Library Mission
The Hoboken Public Library connects people with each other, ideas, and opportunities to support lifelong learning, personal growth, and community development.

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Library Staff
- 39 Staff Members
  - 30 Full Time
  - 9 Part Time
  - 5 Part Time ProLibra Employees Supporting Pop-Up Services

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Pop Up Library: 124 Grand Street
HPL By the Numbers

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Increases in Program Quantity, Attendance, and Location

- **Adult Programs:**
  - Attendance: 380 10%
  - Attendance: 9,074 22%

- **Young Adult Programs:**
  - Attendance: 1,226 123%
  - Attendance: 2,059 53%

- **Children’s Programs:**
  - Attendance: 589 (3%)
  - Attendance: 13,494 21%

- **Programs at Pop Up:**
  - Attendance: 56 100%
  - Attendance: 1,129 100%

### Library Support Organizations

#### Hoboken Public Library Foundation

**Mission:** To provide long-term, stable support for the resources and services the library requires to meet the evolving educational, social, cultural, technological, and informational needs of the community.

**Activities:**
- Annual Appeal
- Support Reading Garden Landscaping and Maintenance
- Raise Funds for 3rd Floor Renovation
- Fundraising Event: “Author, Author,” featuring Diana B. Henriques, author of the bestselling *Wizard of Lies* ▼

#### Friends of the Library

**Mission:** To raise money and public awareness in the community to support the services and programs of the Library.

**Activities:**
- Ongoing Book Sale
- Novella Night, and Novel Night
- Sustained Membership Drive
- Supported: Museum Pass Program • Saturday Fun Programs • ESL Programs

### Finances

- **Annual Budget:** $5,545,000
  - Personnel Expenditures: $2,764,458
  - Operating Expenditures: $1,391,665
- **Capital Reserve Expenditures:** $4,471,245

**Received a $50,000 Grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust for architectural planning of the 3rd Floor Renovation ▼**

**The Friends presented a check for $50,000 to library officials on October 9, to cover the cost of the design, manufacture and installation of new main entrance doors, exact replications of the 1897 originals.**

Conceptual rendering of renovated 3rd Floor Children’s Area
Collaborative Events with City Officials
- “Alone in the Darkness,” anti-bullying film screened at HPL, hosted by Councilperson Tiffanie Fisher and Mayor Ravi Bhalla
- “Newtown: What Remains After All is Lost?” a film about the Sandy Hook School shootings, presented by Councilperson Emily Jabbour and the Moms Demand Action Committee

Joint programs with the City’s Green Team
- Wellness Wednesdays
- Library Outreach Effort at City-wide Events:
  - Arts and Music Festival
  - National Night Out
- At the Pop Up Library, in the Multi-Service Center
  - Open 6 days a week
  - Library programs at the Pop Up Library: 56 in 2018
- At Museums: Children’s Story Time at the Hoboken Historical Museum and the Fire Department Museum
- Presentation at the City Council Meeting
- At Hoboken Housing Authority
  - 3 Library Corner Locations
  - Began transforming the Security Building at HHA’s Mama Johnson Field into the Library’s “Learning Center”
- At Mind-Body-Spirit (formerly the YMCA building), Library programs once a month
Embracing Technology

- New Website launched November
- Robust WiFi connection
- Sessions: 57,013
  - Active Users: 47,916
  - Patron Devices: 30,339
  - Library Devices: 18,008
- Expanded digital lending: eBooks, eMagazines, downloadable music and movies
- Learning Languages online
- Homework Help online
- Job Search Help online
- Tech lending: Laptops, Hotspots, and eReaders

Library Space Planning and Expansion

- Opened Renovated Lower Level
- Purchased two adjacent townhouses
- Finished 3rd Floor Paint Removal
- 3rd Floor Renovation Planning
- HVAC Replacement Planning
- Began work with the City to explore opening an Uptown Branch, possibly in the former YMCA building

Looking Ahead

- 3rd Floor Renovation
- Library Fair, June 8, 2019
- Continue Library Expansion Planning
- Incorporating townhouse space with library services
- Capital Planning for Further Expansion
- More innovative programs:
  - Sunday Concerts
  - Hosting Tech Meetups
- More innovative services:
  - Books by Mail for homebound customers
  - Book-A-Bag to support elementary schools

Providing the books you need ... when your students need them

The Hoboken Public Library offers all elementary school teachers a new and convenient way to borrow curricula-related materials:

Book-A-Bag