



ANNUAL REPORT

2021

In the Library

1,261,383
physical items circulated

259,655
visitors through the door



25,000+
at-home covid-19 tests distributed

14,403
public computer internet sessions

51,531
wireless internet connections

5,098
program attendees

167
in-person programs

IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING

In-person programming returned in July with pop-up Summer Reading Club programs. Events were offered with health precautions and safeguards, or moved to partner facilities in the community to accommodate social distancing.



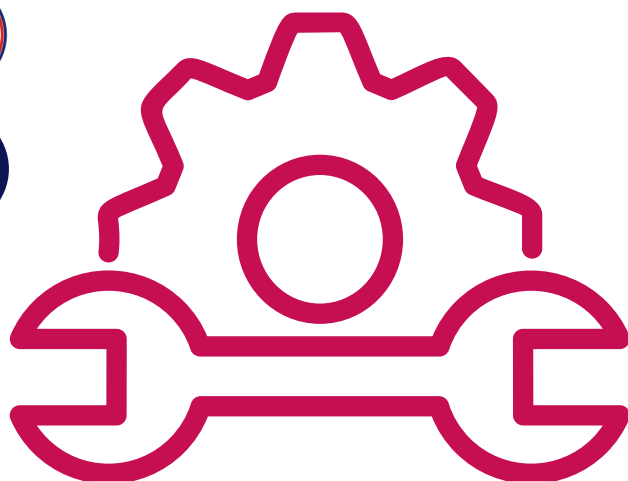
Community partner locations

FACILITIES

Between preparing to open the Liberty Branch Library and completing projects at existing DCDL locations, the facilities team worked to make locations beautiful, safe, modern, and compliant for all our staff and visitors.

Additionally, they worked closely with the Delaware Public Health Department and Delaware County Emergency Management throughout the year.

1,535
projects completed



Virtual/Distance Service

March 2

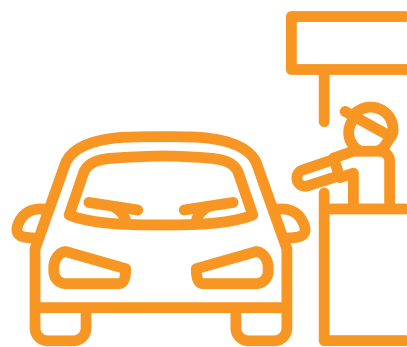
all DCDL locations reopened to public

26.5%

curbside/drive-thru transactions

279,483

items checked out via curbside/drive-thru



Virtual book group has gotten me through the pandemic. I haven't been getting out a lot, and this book discussion gives me something to look forward to.

- Virtual book club member

3,800

program attendees

192

virtual programs



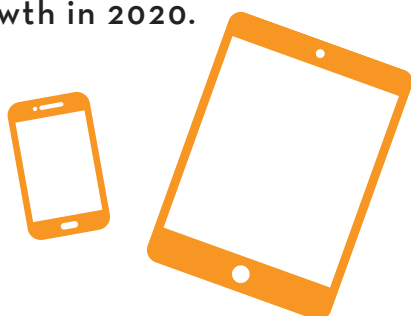
VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Zoom fatigue presented itself in lower attendance numbers. However, continuing to offer some programs virtually allowed the Library to serve patrons who are homebound or unable to come into the Library for any reason.

DIGITAL COLLECTION

Digital collections remain popular after their explosive growth in 2020.

- eBooks
- eAudio
- Streaming video
- Digital magazines



268,640

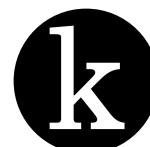
digital items circulated

10,806

total digital library users

3,219

new digital library users



Out & About

21,999

miles traveled by Outreach vehicles

20

open-air bookmobile stops

34

bookmobile collections stops



53

homebound patrons

24

events attended



COMMUNITY EVENTS

DCDL got back out in the community again in May. Events began as socially distanced, small gatherings and worked up to popular street festivals and holiday parades. The entire Library staff helped make community event appearances possible.

BOOKMOBILE OPEN-AIR STOP

85,098

items checked out to Outreach patrons

The Bookmobile began making open-air community stops in Summer 2021. Community members could check out and return items without entering Library buildings. The Bookmobile also provided internet access for patrons who may not have access at home.





January
Staff continued curbside service no matter the weather!

February
Outreach staff created Smile Buttons so others could see the face behind the mask.



Year-Round
The Maker Studio hosted dozens of events, and helped 147 patrons make 825 projects!



Winter
Librarians met with schools virtually and staff served patrons via curbside pick-up and the drive-thru.





March
StoryWalks debuted as safe, passive activities for families. A partnership with Preservation Parks brought StoryWalks to the parks, as well.



April
The Memory Care collection was introduced to help patrons with memory issues or dementia and their caregivers.



Summer
Pop-up in-person programming came back in conjunction with Summer Reading Club. Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel presented a video safety series for kids.





June
The Medieval Faire was livestreamed from Cashman's Horse Equipment Outlet & Drive Thru Feed Store.



Fall
Outreach began open-air community stops to provide internet and other library services.

September
Storytimes returned to all Library locations outdoors.



October
As the weather changed, storytimes moved inside local buildings with more space for social distancing.



Special thanks to Delaware City Schools, City of Powell and Ohio Health Chiller North.



October
Staff gathered for an in-service day for system updates and other learning opportunities



November
Site visits to the new Liberty Branch Library gave staff a chance to see the building progress!



November
The Delaware County Veterans & Heroes project was launched to gather, preserve and make accessible the experiences of all county veterans.



December
The year wrapped up with a Book Cart Brigade appearance in the Main Street Delaware Home for the Holidays Parade.