



Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, July 15

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12:00 pm

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AGENDA

1. ***Call to Order***
2. ***Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2021***
3. ***Library Reports***
 - a. Report of Acting Director
 - b. Review of Financial Report
 - c. Statistical and Other Reports
 - d. Report of District Consultant
4. ***Board and Committee Reports***

 - a. Report of County Council Liaison
 - b. Report of Friends and ERLF
5. ***Unfinished Business***
6. ***New Business***
7. ***Adjournment***
8. ***Appendix***
 - a. News Articles

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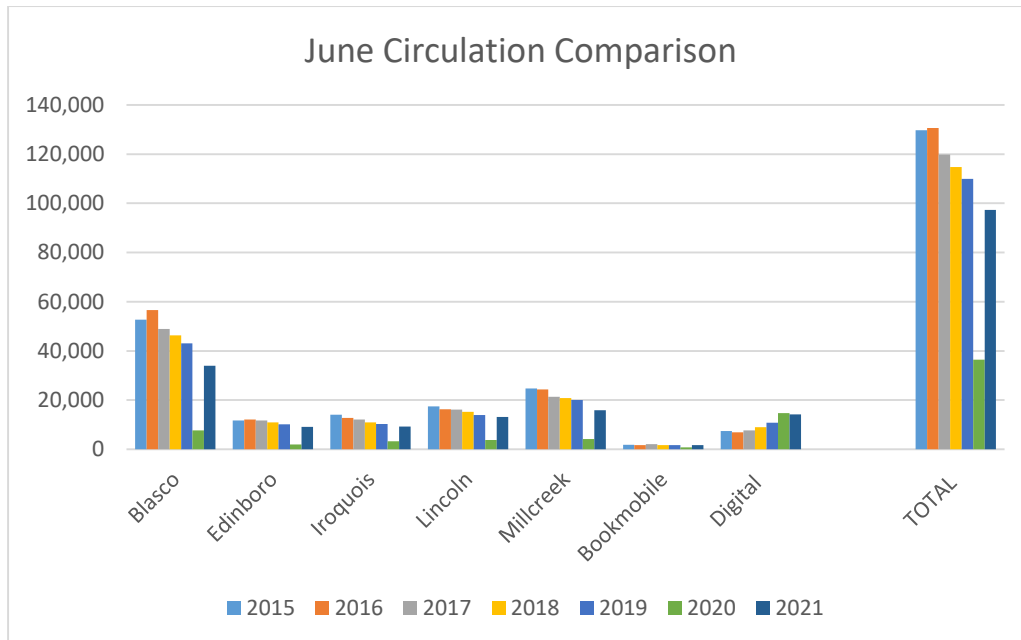


June 2021 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot

- **97,317** overall check outs,
 - up **8.6%** over May, down **11.5%** from 2019
- **392** library cards issued, up **17%** over last month
- **25,706** visits, up **16%** over last month
 - Visits are down **48%** from June 2019

Circulation



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Blasco	52,633	56,648	48,880	46,287	43,014	7,686	34,000
Edinboro	11,660	12,059	11,677	10,963	10,132	2,012	9,082
Iroquois	13,991	12,816	12,105	10,902	10,307	3,220	9,264
Lincoln	17,472	16,276	16,136	15,165	13,983	3,772	13,177
Millcreek	24,684	24,338	21,348	20,769	20,040	4,172	15,815
Bookmobile	1,864	1,641	2,108	1,743	1,733	785	1,745
Digital	7,362	6,915	7,615	8,918	10,754	14,748	14,234
TOTAL	129,666	130,693	119,869	114,747	109,963	36,395	97,317

d. Report of District Consultant

Fiscal Year

The District wrapped up its 2020-2021 fiscal year on June 30. The new 2021-2022 cycle began on July 1. The Office of Commonwealth Libraries has opened up the report for District Library Centers (Blasco) in which districts can input their statistics and financials. This report will be due no later than August 10.

State Budget & Library Allocations

Pennsylvania passed its 2021-2022 budget on time. All four library-related line items—Public Library Subsidy (allocations for public libraries); State Library (Office of Commonwealth Libraries); Library Services for Visually Impaired & Disabled (LAMP: Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians); and Library Access (Access PA/POWER Library)—should receive level funding for 2021-2022, meaning they'll receive the same amount acquired in the previous year. The items are all found under the Department of Education. Distribution timelines have yet to be released.

There will be a one-time allocation to state-aided libraries with funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Toward Gigabit: This includes ECPL and the independent public libraries in Erie County.

Toward Gigabit: Libraries are invited to participate in the Toward Gigabit program through Kinber, a broadband company for statewide initiatives for network based education research. Staff can participate in practical, educational webinars on technology. Libraries will also have the opportunity to receive site visits and reports for network assessments.

4. Board and Committee Reports

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5. Unfinished Business

none

6. New Business

Approve resuming in-person meetings

7. Adjournment

8. Appendix

- a. News Articles

Find the library's latest media releases at: <https://eriecountypa.gov/about/county-news/news-releases/>

Mini version of Great American Book sale returns to Erie July 15

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Erie Times-News

USA TODAY NETWORK

A mini Great American Book Sale will be held July 15-17 at Blasco Memorial Library, according to Friends of the [Erie County Public Library](#).

The event, which is typically a massive book sale at the McDowell Intermediate High School in Millcreek Township, will be scaled back this year.

Sheryl Thomas, assistant director of the [Erie County Public Library](#), said organizers — who plan the book sale well in advance — were unsure how dire the pandemic and its restrictions would be this summer and opted for a smaller event.

McDowell Intermediate was unavailable this year, Thomas said.

Last year's Great American Book Sale was canceled because of the pandemic.

Where and when to go

The mini book sale will be held in the

Blasco Library lobby, café area and the Bayfront Bookshelf, the bookstore in the library's lobby.

Hours:

- July 15, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 16, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- July 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds benefit Friends of the [Erie County Public Library](#), a nonprofit dedicated to the support and advancement of the library system.

Small numbers of books can be donated at the Bayfront Bookshelf during their business hours, Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to the Friends of the [Erie County Public Library](#).

For more information, visit the Friends of the [Erie County Public Library](#) Facebook page at facebook.com/EriePAFriendsOftheLibrary.

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