the amazing opportunity to welcome Michigan Poet Laureate, Nandi Comer and fellow Detroit-based Poet, Brittany Rogers to the library earlier this month. Nandi and Brittany read to a packed room and Nandi also flexed her passion for working with children in a storytime where she read stories about Lucha Libre and helped kids design their own Lucha Libre masks afterward!

It was an absolute success and we are so honored to have had them both!



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TECHNOLOGY

SPECIAL PROJECTS

New Staff

In January, the IT team welcomed Clint Lafferty to support in-house computer programming. In his first month, Clint worked on setting up a test server for a new ILS environment and enabled a more mobile-friendly version of the library's catalog while we wait for the completion of our new app.

OPAC Deployment

The IT team is updating the public OPACs around the library with a new chromebox setup. This will result in a few less OPACs around the library than we currently have. Usage statistics demonstrated that certain units remained largely unused and not worth the cost and upkeep. Implementation is currently rolling out.

Website Increase

Website usage more than doubled last month, possibly owing as well to the increased use of the library's web-based catalog for searching.

↓ 12,881

WiFi Sessions

↑ 1,375

Computer Sessions

↑ 170,420

Website Hits

N/A

Mobile App Uses

PERSONNEL

Open Positions

PT Custodial Technician

New Hires

Nicole Munson	Starting 3/11	Youth Services Librarian
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Terminations, Retirements, Resignations

None

Employee Anniversaries

Dee Beaver	2/10	4 years	Adult Services Librarian
Kendra Miller	2/13	16 years	Circulation Clerk
Esther Rogers	2/13	5 years	Circulation Clerk
Victoria Betz	2/16	1 year	Circulation Clerk

December FTE Count: 43.8

STAFF DAY 2024

Our annual Staff Day will be taking place on Monday, February 19. The day will be comprised of a mix of internal training (including cybersecurity, Google Workspaces, Facilities, and more) alongside presenters (focusing on personal wellness, organizational culture, etc.) and departmental meetings.

The event is planned and executed by our Staff Day committee which includes chairs Alice McCardell and Lauren Baker along with committee members Mary Kelly, Sherri Potas-Garrett, and Zach Hose.

The library will be closed on this day, as previously approved by the board. Lunch and PDL shirts were supplied by the Friends of the Library, and we are grateful for their continued support of our staff.