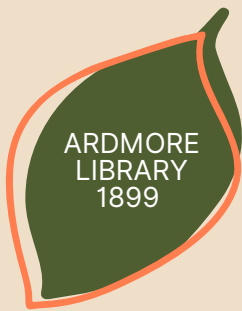
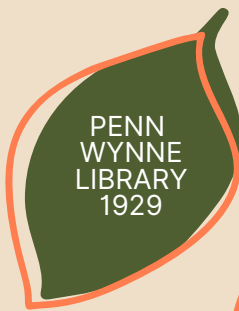




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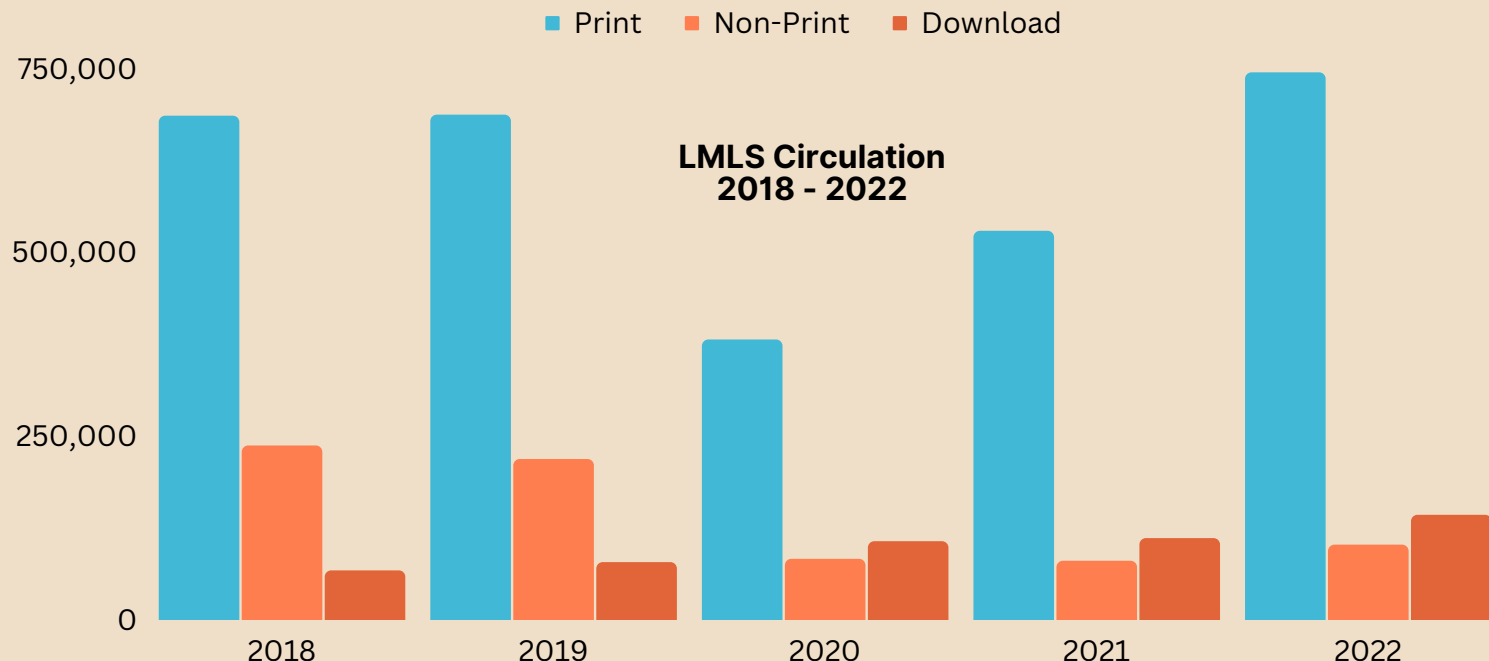
# LOWER MERION LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT

2022 was our first full year of 'normal', with Lower Merion Libraries returning to full service hours. We experienced increased patron visits, circulation, and offered an expanded number of programs. We continued to employ the new tools we developed during the pandemic, such as virtual and hybrid programs allowing us to increase access and community engagement. We are pleased to offer this brief report, and we thank all of our community members who support Lower Merion's public libraries!

Lynn Williamson, Director of Libraries  
Betty-Ann Izenman, LMLS Board President

Did you know that  
LMLS started  
automatic renewal  
in November 2022?

## Circulation has rebounded and exceeded pre-pandemic levels



## Ardmore Library

108 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003  
(610) 642-5187

Square Footage: 7,536

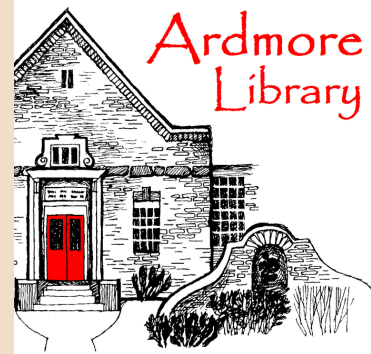
Number of Items in Collection: 45,500

Annual Circulation: 64,800

Active Patrons: 4,200

### Known For:

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Club and a new Board  
Game Night for adults  
Music and Sensory Playgroups



## Bala Cynwyd Library

131 Old Lancaster Rd., Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004  
(610) 664-1196

Square Footage: 24,834

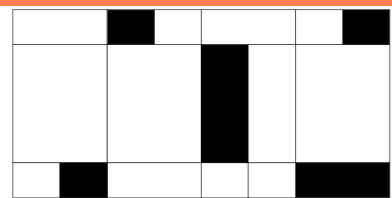
Number of Items in Collection: 119,000

Annual Circulation: 283,800

Active Patrons: 9,400

### Known For:

Collection of music CDs and scores, music  
concerts, author events for adults; abundance  
of children's programs



Bala Cynwyd  
Library est. 1915



## Belmont Hills Library

120 Mary Watersford Rd., Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004  
(610) 664-8427

Square Footage: 5,837

Number of Items in Collection: 25,800

Annual Circulation: 33,400

Active Patrons: 1,550

### Known For:

Proximity to the public pool,  
small and cozy, butterfly garden,  
abundance of children's programs



## Gladwyne Library

362 Righters Mill Rd., Gladwyne, PA 19035  
(610) 642-3957



Square Footage: 6,480

Number of Items in Collection: 46,300

Annual Circulation: 55,400

Active Patrons: 2,058

### **Known for:**

Local history materials, children's programs, cookbooks, gardening books, and reading groups for adults

## Ludington Library

5 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
(610) 525-1776

Square Footage: 39,825

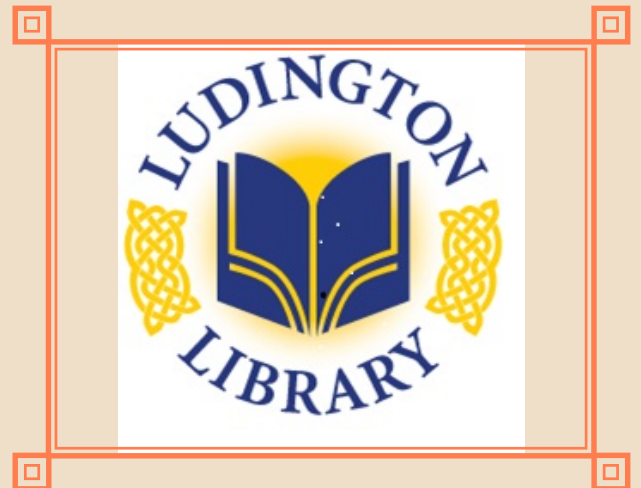
Number of Items in Collection: 152,000

Annual Circulation: 284,000

Active Patrons: 13,400

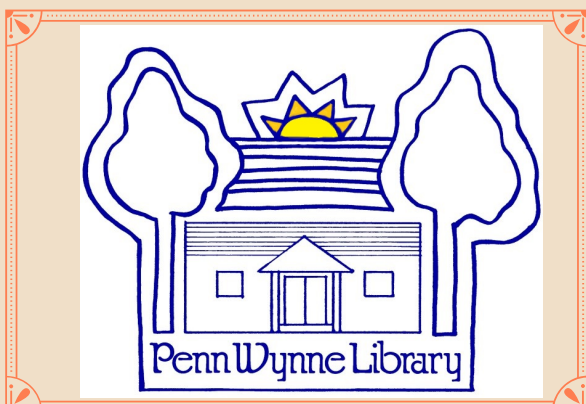
### **Known For:**

Flagship library of the system, circulating board game collection, circulating cake pans, used books store, beautiful reading porch



## Penn Wynne Library

130 Overbrook Parkway, Wynnewood, PA 19096  
(610) 642-7844



Square Footage: 7751

Number of Items in Collection: 51,000

Annual Circulation: 125,300

Active Patrons: 4,050

### **Known for:**

Reading Garden in development, cake pan collection, and abundance of children's programs

# How Lower Merion Libraries are funded

**Fundraising by Local Libraries and the Lower Merion Library Foundation, 10%**

Books and materials, children's and adult programming

**PA Public Library Subsidy, 5%**

Technology, databases, e-resources

**Lower Merion Township, 85%**

Staff salaries and building maintenance

## Beyond books - other resources we offer for free

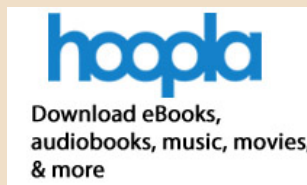


*Borrow a free Museum Pass*



Mango Languages

*Borrow a Hot Spot*



*Borrow a Board Game*



*Borrow a Cake Pan*



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