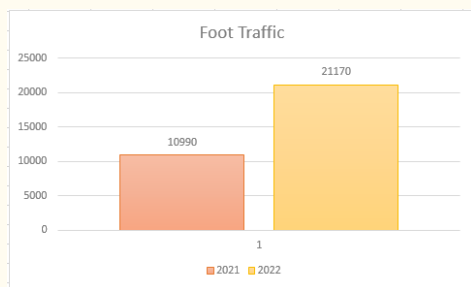


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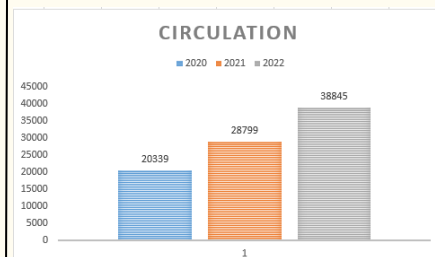
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FOOT TRAFFIC



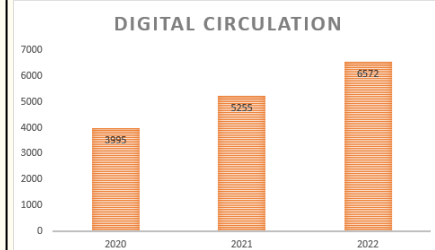
After closing to the public during the height of the pandemic, we reopened in March 2021 and resumed full hours June 2021. Foot traffic has increased **93%** year-to-year.



CIRCULATION

Like many libraries, we pivoted to curbside pickup during our closure and kept curbside pickup as an active option through spring 2022. We saw a 41% increase in circulation from 2020 to 2021, followed by a 24% increase from 2021 to 2022, for a **75% increase in overall circulation**. Our cardholders check out an average of 27 items/year, the highest ratio in South County.

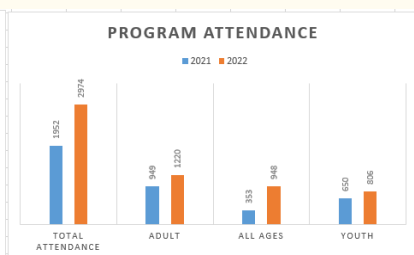
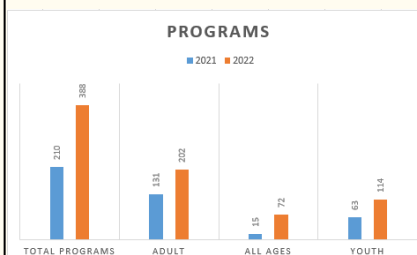
Digital circulation (ebooks, e-audiobooks, digital magazines) also **increased by 65%** from 2020 - 2022.



PROGRAMMING



We saw a 52% increase in program attendance from 2021-2022 as people became more comfortable gathering. Program highlights include Mark Scarbrough's literary seminar series on Kazuo Ishiguro, our summer reading "tie dye party," art wall and youth art wall receptions, the return of LEGO Construction Zone, and local author visits/signings with Dylan Kubis and Jana Laiz. This year also saw the return of the BSL Book Club and introduced several new youth programs (Read to a Dog, arts & crafts).



PARTNERSHIPS



Sheffield Saves (art swap cabinet, repair café, conservation displays)
 Sheffield Historical Society (Victorian Valentines program, Elizabeth Freeman screening)
 South Berkshire Kids (weekly programming/playgroups, StoryWalks)
 Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative (pop up COVID testing, vaccine bus)
 Berkshire Harm Reduction (monthly outreach van on Mondays)

Sheffield Tree Project/Land Trust (Arbor/Earth Day)
 Southern Berkshire Child Care Program (twice-monthly storytimes)
 Railroad Street Youth Project ("bookworm" apprenticeship in 2021, Q Club)
 Cadmus Life Sharing Association (cooking class)
 Sheffield Farmers Market
 Sheffield Pride
 Jane Green (STEAM)
 The Beekeepers (Sheffield-based playwriting/performing group - playreadings for Pride and Halloween)



BEYOND BOOKS



NYT digital subscription (Friends-funded)
 24/7 WiFi access
 Public computers, copier, and fax machine
 Children's playground (Friends-funded)
 Rotating public art wall displays (adult and youth)

Library of Things - WiFi hotspots (state-funded, now budget-funded), museum passes to a dozen local institutions (Friends-funded), GRIT chair, telescope, microscope, puzzles, board games, musical instruments (guitar, violin, ukuleles), cake stand, food mill, wool winder, wool swift, and more!