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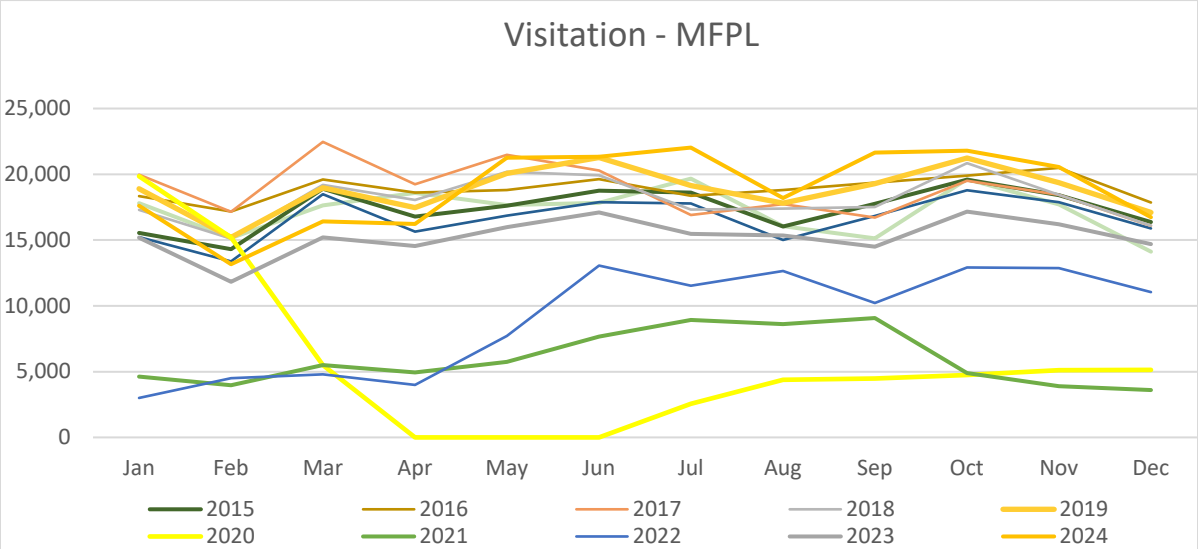
In 2024, the Millburn Library is soaring to new heights. All measures of use are setting new records and the Millburn Library continues to outpace its peers in virtually all performance measures.

Visitation

Visitation is back to pre-pandemic levels. For the year, there were 226,969 visits recorded at the library, a new record for annual attendance.

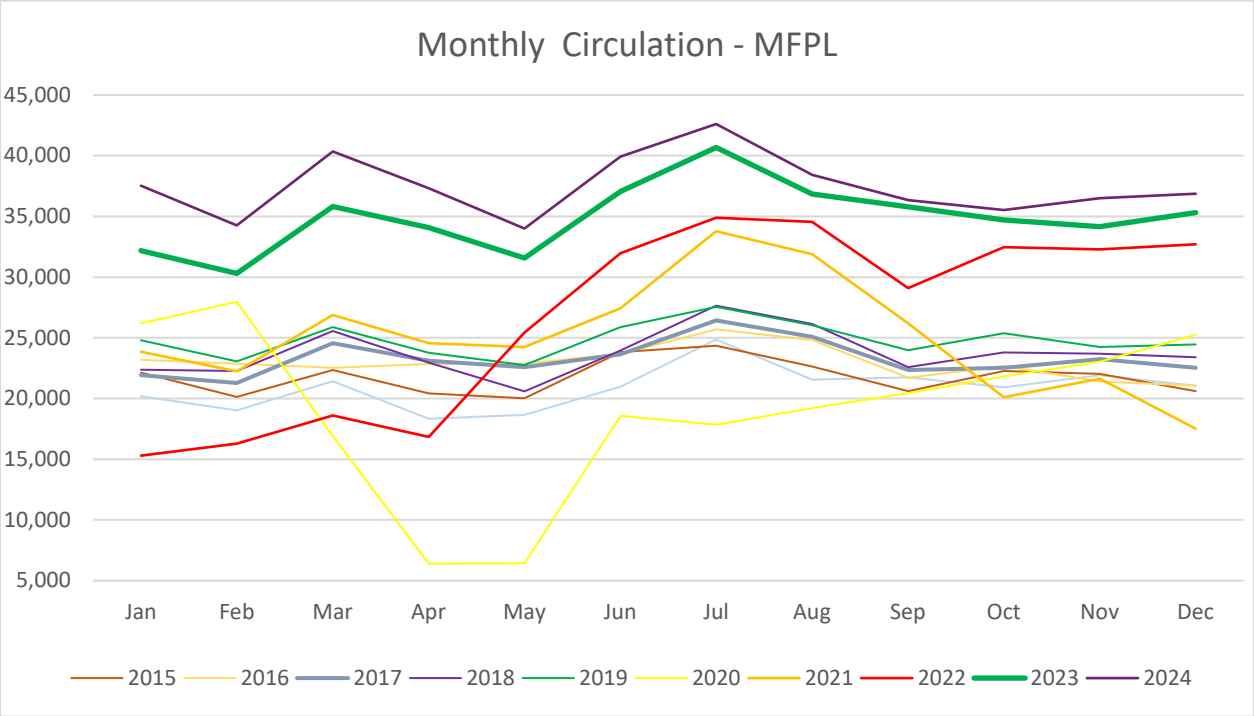
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
208,700	226,913	226,005	217,416	225,823	66,935	71,421	108,323	183,214	226,969



Circulation

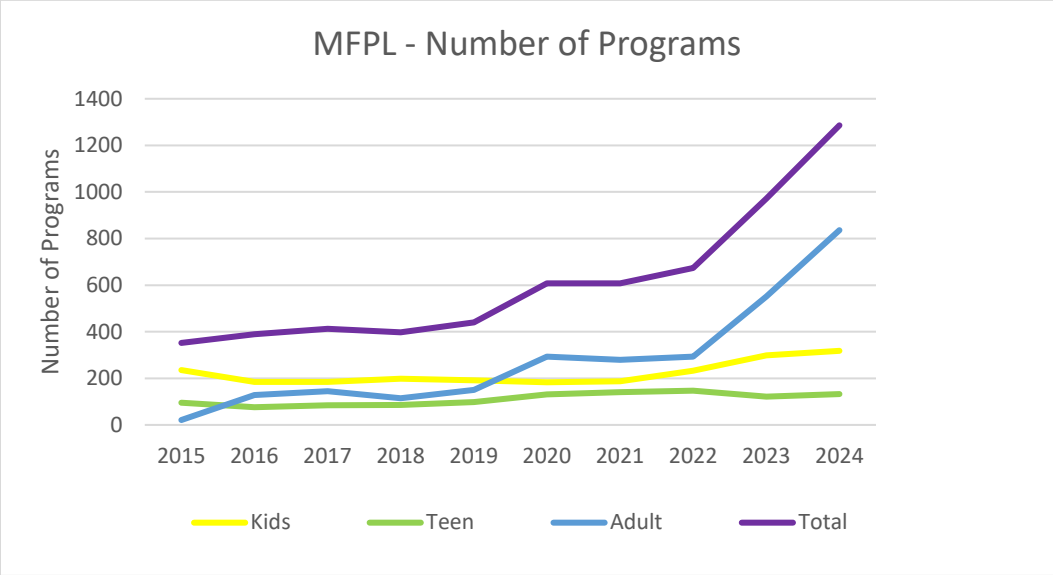
Total circulation for 2024 came in at 449,709 items, including print books, e-books, streaming services, and other items. The Children's Room of the Millburn Library continues to rank #1 in the entire BCCLS consortium (78 libraries in northeast New Jersey) and the Millburn Library ranks #5 in the network overall. This is quite remarkable given the size of the population. Of special note, the Millburn Library ranks #1 in circulation of new books system-wide, with over 90% of our new selections circulating within the first 6 months of their arrival.

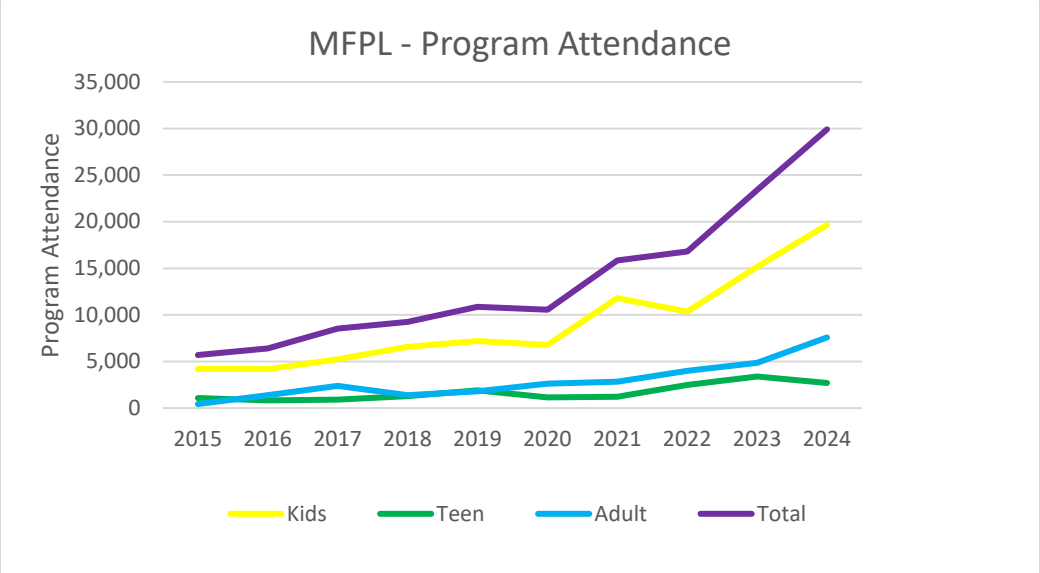
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
261,397	275,405	279,250	285,032	297,792	230,065	300,375	320,445	418,549	449,709



Programming

2024 was another record year for programming at the Millburn Library. For the year, the library offered a total of 1,286 programs and events for patrons of all ages, including in-person and virtual programs. A record number of 29,909 people participated. The previous record was set in 2023, with 972 programs and 23,414 attendees.





Capital Improvements

The Board of Trustees approved plans to renovate the 2nd floor of the library, including meeting rooms, restrooms, hallways, and offices. The project will go out to bid shortly and should be completed by the end of 2025. Of note, the library will remain open at 200 Glen Avenue during this phase of renovation.

Collection Development

The Millburn Library's physical collection of books, DVDs and other materials now stands at 76,925 items. For the year, over 8,000 new items were added to the library collection, marking our most robust year for collection development. And, as noted above, our selections are in demand, as the Millburn Library ranks #1 in all of BCCLS for circulation of new items.

Collection Development YEAR-TO-DATE	2024	2023	2022	2021
New Books Added (print)	**8,432**	6,821	5,363	7,025
New e-Books Added (e-bks, OD-Adv, MILL Only)	**598**	426	378	(new stat)
New Non-Print Media Added	**660**	480	341	463

Strategic Plan

We are now ending year two of our current four-year plan and are on track to meet all goals set forth in that document. The goals are: 1) Refresh the 2nd floor and exterior of the facility; 2) Improve marketing; 3) Enhance user experiences; 4) Improve multicultural programming; and 5) Cultivate a network of "Library Champions." The strategic plan is on the library website and available in-print at the library.

Conclusion

The Millburn Library is a point of pride for the community. Its usage has not only grown, but patterns have evolved over the years from "traditional library" to bustling community center. Our array of materials includes the expected, such as books and DVDs, and the unexpected, such as museum passes, jigsaw puzzles, and wireless hotspots. Services include customary reference help as well as one-on-one tech assistance and notary service. Programming includes story times for little kids, a "creative aging" series for older adults, and many opportunities to imagine, explore, inform and inspire for people in between.

The primary goal for 2025 will be to see the long-anticipated renovation of the 2nd floor through to completion. This will bring the upper level of the library into harmony with the work done on the first floor three years ago.

I hope this report provides a glimpse of the excellent work that is taking place at the Millburn Library and demonstrates how appreciative our community is of the services we provide.

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