



Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, October 20

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IN-PERSON, Admiral Room @12:00 pm

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AGENDA

1. ***Call to Order***
2. ***Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2022***
3. ***Library Reports***
 - a. Report of 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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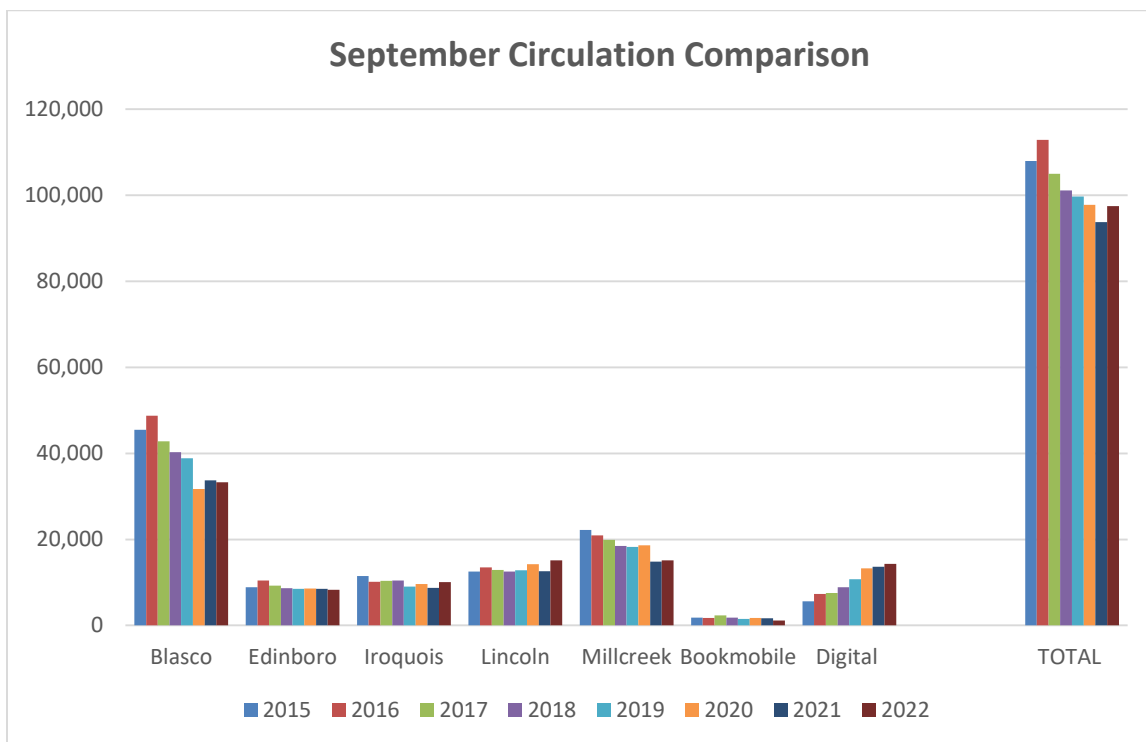


September 2022 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot

- **468** new cards issued, including **53** e-cards
- **3,606** ILLs loaned and **2,728** ILLs borrowed
- **31,561** patron visits, up 17.8% over September 2021, down 18.5% from August 2022

Circulation



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Blasco	45,456	48,739	42,775	40,287	38,850	31,714	33,734	33,270
Edinboro	8,874	10,481	9,248	8,684	8,527	8,574	8,508	8,291
Iroquois	11,493	10,187	10,359	10,450	9,040	9,625	8,716	10,113
Lincoln	12,535	13,500	12,876	12,537	12,805	14,242	12,596	15,125
Millcreek	22,215	20,900	19,864	18,498	18,247	18,621	14,802	15,169

- **STAFF TRAINING DAY (open 1-5pm)** **Thursday, May 11**
- MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 29
- FLAG DAY (Library is open) Wednesday, June 14
- INDEPENDENCE DAY Tuesday, July 4
- LABOR DAY Monday, September 4
- STAFF TRAINING DAY Monday, October 9
- VETERAN'S DAY Friday, November 10
- VETERAN'S DAY Saturday, November 11
- THANKSGIVING EVE (Close at 5pm) Wednesday, November 22
- THANKSGIVING DAY Thursday, November 23
- DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY Friday, November 24
- CHRISTMAS DAY Monday, December 25
- DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Tuesday, December 26
- EMPLOYEE'S BIRTHDAY Floating holiday; must be used 14 days before or after birthday

***Exceptions:** Certain bargaining unit employees, or certain employees in 24-hour, 7-day-per-week-operations, may celebrate a holiday on a different date than indicated above based on applicable collective bargaining agreements.

NOTE: All non-bargaining permanent full-time and permanent part-time employees are entitled to holiday pay immediately upon hire (provided they are in compensable status at least a 1/2 day prior to the holiday and at least a 1/2 day after the holiday). Bargaining employees will be eligible based on applicable collective bargaining agreements. Per diem, on-call and temporary status employees are **not** entitled to holiday pay.

The Blasco Memorial Library is open on Sundays from 1-5pm, with the following exceptions:

Blasco is closed on Sundays prior to a Monday holiday.

- January 1
- January 15
- February 19
- April 8 (Easter Sunday)
- May 28
- September 3
- December 24

7. Adjournment

8. Appendix

a. Announcements-

Reminder- Board members are invited to participate in the Outreach Advisory Committee following the meeting.

b. News Articles

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HOW IT WORKS

Keeping up with the librarians

Erie County Public Library regularly adds titles and weeds the old

Valerie Myers
Erie Times-News
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Erie County Public Library system has more than a half-million books, audiobooks, CDs and other materials for loan, plus new items arriving almost daily.

So who decides what titles the library will buy and when, and which libraries get them?

Thirteen librarians recommend new purchases, said Anitra Gates, the library's technical services manager, who oversees acquisitions.

"Each has a specialty area, one part of the collection that they focus on and really get to know. We have a librarian who specializes in the teen collection, another in picture books for children, another in adult fiction. I specialize in cookbooks, which I think is the best," Gates said. "We work as a team on what to buy."

Librarians peruse book reviews, professional journals, and other sources to keep up to date on new titles.

"If a magazine has an article about the top 10 books this summer, we look at those," Gates said. "We keep an eye on what's mentioned in the newspaper and in popular media. We also get a lot of suggestions from the public."



Anitra Gates oversees acquisitions as technical services manager for the Erie County Public Library system. PROVIDED BY PAUL GATES

Readers can suggest new titles at the library or on its website.

Items are ordered weekly, sometimes daily. Buying is heaviest at certain times each year when more books are published. The library does not buy materials in December when the budget and paperwork are finished for the year.

"We make up for that in January, our busiest month for buying," Gates said.

Acquisitions generally are ordered from a library vendor. Books by local authors are purchased from local bookstores.

The library also borrows copies of be-

stselling titles.

"We can borrow maybe 20 copies of the newest John Grisham book from our vendor so we can get them out to people as soon as possible," Gates said.

Once demand wanes, borrowed copies are returned to the vendor.

New purchases for the library system are shipped to Blasco Memorial Library, where they're prepared for circulation.

"Our technical services department adds labels, laminates covers, repackages DVDs in more durable cases, and adds tape to paperbacks," Gates said. "We try to make materials last as long as they can."

Librarians decide which titles will remain at Blasco or go to a branch library. "Our librarians know what works or doesn't work for each location," Gates said.

County funding and donations pay for purchases.

In addition to buying materials, librarians regularly "weed" the collection, removing worn, obsolete and older-edition titles and those no longer used.

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About this series

How It Works is a recurring feature from the Erie Times-News that explains how government, organizations, processes, ordinances and more work. Email your questions to newsdesk@timesnews.com.

By the numbers

Erie County Public Library in 2021:

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Libraries — Blasco, Edinboro, Iroquois, Lincoln Community Center and Millcreek, plus 2 Erie Housing Authority youth libraries and the Bookmobile

38,352

Library users

1,040,436

Materials circulated

39,508

New items added

\$363,246

Erie County funding for books

\$130,052

Erie County funding for audio-visual materials

\$24,000

Erie County funding for periodicals

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Blasco Library Sets Up Memorial Displays for Queen Elizabeth II

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By Tom Kowalski

Librarians at the Blasco Library have set up two displays celebrating the life of Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family.

The displays are set up near the entrance, and in the children's section, and feature books, DVDs, and other forms of physical media about the Queen's life, as well as other members of the Royal Family.

"Whenever a big event happens in the news, we get a lot of questions about it," said Anitra Gates, Technical Services Manger at the Blasco Library.

"People are very interested in learning more about the history so they can understand current events. So just to make our collection more accessible for people, we make displays of our books and our physical objects, like DVDs. We have items for children and for adults as well, and we also have electronic resources that people can access from home."

September is Library Sign-Up Month, and you can sign up for a library card for free at any Erie Public Library location.

Eeriebyss Factory of Terror, Pumpkin Walk, Sheena Easton among scary and not-so-scary Erie fun

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Editor's note: The Sept. 29 Clay Walker concert at the Warner Theatre has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict.

If you like being scared, you'll have opportunities this week, but the Erie area also has entertainment that's fun without the fear.

Dramashop will present "Lizzie: The Musical," a show styled as a 1980s rock concert in which Lizzie Borden and her close associates tell the story of the fabled murders from Borden's perspective. **The Eeriebyss Factory of Terror will open and Blasco Memorial Library will host two screenings of "Poltergeist."**

The library also will offer a Spinechillers book club for ages 9-11. The Woman's Club of Erie will host an art exhibit. The Warner Theatre will welcome "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" cast members and Sheena Easton will perform, also at the Warner, with the Erie Philharmonic. At Waldameer Park, the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners' popular Pumpkin Walk will return for two nights.

More details on these and many other events in the Erie region are below. We couldn't get

everything in here, so be sure to visit [GoErie.com/calendar](https://www.goerie.com/calendar) for more.

Note: It's always a good idea to check with organizers in advance to make certain an event is still taking place and to find out what COVID-19 measures are in place.

Entertainment and more around Erie not to miss the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 5

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Spinechillers: This Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Blasco Memorial **Library**, 160 E. Front St. Book club for young horror fans, ages 9-11. Registration required. Free. 814-451-6936, events.erialibrary.org/event

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Frankenstuffies: Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., Blasco Memorial **Library**, 160 E. Front St. Be your own mad scientist and create a cuddly abomination in this program that will cut apart stuffed animals and sew them back together like Frankenstein's Monster. No experience necessary; basic hand-sewing techniques will be taught; adult supervision required; for ages 8 and older. Registration required. Free. 814-451-6927, erialibrary.org

James B. Spiegel

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL. - James B. Spiegel, age 84, an extraordinary man, husband, father and grandfather of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and formerly of Erie, passed away in Ft. Lauderdale on Sunday, October 9, 2022. Born in Erie April 16, 1938 the son of the late Julius and Helen K. (Schiller) Spiegel.

Jim was a graduate of Cathedral Preparatory School and the Erie Business College. He had been in the Real Estate Business for over forty years as a Broker/Owner of a residential and commercial real estate sales company, and a real estate management company. He also was instrumental in a number of real estate developments throughout the Erie area, both individually and in partnership with others, Jim served a number of years on the Greater Erie Board of Realtors including a term as President in 1976 and was chosen as realtor of the year in 1978.

Jim and his wife Joan were recognized by the Erie Community in 1978 for their extraordinary efforts in directing life saving measures thus averting a possible tragedy at Mid City Towers P.A. Meyers fire. They successfully evacuated 132 senior residents of that building.

During the past forty years, Jim has been extremely active in both civic and charitable organizations. He has served on the Advisory Board of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Northwest PA., Discovery Square, St. Mary's Home, Greater Erie Chamber of Commerce, Board of Advisors of Gannon University, Board of Fellows of Mercyhurst College, Board of Corporators of Hamot Medical Center and St. Vincent Health Systems, and as Chairman of the Erie County Library Task Force. He was one of the founding Board members of the House of Healing.

For a number of years, he was a major supporter of the MS Societies Walk, opening up his business for a pre-walk gathering and providing a post-walk luncheon for participants. His efforts raised many thousands of dollars for the fight against MS and he was recognized by the MS Society with an award for his efforts on their behalf. He created a hospice house in Erie known as the Joshua House in memory of his wife.

As a member of the Erie County Library Task Force, Jim personally raised the 1.5 million dollars needed to complete the Raymond Blasco Memorial



Library. He was the chairman of the Erie County Library Foundation, which through the generosity of Jim's good friend, Dr. Raymond Blasco, provided funding for the Raymond Blasco Memorial Library and the Millcreek Library, the Lawrence Park Library, Edinboro and Fairview branches.

While working with the Erie Art Museum and Discovery Square, Jim was instrumental in starting the annual Blues & Jazz Festival in Frontier Park as a major fundraiser for the museum. The Blues & Jazz Festival is still an annual tradition.

In 2006 Jim received the Edward Doll Award. (Volunteer and Philanthropy). Jim also was Knighted by the Bishop of Erie as a Knight of St. Patrick for his contributions to the community in the name of Jesus Christ.

In 1997, Jim sold Spiegel Realty, Inc. which at the time was Erie's largest real estate sales firm with nearly 100 agents to Howard Hanna Real Estate Services. At that time, he set up a trust that allowed him to contribute the proceeds from the sale to many charitable causes that he supported.

Jim was quite active in his former parish, St. Andrew serving both as a member of the Pastoral Council and Eucharistic Minister. Jim was a former member of Our lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek. Through it all though, his largest focus was on his family and being very active in the Catholic Church. Jim was the recipient of the Saint Mary's Home of Erie Medaille D'OR Award in 2009 at Saint Mary's 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife; Joan (Seiderman) Spiegel, one daughter; Carol Ann Zuhusky and his sister; Mary Ann Spiegel.

Survivors include one daughter; Suzanne M. Spiegel Helfert and her husband Craig of Fairview, five grandchildren; Ryan James Helfert, Faith Marie Helfert, Alex Zuhusky, and his wife Sarah and their son Otto, Ben Zuhusky, and his wife Kira, and Joseph Zuhusky and his wife Alina; his son in law James Zuhusky of South Hampton, NY.; and his sister, Kathleen Spiegel of Erie.

Friends are invited to call at the Brugger Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1595 West 38th St. at Greengarden Blvd. on Friday from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm and to attend services there Saturday at 10 am followed by the Funeral Mass at 11 am. At St. Andrew Church. Interment will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony School Endowment, 901 NE 2nd St. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 or James Spiegel Charitable Trust, C/O Erie Community Foundation, 459 West 6th St. Erie, Pa. 16507.