

Atglen Public Library

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Robbyn Kehoe, Director

3,761

Population Served

15,373

Customer Visits

39,388

Total Circulation

344

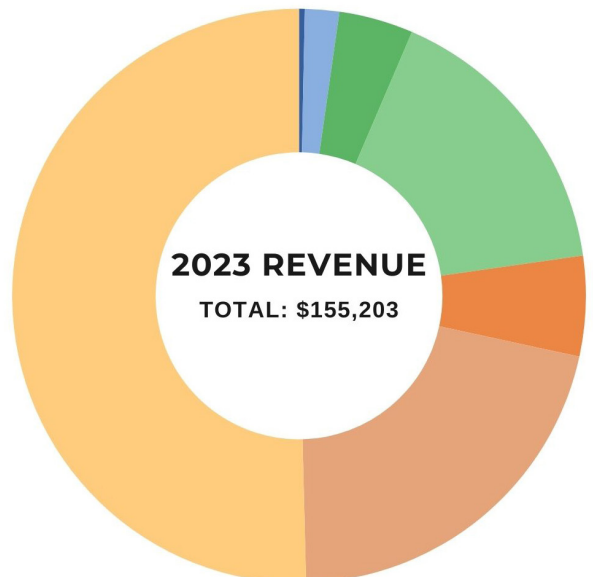
Total Programs

3,271

Program Attendance



“The library is our favorite place in town. We always feel welcomed when we walk in the door. It has allowed us as a family to connect with our neighbors in ways we didn’t even think of!”



Excite

Chester County Immunization Coalition and the National Science Foundation brought us Data Detectives, a 15-hour pilot program that uses live COVID-19 data to teach youth to model information. Using our big screen and laptops pooled with the CCLS and JTC laptop labs, a local high school biology teacher ran the week-long program. It was an excellent collaboration made possible by having resources on hand.

Experience

Using board games and technical equipment from the VGCUSA PAsmart grant, we developed two programs focusing on social-emotional learning for preschoolers and grades 2-5. Participants practice turn-taking, handling disappointment, social norms, and more while having fun. We have seen social progress in all of the children, including those who are neurodivergent.

“Libraries can be magical and Atglen Library is a shining example of that. They are warm and welcoming. It is wonderful to have a community-based library that cares about its patrons.”

Embrace

Awareness of the importance of social connections increased during the pandemic. We provide opportunities for those connections through textile arts, using the gathering space in our new building.

“The crochet group brought me back to life after retirement. I found new friends. It brought me such joy. It provided a place to pause and enjoy the good in the other. The sewing group as well as quilting are inspiring. I always leave a better person.”

Evolve

APL enjoyed overall growth in 2023. County ARPA funds enabled the purchase of tables and chairs to facilitate programming and the development of the collection of Spanish-language picture books, teen e-books, museum passes, and STEM kits. The next steps are to expand the general collection, provide a dedicated maker space, and increase staffing.

