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Friends of the Hoboken Public Library
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Library Staff

48 Members:
42 full-time
6 part-time
MISSION

The Hoboken Public Library connects people with each other, ideas, and opportunities to support lifelong learning, personal growth, and community development.
## 2022 Operating Budget

### Finances

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2022 BY THE NUMBERS

VISITORS & CIRCULATION

NEW PATRONS REGISTERED
**HIGHLIGHTS**

**JANUARY**

- Created Community Engagement team to improve service to all constituencies
- Resumed Sunday hours, which had been suspended since March 2020

**FEBRUARY**

- New heat-exchangers installed on Library roof for new building-wide HVAC system, part of the renovation
- Hired a Youth Services Manager to oversee all Children's & teen/tween programming & collections
- Began holding in-house events, suspended since March 2020 because of COVID-19 pandemic

**MARCH**

- Hoboken Historical Museum granted permission to install HPL Self-Service Lockers in the museum's outdoor lobby
HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL

• Offered Period Care Packages & Hygiene Kits to the public at all library service desks, in partnership with The Flow Initiative
• Sponsored & held Infant CPR Classes, in partnership with Councilperson At-Large Emily Jabbour
• Opened the CyberCafe across from the Main Branch, giving the public access to loaned laptops & free WIFI

MAY

• Held Family FUNday in Church Square Park
• Began Interview for the COVID-19 oral history project funded by the American Rescue Plan

JUNE

• Kicked off the Strategic Planning Process for our three-year plan
• Launched the Mile Square Summer Reading at a community-wide program in Church Square Park
• Participated in the City's Memorial Day Parade for the first time
HIGHLIGHTS

JULY

- Began BookBike Story Times, a cooperative effort of the Community Engagement & Youth Services teams
- Activated the new building-wide HVAC system, part of the renovation project
- Initiated social worker services by adding a part-time Community Service Worker

AUGUST

- Story Times in Church Square Park became increasingly popular
- Summer Reading concluded with 546 participants of all ages, eclipsing previous records
- Launched Project ID Workshops in response to the Real ID mandate

SEPTEMBER

- Held a successful National Voter Registration Day at the Main Branch, the Learning Center, and at city parks
**HIGHLIGHTS**

**OCTOBER**

- A Community Survey gauging public opinion of all things library to help formulate the Strategic Plan was sent out. More than 800 replies were received.
- Trustees, staff, and community stakeholders participated in a Library Visioning Workshop at which a framework was developed for the three-year Strategic Plan.
- We held a very successful Library Festival in Church Square Park; this event featured the most attendees, authors, & community partners of any of our previous festivals.
- Chandeliers & furniture for the 3rd floor were delivered & installed.

**NOVEMBER**

- Solidified relationships with HOLA Charter School, Hoboken Charter School, & the Hudson School through classroom visits by Youth Services.

**DECEMBER**

- Provided a draft of the Strategic Plan to the Board of Trustees for review & approval.
- Offered Open Tech Assistance to patrons at the Grand Street Branch.
- Added "Code Blue Kits" to the Community Care Kits.
PARTNERSHIPS & 
ALLIANCES

Hoboken Rainbow Family
To host an Inter-School Alliance (ISA) of LGBTQ+ teens in Hoboken

Hudson Pride Center
To develop a collaboration with the Youth Connect for the Healthy Relationship Program

Hoboken Historical Museum
To collaborate on programs & publications and to place a Self-Service Library Locker in their outdoor lobby

Brain Injury Alliance of NJ
To offer Senior Fall Prevention & Pedestrian Safety events at the city’s Multi-Service Center
RENOVATION

RENOVATION OF THE CHILDREN'S ROOM APPROACHES COMPLETION

NOVEMBER 2021

CREATING A DEDICATED SPACE FOR TEENS

JANUARY 2022

DECEMBER 2022
From June to December 2022, library staff worked with MJ Gomez Associates to create a three-year strategic plan to enable the Hoboken Public Library to become a major contributor to the quality of life for all Hoboken residents.

This 2023-2026 plan gives the library staff a roadmap for everything from improving efficiencies in the delivery of library services to ensuring that the library is a safe, accessible, and inviting space for all.