

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Selbyville Public Library

Address:

P.O. Box 739
11 Main & McCabe St.
Selbyville, DE 19975

Contact Information:

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 2,846 SF (was recently expanded to 4,804 SF)

Hours:

Monday	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	10:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday	10:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

2,100 hours



Selbyville Adult
Stack Area

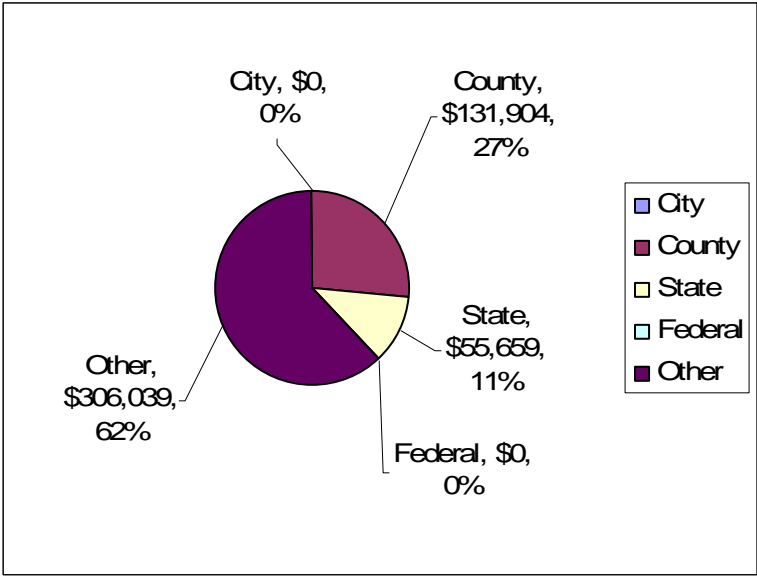


Selbyville
Historic Interior



Selbyville
Children's Area

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

The concept of a public library in Selbyville was conceived in 1931 and delivery of the first 22 books from the State Traveling Library occurred in April 1932. It wasn't until 1939 however, that the Selbyville Public Library became a reality when the Selbyville Community Club raised \$225 and purchased 1,000 books.

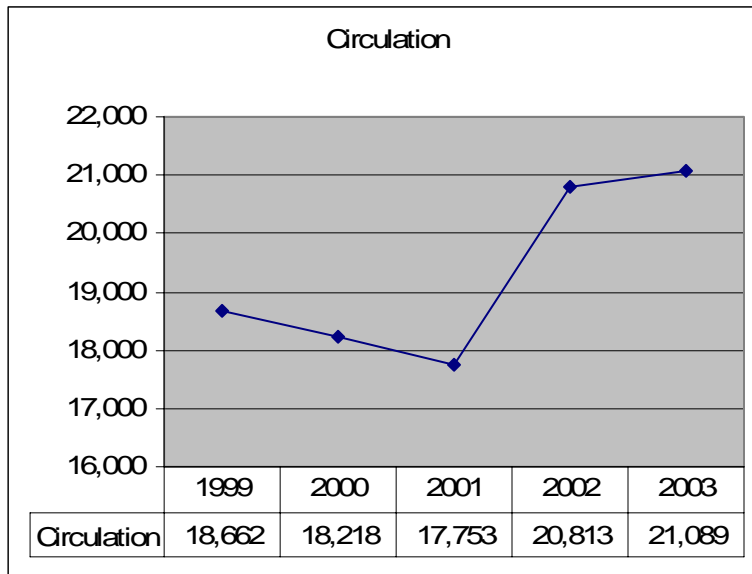
The library moved to its present location at John G. Townsend, Jr. Memorial Building in 1966. An addition in 1990 increased available space for a growing collection of books, magazines, tapes and periodicals.

Since its inception, the Selbyville Public Library has been a constant and important part of the community. Located in an historic home in a central part of town, the library provides a place for gatherings of various organizations, recreational reading for older citizens, and cultural events. The library also provides important resources for the three area schools.

General Description:

The Selbyville Library is located in an historic frame structure on a major thoroughfare in the community. The original structure, while beautiful did not lend itself well to use as a library. A recently completed addition provides considerably more room for collections, improves accessibility and adds dedicated parking.

Five Year Circulation History:



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- 1999 – 18,662
- 2000 – 18,218
- 2001 – 17,753
- 2002 – 20,813
- 2003 – 21,089

Five Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation increased thirteen percent (13.0%) between 1999 and 2003. It decreased annually between 1999 and 2001, but has increased in 2002 and 2003. 2004 circulation figures will likely show a decrease because the facility was closed for several months during the building project.

2003 Library Visits: 29,808

2003 Registered Borrowers: 1,865

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

- Total Holdings 23,411
- Audio Holdings 214
- Video Holdings 670
- Periodical Titles 44

Holdings per Capita:

3.4 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	21,089
Juvenile Circulation	6,375
Adult Circulation	14,714

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

Turnover 0.90
Sussex County mean is 2.26; Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 134,728

Estimated Service Population:

	Residents	Residents & Non- Residents
2004/05 (Estimate)	6,973	7,385
2009/10 (Projection)	7,286	7,717
2015 (Projection)	7,970	8,441
2020 (Projection)	8,590	9,098
2025 (Projection)	9,113	9,652

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 19.32 per person

Cost per Circulation: \$ 6.39

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 64.16 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 3.0 circulations per person

Circulation per SF: 7.41 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 10.04 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.41 SF per person (addition increases to 0.69)
State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 4.3 visits per person

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 26.75%

Total Units of Service*: 52,876

Total Units of Service per capita: 7.58

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