

## Pennsylvania Library Association Awards UDPL 2022 Library of the Year



On October 25, the Upper Dublin Library was awarded the honor of Library of the Year 2022 by the Pennsylvania Library Association. Nominated by Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library Board President Cathy Murphy, the UDPL was recognized for providing “exemplary service to patrons through myriad and, at times, devastating challenges to the community.” In particular, the Library’s response to the September 1, 2021 devastating tornado that tore through hundreds of homes, schools and severely damaged the Township building was acknowledged.

The award citation reads, “Library leadership and staff immediately shifted priorities, working with Upper Dublin Police and Township Commissioners as they relocated to portions of the Library building for critical support services. Upper Dublin Public Library promptly arranged for and sponsored a series of presentations by local mental health professionals to help the community heal, offering parallel video access for these sessions to assure the widest possible delivery to those families still suffering the effects of the tornado. Library staff worked with volunteers to help collect and distribute hundreds of books to Upper Dublin families and classrooms that were recovering from the tornado.

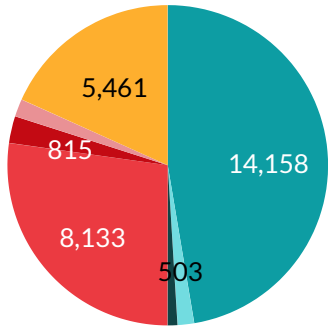
In addition to the extraordinary emergency response in 2021, the Library also continued to improve upon traditional services throughout the pandemic. The community has gained significant increases in resources such as easy-to-use drive-up service assuring access to books and other materials, public computer access, museum pass borrowing, and a new PlaySpace for families.”

This award is a testament “to the resiliency of the good staff who work here,” said Library Director Cheri Fiory. “Maybe [we weren’t] putting on a program or buying books, but we were there for people when they needed us. We [were] truly meeting community needs.”



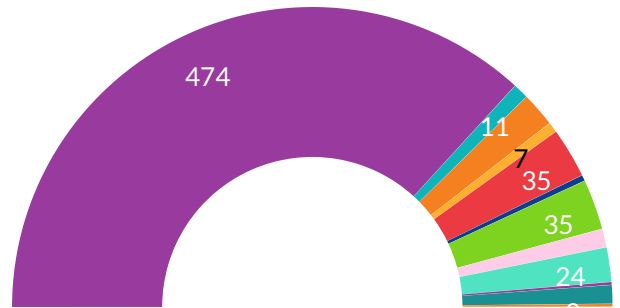
L to R: Cathy Murphy, Friends of UDPL President; Cheri Fiory, UDPL Director

## 29,896 Items Borrowed in October



- Children's Books & Magazines (47.36%)
- Children's DVDs (1.68%)
- Adult & Teen Books & Magazines (27.2%)
- Adult & Teen DVDs (2.73%)
- Digital Content - All Ages (18.27%)
- Children's Audio (0.99%)
- Adult & Teen Audio (1.77%)

## 644 Rooms Used



- Study Rooms (73.6%)
- StoryLab (3.73%)
- Shanis Auditorium (5.43%)
- Classroom (5.43%)
- Parking Lot (3.73%)
- STEAM Lab (2.02%)
- Conference Room (1.71%)
- Board Room (1.09%)
- Vestibule (0.62%)
- Learning Commons (2.02%)
- Lobby (0.31%)
- Nursing Room (0.31%)

## Friends Jewelry Sale Still a Hit After 13 Years



On October 15, the Friends of UDPL held their 13th Annual Jewelry Sale at the Fort Washington Fire House. Jewelry donations are received throughout the year and this year 3,785 pieces were for sale including a record 1,081 necklaces. Proceeds from the sale totaling \$2,636 will support Library programming in 2023.



## Halloween Celebrations & Explorations



Interactive theater, Franken-Toys, and Halloween STEAM, oh my!

Highlights

**Hurricane Ida & Tornado Survivors' Group**

The trauma from a natural disaster can be long lasting and difficult to overcome. Liz Ridgway and Nichole Robinson, MS met with resident survivors of Hurricane Ida and the tornado on Wednesday 10/28.

**Conclusion to the First Session of Adult Discovery & Learning**

The ten courses in the first Adult Discovery & Learning series wrapped up in late October, averaging 240+ attendees per week. The average course rating was 8.7 out of 10, and 96% of participants said they would attend more classes in the future. Many positively commented on the instructors, the new library space, and the opportunity to learn in person and share ideas.

**Secure Ballot Drop Box at 520 Virginia Drive**

Montgomery County Board of Elections is again utilizing 520 Virginia Drive as a secure ballot drop box location for the November 8, 2022 General Election deadline. Residents can deposit mail-in ballots and absentee ballots at a secure ballot drop box as an alternative to returning their ballot by USPS mail. Staff will be present at each drop box to help educate voters on proper ballot return practices. The ballot drop box will be available from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. from October 29, 2022 until November 8, 2022.

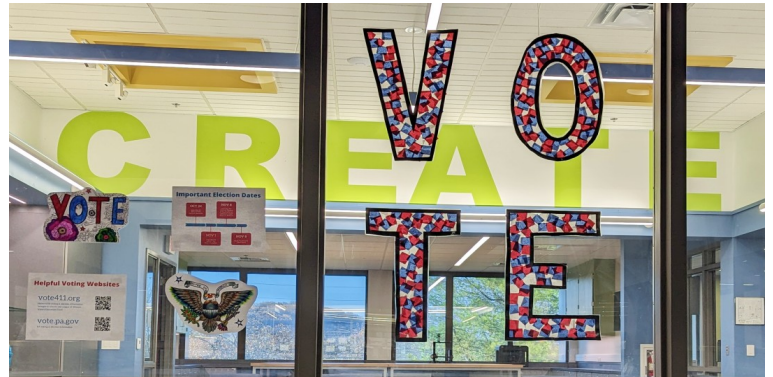
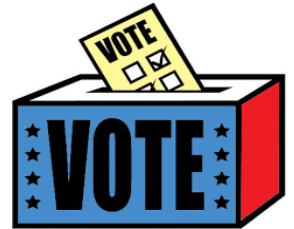
**One Night Only Fundraiser**



On October 29, Everybody's Theater Company wowed the audience with hits from over 70 years of Broadway shows, concluding with "Old Friends" from *Merrily We Roll Along*, a performance to remember Stephen Sondheim. L-R Becky Toll, Tammy Tuckey & Sarah Leakey. Proceeds from ticket sales support the newly-formed nonprofit ETC and the Friends of UDPL. Special thanks to the following for donating refreshments: The Fresh Market, Greenberg's Bakery, Sprouts Farmers Market, and Zake's Café.

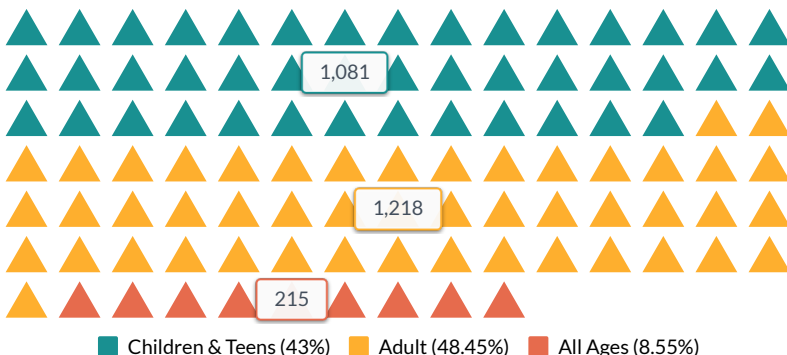
**Teens Encourage Voting**

On Oct 18th, the Abington-Cheltenham-Jenkintown League of Women Voters educated teens on civics, voting, volunteerism, and advocacy. Five teens created an art display, prominently displayed on the windows of the STEAM Lab, to encourage voting.



**122 October Programs**

2,514 Program Participants



**Teen Book Bags**



Teens learned to sew simple tote bags as part of a library service project. The bags will be given away to children who visit the library.

### Upper Dublin Public Library 2022 Statistics

	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	2022 YTD Totals
<b>DAYS OPEN****</b>	24	24	27	27	28	30	30	31	27	31			279
<b>HOURS OPEN****</b>	231.8	228.0	260.3	251.0	256.0	282.5	268.8	293.8	255.0	283.8			2,610.8
<b>VISITS</b>	7,751	8,732	9,763	9,506	9,408	10,773	11,627	12,142	9,913	11,988			101,603
<b>REFERENCE QUESTIONS</b>	450	551	622	499	498	753	758	707	546	601			5,985
<b>BORROWING</b>													
<b>eCollections</b>													
eBooks	2,886	2,391	2,631	2,319	2,469	2,447	2,714	2,653	2,810	2,825			26,145
eAudio (Audiobooks & Music)	1,881	1,639	1,843	1,799	2,064	2,051	2,073	2,285	1,997	2,110			19,742
eVideo (Movies & TV)	110	101	112	86	112	99	104	140	119	143			1,126
eMagazines	490	349	398	415	424	343	388	367	318	342			3,834
<b>Total eCollections</b>	<b>5,367</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>4,984</b>	<b>4,619</b>	<b>5,069</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>5,279</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>5,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,847</b>
<b>Print</b>													
Children's Books & Magazines	11,358	13,012	14,211	12,644	13,127	15,364	19,067	17,060	13,997	14,158			143,998
YA Books & Magazines	686	652	830	731	832	974	1,290	1,165	875	781			8,816
Adult Books & Magazines	6,990	6,867	7,302	7,007	6,995	7,265	8,507	8,332	7,535	7,306			74,106
<b>Total Print</b>	<b>19,034</b>	<b>20,531</b>	<b>22,343</b>	<b>20,382</b>	<b>20,954</b>	<b>23,603</b>	<b>28,864</b>	<b>26,557</b>	<b>22,407</b>	<b>22,245</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>226,920</b>
<b>Audio-Visual</b>													
Children's DVDs/Video Games	546	511	456	502	472	591	572	645	542	503			5,340
Children's Audio (music & books)	221	250	290	275	250	332	387	381	224	296			2,906
Adult & YA DVDs/Video Games	1,018	846	968	893	841	848	1,018	929	887	815			9,063
Adult & YA Audio (music & books)	483	430	572	463	488	563	519	572	555	530			5,175
<b>Total Audio-Visual</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>2,133</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>2,496</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,484</b>
Museum Passes	11	25	35	43	20	35	49	39	26	34			317
Library of Things	0	2	2	4	1	2	1	4	3	7			26
Interlibrary Loan (non-MCLINC)	15	21	21	15	25	27	29	32	29	46			260
<b>TOTAL BORROWING</b>	<b>26,695</b>	<b>27,096</b>	<b>29,706</b>	<b>27,196</b>	<b>28,120</b>	<b>30,941</b>	<b>36,718</b>	<b>34,604</b>	<b>29,917</b>	<b>29,896</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300,889</b>
<b>MCLINC INTERLIBRARY LOAN</b>													
Shipped to MCLINC Libraries	3,418	3,176	3,442	3,119	3,082	3,001	3,486	3,516	3,147	2,967			32,354
Delivered From MCLINC Libraries	3,239	2,749	3,148	2,330	2,492	2,794	2,940	2,970	2,440	2,521			27,623
<b>EVENTS, CLASSES, GROUPS</b>													
For Children/Families	10	34	42	35	22	31	42	44	14	38			312
For Young Adults	1	3	3	3	0	4	8	6	2	8			38
For Adults	8	15	22	22	23	19	33	38	67	72			319
For General Audience	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4			7
<b>PROGRAM ATTENDANCE</b>													
For Children/Families	143	586	797	707	381	897	1,408	1,105	219	1,035			7,278
For Young Adults	4	17	14	38	0	76	84	48	11	46			338
For Adults	229	156	199	263	183	159	1,430	1,020	1,234	1,218			6,091
For General Audience	0	0	0	0	370	69	0	49	0	215			703
<b>WEBSITE STATS</b>													
Sessions	19,926	18,504	20,052	18,114	19,259	24,770	26,794	26,021	21,818	23,318			218,576
Users	6,064	5,510	5,901	5,736	5,882	6,851	7,389	7,497	6,138	6,715			63,683
<b>520 ROOM USAGE</b>													
Study Rooms	332	338	399	336	365	367	491	526	435	474			4,063
All Other Meeting Spaces*	64	80	98	99	118	107	120	135	138	170			1,129
<b>Total Room Usage</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,192</b>
<b>COMPUTER SESSIONS**</b>													
	<b>326</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>470</b>			<b>3,402</b>
<b>VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>													
Young Adults	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			28.5
Adults	98.2	128.5	139.5	96.0	97.50	113.0	120.0	116.5	83.5	85.0			1,077.7
<b>TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>141.5</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,106.2</b>
*This includes rooms in ReCPro and the Nursing Room in the Children's Library													