



Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, October 15th
Staff Training Room, Blasco Library
12:00 pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at:

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Others Present:

2. Approval of Minutes – September 17th

Sent electronically

3. Library Reports

a. Report of Director

- i. Library Masking Policy update
- ii. National Friends of the Library Week, Oct. 18-25
- iii. Budget Hearing before County Council, Oct. 22, 4:15pm
- iv. Strategic Plan Suggestions/Edits
- v. Annual Plan Submissions
- vi. CareerLink Satellite Office
- vii. Staff Training Day Recap
- viii. Blasco Building Update
- ix. IMLS Grant Preproposal
- x. Keystone Grant Update

b. Review of Financial Report—attached

c. Statistical and Other Reports

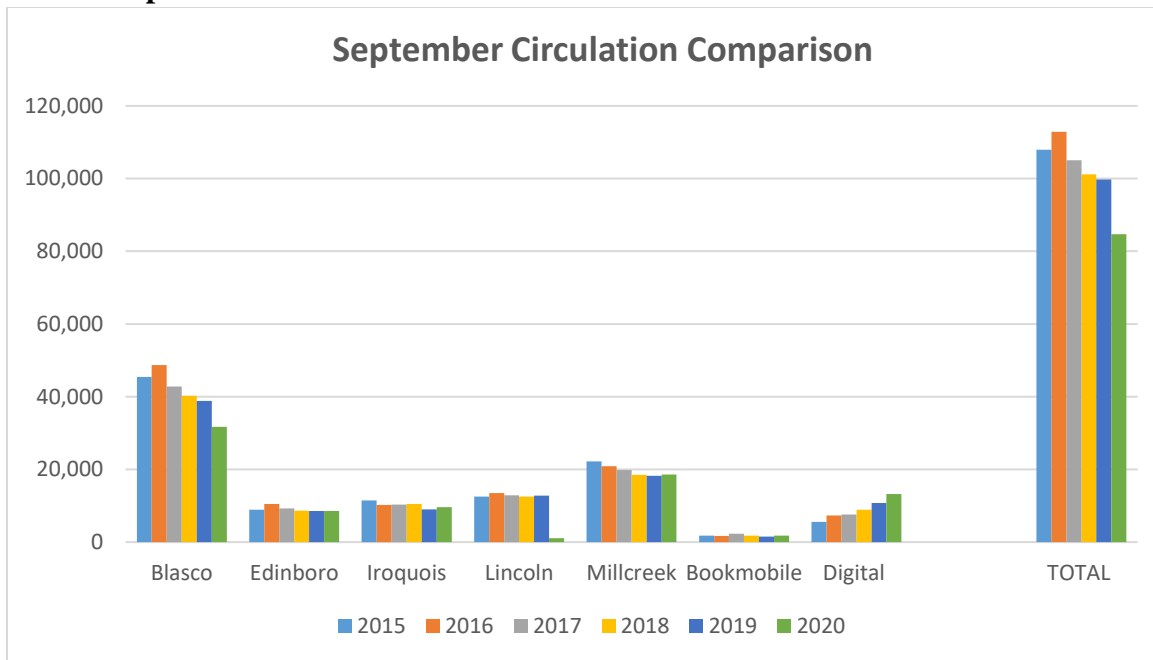


September 2020 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot

- **97,787** overall check outs, **down 2% from 2019**
- **13,240** digital check outs, **up 19% from 2019**
- **21,403** Patron Visits, **down 52% from 2019.**
- **2,554** PC Logins, **down 58% from 2019.**

Though the library is considerably down from 2019, we are up 11% from last month in PC logins and 2% in patron visits.



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Blasco	45,456	48,739	42,775	40,287	38,850	31,714
Edinboro	8,874	10,481	9,248	8,684	8,527	8,574
Iroquois	11,493	10,187	10,359	10,450	9,040	9,625
Lincoln	12,535	13,500	12,876	12,537	12,805	14,242
Millcreek	22,215	20,900	19,864	18,498	18,247	18,621
Bookmobile	1,790	1,731	2,327	1,799	1,553	1,771
Digital	5,595	7,318	7,580	8,898	10,716	13,240
TOTAL	107,958	112,856	105,029	101,153	99,738	97,786

- d. Report of District Consultant
 - i. Sign state waiver of standards

4. Board and Committee Reports

- a. Report of County Council Liaison
- b. Report of Friends and ERLF

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

- a. Review the drafted Library Universal Masking policy
- b. Present Slate of Officers for November nomination
- c. Review Library selected closings for 2021

1	NEW YEAR'S DAY	Friday, January 1
2	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	Monday, January 18
3	PRESIDENT'S DAY	Monday, February 15
4	GOOD FRIDAY	Friday, April 2
	SPRING STAFF TRAINING DAY	Thursday, May 13
5	MEMORIAL DAY	Monday, May 31
6	FLAG DAY (AFSCME staff exchanges for Floating Holiday if scheduled to work)	Monday, June 14
7	INDEPENDENCE DAY (actual) INDEPENDENCE DAY (County observed)	Sunday, July 4 Monday, July 5
8	LABOR DAY	Monday, September 6
	FALL STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday, October 11
9	VETERAN'S DAY	Thursday, November 11
10	THANKSGIVING EVE (close at 5pm) THANKSGIVING DAY	Wednesday, November 24 Thursday, November 25
11	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY	Friday, November 26
12	CHRISTMAS DAY (County observed) CHRISTMAS DAY (actual)	Friday, December 24 Saturday, December 25
13	DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	Monday, December 27
14	EMPLOYEE'S BIRTHDAY	Floating holiday; must be used 14 days before or after birthday

7. Adjournment

8. Appendix

- a. News Articles

MEDIA RELEASE

ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 6, 2020

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Erie County Public Library provides hands-on support for hopeful entrepreneurs

Erie, PA – Erie County Public Library's Idea Lab will commence its third year of CO.STARTERS Core Cohort on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The CO.STARTERS Core Cohort program is an intensive 10-session program where students are led through exercises to build their businesses from scratch. Each week, local community experts will answer questions and give advice in areas such as accounting, law, marketing and customer development. At the end of the cohort, each student will have a solid plan to start his or her business. The fee for this program is \$125.

"Something we hear a lot from Idea Lab users is the need for one-on-one support," said Jude Shingle, emerging technology librarian at the Raymond M. Blasco MD Memorial Library Idea Lab. "Our CO.STARTERS Core Cohort sessions have a small capacity. They are meant to provide individualized answers and really guide you step by step."

This cohort, along with other CO.STARTERS programs emphasize the Idea Lab's focus on supporting entrepreneurship and small businesses. As a partner of the NWPA Innovation Beehive Network, the Idea Lab is uniquely positioned to provide guidance and services for both early stage and hopeful entrepreneurs in Erie County.

Registration is required. Find more at <https://erielibrary.org/resources/idealab/co-starters/>

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1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge available at all libraries in Erie County

Erie, PA – Erie County Public Library together with the Public Libraries of Erie County* announce participation in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge.

All public libraries in Erie County – including independent libraries that share many services and a catalog with Erie County Public Library – will be providing this program via Beanstack, thanks to the support of the Friends of the Erie County Library. Beanstack, an online platform, allows families to log the number of books read to their child, and receive recognition and encouragement upon milestone achievements.

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a national, continuous reading program designed to help parents prepare their children for kindergarten while cultivating lifelong literacy skills and a love of reading. Children develop the skills to read years before they begin formal education. The most effective way to get children ready to learn is to read to them. To encourage that behavior, this challenge is open to children from birth to those who are just beginning kindergarten.

"You are your child's first teacher," says Shane Donaldson, youth services manager for Erie County Public Library. "When you read, sing, play, write and talk, you are helping your child get ready to read. The practice of reading to your child throughout their formative years has a lifelong impact on their ability to learn. Our public libraries are the ideal place to host this challenge because we provide families a free and virtually endless supply of books to reach that 1,000-book goal."

Reading aloud to children develops knowledge about a variety of topics, builds vocabulary and increases familiarity with story structure, language patterns and the reading process (*Straight Talk About Reading: How Parents Can Make a Difference During the Early Years* by Susan Hall & Louisa Moats). The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a fun and family-inclusive way to build these skills in young children and set them up for success in school.

All Erie County residents are able to participate. Children can be registered via the new Public Libraries of Erie County Reading Challenge site at erielibrary.beanstack.org.

All questions can be answered by contacting the Erie County Public Library Youth Services Department at 814-452-6936 or library-reference@eriecountypa.gov.