By the Numbers

Upper Dublin Cardholders: 10,994

Attending Events, Classes & Groups

Did you know? Overall, borrowing of the UDPL's ecollections (books, audio, magazines, movies, tv shows and music) was up 31% in 2016.

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Our Mission
Connecting people and ideas to educate, inspire and strengthen the Upper Dublin community.

UDPL - We're About You!

Gaining STEAM at UDPL

The UDPL continues to provide residents with new opportunities to learn and create in science, tech, engineering, art and math. UDPL launched Girls Who Code, a weekly hands-on program for teens. We also introduced six sewing machines and hosted our first STEAM Saturdays, inviting all residents to experiment and discover.

See the Library's 2015-2017 Strategic Plan

UDPL Reimagined
udpl.org (About Us/Welcome/Library Planning)
From the Director

Bienvenido. Bienvenue. Willkommen. Benvenuto. World Language Classes was one way the UDPL welcomed people in 2016. For more than a year, the UDPL has tapped into a popular interest in beginning and conversational classes in Spanish, French, German and Italian. Thanks to the Friends of UDPL and the generosity of our teachers, attendance is free though registration is required and fills quickly. We’ve found that weekly and ongoing classes and group meetings held at the UDPL do more than teach lessons; they engage and shape bonds among neighbors, forming relationships around shared interests. We’ve heard stories of friendships forged through participation in everything from storytimes to book groups and more. I love that by providing these opportunities for residents to come together we’re serving the last part (though maybe the most important part) of our mission--“strengthening the Upper Dublin community”!

—Cherilyn P. Fiory

Friends enjoy a wine lecture and tastings at a thank you event held in their honor (June 2016).

Finances

2016 Revenues
- Municipal: 50%
- Collections: 18%
- Salaries & Benefits: 76%

2016 Expenditures
- Salaries & Benefits: 6%
- Municipal: 7%
- Fines & Fees: 3%

DID YOU KNOW...? UDPL boosted its digital offerings to you when, in May, we launched Hoopla, a downloadable/streaming collection of 400,000 movies, tv shows, ebooks, audiobooks and music albums.

Highlights

• For Library Card Sign Up Month in September, UDPL and UDHS together shared the value of library cards with high schoolers. By end of fall, over 1,000 students had active library cards.

• Saturdays are now Sensational at the UDPL! Once a month, bring your family for storytime, coloring, dress up and STEAM.

(l) Alice in Wonderland celebrates 150 years. (r) 3 Little Pigs performed at Friends Craft Show at Mondauk Park.

(l) Fabriholics @ UDPL (r) Bestselling author Daniel J. Brown

• Reading to children leads to later success. Inspired by this knowledge, the UDPL joined the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten national initiative in April. Over 100 children are already registered. Sponsored by Kiwanis of Ambler.

• Through local and county partnerships, the UDPL brought bestselling authors, like Daniel James Brown (Boys in the Boat) and Alice Hoffman (Faithful), to the region.

(l) Between the Pages, the UDPL’s first newsletter, launched in January. Read the latest news and find program and event listings. Issued triennially.

Students learn to code with Dash and Dot robots.