

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Delaware City Public Library

Address:

250 5th St.
Delaware City, DE 19706

Contact Information:

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 12,944 SF

Hours:

Monday	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

2,512 hours



Delaware City
Interior

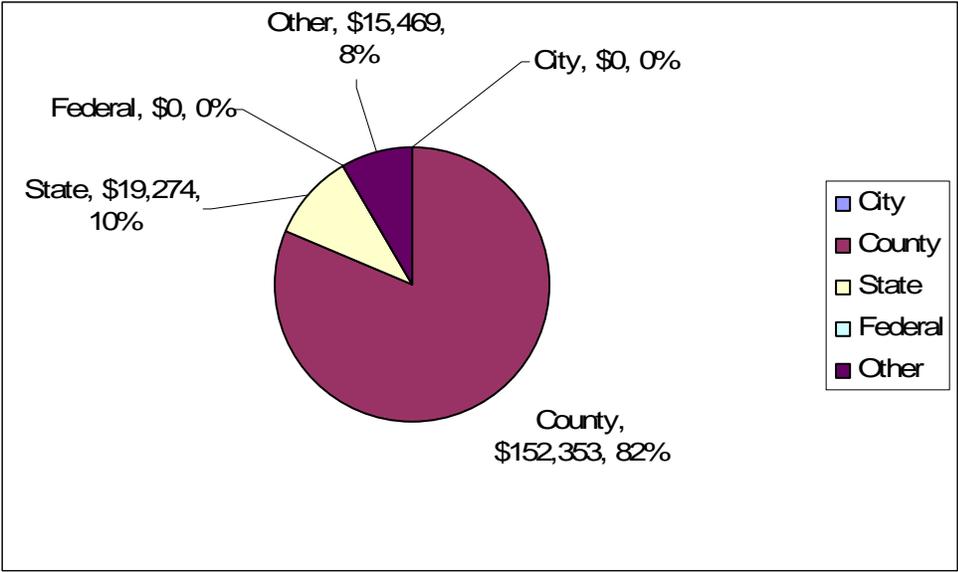


Delaware City
Children's Area



Delaware City
Adult Area

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

In 1971, the Mayor and Council of Delaware City approached the Delaware Division of Libraries with a request to provide library service to the area. Shortly thereafter, the Delaware Division of Libraries agreed to provide books, equipment, and personnel if the city would provide the space. Delaware City Public Library opened on March 19, 1973 and was housed in a renovated 1885 schoolhouse.

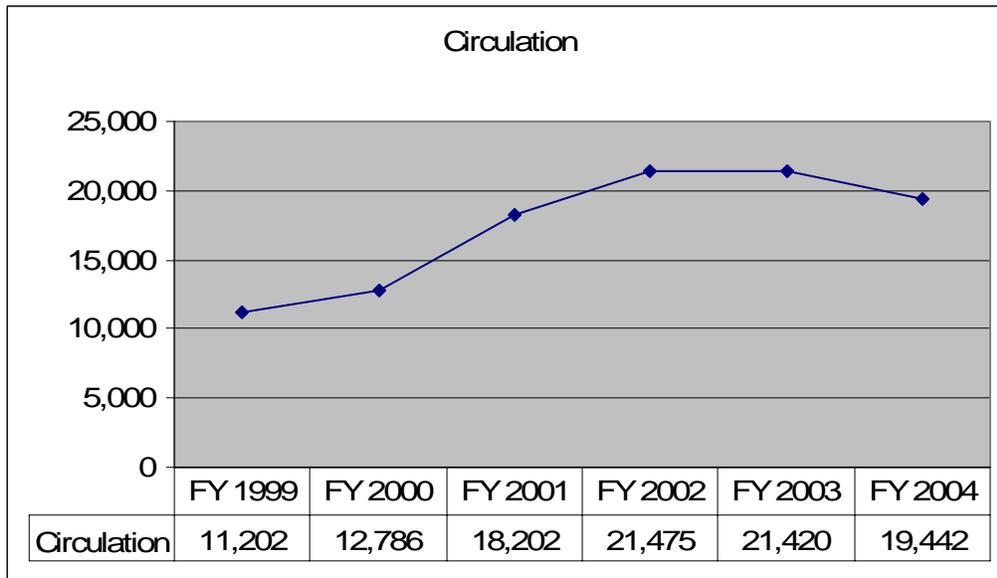
While the population of the town has remained nearly constant, the library has continued to grow, with circulation twice as high as in the 1970's. The library now has over 22,000 volumes, as well as expanded hours, seven days a week.

The Delaware City Library has provided many community activities, especially for the young, advocating early literacy, and group and peer interaction. The library staff works closely with other community groups planning town festivals and other events. Additionally, the library houses important information on the history of Delaware City and its early inhabitants.

General Description:

The Delaware City Library is located in a portion of a recently renovated school building. Unlike some school conversions, the interior of the Delaware City Library is bright, inviting, and open. The use of moderate height shelving throughout the facility minimizes the negative impact of relatively low ceilings. Dedicated off-street parking is also provided.

Six Year Circulation History:



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- FY 1999 – 11,202
- FY 2000 – 12,786
- FY 2001 – 18,202
- FY 2002 – 21,475
- FY 2003 – 21,420
- FY 2004 – 19,442

Six Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation increased steadily between FY 1999 and FY 2002, decreased slightly in FY 2003 and decreased again in 2004. Over the period between FY 1999 and FY 2004 circulation increased overall by seventy-four percent (73.6%)

2003 Library Visits: 39,408

2003 Registered Borrowers: 1,438

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

- Total Holdings 23,905
- Audio Holdings 770
- Video Holdings 782
- Periodical Titles 82

Holdings per Capita:

7.5 items per person in service area
New Castle County mean is 3.2; Delaware mean is 2.8
State target is 3.09

2003 Circulation Breakdown:

Total Circulation	21,420
Juvenile Circulation	11,989
Adult Circulation	9,431

2003 Turnover Rates: (number of times average item circulates/year)

Turnover 0.90
New Castle County mean is 2.71; Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 165,062

Estimated Service Population:

2004/05 (Estimate)	3,189
2009/10 (Projection)	3,242
2015 (Projection)	3,359
2020 (Projection)	3,459
2025 (Projection)	3,538

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 51.76 per capita

Cost per Circulation: \$ 7.71

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 65.71 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 6.7 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 1.65 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 8.53 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 4.06 SF per person State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 12.4 visits per capita

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 45.09%

Total Units of Service: 71,277

Total Units of Service per capita: 22.35

*Total Units of Service includes circulation, library visits, reference transactions, and number of persons attending programs.