



# Annual Report

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# from the executive director



Each day at Joseph T. Simpson Public Library we work to fulfill our mission as a community center for learning and leisure. Educational and recreational programs for children, teens, and adults are held year-round. Check out our impressive list of program offerings on our website events calendar:

[www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/events/SIM](http://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/events/SIM). You can limit the program calendar view by age group or type of program.

For the second year, the Beautify the Barriers community art project was embraced with creative and eye-catching artwork painted on the concrete barriers at the end of the library parking lot.

Leadership Cumberland selected Simpson Library as one of their community project sites in 2022, and a team of class participants compiled a comprehensive list of national and international holidays, month long awareness celebrations, and related book lists for us to use throughout the year. The purpose of Leadership Cumberland is to develop, promote, and inspire community-based leadership skills and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of Cumberland County. See all of the work they are doing at their website: [www.leadershipcumberland.org](http://www.leadershipcumberland.org).

In June 2022, the library's Board of Trustees took a bold and exciting step by addressing limited programming space in the library with the purchase of the former Agway building at 45 West Allen Street. Half of the space has been converted into a permanent home for the Friends of the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library's Book Sale Center. The remaining half, consisting of unfinished warehouse space, will be renovated in the near future to provide additional library programming and meeting room space. I am very excited for the opportunities this new space will provide. As of March 2023, we have begun the process of launching a capital campaign to pay for the building renovations.

While Simpson Library receives major financial support from state, county, and municipal governments, we are not a government organization. Rather, we are an independent 501(C) nonprofit organization which depends on community support and donations. Each year we need to raise a minimum of \$250,000, or 25% of our operating budget, to continue providing library programs and services. The services and programs that enrich our community can't exist at the current level without your tax-deductible donations. Thank you for your support of the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library.

Sincerely,  
Sue Erdman  
Executive Director

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## mission

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library is a community center for learning and leisure.

## vision

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library is a dynamic community asset that inspires lifelong learning, advances literacy, and connects people with resources for knowledge, discovery, and enrichment.



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# 2022 highlights



*Fun at the Paper Bag Princess Party, based on the book by Robert Munsch*

More than 100 volunteers donated 4,597 hours to help Simpson Library by shelving books, setting up for events, and keeping the shelves neat and tidy.

Purchased the Agway building at 45 West Allen Street for the permanent home of the Friends of the Library Book Sale and Donation Center and future library program and meeting room space.



*Adults learning how to use their iPhones and iPads at Simpson Public Library*



*Mechanicsburg-North Rotary Club cleaning up and laying a brick path at the new Book Sale Center*

Partnered with Upper Allen Township to create a Story Trail at Winding Hills Park.

Twelve artists painted murals on concrete barriers in our parking lot for the second annual Beautify the Barriers community art project.



*Beginning of the Story Trail at Winding Hills Park in Mechanicsburg*



*Ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Book Sale and Donation Center*

The 2022 Summer Learning Program, "Oceans of Possibilities," had 732 participants who read 6,713 books and 692,092 minutes.

The 2022 Annual Appeal Campaign raised a record-breaking \$62,305.

Grand opening reception with a ribbon cutting with elected officials at the new Book Sale and Donation Center was held the night before the One Day Book Sale in August.



*Children dancing at a Summer Learning Program special event*



*Story Time at the Read Across America Day Breakfast*

639 kids attended special monthly programs like the Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Read Across America Breakfast, National Library Week Celebration, Mental Wellness Day, Fall Festival, Family Movie Matinee/Dia de los Muertos, Family Christmas Party, and Gingerbread House Workshop.

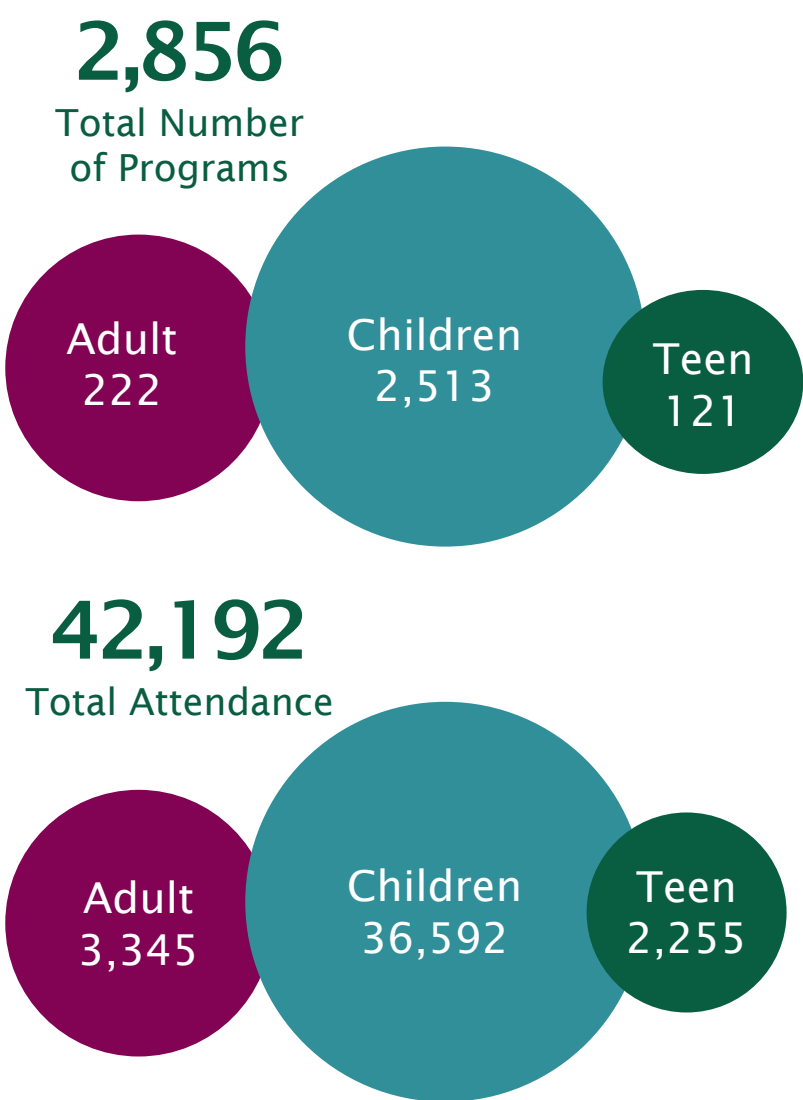


*Hand-knit scarves made by the Tea and Stitches group and donated to charity*

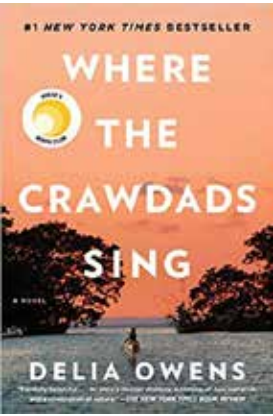


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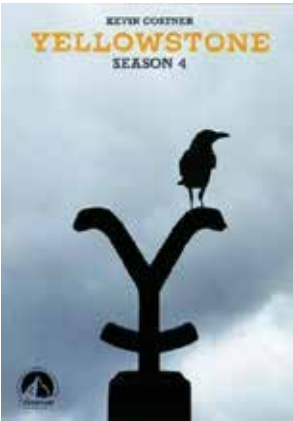
## programs



## most popular



Adult Book



Adult DVD



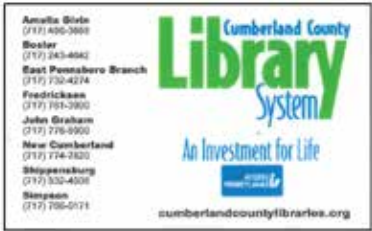
Teen Book



Children's Book

# circulation

**27,352**  
Library Card Holders



**161,086**  
Visits to Simpson Library

**469,264**  
Total Items Loaned

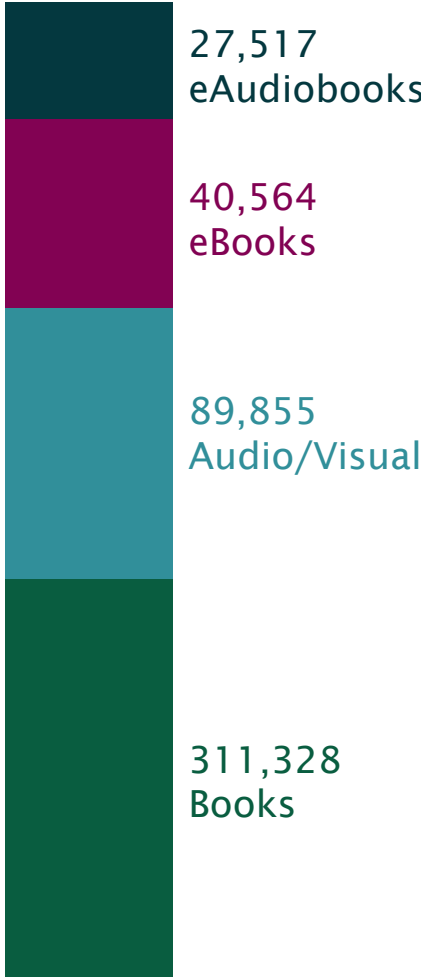


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