

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Delmar Public Library

Address:

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 4,980 SF

Hours:

Monday	1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday	1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

2,548 hours



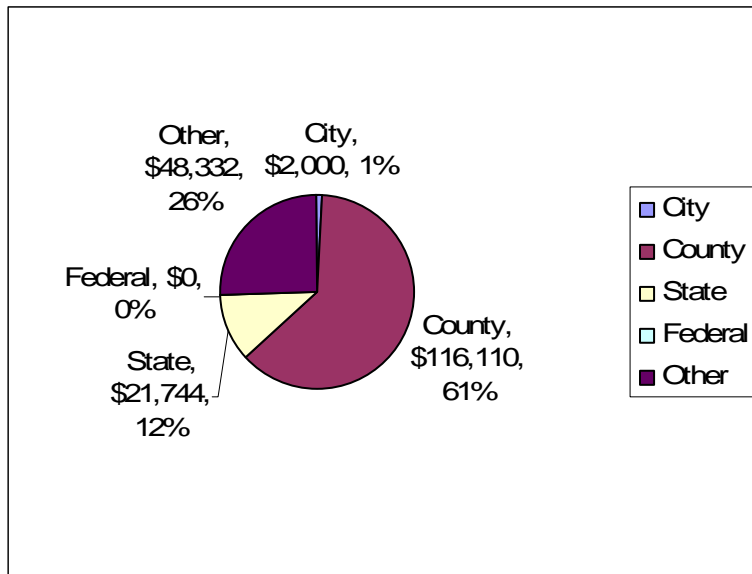
Delmar
Computer Area

Delmar
Children's Area



Delmar
Adult Area

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

In 1940, the New Century Club, under the leadership of President Mrs. Samuel M. Ellis, recognized the need for a public library facility. The Club enlisted local community support for the project and gained the approval of the Delaware State Library Commission. The Delmar Public Library was formally organized with its first Board of Trustees and was dedicated on April 24, 1940. That first library site was a tiny room, only 12 feet by 15 feet, and was located in the Marvel Building on Grove Street.

Very quickly the small room proved inadequate and an adjoining room was acquired, which more than doubled the original space. For the next 30 years, this was the home of the Delmar Public Library.

Then in 1970, when St. Stephen's United Methodist Church opened its community center building at 105 East State Street, the library moved into more spacious quarters. The library claimed 1,836 square feet of space and seating for 27 patrons. The library also increased its hours of service to 46 hours per week.

The current Delmar Public Library facility was built as a memorial to the late Delmar resident, Lyndall C. Hayman, his late wife, Virginia, and his son, Robert. Mr. Hayman's will stipulated that a trust fund be established to provide income for the local library. It was his fondest hope that a library building would eventually be constructed.

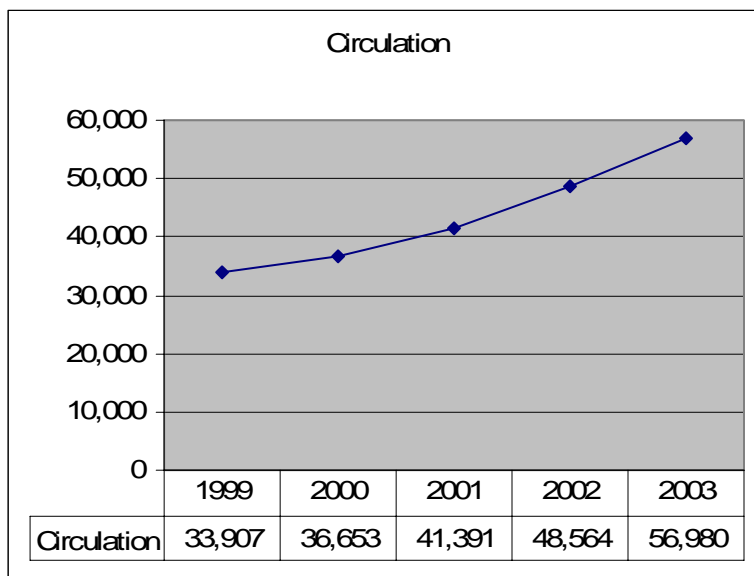
Additions to the library were dedicated on April 29, 1990. These additions include an expanded reference area, a new children's room, and the Hayman Meeting Room.

Nearly 61 years after the original library was established, the Delmar Public Library has become an increasingly important asset to the town. In addition to a large collection of books, the library now offers special services such as large-print books, magazines, newspapers, videos for children and adults, inter-library loans, audio cassettes, low-vision videos, and computers with Internet access.

General Description:

The Delmar Library is an attractive brick building located a short block from the Delaware/Maryland border. The facility has been expanded several times resulting in a building that extends a long distance in the north-south direction but with very little depth. The Library is quite crowded and the children’s service area is very small. The Delmar Library has a very attractive meeting facility with a separate entrance. However, parking is very limited and is inconvenient to the primary entrance. The Library has acquired adjacent property for possible expansion.

Five Year Circulation History:



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- 1999 – 33,907
- 2000 – 36,653
- 2001 – 41,391
- 2002 – 48,564
- 2003 – 56,980

Five Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation has been rising steadily. It increased sixty-eight percent (68.0%) between 1999 and 2003 and there has been an increase each year.

2003 Library Visits: 38,523

2003 Registered Borrowers: 3,475

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

Total Holdings	21,757
Audio Holdings	470
Video Holdings	1,733
Periodical Titles	66

Holdings per Capita:

2.6 items per person in service area
Sussex County mean is 2.8; Delaware mean is 2.8
State target is 3.09

2003 Circulation Breakdown:

Total Circulation	56,980
Juvenile Book Circulation	17,803
Adult Book Circulation	39,177

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

Turnover 2.62
Sussex County mean is 2.26; Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 171,825

Estimated Service Population: (note: Because Delmar is on the border, non-residents of Delaware are included in the service population.)

2004/05 (Estimate)	8,421
2009/10 (Projection)	9,117
2015 (Projection)	9,973
2020 (Projection)	10,749
2025 (Projection)	11,403

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 20.40 per capita

Cost per Circulation: \$ 3.02

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 67.44 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 6.8 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 11.44 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 22 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.59 SF per capita State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 4.6 visits per person

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 41.27%

Total Units of Service*: 100,460

Total Units of Service per capita: 11.93

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