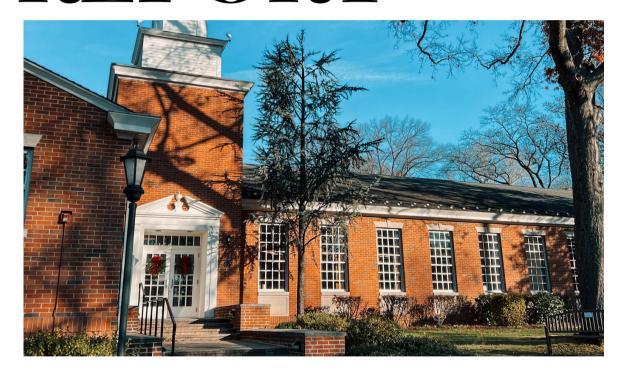


ANNUAL REPORT



2023





Librarians answered 7,668 auestions.

an average of **72%** of Glen Rock by checking out residents have materials at the active library cards. That's library. That's **8,730** patrons! \$2,380,901 total!



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"Library Night has become a highlight for the Fisher boys. The library has it all—a train table, a new Stanley book to borrow, and coloring sheets to take home. Can't forget to say hi to the fish!"

- The Fisher Family

Collections

As of the end of 2023, the library owns 76,922 items! In addition to our collection, patrons of the Glen Rock Public Library can also request and borrow materials from all 78 BCCLS libraries. Last year, our patrons benefited from our membership by borrowing 35,001 items from other libraries. We circulate much more than books! Residents can check out a museum pass, a cake pan, a bird watching kit, or even a leaf blower! Our patrons also have access to Libby and Hoopla to read eBooks, listen to

audiobooks and music. watch movies, & more.

36,343

eBook, eAudiobook, & digital content check outs.

170,776

Materials were checked out!

^{*}Based on the total number of patrons who checked out materials in 2023.



Coming Soon

We are working to improve access and offerings to create a more welcoming and inviting space that will enlighten, excite, and engage all of our patrons!

In 2023, the Glen Rock Borough Council allocated state grant funding to kickstart an **elevator project** for the library. We're currently in the early design stages, but look forward to providing our patrons a more accessible building in the coming years.

In 2024, we'll be adding more **dynamic program offerings** for all ages. We're especially excited about our new monthly after hours concerts on Tuesday evenings, generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We're **forging more community partnerships** in an effort to provide a wider range of events and services, as well as increase our physical and digital book collections.

And, while a large percentage of Glen Rock residents already have library cards, we're hoping to welcome even more of you this year!



Event Highlights

We held

287

programs
for all ages

8,699

people attended events at the library.

201
Children & Teen
Summer
Readers

1/5
Makers Day participants

Teen

788
Adult event attendees



Personnel

The Board of Trustees appointed a new Director, Brianne Colombo, in October 2023. Glenn Hoeffler celebrated 35 years of service at the GRPL in 2023! We are incredibly grateful to our staff for all they do to make the library such a valuable asset for the Glen Rock community.



It Takes a Community!



Have you ever wondered how the library is funded?

Funding public libraries in New Jersey is a collaborative effort between the State and the local municipality. New Jersey State law mandates that municipalities with local libraries allocate funding according to the "one-third mill formula". This means local libraries receive 33 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. In 2023, per this equation, the library received \$969,761 from Glen Rock residents and businesses.

This required funding provides the base of the Library's budget, but it doesn't cover what is needed to fund a well-staffed, well-stocked, and active library like GRPL! Crucial additional funds come from allocations from the Mayor and Council, the Friends of the Glen Rock Public Library (who support so much of our exciting programming), community partners, and private donors.

Just
.03%
of all tax dollars
go to the
library

Share your feedback with

us. We want to

hear from **you!**

We Are Grateful For Our 2023 Supporters

Organizations & Foundations

- The Friends of the Glen Rock Public Library
- The Lapkin Foundation
- The Yaw Paw Camp Foundation of Ridgewood & Glen Rock

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- The Bergen County Board of Commissioners
- Borough of Glen Rock Mayor & Council

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- Frank J. and Helen E. Taylor
- Ruth Willett Andrews

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Special Appreciation

- The Borough of Glen Rock Administrative Staff
- The Borough of Glen Rock Department of Public Works
- The Glen Rock Garden Club
- The Friends of the Glen Rock Public Library volunteers who run The Gallery, Book Sale, and special events

Our Board of Trustees meet monthly, and the public is welcome to attend: glenrocklibrary.org/board-members

