Now more than ever, Delaware Libraries support diverse needs every day.

The person who needs assistance with computers and devices

The senior who is seeking community connections and conversation

The single parent who wants to take charge of finances

The homeless person who needs shelter, food, and in some cases mental health care

The student who needs help with homework and school projects

The immigrant who wants to learn English

The teen who wants to experiment with new technologies

The adult who has a dream and wants to start a business

The middle aged adult who was just laid off and desperately needs a job

The preschooler exposed to reading through storytime

The senior who is seeking information about family roots and ancestors

And on and on... with over 4 million visits per year!

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#### Reference Questions

- Provide assistance with devices, and traditional Reader’s Advisory

#### Program Attendance

- Summer Reading, Arts, Jobs, and STEM are most popular

#### Circulation

- Fiction is most popular

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Now with 3 years of trend data by subject, statewide, we will identify emerging trends earlier to be proactive in addressing community needs.

### Delaware Libraries

5 Years of Advancement & Achievement

The impact of federal funds on improvements in Delaware Libraries

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[DelawareLibraries.org](http://DelawareLibraries.org)
Delawareans are now reaping the benefits of a statewide library infrastructure!

At the Library

Children Services
Early learning programs are offered year round at all Delaware Libraries. For 38 years, the Summer Library Challenge helps prevent the “summer slide” – children who do not read all summer lose 2 months of reading achievement. This year’s theme, “Build a Better World”, features the Performing Arts Series, Delaware AeroSpace Education Foundation (DASEF) Programs, STEM programs, Nature Society programs and more!

Inspiration Spaces
Job/Career Assistance
Specialized training for resume building, job searching, and interviewing skills, financial literacy and lifelong learning. Use new technologies, public access computers, assistive technology, videoconferencing capabilities, and wireless networking.

Micro-Business
Provides prospective entrepreneurs with the information they need to start a small business.

MakerSpaces
Shared spaces where people with similar interests can meet to learn, teach, socialize and collaborate around making things.

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"DE is to be applauded both for its efforts in providing the general public with unparalleled access to resources and for confronting the school library issue."

The Delaware Library Catalog has become what is arguably the finest, most comprehensive statewide resource sharing system in the nation.

Delaware Partners encourages “the role of public libraries in developing and utilizing human networks… it is now a collaborative effort of more than 130 organizations focused on strengthening services to Delawareans by coordinating information exchange through public libraries… This infrastructure enables Partners, in collaboration with Delaware libraries, to extend their resources and expand their reach in service to Delawareans.

Better Together
For a full list of Delaware Partners or to learn how to become a partner visit:
http://guides.lib.de.us/departners

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Source: Hale Spencer; The News Journal - 7:24 am, EDT October 26, 2015

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