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Numbers Snapshot
- **303** library card issued in December, **3,826** issued in 2021
- **2,320** PC logins in December, **24,832** logins in 2021
- **3,755** WiFi logins in December, **32,899** logins in 2021

Circulation

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December 2021 Statistics

[Graph showing December Circulation Comparison]
2021 Year End Circulation

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**TOTAL** | 1,328,022 | 1,368,723 | 1,303,701 | 1,264,353 | 1,257,118 | 901,740 | 1,040,436 |

- Up 15% total circulation from 2020 to 2021
- Down 17% total circulation from 2019 to 2021
- Growth in two areas for 2019 to 2021:
  - Bookmobile increase 2.98%
  - Digital increase 59.79%

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  Anitra Gates- NEH Heritage Grant preservation findings report (attachment)
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Corry-Ed to host new series on innovation - Journal, The (Corry, PA) - January 6, 2022

Corry-area residents have an opportunity to explore topics including business expansion and economic development through a new series coming to the Corry Higher Education Council beginning Jan. 27.

The series, which Executive Director Brody Howard said is free of charge and open to the public, will take place on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The weekly presentations are set to feature several different centers in Erie County that are part of a Northwest Pennsylvania Innovation Beehive Network, which began in 2014, according to its official website, www.nwpabeehive.com.

Howard noted attendees will be able to familiarize themselves with these centers while learning about topics including business strategy, entrepreneurship, marketing, technology and development.

"This is a series of educational workshops that are focused on business expansion and enhancing economic growth," Howard said. "Participants will discover the services that each Beehive center provides and can expect to become familiar with each center in areas of emerging technologies, branding, entrepreneurship, business intelligence strategies and product development."

The centers being showcased are the Erie County Public Library Idea Lab and Gannon University (Center for Business Ingenuity) on Jan. 27, Penn State Behrend (Innovation Commons) on Feb. 3, Edinboro University (Center for Branding and Strategic Communication) on Feb. 10 and Mercyhurst University (Innovation Entente Lab) on Feb. 17.

Howard also commented he is hopeful there will be a good response to these workshops.

"The Hi-Ed is very eager to provide a strong showing of participation at each one of these sessions," Howard said.

The Northwest Pennsylvania Innovation Beehive Network focuses on economic growth and business development in the Erie area. Each location specializes in a certain area while working together to form the larger network.

Seating is limited for all presentations, and Covid restrictions will apply.

Interested parties may register online at www.corryhied.org or by calling 814-664-9405.

For more information, visit www.corryhied.org/nwpabeehive.
Meet patrons of the Erie County Public Library bookmobile

Baylee DeMuth

Erie Times-News
USA TODAY NETWORK

Traveling from one stop to the next and seeing familiar faces every few weeks may sound like a mundane routine to some, but not to Ron Salisbury.

Salisbury sees an average of 225 people a week as an Erie County Public Library bookmobile clerk. Dealing with so many individuals can be a challenge, but the people are the best part of the job for Salisbury.

“We enjoy doing it because it allows us a real connection with the patrons,” Salisbury said.

The mobile library, which sits atop a 2021 Ford E450 vehicle frame, visits more than 30 locations regularly throughout Erie County. It carries about 1,500 items, including books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks and more.

“We serve the underserved of the Erie County library system, any of the rural areas that might not have access to a branch or areas that may have transportation or mobility issues,” Salisbury said.

As a bookmobile clerk, Salisbury plays a key role in providing materials to patrons. All materials requests go through the bookmobile clerks, so Salisbury takes his time filling each person’s request to the best of his ability.

“We get a lot of gratitude for it and we have a lot of appreciation for it,” Salisbury said.

A lasting impression

On Dec. 29, Laura Cook, a Cranberry Township resident, made her bi-weekly visit to the Erie County Public Library’s bookmobile.

The 59-year-old puts her bookmobile materials on hold to ensure she gets what she wants.

“I get a lot of Christian fiction, biographies and medical books ... a lot of books on mental health,” Cook said. “Sometimes I’ll get some philosophy books that talk about how we’ve arrived at something.”

Cook’s choices of genre have changed over the past 26 years her family has utilized the bookmobile’s services.

After moving from Erie to Cranberry, it became harder for Cook to get all the books she needed to homeschool her children. Instead of traveling to library branches around Erie County, Cook discovered the bookmobile could bring all the materials she needed to one location.

After nearly three decades of using the bookmobile, it’s become a familiar place with friendly faces for Cook.

“All of the clerks, Ron (Salisbury), and all the ones before him have been so nice and helpful, and some have become good friends,” she said.

Keeping it convenient

Laurel Dohanic began using the Erie County Public Library’s bookmobile three years ago when she became a resident of Brevillier Village in Harborcreek Township.

“It’s wonderful and they’re so good to us,” she said.

Even though the retirement home houses its own library, Dohanic utilizes the bookmobile when she’s looking for something specific.

Her walker kept her from entering the bookmobile on Jan. 3, so Salisbury handed Dohanic her book from the entrance, making the interaction easier for the 93-year-old.

Dohanic checked out “Home to Holly Springs” by Jan Karan, a book she’s already read three times.

“Jan Karan has written this group of stories about a little town in Mitford, North Carolina, and they’re so uplifting,” Dohanic said. “Every five years or so I’ll go back and read them again, they’re so good.”

Whether she’s picking the same books to read again and again or finding new ones, Dohanic is grateful the bookmobile makes access to library materials convenient and easy.

“People can get the books they want and the majority of them don’t even drive, so it makes it really nice to have it be here,” she said, referring to Brevillier Village residents.

A bookmobile bookworm

Donna Standley, also a Brevillier Village resident, isn’t interested in reading the same books twice.

After reading every book by B.J. Daniels, the 88-year-old turned to the bookmobile in hopes the clerks could help her find something new.

With help from Salisbury, Standley was introduced to the works of Debbie Macomber.

“Her books are more modern, but based in the West, and I kind of like that,” she said. “I’ve always liked to camp, so that’s why I enjoy the westerns.”

The personalized experiences Standley gets with the bookmobile have introduced her to subjects she wouldn’t have learned about otherwise.

“Ron (Salisbury) has been choosing books he thinks I’ll like,” Standley said. “I’ve talked with him on the phone and he knows what types of books I’m looking for.”

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Food pantry distribution

The Corry Area Food Pantry will hold its January distribution on Friday, Jan. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. Everyone is asked not to line up before 8:30 a.m. and to make sure they have space available in their vehicles for boxes.

Idea lab and entrepreneur tools

At the Erie County Public Library Idea Lab, you can use 3D printers, sewing machines, a recording studio, a CNC machine, Photoshop, and other equipment and software. Additionally, the Gannon University Beehive utilizes student analysts to support entry level products necessary to help entrepreneurs and small businesses achieve an understanding of their market, industry, and funding sources. The Gannon Beehive provides services in crowd funding-friendly analysis, pitch deck and start-up capital best practices analysis. At this combined session, participants will learn about the specific services both Beehive nodes provide and see examples of the products students have previously completed. The NWPA Beehive Innovation Network Series is presented by the Corry Higher Education Council. This free presentation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 6-7:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Masks will be required. COVID-19 restrictions will apply. Register online at www.corryhied.org or by calling 814-664-9405.

CITATION (MLA STYLE)

Thinking in Indian
A John Mohawk Reader

Join BIG READ Erie for a book talk with Jose Barreiro, editor of "Thinking in Indian," exploring the Native Rights Movement. Participants receive a free copy of the book delivered to their nearest Erie County Public Library location. Books are limited.

January 18 | 6:30 PM
Zoom
Register at events.erielibrary.org