

UDPL Kicks Off a Summer of Celebration



Two brothers practice writing their letters with our Learning Letters Magnatabs. Available to borrow from the UDPL's new Library of Things.

Even before the official first day of summer arrived, the UDPL was in full celebration mode. We are delighted to be a part of *Celebrate Summer in UDT!* in partnership with Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation. Following the success of the last two years branded as *Celebrate Summer @ 520*, the series has been expanded this year with new events to be hosted in various locations throughout Upper Dublin, and this new name to match. *Celebrate Summer in UDT!* kicked off on Saturday, June 3 with a special 40th-anniversary observance of Mondauk Common, UDT's beloved and most-visited park. Visitors to the Library table were introduced to the Library of Things among other programs. The mischievous storybook character Bad Kitty even made an appearance.

Registration for the 2023 Summer Reading Club, themed All Together Now, opened on June 19. Utilizing an app called Beanstack, children through adults can log their summer reading time and summer activities to win badges and other prizes. Nearly 400 children registered in the first week, and families have been flocking to our storytimes and special events. In particular, two hundred devoted fans got the chance to meet storybook characters Elephant & Piggy at our party for them on June 23, and comedian Ridiculous Nicholas packed the house in the Shanis Auditorium on June 28.

We thank our presenting sponsor [Volvo Cars of Fort Washington](#) for their generous support of *Celebrate Summer in UDT!*. We would also like to recognize [Acts Retirement-Life Communities](#) and our other sponsors for helping to make it possible!



Attendees to Mondauk's 40th anniversary celebration snapped photos with the notorious Bad Kitty.



Ridiculous Nicholas amazed the audience with stunts and tricks in his interactive family comedy show.



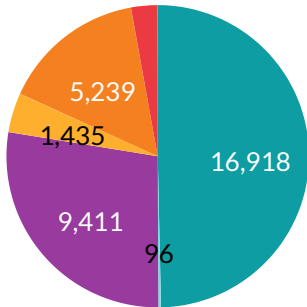
Even Ofc. Donald Thomas stopped by the Gnessin Children's Library to help us welcome Elephant & Piggy.



Readers of all ages read
103,769
 minutes in the first ten days of
 the Summer Reading Challenge!

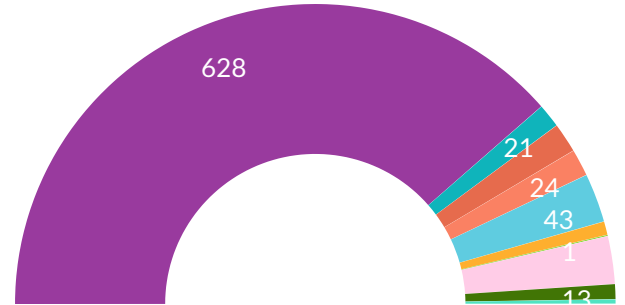


34,066 Items Borrowed in April



- Children's Books & Mags (49.66%)
- Museum Passes & LOT (0.28%)
- Adult & Teen Books & Magazines (27.63%)
- Adult & Teen DVDs & Audio (4.21%)
- Digital Content (15.38%)
- Children's DVDs & Audio (2.84%)

814 Rooms Used



- Study Rooms (77.15%)
- Conference Room (2.58%)
- Board Room (2.95%)
- STEAM Lab (1.47%)
- Classroom (5.16%)
- Nursing Room (0.49%)
- StoryLab (3.19%)
- Shanis Auditorium (5.28%)
- Lobby (0.12%)
- Learning Commons (1.6%)

Donors Make a Difference



The Friends of Upper Dublin Public Library thanked donors at this annual event on Friday, June 23. Guests enjoyed a variety of nibbles, including pizza generously donated by Maple Glen Pizza. They tasted several great summertime beers produced by Well Crafted Brewery in Ambler. Doug Bellenger, co-founder of Well Crafted, shared some background on brewing and Jazz Duo Masters & Hanrahan set the perfect mood for the event.



Friends President Cathy Murphy and Library Director Cheri Fiory with Doug Bellenger and Diane Molle of Well Crafted Brewery.



Highlights

Discovery & Learning Courses Resumed

While most students are itching for the end of school in June, attendance was high for the UDPL's adult learners. An abbreviated 4-week session of the popular Adult Discovery & Learning series was held in June, which included topics like Baseball: Immigration & Assimilation, Women Find Their Voices, Medical Ethics (a second session had to be scheduled due to interest!), Friday Movie Matinee, and Vikings in Italy, in which the instructor, Steve Pollack, held the first three classes virtually from Italy.

P&R Camp Outreach

Miss Shannon has been visiting both the Twining Valley Park camp (located at Twining Valley Park) and X-Zone camp (at the North Hills Community Center). No matter what the age, Miss Shannon finds that a funny story and a few games get the kids laughing and excited to have her visiting!

Notable Author Visits in June

The UDPL connected audiences with a selection of impressive writers this month. Award-winning Washington Post reporter and author Peter Loftus discussed his *The Messenger: Moderna, the Vaccine, and the Business Gamble That Changed the World* on June 8. In partnership with the Wycote Audubon Society, we hosted reporters Anders & Beverly Gyllenhaal with their latest chronicle *A Wing and a Prayer: The Race to Save Our Vanishing Birds* on June 27. Keeping with the conservation theme, on June 29 wildlife biologist Bill Konstant presented his memoir *Wrestles with Wolves: Saving the World One Species at a Time*.

UDPL Pages are also UDHS Graduates

Congratulations to library pages Ean Mills and Amanda Brown on their high school graduation from UDHS! The library is proud of their accomplishments and excited for their next adventures!

Good Luck Dr. Yann

UDPL wishes Dr. Steven Yann luck in his new position as superintendent of Lower Merion School District. His dedication and passion have made a lasting impact on our community, and we have no doubt that he will bring the same level of excellence to his new position.

UDPL Celebrates Pride Month



The UDPL participated in Upper Dublin School District's Celebration of Pride on June 16. Staff were joined by UD author Diane Billas, who launched her debut YA Sapphic romance novel, *Does Love Always Win?*, at the Library on June 21. Congratulations, Diane!

44

Children, Teen, & All Ages Programs

2,221

Children, Teen & All Ages Program Participants

90

Adult Programs

1,427

Adult Program Participants

Upper Dublin Public Library 2023 Statistics

| | Jan-23 | Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | 2023 YTD Totals |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| DAYS OPEN**** | 30 | 27 | 31 | 29 | 28 | 30 | | | | | | | 175 |
| HOURS OPEN**** | 282.50 | 248.75 | 290.00 | 267.50 | 270.00 | 275.25 | | | | | | | 1,634.00 |
| VISITS | 13,838 | 11,921 | 15,846 | 12,751 | 11,812 | 13,070 | | | | | | | 79,238 |
| REFERENCE QUESTIONS | 652 | 554 | 637 | 658 | 742 | 908 | | | | | | | 4,151 |
| BORROWING | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| eCollections | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| eBooks | 2,847 | 2,836 | 2,823 | 2,808 | 2,631 | 2,381 | | | | | | | 16,326 |
| eAudio (Audiobooks & Music) | 2,234 | 2,039 | 2,227 | 2,178 | 2,319 | 2,318 | | | | | | | 13,315 |
| eVideo (Movies & TV) | 95 | 72 | 75 | 104 | 122 | 122 | | | | | | | 590 |
| eMagazines | 445 | 381 | 415 | 371 | 437 | 418 | | | | | | | 2,467 |
| Total eCollections | 5,621 | 5,328 | 5,540 | 5,461 | 5,509 | 5,239 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32,698 |
| Print | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children's Books & Magazines | 15,193 | 14,334 | 16,493 | 14,541 | 13,435 | 16,918 | | | | | | | 90,914 |
| YA Books & Magazines | 781 | 674 | 828 | 784 | 757 | 1,047 | | | | | | | 4,871 |
| Adult Books & Magazines | 7,835 | 7,093 | 8,250 | 7,557 | 7,734 | 8,344 | | | | | | | 46,813 |
| Total Print | 23,809 | 22,101 | 25,571 | 22,882 | 21,926 | 26,309 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 142,598 |
| Audio-Visual | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children's DVDs/Video Games | 530 | 392 | 517 | 452 | 366 | 515 | | | | | | | 2,772 |
| Children's Audio (music & books) | 312 | 272 | 449 | 391 | 305 | 452 | | | | | | | 2,181 |
| Adult & YA DVDs/Video Games | 860 | 878 | 981 | 855 | 852 | 928 | | | | | | | 5,354 |
| Adult & YA Audio (music & books) | 528 | 513 | 520 | 542 | 563 | 507 | | | | | | | 3,173 |
| Total Audio-Visual | 2,230 | 2,055 | 2,467 | 2,240 | 2,086 | 2,402 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,480 |
| Museum Passes | 19 | 17 | 21 | 49 | 33 | 48 | | | | | | | 187 |
| Library of Things | 4 | 4 | 11 | 27 | 12 | 48 | | | | | | | 106 |
| Interlibrary Loan (non-MCLINC) | 15 | 24 | 54 | 23 | 27 | 20 | | | | | | | 163 |
| TOTAL BORROWING | 31,698 | 29,529 | 33,664 | 30,682 | 29,593 | 34,066 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 189,232 |
| MCLINC INTERLIBRARY LOAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shipped to MCLINC Libraries | 3,530 | 2,660 | 3,392 | 2,778 | 3,184 | 2,806 | | | | | | | 18,350 |
| Delivered From MCLINC Libraries | 3,119 | 2,473 | 3,290 | 2,371 | 2,677 | 2,838 | | | | | | | 16,768 |
| EVENTS, CLASSES, GROUPS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| For Children/Families | 22 | 39 | 47 | 36 | 27 | 37 | | | | | | | 208 |
| For Young Adults | 11 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | | | | | | 55 |
| For Adults | 38 | 31 | 69 | 68 | 48 | 90 | | | | | | | 344 |
| For General Audience | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 10 |
| PROGRAM ATTENDANCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| For Children/Families | 517 | 824 | 1,322 | 893 | 1,649 | 2,118 | | | | | | | 7,323 |
| For Young Adults | 134 | 328 | 122 | 83 | 60 | 33 | | | | | | | 760 |
| For Adults | 492 | 307 | 1,231 | 1,296 | 768 | 1,427 | | | | | | | 5,521 |
| For General Audience | 350 | 242 | 66 | 0 | 200 | 70 | | | | | | | 928 |
| WEBSITE STATS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sessions | 27,891 | 22,133 | 25,702 | 22,606 | 22,134 | 31,695 | | | | | | | 152,161 |
| Users | 7,460 | 6,270 | 6,985 | 6,576 | 6,444 | 8,869 | | | | | | | 42,604 |
| 520 ROOM USAGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Study Rooms | 703 | 593 | 767 | 611 | 679 | 628 | | | | | | | 3,981 |
| All Other Meeting Spaces* | 109 | 124 | 189 | 160 | 138 | 186 | | | | | | | 906 |
| Total Room Usage | 812 | 717 | 956 | 771 | 817 | 814 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,887 |
| COMPUTER SESSIONS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 528 | 490 | 510 | 498 | 417 | 481 | | | | | | | 2,924 |
| VOLUNTEER HOURS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Young Adults | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 12.5 | | | | | | | 33.0 |
| Adults | 109.0 | 96.5 | 90.0 | 90.0 | 135.00 | 152.0 | | | | | | | 672.5 |
| TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS | 109.0 | 98.0 | 90.0 | 100.0 | 144.0 | 164.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 705.5 |
| *This includes rooms in ReCPro and the Nursing Room in the Children's Library | | | | | | | | | | | | | |