2022 has been a year of coming back. More people are visiting the library and program attendance continues to grow. The library continues to offer some virtual programs, especially for non local presenters, but there is an increased demand for in-person programs.

Many community groups are booking meeting space. Individuals and small groups are also looking for study and work-from-home space. The Quiet Study is now available to accommodate this need.

The amount of residents registering for library cards has increased this year, helped by a new resident mailing that went out mid-year.

This year’s Summer Reading Club was our best ever! The Long Valley Junior Women’s Club contributed both funds and assistance to the Youth Services SRC, run by Youth Services Librarian Amanda Ort. Adult Programming Librarian, Dylan Vetter ran her first, very successful Adult SRC.

Digital circulation continues to grow rapidly. The Main consortium switched over to Libby for digital content, much to the delight of e-ink Kindle users. WTPL added Hoopla, a streaming service offering digital books, audiobooks, music, movies and television. The Main catalog also got a new look, switching over to Aspen, which is more user friendly, integrates e-content and allows for individual library customization.
Meeting space - a policy was developed to allow individuals to book the Quiet Study for virtual and in-person conferences, test-taking and other small meetings.

Circulation desk - the large "barrier"-style circulation desk that greeted the public as they entered the library, was removed and replaced with a smaller desk for a more welcoming atmosphere.

Collections - the adult new fiction and non-fiction collections were moved to the front of the building, which makes them visible to patrons as soon as they enter the building. Tiered face-out display shelving was purchased and is being used both in the adult and youth services area of the library to display new content.

Open space - Through collection maintenance we were able to lower the stacks in the adult section, as well as eliminate a row of shelving in the adult area. This made both the upper and lower shelves more accessible.

PC counter-style seating - two counters with electrical ports and frosted acrylic privacy barriers were installed, along the side of the building. The public pcs were moved to one counter and the other counter is for laptop users.

Aging building - less exciting, but necessary building costs this year included: roof repair, hot water heater replacement, boiler parts replacement, air condenser parts replacement, increased pest control, sidewalk replacement/repair.
OUR MISSION & VISION

The Washington Township Public Library's mission is to enrich the lives of our residents by encouraging them to connect, discover, learn and create.

ENRICH@WTPL

- Story of a Symphony
- Golden Age of Movies and Television
- The Cinema of Orson Welles
- Man's Best Friend in Art
- Yoga, Meditation, Qigong, and Nutrition classes
- Cultivate Joy workshop
- A Night of Magic
- Virtual Book Talks with a variety of authors

CONNECT@WTPL

- **Libby** - digital books, audiobooks, and magazines
- **PressReader** - digital magazines and newspapers
- **Hoopla** - streaming movies, television, books, audiobooks, music, and Great Courses
- **BrainFuse** - real-time, virtual, one-on-one tutoring
- **Ancestry LibraryEdition** - online family history resource
- **Mango** - immersive language-learning platform
- **Consumer Reports** - online access with expanded information for consumers
- **Main Libraries app** - search, renew, reserve items, and connect to WTPL’s resources
- **TumbleBooks** - a curated database of children's digital content
- **Peterson's Test and Career Prep** - digital exam and career prep resources for students
DISCOVER@WTPL

- Science Tots, STEM Explorers
- Nature Hunt
- Kid's Treasure Hunt - explore new places in the library
- Ocean's Rock - SRC programs
- Virtual Tour of the Intrepid
- Hanging with the Herps (meet reptiles & amphibians)
- Climate change and its impact on the Anthropocene
- Great Courses BingePass through Hoopla

LEARN@WTPL

- All About Sharks
- Super Lego Dogs Presentation
- Those Guys Robotics Demonstration
- Living in the Ukraine
- Lunar New Year celebration
- Fairytales through History
- Raised Bed Gardening, Seed Starting, and other garden programs
- History of Diners program
- Estate Planning workshop
- ESL classes

Hanging With The Herps!
COME MEET REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS
May 31 6:30 PM
FOR ALL AGES!

JOIN US FOR
A Dive Into Fairytale
Saturday, February 26th at 11 AM

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
Tuesday, February 1
4:00 p.m.
Kindergarten to 5th Grade
Learn about and celebrate the Lunar New Year! Through books, a craft and games.
CREATE@WTPL

- Draw-Along Workshop
- Make Your Own Solargraph Camera Workshop
- Flower arranging, cookie decorating, watercolor painting, felting
- Savory Salads, Apple Desserts, & other cooking demos
- Kid's monthly Make and Take
- Kid's monthly in-person crafts
- Teen Make It
- African Mask Making Workshop

COMMUNITY@WTPL

- Poetry Open Mic Night
- Story Slam
- Art Break Day
- WTHS - Memories of Long Valley, Historic Trains, 18th Century Architecture, Religion in Long Valley
- WT Recreation Committee - LV Friends of Fishing
- Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussions
- Book Clubs (social justice, non-fiction, morning and evening, teen graphic novel, I read YA)
- Genealogy Working Group
- Movie Discussion Club
- Outreach at Coffee Potter
- Monthly book club and materials delivery to Heath Village
- Garden Club Plant Party
- Monthly Puzzle Swap
AT A GLANCE@WTPL

- 117,901 print circulation
- 28,525 digital circulation
- 497 take home crafts
- 306 adult programs
- 430 youth programs
- 117 community group meetings
- 4859 adult program attendance
- 11,551 youth program attendance
- 868 community meeting attendance
- 13,497 days read as part of youth SRC
- 3374 reference interactions
- 4454 number of physical items added
- 2750 in-library wireless users
- 601 new library card registrations

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2022 STAFF

Thank you to the staff for all you do!

We would like to say goodbye to staff leaving this year, which included Kathleen Reich, Maria Birch, and Denise Ays.

We welcome Lucy Schmitt and Diana DiLizia to our staff.

Thank you to the community groups, organizations, local businesses, and individuals who have worked together with the library to provide programming and enrich the library's offerings to the community.