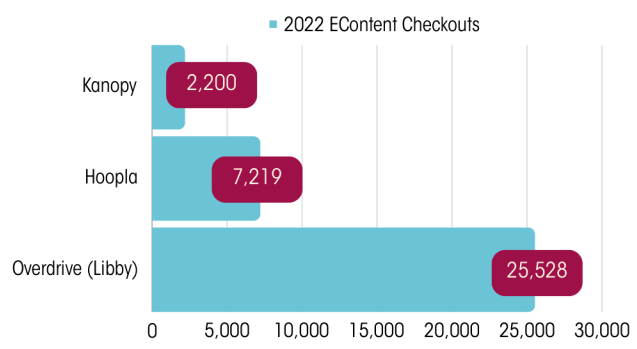


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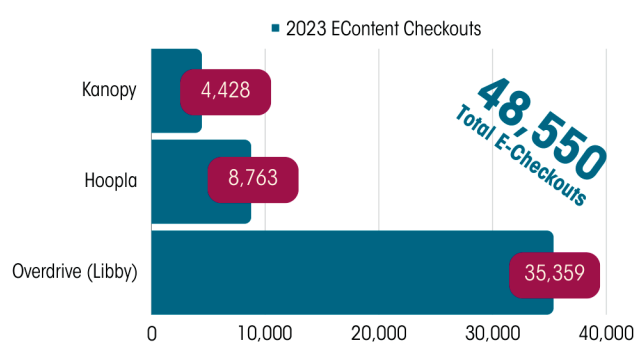
Programs

1,275
New Library Cards Issued

- Most Since 2012
- 3rd Highest ever!



Going Digital:
EContent Checkouts were up 39% this year!



JANUARY
The History of Chocolate in the Hudson River Valley

FEBRUARY
Hudson Valley Ebony Strings in Concert

MARCH
Traditional Irish Music with Brian Conway

APRIL
What's the Buzz? All About Beekeeping with Bob Reynolds

MAY
New World, Old Soundscapes with Ensemble Aubade

JUNE
Music on McFarland Presents: The Carnaby Street Duo

JULY
"Helping Drew" Family Puppet Show

AUGUST
Library Mini-Golf For All Ages
Our Most Attended Program!

SEPTEMBER
Kindergarten Field Trips

OCTOBER
Warwick Children's Book Festival

NOVEMBER
Library After Dark: Murder at the Mansion A Victorian Era Whodunit

DECEMBER
Performing Arts on McFarland Presents: A Christmas Carol

145,605
Items Borrowed

400
Average 400 Items/Day

Out of 47 RCLS Libraries in total collection use **#5**

No. 1 Checked Out Movie: **Jesse Stone**

Hogart's Legacy
No.1 PS5 Game Adults

Minecraft Legends
No.1 PS5 Game Children



In 2023, the Children's Department added 8 Playaway Launchpads to its collection. These pre-loaded devices are full of content for kids, easy to use, 100% secure, and best of all? No wi-fi needed!

What started with a Bocce Ball set and a few electricity use meters turned into our Library of Things, which officially debuted in 2023 and has grown to more than 30 items. Last year, our most borrowed "things" included the autumn baking bag, the popcorn popper and the Bissell Little Green Deep Clean machine.



17,609 Patrons Attended 1,604 Programs

Including

- 110 Teen programs with 799 attendees
- 472 Children's programs with 9,682 attendees



Building Community // Throughout the year, AWPL also partnered with other local community organizations, including but not limited to the Warwick Valley Humane Society, the Ecumenical Food Pantry, Four Seasons Kids, the Warwick Valley Quilter's Guild, We the People Warwick, and the Warwick Valley Rotary Club.

In addition to Things, our Museum Passes were more popular than ever! We offer more than 20 museum passes, including the 9/11 Memorial Museum and Westchester Children's Museum passes, which were added in 2023! Our patrons love Storm King, MoMA, Dia Beacon, and hometown summer favorites Mountain Lake Park pool and Thomas P. Morahan Waterfront beach passes.



We hosted an Earth Day Celebration in collaboration with Sustainable Warwick, the Repair Cafe, Wickham Works, the Orange County Audubon Society, Orange & Rockland, TACA Robotics & more, during which we gave away 115 native seedlings!

From the Director

2023 Highlights

ALBERT WISNER PUBLIC LIBRARY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

2023 was an exciting year at AWPL! This Annual Report highlights the diverse and innovative services and programs patrons enjoyed, as well as some of the metrics by which we measure our progress and success.

Every day, AWPL employees help our patrons get the information they need with kindness and respect, and this busy year was no exception. We welcomed more new patrons to the Library than any other year apart from 2012. Book groups met, Warwick's entire Kindergarten and fifth grade classes visited, tutors and students studied together, film lovers gathered every Monday afternoon for a new movie (or a golden oldie). Children's literacy programs were full-to-overflowing. Teens made the Library a second home and donated many hours of their time to support the Library. Meanwhile, we launched a Library of Things for patrons to borrow handy tools and equipment, and added to our free museum pass collection to make excursions beyond Warwick a little more affordable. The Friends of the Library staffed, stocked and beautifully maintained the Friends and Bookends used book shop, which generates funds for the Library, as well as offered special sales and raffles. Diverse concerts, lectures, art exhibits, an Earth Day celebration, mini-golf in the stacks, theatrical performances and the always-popular Warwick Children's Book Festival provided even more ways to meet, discover, learn and connect at AWPL.

We hope you will enjoy reviewing and reflecting on some of the highlights of 2023 at the Library, and encourage you to share with us your ideas for making the Library an even more interesting, useful and engaging place to be in the years ahead. It's our goal to continue earning the title of Best Small Library in America.



Together with and on behalf of the entire staff and Board of Trustees, thank you for being part of our library community, for your support and goodwill, and for the opportunity to serve you.

Lisa Laico

In 2023, we restored the Pre-Pandemic hours:

- Monday: 9am to 8pm
- Tuesday: 9am to 8pm
- Wednesday: 9am to 8pm
- Thursday: 9am to 8pm
- Friday: 9am to 5pm
- Saturday: 10am to 5pm
- Sunday: Noon to 4pm

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Completed our Strategic Plan - a 5 year roadmap for achieving the Library's goals.

Awarded \$7,500 by NY State Senator James Skoufis to develop a pollinator and sensory garden on library grounds.

Benefitted from 1,687 hours of time donated by teens and Friends of the Library volunteers - that's the equivalent of about 70 days (or 2 and a half months) worth of work!

Replaced nearly all our lighting with energy-efficient LED bulbs through an Orange & Rockland incentive program valued at \$35,000. It didn't cost AWPL a penny but has already saved thousands of dollars!



Sustainable Libraries Initiative

Enrolled in the "Sustainable Libraries Initiative," a self-paced certification program that ensures that AWPL is environmentally sound, financially sustainable and socially equitable.



Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes, through the Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation, generously increased the awards for the annual College Scholarship Essay Competition. Two college-bound students were awarded \$2,500 each.

Glenn and Susan have sponsored these scholarships since the program's inception in 2007.

The Friends of the Library raised more than \$10,000 in support of the Library's operating budget, through book sales and raffles, and the ever popular Friends and Bookends used book shop.

