

UDPL Recognizes Over 600 Who Make the Library Thrive

After closing on June 21, the UDPL was transformed into an elegant reception and wine tasting. Much anticipated, this annual celebratory event aimed to recognize and thank its more than 600 donors and volunteers who contribute to the Library's success. Hosted by the Friends of the UDPL, over 200 guests enjoyed light hors d'oeuvres while live jazz music filled the air. Sommelier Veronica Ferrante led them on a guided journey through a selection of international wines.

The evening also recognized former Friends Board members for their exceptional service. Karen Preston (2010-2023), Robert Stutz (2010-2023), Susan Tofani (2019-2023), and Cathy Murphy (2018-2023) were all recently granted Emeriti status by the Board in honor of their long-standing and commendable contributions to the Friends' success.



Cathy Murphy was also recognized at the thank you event as this year's UDPL Volunteer of the Year. Director Cheri Fiory stated that Cathy epitomized the best in leadership skills, having served on the Library Board and the Friends Board, where she completed the second of two terms as President in 2023. Cheri also praised Cathy for championing libraries and for being a personal friend and mentor.



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Unwind, Unplug, and Celebrate Summer with Free Weekly Events!



The UDPL is thrilled to team up with Parks & Recreation to offer a jam-packed [Celebrate Summer in UDT!](#) lineup of free entertainment for the 4th year in a row! Whether you crave the magic of live music under the stars, side-splitting outdoor laughs that will tickle the funny bones of both kids and adults, or movie screenings in the auditorium to beat the heat, we have something for everyone. Come create lasting summer memories with us!

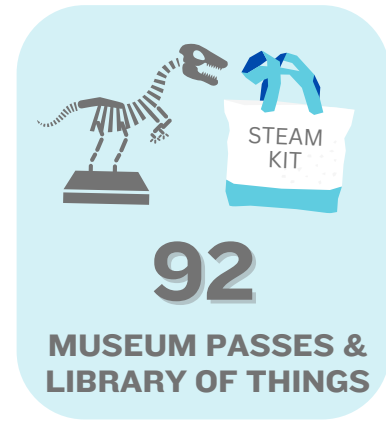
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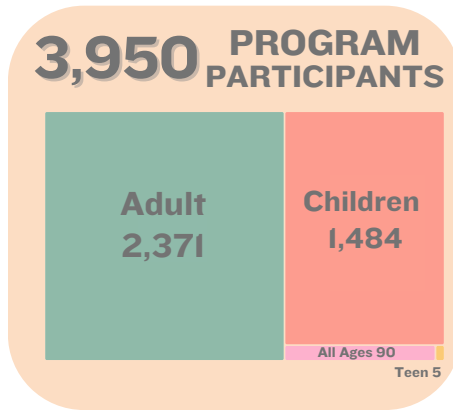
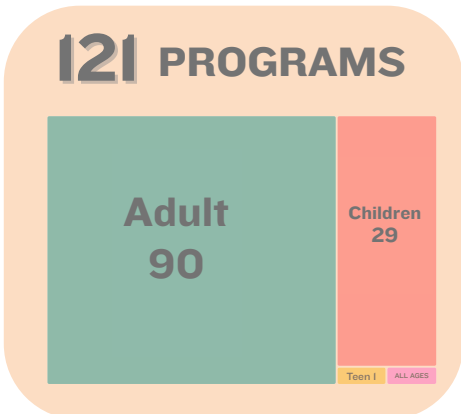
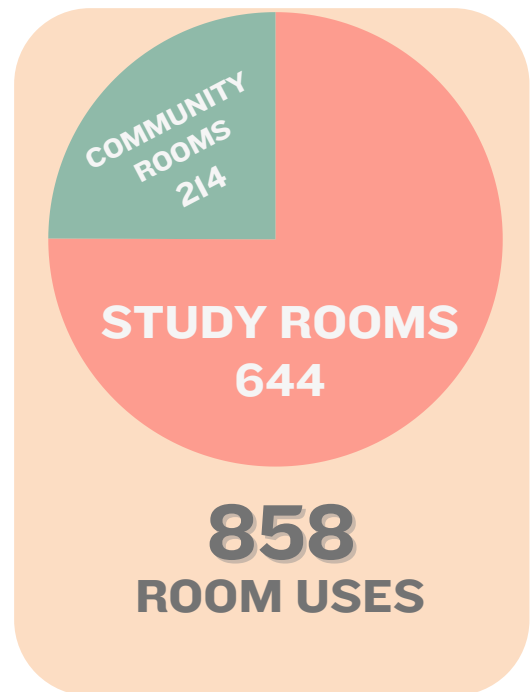
BOOKS & MATERIALS

36,002

TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT



PROGRAMS & SPACES



Adult Discovery & Learning EXPLODES This Summer!

The Adult Discovery & Learning series rocketed to new heights this summer. A record-breaking 420 individuals registered for this popular series with a total attendance of more than 2,000 across all sessions combined. From captivating courses like The Roots of Socialism & Fascism and Beatlemania to mind-expanding lectures, the series offered something for everyone's curious mind. Weekly lectures were a hit, with 90 attendees learning that "Laughter is the Best Medicine" and 109 staying up-to-date on legal matters with "Recent Supreme Court Decisions."

New this season, and a welcome addition, were weekly Food Truck visits on Wednesdays. This feature succeeded in inviting attendees and the community at large to join us for lunch and conversation, fostering a vibrant learning environment that extended beyond the classroom. Special thanks to From the Boot On the Move, Backcountry Bites, and Farmstead Foods. This incredible turnout underscores our community's thirst for knowledge. The AD&L series is clearly hitting the mark.



Foam-tastic Fun Makes a Splash at Summer Reading Kickoff!

Though Silly Joe's big kickoff got rescheduled, the UDPL's June 29 Foam Party created a bubbly blast for over 330 attendees! Forget just suds – the Library's front lawn transformed into a festival of fun with hula hoops, parachute games, frisbees, croquet, and more!

The excitement didn't stop there. The week of June 17 saw over 300 kids participate in our Countdown to Summer Reading program, and our special storytimes captivated little imaginations with themes like Bluey, Under the Sea, Story Hikes, Picnics, and Baby Bubbles.

As of June 30, 541 readers have registered for this year's Summer Reading Club, proving that at the UDPL, Adventure Begins at Your Library!

Summer Busy Bees at the Library!



This month, the UDPL buzzed with activity as it hosted several camp groups. The Upper Dublin Police Department's Cop Camp kicked things off on July 17, giving "cadets" like those pictured here a taste of police work. We also welcomed budding artists and engineers from Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation's Kidz Art and Bricks 4 Kidz camps, both held in the UDPL's innovative STEAM Lab.

North Hills Gets a New Book Nook!

The Little Free Library at the North Hills Community Center got a fresh start this summer! After five years of service, it was replaced with a brand new library, just in time for all your summer reading adventures. Thanks to the Friends of UDPL for making this possible. Remember, it's all about sharing the joy of reading: "Take a book, leave a book!"

