

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Brandywine Hundred Library

Address:

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 40,000 SF

Hours:

Monday	10 AM – 9 PM
Tuesday	10 AM – 9 PM
Wednesday	10 AM – 9 PM
Thursday	10 AM – 9 PM
Friday	10 AM – 9 PM
Saturday	10 AM – 5 PM
Sunday	1 PM – 9 PM

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

2,986 hours



Bear Interior

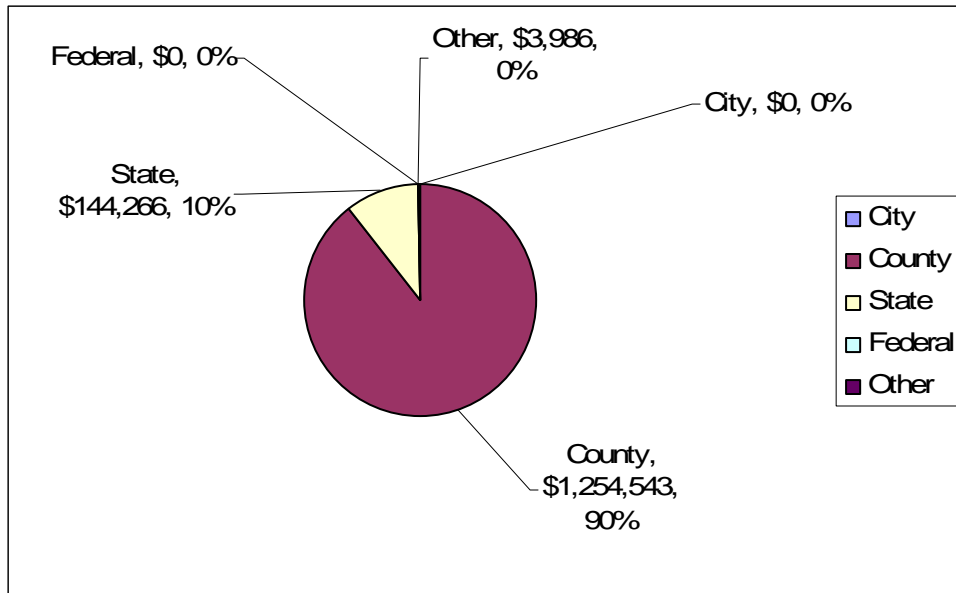


Bear Children's Area



Bear Adult Periodical Area

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

Library services in the area began in a temporary location in the foyer of Alfred I. DuPont School. Between 1942 and 1944, the Talleyville Branch opened its first permanent station in a tiny room that was once Hogue's Barbershop. The Library later spent a few years in the West Brandywine Grange No. 13 starting in 1946, before moving into a small room in the Teague drug store at Blue Rock Manor in April of 1950.

The success of the Talleyville Library Branch led to it quickly outgrowing its space. In June 1956, Mrs. James H. Young, the Talleyville Branch's Library Committee Chairwoman, announced a fundraising drive to obtain a more suitable facility. She once said that it would take 20 years to get it built. But that was not the case, as the Longwood Foundation made a \$500,000 grant and made land available at nominal cost.

Two years later, in 1959, the Talleyville Branch made its last move into what became known as the Concord Pike Library. At that time, it was the Main Branch of New Castle County and housed two bookmobiles that serviced schools and communities.

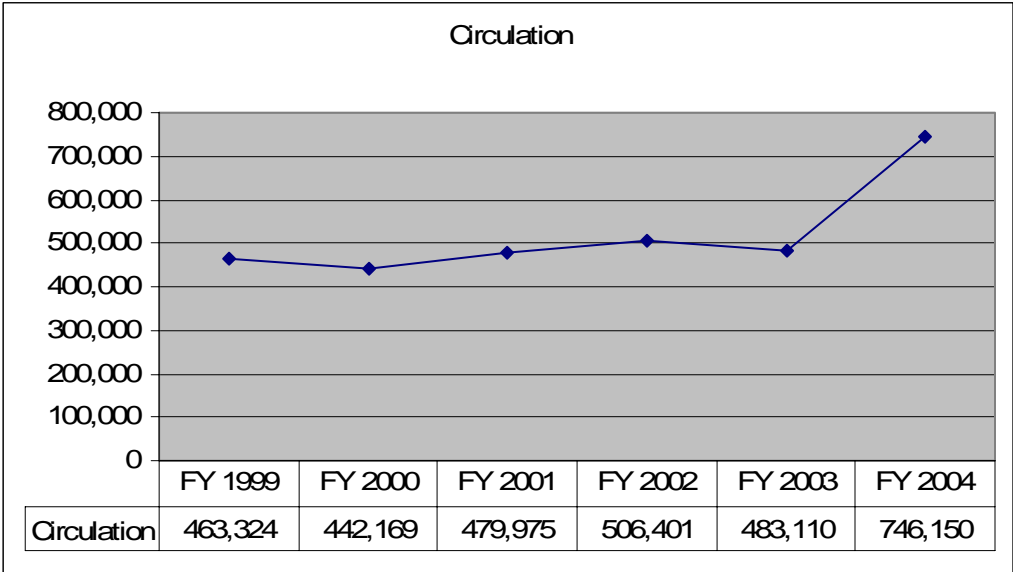
On February 23rd, 2003 at 9:00 p.m., after 44 years of service, Concord Pike Library closed its doors to the public for the last time. Over the past four decades, Concord Pike Library has circulated millions of items and was the busiest library in New Castle County until the Bear Library took over the lead a little over a year and a half ago. For the past three years, Concord Pike Library was selected as one of the "Top 100 Public Libraries in America." Tom Weaver, Concord Pike Library Manager, February 2003

In the Spring of 2003, the Brandywine Hundred Library, more than twice the size of the Concord Pike Library it replaced, opened its doors.

General Description:

The Brandywine Hundred Library is a modern facility located in a park setting along a busy thoroughfare. The long setback from the street makes it somewhat less visible than might be desired. The Library includes a large space that houses a café concession. The main portion of the Library is divided into a main level and a mezzanine that is approximately 3/4ths the size of the first level. A single elevator is situated at the entry end of the long building. A cluster of meeting facilities of different sizes is located on the second floor.

Six Year Circulation History for Concord Pike and Brandywine Hundred:



NOTE: The Concord Pike Library closed early in February 2003 and the Brandywine Hundred Library opened as its replacement later in the year.

Six Year Circulation History:

- FY 1999 – 463,324 (Concord Pike)
- FY 2000 – 442,169 (Concord Pike)
- FY 2001 – 479,975 (Concord Pike)
- FY 2002 – 506,401 (Concord Pike)
- FY 2003 – 483,110 (Partial Concord Pike, Partial Closed, Partial Brandywine)
- FY 2004 – 746,150 (All Brandywine Hundred)

Six Year Circulation Trend:

The six year circulation record reflects both the Brandywine Hundred Library and its predecessor, the Concord Pike Library. Circulation overall increased sixty-one percent (61.0%) between FY 1999 and FY 2004. It decreased in FY 2003 when it was partially Concord Pike, closed for a period, and then opened as Brandywine. Between

FY 2002 when it was all at Concord Pike and FY 2004 when it was all at Brandywine Hundred, circulation increased by forty-seven percent (47.3%).

2003 Library Visits: 226,133

2003 Registered Borrowers: 33,790

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

Total Holdings	144,082
Audio Holdings	6,054
Video Holdings	6,485
Periodical Titles	335

Holdings per Capita:

2.4 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	483,110
Juvenile Circulation	176,250
Adult Circulation	306,860

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

Turnover 3.35
New Castle County mean is 2.71; Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 1,304,638

Estimated Service Population:

2004/05 (Estimate)	60,648
2009/10 (Projection)	61,028
2015 (Projection)	63,240
2020 (Projection)	65,112
2025 (Projection)	66,602

2003 Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 21.51 per person

2003 Cost per Circulation: \$ 2.70

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 436.92 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 8.0 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 12.08 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 161.79 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.66 SF per person State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 3.7 visits per person

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 55.71%

Total Units of Service: 747,809

Total Units of Service per capita: 12.33

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