By the Numbers

Upper Dublin Cardholders: 10,963

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

Giving Back to the Community @ UDPL

UDPL is lucky to have many residents who volunteer to give back to both the library and the community. UD Resident Anita Strainick volunteers her time to run the library’s weekly knitting group on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Anita also works with other UD knitters to create “knitted knockers” for women with breast cancer at Abington-Jefferson Health.

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Days Open
350

Total Borrowed
Materials
334,011

In-Library Visits
162,127

Programs:
1,133

Reference
Questions
10,577

Program
Attendance
21,171

Anita Strainick & Knitted Knockers for breast cancer survivors.
It's with great pride that I share with you the UDPL's 2018 Year in Review. It is because of the dedication and hard work of so many, including township staff, volunteers, the Upper Dublin Board of Commissioners, the Library Board, and many more that we have become the library we are today. In particular, the continued support of the Friends of the Library has solidified the UDPL as a place for education, culture and enrichment. Their funding has enabled the UDPL to curate and host hundreds of popular programs, including bestselling author visits, museum pass loans, STEAM experiences, and the annual 8-week Summer Quest. All these programs inspire and entertain thousands of participants for free throughout the year. I look forward to sharing another exciting year and bright future for the UDPL as we anticipate a new, expanded library at 520 Virginia Drive in 2020.

-Cherilyn P. Fiory

Miss Jenn, Head of Children's Services, reads a story. Early Literacy is one of the UDPL’s core missions.

DID YOU KNOW..? Our customer service philosophy: Upper Dublin Public Library values and respects every library member by: Providing a safe and welcoming environment, Staying abreast of innovative ways to ensure a fulfilling library experience, Seeking positive solutions to questions and concerns. Your success is our goal.

DID YOU KNOW..? You can search more of what the UDPL has to offer, 24/7, with the “Search Everything” box at udpl.org.

NY Times Bestselling Author Elin Hilderbrand speaks to a packed audience in July 2019 at Montgomery County Community College, just one author event co-hosted by the UDPL in 2018.

The UDPL brought exciting, bestselling author talks to the community. This year, working with other local libraries and independent bookstores, the library hosted, among others, Michael Smerconish, Lisa See, Elin Hilderbrand.


Kids went on a UDPL Summer Quest, with a revamped Summer Reading program, now including more active learning activities.

Philadelphia Inquirer readers can now enjoy the full-page digital version online daily launched at UDPL.org in July 2018.

The UDPL was awarded a $750,000 competitive Keystone Grant to further fund the new library coming in 2020.

Authors Janet Benton and Robb Cadigan joined Erica Armstrong Dunbar and NY Times bestselling author Madeline Miller for the first annual Friends-sponsored Literary Soiree, an evening of readings and discussion, in partnership with Open Book Bookstore.

We are committed to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) experiences for all ages.