

# Many, many thanks to our Friends!

## Friends of the Rehoboth

**Beach Library** is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) civic organization that is focused entirely on supporting the Rehoboth Beach Public Library. Established in 1991, after succeeding the Rehoboth Library Guild, they offer support for the Rehoboth Beach Public Library in a number of ways:

- **ALL** money raised by the Friends is used exclusively to benefit the Rehoboth Beach Public Library
- **Every** new book, DVD or CD in the library collection as well as **every** magazine, newspaper and **every** enrichment program for young & old is **100% funded** by the Friends
- Promote awareness of the library's functions, resources, services and needs
- Collaborate with the library in developing programs and facilities for the community
- Receive and encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests to the library



**Memberships start at \$25/year!**

Visit [rehobothlibrary.org](http://rehobothlibrary.org) to find how you can help, too!

# FY 2022



## REHOBOTH BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY Annual Report

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### **Mission Statement**

Rehoboth Beach Public Library is a non-profit independent library dedicated to serving the Rehoboth Beach community by providing written and technological resources that encourages reading and learning.

### **History**

Founded in 1912 by the Village Improvement Association the library is helping to shape the future by supporting and encouraging the freedom to read, learn, and discover in a welcoming environment.

### **Staff**

#### **Library Director**

Alison Miller

#### **Circulation Lead**

Julie Pusey

#### **Program Librarian**

Lauren McCauley

#### **Circulation Staff**

Sharon Kanter

Debbie Reehorst

Karen Scaggs

Ruthann Winterhalter

Bonnie Wisowaty

#### **Youth Services**

##### **Librarian**

Elizabeth Miller

#### **Events**

##### **Coordinator**

Genevieve Pedley

### **Board of Trustees**

#### **President**

Tom Wontorek

#### **Trustee**

Liane Sorenson

#### **Vice President**

Kay Wheatley

#### **At-Large**

James Berry

#### **Treasurer**

Tucker Kokjohn

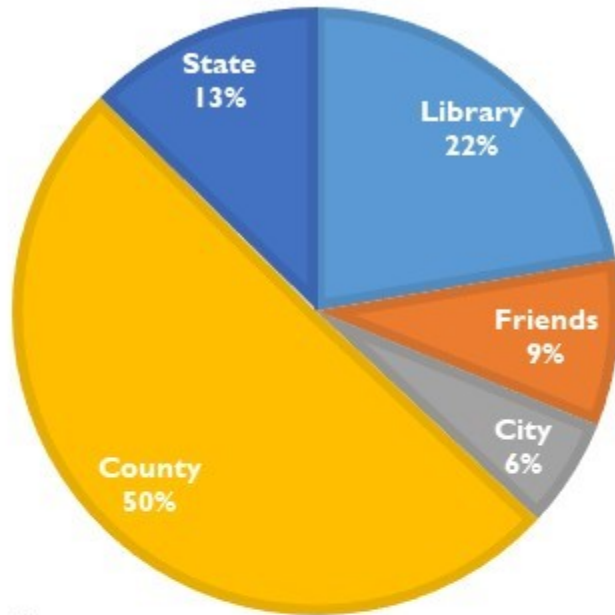
#### **Secretary**

Rose Marie Patin



# Financials

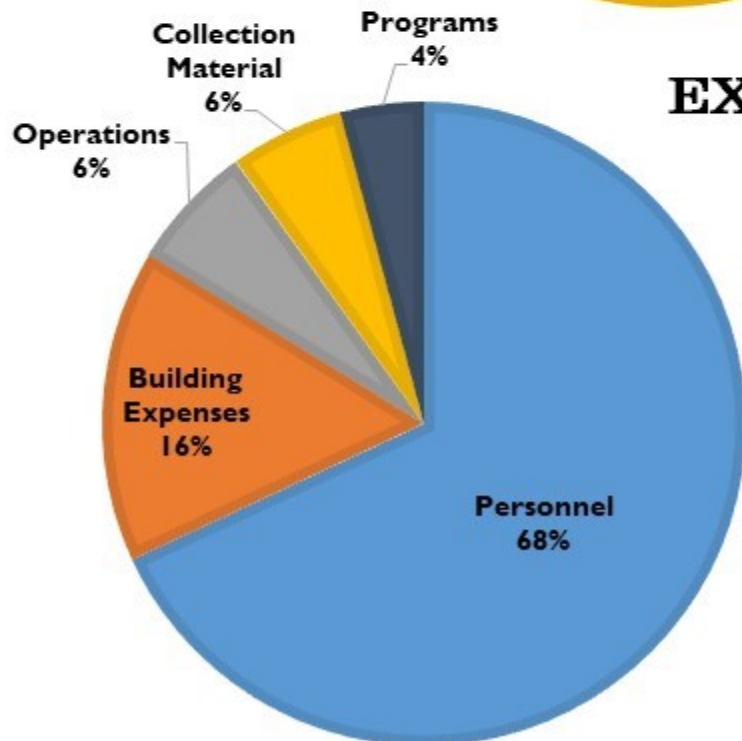
## INCOME



## Funding

Since 1975, the Rehoboth Beach Public Library has been an Independent Library. As part of the statewide consortium, RBPL has annual contracts with the State of Delaware and Sussex County. These contracts amount to 63% of the budget. 27% is raised by the Friends or library services. This year the library was awarded several grants to supplement the budget. The remaining 6% comes from Rehoboth Beach City.

## EXPENSE



FY	2019	2020	2021	2022
Library	43,386	87,709	121,782	114,430
Friends	36,000	42,000	25,000	45,500
City	15,000	18,564*	30,000	30,000
County	230,545	249,967	250,569	258,907
State	57,989	57,695	52,962	64,578
<b>Income</b>	<b>382,920</b>	<b>455,935</b>	<b>480,313</b>	<b>513,415</b>
Personnel	240,932	268,685	260,499	324,910
Building	70,680	69,424	64,423	75,017
Operations	21,632	21,587	25,534	30,201
Collection	29,645	23,740	25,634	27,554
Programs	7,809	9,027	6,293	19,644
<b>Expense</b>	<b>370,697</b>	<b>392,462</b>	<b>382,382</b>	<b>477,326</b>

\* City donated \$15,000; \$3,564 in kind water contribution.

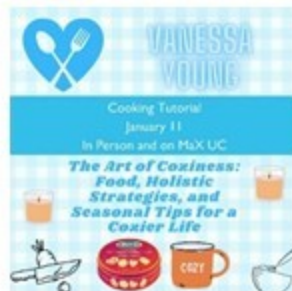
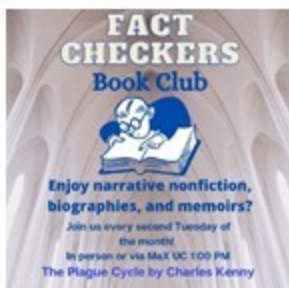


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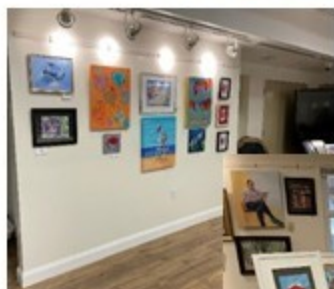


**Left:** Day in the Clouds: A Science Saturday Program partnership with Dover Air Force Base

**Right:** Hybrid Korean lantern class.



**Above:** Mermaid in Rehoboth StoryStroll in Grove Park featuring a face painting mermaid



**Above:** A small selection of our on-going and one time events

**Left:** Art Gallery featuring local artists

**Right:** Cookies and Cocoa with Santa





# Performance

Despite COVID-19 spikes and variants, Rehoboth Beach Public Library's classes and events been making its way back to in person events.

The library continues outreach opportunities to connect to our community. We attended the YMCA children's fair and the Beebe Healthfair.

The cooking classes with Vanessa Young proved to be very popular. The library provided kits to attendees for this hybrid class.

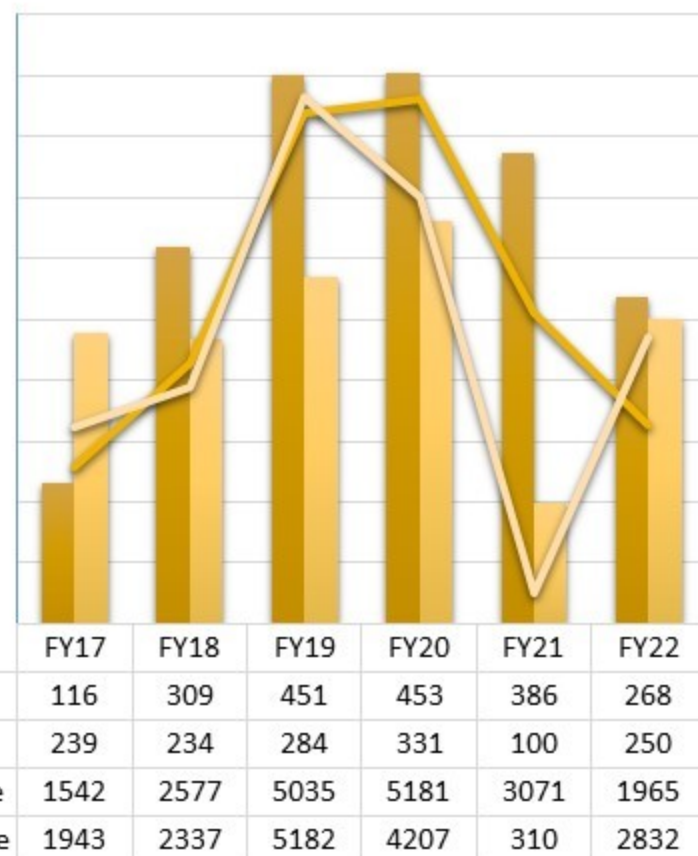
For Youth, Among Us IRL (in real life) was enjoyed by all. For the second session, we held the event after hours so the children had the entire library to play in.

Next year we want to enforce community connections and provide more programming for our community.

New Cards  
**1,189**

Visits  
**42,610**

Classes & Events



\*FY22 numbers July-December

Computer Use	Wi-Fi Use	Total
2,229	7,027	9,256

Special thanks to the *Friends of the Rehoboth Beach Library*, who supports 100% of the library's collection.

# Collection

The list price of the **2,326** Rehoboth Library items added to the Delaware Library Catalog totaled **\$46,427.81**.

These titles added were a combination of purchases and generous donations.

Item Type	Total Titles	Total Copies
Adult Print	1,210	1,532
Adult Audiovisual	283	299
Youth Print	433	439
Youth Audiovisual	29	35
Other	11	21
Total	1,966	2,326

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Circulation  
**67,177**

FY2021 physical item circulation consisted of **38,116** Books, **2,688** Audio, and **3,083** Visual total **43,887**.

The additional **203** Library of Things items and **23,087** eBook & Audiobook Overdrive and Hoopla digital circulations brings the total **67,177**. Did you know RBPL is the one of the top 10 libraries in Delaware for Overdrive use?

Calculating average costs, Rehoboth Beach Public Library saved our community **\$1,679,425.00**.