



# Library Advisory Board Meeting

## Thursday, July 20, 2023

### Locations: via Zoom

At large-Groves  
At Large- Murphy

District 1- vacant  
District 2-vacant  
District 3- Tempestini

District 4- vacant  
District 5- vacant  
District 6- vacant  
District 7- Aoh

## AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2023**
- 3. Library Reports**
  - a. Report of the Director- Sheryl
  - b. Review of Financial Report- Deana
  - c. Statistical and Other Reports- Sheryl
  - d. Report of District Consultant No report available
- 4. Board and Committee Reports**
  - a. Report of County Council Liaison
  - b. Report of Friends of the Library
  - c. Report of Erie Regional Library Foundation
- 5. Unfinished Business- None**
- 6. New Business-**
  - a. Recommendations for current vacancies
  - b. Election of New Officers
  - c. Changing meeting time of Board
  - d. Library display policy
- 7. Adjournment**
- 8. Appendix**
  - a. Announcements-
  - b. Public Comments-
  - c. News Articles-

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#### **Connections-**

**Keystone Grant Elevator Work** -- Work on the Blasco Library elevators has begun. Both elevators will be refurbished after 25+ years of service and will essentially be 'brand new'. The public elevator is being done first and, once work is complete and inspections done, the staff/freight elevator will be done. While the public elevator is inaccessible, staff are escorting patrons to the staff elevator when needed. This project is supported in part through a grant from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Pennsylvania Department of Education, with funds provided from the Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund.

**WQLN at Iroquois** – Brian Hannah, host of Classics with Brian Hannah on WQLN NPR, did a live broadcast from the Iroquois Branch. Live music and singers were included at the branch and Jessica Stefano promoted library programs across all locations on live radio.

#### **Collections-**

**Opioid Settlement Grant** – the Library was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Opioid Settlement fund. The grant provides \$10,000 to purchase collection materials and programming giveaways that focus on addiction, recovery and other related materials. These collection materials will be available to the entirety of Erie County. The more rural communities in Erie County will have access to these specialized collections. The remaining \$10,000 will be used to pay for presenters for a variety of "Speaker Series" at the different libraries. This will be an ongoing project in 2023 and 2024.

#### **Capacity-**

**Personnel Updates**– we are in the interview phase for two part-time clerical positions: a branch floater and a Millcreek clerk. Applications are currently being reviewed for the Idea Lab Library Assistant position.

**Social Media & AV Coordinator** – Jack Quinn starts next week in this newly created position. He will be our go-to person for JOC rental spaces including the H.O. Hirt Auditorium and the Admiral Room. Additionally, he will work closely with Alyssa Johnson, Outreach Manager, to spearhead the library's social media and online presence.

b. Review of Financial Report- Deana  
See attached

c. Statistical and Other Reports- Sheryl

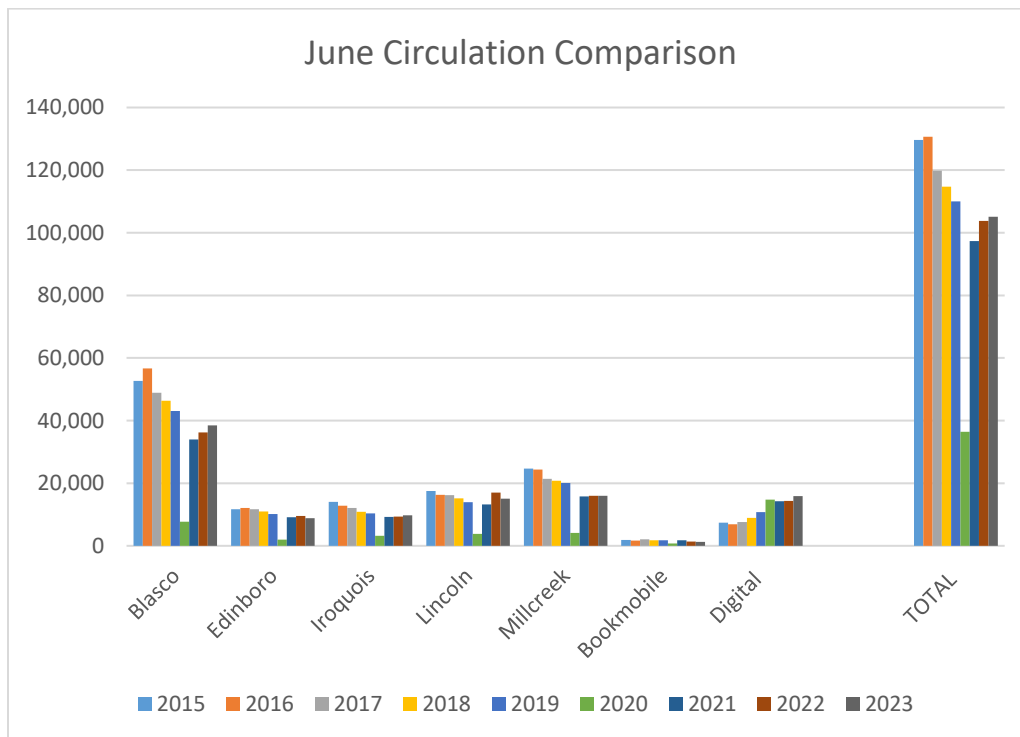


June 2023 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot

- **669** new cards issued (↑22%)\*, including **55** e-cards (↑34%)
- **4,306** WiFi logins (↓10%), **3,437** public PC logins across locations (↑7%)
- **43,592** patron visits (↑31%), **24,460** at Blasco (↑37%) and **19,132** at branches (↑24%)

Circulation



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Blasco</b>	52,633	56,648	48,880	46,287	43,014	7,686	34,000	36,239	38,460
<b>Edinboro</b>	11,660	12,059	11,677	10,963	10,132	2,012	9,082	9,507	8,844
<b>Iroquois</b>	13,991	12,816	12,105	10,902	10,307	3,220	9,264	9,317	9,694
<b>Lincoln</b>	17,472	16,276	16,136	15,165	13,983	3,772	13,177	16,994	15,059
<b>Millcreek</b>	24,684	24,338	21,348	20,769	20,040	4,172	15,815	15,992	15,957
<b>Bookmobile</b>	1,864	1,641	2,108	1,743	1,733	785	1,745	1,391	1,214
<b>Digital</b>	7,362	6,915	7,615	8,918	10,754	14,748	14,234	14,316	15,858
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129,666</b>	<b>130,693</b>	<b>119,869</b>	<b>114,747</b>	<b>109,963</b>	<b>36,395</b>	<b>97,317</b>	<b>103,756</b>	<b>105,086</b>

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The next board meeting will be on Thursday, August 17 at noon at the Millcreek Branch.

- b. Public Comments-
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## Summer

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Watch people flying kites at Sunset Point or "the kite beach," which is just west of Beach 10 at Presque Isle State Park. Or pick up an inexpensive kite and try it yourself. The wind, if there is any, is perfect there.

### Erie's Black history

Discover "A Trail of Shared Heritage," a 29-stop tour of African Americans in Erie County that has been 10 years in the making. Many of the stops are free, and all you need is a fold-out brochure that contains a map and extensive descriptions of why each site is included. The driving tour encompasses both existing structures as well as locations where physical evidence of the past is long gone. The tour includes a marker outside the Erie Maritime Museum, a trip inside the Heritage Room at Blasco [Library](#), the Pennsylvania Soldier's and Sailor's Home, the Harry T. Burleigh homestead, Vosburgh Mansion and Barber Shop, New Jerusalem, Bayview Park and many others. Find the tour, an audio presentation and much more at [sharedheritage.org](http://sharedheritage.org). The brochure is pictured in full at [sharedheritage.org/index.php/driving-tour/](http://sharedheritage.org/index.php/driving-tour/). They are also available in the Heritage Room at Blasco [Library](#).

