



GLEN ROCK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# ANNUAL REPORT



# 2023



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[www.glenrocklibrary.org](http://www.glenrocklibrary.org)

**106,023**

patron visits  
in 2023



Librarians  
answered

**7,668**

questions.

*The Gallery: Daily Artist*



*Stay & play!*



Patrons saved  
an average of

**\$766\***

by checking out  
materials at the  
library. That's  
**\$2,380,901** total!

**72%**

of Glen Rock  
residents have  
active library  
cards. That's  
**8,730** patrons!



*check out our displays*



## 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 BCCLS 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.



"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

\*Based on the total number of patrons who checked out materials in 2023.



**36,343**

eBook,  
eAudiobook, &  
digital content  
check outs.

**170,776**

Materials were  
checked  
out!



# 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.

**40**  
Teen  
Volunteers

**788**  
Adult event  
attendees




2023 Wine Tasting



Teen Winter Readers!

**201**  
Children & Teen  
Summer  
Readers

**175**  
Makers Day  
participants

# 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

## 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

### Government

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

### Bequests

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

### Other Individual & Private Donors

### 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](https://glenrocklibrary.org/board-members)



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hear from **you!**