



Library Advisory Board Meeting Wednesday, January 15, 9:00am Via zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85948600690?pwd=1326mAtyXfrLnHjBtxLZLrU1aWLITc.1>

District 1-Fischer (Secretary)	District 4- Howells (Vice-President)	District 7- Aoh
District 2- Rosenthal	District 5- Vacant	At-Large- Murphy
District 3- Vacant	District 6- Grove	At-Large- Groves (President)

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2024**
3. **Public Comment- (limit to 15 minutes)**
4. **Library Reports**
 - a. Report of the Director- Jessica Spitulski
 - b. Staff Reports- none
 - c. Review of Financial Report- Deana Cooper
 - d. Statistical and Other Reports- Deana Cooper
 - e. Report of District Consultant-Jessica Church
5. **Board and Committee Reports**
 - a. Report of County Council Liaison- Councilman Horton
 - b. Report of Friends of the Library- Kathleen Horan
 - c. Report of Erie Regional Library Foundation
6. **Unfinished Business- None**
 - a. Results of day and time of 2025 meetings
7. **New Business**
 - a. None
8. **Adjournment**
9. **Appendix**
 - a. Announcements
 - b. News Articles

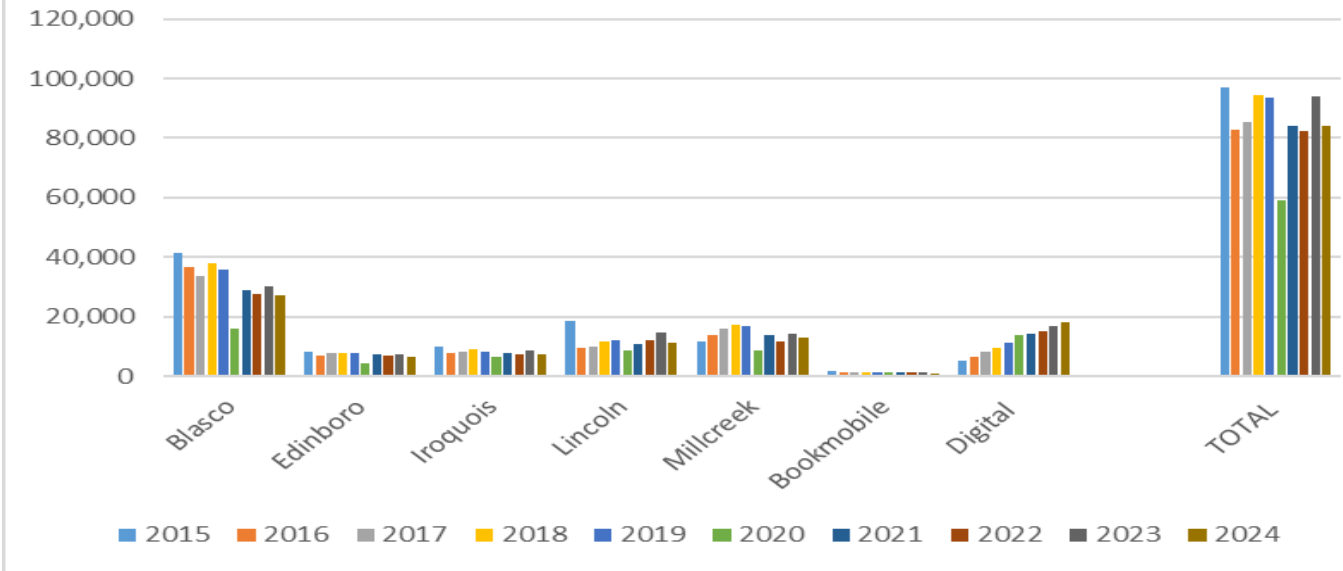
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 - Staffing Report
 - Assistant Director of Literacy Services – Position currently in the interview phase
 - Several internal staffing changes and additions
 - Branches fully staffed
 - Winter Reading Program Update
 - The Blizzard of Books Winter Reading Program continues through 1/31.
 - Positive feedback about the program and related materials
 - Increased media coverage of programming
 - Upcoming holiday schedule reminder
 - All library locations will be closed Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day
 - Annual State Report
 - Currently in progress
 - THRIVE in 2025 regional workshop for library board members, library directors, and assistant directors
 - Jessica and Jessica to attend
 - School Outreach
- b. Staff Reports- none
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No report for December
- d. Statistical and Other Reports- Deana Cooper

December 2024 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot

- **303 new cards issued, including 75 e-cards**
- **2463 WiFi logins, 1906 public PC logins across locations**
- **21,489 patron visits. We are down 8056 visits from 2023. Library closed 12/1 – 12/8 due to weather emergency.**

December Circulation Comparison



***Library was closed 10 additional days this month due to holidays and weather**

e. [Report of District Consultant-Jessica Church](#)

District Services Report as of January 13, 2025

Updates for ECPL LAB Report

Submitted by Jessica Church, District Consultant

Updates from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries (OCL)

- State aid for local libraries and County Coordination Aid was distributed at the beginning of January.
- OCL continues to move forward with its Statewide Needs Assessment. In 2024, they surveyed and met with focus groups within the field. They'll now move on to collecting data about the perception and needs of state residents related to library services.
- OCL has been working with the PA Department of Education on finalizing the draft of updated Regulations that will be submitted to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission, following the reconvening of the General Assembly and committee establishment.
- A steering committee of OCL staff and public library representatives are updating the "Getting on Board" manual with the hopes of distributing the newest edition later this year.

District Updates

With the new 5-Year Plan in mind, we'll be moving into annual Negotiated Agreement planning for 2025-2026 in the coming weeks.

County Coordination Aid & PLEC

As the facilitator of County Coordination Aid—a disbursement of State Aid to counties that receive financial support from their county government—Erie County Public Library will be applying for another round E-Rate for many of the PLEC locations. E-Rate is a form of federal-level aid that reduces internet bills for schools and public libraries drastically, usually between 70% and 90% depending on a variety of factors. County Coordination Aid is used to pay the remaining internet invoices for PLEC's 11 physical locations. When applicable, applications can also be filed for connectivity and networking support on eligible projects.

District Member Spotlight: Saegertown Area Library

Website: <https://saegertown.ccfls.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/saegertownlibrary>

The very first library was created around 1906 by the Saegertown Women's Improvement Club and operated for many years. Due to a lack of resources, library services went on hiatus until the late 1970s, when community members got together with the goal of creating a new community library. Through the hard work of the members, fundraisers, community donations and businesses, the new Saegertown Area Library was opened in August 1984. It was located in what is now known as the Saegertown Heritage building. This location ran out of space to properly serve the community, so in 1998, another major fundraising campaign was organized to renovate the old fire hall across the street for the current site of the library.

Saegertown works to provide its community with a variety of programming including History and Hot Chocolate, where folks can come together to chat about local history. They also offer Crafternoons, movie nights, and book club options like their Reader's Choice book club featuring a general theme or genre.



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- a. Announcements

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:00am via zoom

- b. News Articles

Erie loves the Great American Book Sale. When to mark your calendar for the 2025 event.

January 11, 2025 | Erie Times-News: Web Edition Articles (PA)

Author/Byline: Staff report | Section: Entertainment

243 Words | Readability: Lexile: 980, grade level(s): 6 7

Read News Document

For a certain segment of Erie County residents, the countdown is already on to June.

That's when the Friends of the Erie County Library will again put on the annual Great American Book Sale.

The Friends use revenue from book sales and other fundraising sources to support library programs, special events, outreach and library staff development. More than \$75,000 was budgeted for such expenses in 2024.

The No. 1 source of revenue is the Great American Book Sale. In 2024, books were priced \$2 for hardcover and large paperbacks, \$1 for regular paperbacks and children's books, and 50 cents for paperbacks.

However, it's not the only sale on the calendar. Two other events will take place before crowds descend on the Flo Fabrizio Ice Center in June, and another is scheduled just before Halloween.

Here's when and where to find the Friends' low-cost book sales in 2025:

Check it out: Book borrowed in 1973 returned to Titusville library, with donation

Book Lovers Sale

When: Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Feb. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Admiral Room, Blasco Library

Swing Into Spring Sale

When: May 15, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; May 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and May 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Admiral Room, Blasco Library

Great American Book Sale

When: June 15-19, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and June 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Flo Fabrizio Ice Center, 527 W. 38th St.

S-Book-Tacular Sale

When: Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Admiral Room, Blasco Library

Winter Reading Challenge Spot

 [Blizzard of Books.mp4](#)