

Director's Report

February 15, 2024

Reference & Directional Questions

	November 2023		December 2023		January 2024	
Department	Directional	Reference	Directional	Reference	Directional	Reference
NS Children's	43	430	47	410	48	534
NS Teens	42	31	36	39	20	55
NS Adult	76	306	118	345	115	507
NS Circ	70	230	137	324	130	332
Mt Laurel	32	319	11	287	12	307
Total	250	1,254	349	1,405	325	1,735
2022/2023	287	1,044	272	906	323	1,159

Programming Attendance

	November 2023		December 2023		January 2024	
Department	Number of Programs	Attendance	Number of Programs	Attendance	Number of Programs	Attendance
NS Children's	30	933	21	1,019	25	1,124
NS Teens	11	161	9	148	9	263
NS Adult	11	200	9	229	10	144
ML Children's	13	361	7	278	7	234
ML Tweens	1	20	1	8	1	16
ML All Ages	3	137	2	160	2	85
ML Adult	5	103	4	37	5	73
TOTAL	74	1,915	53	1,879	59	1,939
2022/2023	49	962	57	1,462	65	1,473

Mt Laurel



North Shelby





North Shelby Library hosts patriotic tea party

On Dec. 9, North Shelby Library, in collaboration with the Oak Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Cahaba Coosa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, held a patriotic tea party for patrons in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

Patrons enjoyed drinks and treats, a patriotic craft for children, and an enlightening presentation by several members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Patrons




The Oak Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Cahaba Coosa Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution lead a program at the North Shelby Library celebrating the Boston Tea Party



A young patron thanks "Besty Ross" for making the U.S. flag

met and had their pictures taken with George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, and other historical representatives. One young patron (pictured) told Betsy Ross, "Thank you for making my flag!"

As the U.S. approaches its

Semiquincentennial, this program served as a fun and informative way for children and their families to learn more about the events leading up to this country's founding and to celebrate this important milestone in U.S. history. 


Upcoming Programs

All Ages | No Registration

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE-Palooza!

It's a Library Party!!!!

Thursday, March 21st @ 6:00 pm



Pen & Ink Florals
Mt Laurel | Adults
March 21 - 10 am

Home Sewn

North Shelby | Adults
March 12 - 10:30 am



Patrons Visits

Library	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
North Shelby	5,855	5,946	6,786
Mt Laurel	1,544	1,212	1,114
Total	7,399	7,158	7,900
2022/23	4,705	4,624	6,333

Cards Issued

Library	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
North Shelby	68	52	98
Mt Laurel	9	14	19
Total	77	66	117
2022/23	83	81	120

Outreach

AARP Appointments: 164



Free tax assistance at North Shelby Library!

Appointments available:

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays

from February 5 – April 10

7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Contact Kate at 205-439-5540 or

nsdirector@shelbycounty-al.org

Important Information:

Each person/couple must fill out an intake form available from the front desk or [from the IRS \(print your own\)](#)

Documents needed:

[Instructions from our volunteer](#) and [What to Bring from AARP](#)



- Songs for Sight - Low Vision resource fair at McWane (one of 2 libraries)
- Kristy took part in preparing other state librarians for Summer Reading
- Storytimes at Hilltop, DOCC, La Petite, Guidepost Montessori, Big Blue Marble Day Care (formerly Odyssey)
- Food drive for Shelby Emergency Assistance by teen
- Teen volunteers from YLDP assisted in Children's Department
- GSA Silver Award



Circulation Statistics

	Library	Print	Non-Print	Digital	Computer	WiFi
November 2023	North Shelby	12,375	1,677	7,005	496	13,691
	Mt Laurel	3,707	291	n/a	57	1,544
	Total	16,082	1,968	7,005	523	15,235
	2022	13,609	1,605	8,145	519	11,962
December 2023	North Shelby	12,284	1,919	7,022	338	9,829
	Mt Laurel	3,330	318	n/a	29	911
	Total	15,614	2,237	7,022	367	10,740
	2022	12,423	1,826	7,687	492	10,962

Circulation Statistics

	Library	Print	Non-Print	Digital	Computer	WiFi
January 2024	North Shelby	13,564	1,712	7,925	280	17,108
	Mt Laurel	3,492	343	n/a	34	911
	Total	17,056	2,055	7,925	314	18,019
	2023	15,598	2,025	9,098	577	9,952

Digital Resources

November 2023	Overdrive	Hoopla	Ancestry*	AtoZ Maps	Newsbank
	4,253	478	24	0	6
	Learning XP	Chilton	Tutor.com	NSL Website	MtL Website
	1	2	12	7,618 views/ 3,257 visitors	811 views/ 350 visitors
	ReciteMe (web accessibility)			59 views	14 users

Nov 2022	Overdrive	Hoopla	Ancestry*	AtoZ Maps	Newsbank
	5,508	518	1,134	2	173
	Learning XP	Chilton	Tutor.com	NSL Website	MtL Website
4	2	6	5,176 views/ 3,334 visitors	769 views/ 331 visitors	

* Resources in yellow provided by APLS; Ancestry available at home until January 2023, now only onsite

Digital Resources

December 2023	Overdrive	Hoopla	Ancestry*	AtoZ Maps	Newsbank
	4,300	448	26	4	20
	Learning XP	Chilton	Tutor.com	NSL Website	MtL Website
	0	2	5	8,201 views/ 3,559 visitors	776 views/ 338 visitors
	ReciteMe (web accessibility)			44 views	23 users

Dec 2022	Overdrive	Hoopla	Ancestry*	AtoZ Maps	Newsbank
	4,173	467	1,158	3	113
	Learning XP	Chilton	Tutor.com	NSL Website	MtL Website
1	8	5	4,694 views/ 3,018 visitors	743 views/ 310 visitors	

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Digital Resources

January 2024	Overdrive	Hoopla	Ancestry*	AtoZ Maps	Newsbank
	4,744	489	0	3	4
	Learning XP	Chilton	Tutor.com	NSL Website	MtL Website
	0	0	2	7,357 views/ 2,924 visitors	1,167 views/ 528 visitors
		ReciteMe (web accessibility)		129 views	33 users

Jan 2023	Overdrive	Hoopla	Ancestry*	AtoZ Maps	Newsbank
	4,582	478	616	4	60
	Learning XP	Chilton	Tutor.com	NSL Website	MtL Website
4	3	6	5,073 views/ 2,773 visitors	241 views/ 141 visitors	

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Building Maintenance

Completed:

- Water pressure regulator replaced
- Water fountain fixed
- Cabinets installed at circulation

In progress:

- Replacement of emergency lights near front desk
- Backflow preventer needs to be installed on irrigation system
- Water intrusion at Mt Laurel - reported gutters are issue, may need an additional downspout
- Mural on whimsical tree entrance contracted
- Whimsical door to be hung & Puppet theater painting



The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. The shapes are primarily triangles and polygons, creating a dynamic, layered effect. The central text is positioned in the white space between these green elements.

ALA Expenditures FY2019-FY2023

FY2019

Bookmarks & Posters	\$ 73.00
Conference/training	\$ 930.00
Memberships (3)	\$ 664.00
	\$ 1,667.00

0.122% of FY2019 budget

FY2020

Membership (1)	\$ 225.00
	\$ 225.00

0.016% of FY2020 budget

FY2021

Bookmarks & Posters	\$ 127.30
Conference/training	\$ 79.00
Memberships (4)	\$ 868.00
	\$ 1,074.30

0.077% of FY2021 budget

FY2022

Bookmarks & Posters	\$ 54.00
Conference/training	\$ 264.00
Memberships (6)	\$ 1,115.00
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	\$ 1,433.00

0.098% of FY2022 budget

FY2023

Bookmarks & Posters	\$ 65.99
Memberships (2)	\$ 487.00
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	\$ 552.99

0.037% of FY2023 budget

Total to ALA FY19-FY23

\$ 4,952.29

0.070% of budget for FY19-FY23