

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Bridgeville Public Library, Inc.

Address:

210 Market St.
Bridgeville, DE 19933

Contact Information:

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 1,180 SF

Hours:

Monday	11 AM – 8 PM
Tuesday	11 AM – 8 PM
Wednesday	11 AM – 8 PM
Thursday	11 AM – 8 PM
Friday	11 AM – 5 PM
Saturday	11 AM – 5 PM
Sunday	CLOSED



Bridgeville
Mural



Bridgeville
Children's Area

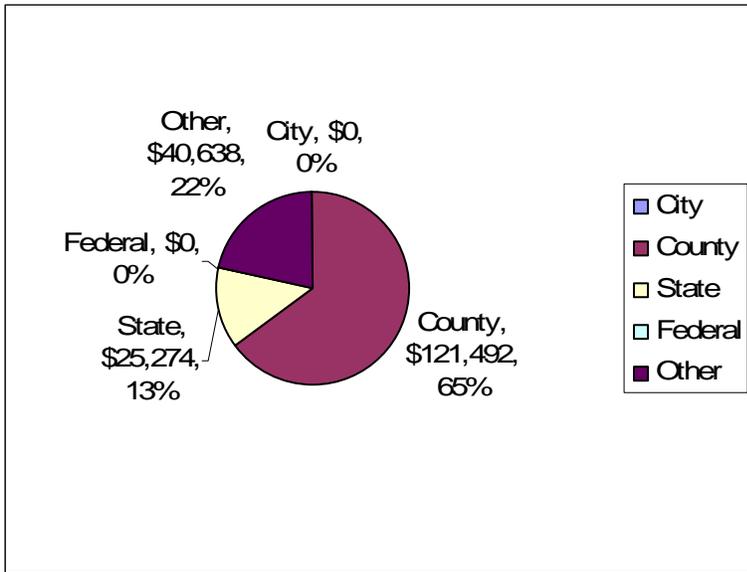


Bridgeville Computer
Lab Area

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

1,521 hours

Financial Breakdown - Income:



History:

The current Bridgeville Public Library building was constructed in 1866 as the First Presbyterian Church of Bridgeville. For approximately 50 years, the building was used as a church; however, due to a dwindling congregation, the church was closed around the turn of the century. In October 1896, The Tuesday Night Club of Bridgeville was organized as a literary society. And in 1917, the group purchased the vacant Presbyterian Church building for \$500. Mrs. C. Leon Cannon organized a circulating library in the west wing of the building in 1919. Five hundred books were collected from the community to stock the shelves.

By 1933, the library had 2,124 volumes, 400 patrons, and an annual income of \$54. And in 1937, the Bridgeville Library qualified for its first state appropriation in the enormous sum of \$150. In 1964, Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Olivia Willin, the last surviving president of The Tuesday Night Club, signed the building over to the Bridgeville Public Library, Inc. This not-for-profit corporation was formed to meet the growing requirements of the State Library Commission. The following year, a fund-raising drive was held for renovations of the main building and, in 1972, another drive was conducted to renovate the west wing.

It wasn't until 1979 that the library acquired its first paid employee, Mrs. Betty Johnson. And in 1989, Mrs. Carol Gasior became the library's first full time

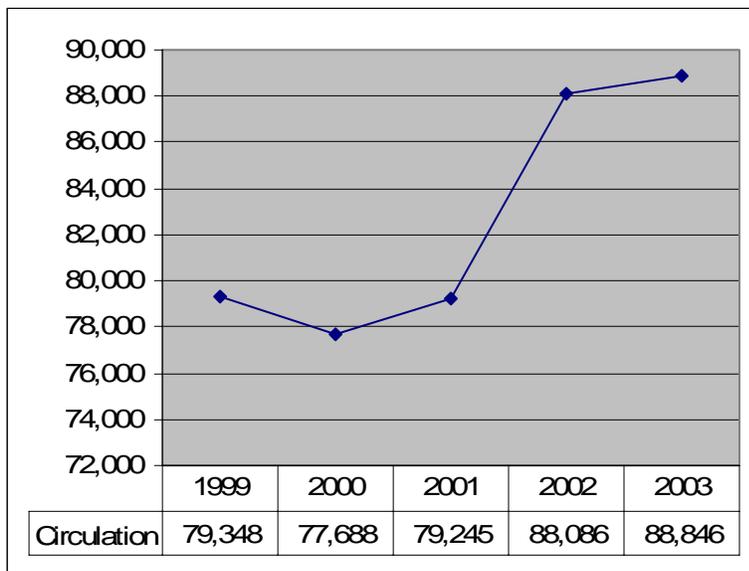
director. At this time, additional renovations were needed due to the discovery of termites. The library remained open during this time at the Methodist Friendship Hall. The renovation cost of \$75,000 was collected totally from private donations.

Today, the Bridgeville Public Library remains an integral part of the Bridgeville community. The library now boasts over 16,000 volumes, 3,000 video tapes, DVDs, compact discs, and books on tape. Plus, the library subscribes to over 60 adult and children’s magazines and three newspapers. In addition to the items in the Bridgeville Library, the library can access books and other materials throughout the state through the Inter-Library Loan System (ILL), as well as reference the Internet.

General Description:

The Library is located in a very old (well over 100 years) frame building originally designed as a church. The facility is very crowded and lighting levels are inadequate in many areas. Seating for library users is very limited. The Library does not have a meeting room; however, a nearby church allows their community room to be used for Library programs.

Five Year Circulation History:



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- 1999 – 79,348
- 2000 – 77,688
- 2001 – 79,245
- 2002 – 88,086
- 2003 – 88,846

Five Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation trend is upward. Circulation increased twelve percent (12.0%) between 1999 and 2003; however in 2000 there was a decrease and in 2001, while circulation increased over the low in 2000, it did not quite reach the 1999 figure. There was a large increase in 2002 over 2001.

2003 Library Visits: 44,425

2003 Registered Borrowers: 3,542

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

Total Holdings	20,658
Audio Holdings	1,078
Video Holdings	3,591
Periodical Titles	103

Holdings per Capita:

2.1 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	88,846
Adult Circulation	61,270
Juvenile Circulation	27,576

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

Total Turnover 4.30
Sussex County mean is 2.26; Delaware Mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 185,317

Estimated Service Population:

2004/05 (Estimate)	9,662
2009/10 (Projection)	11,713
2015 (Projection)	12,812
2020 (Projection)	13,809
2025 (Projection)	14,649

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 19.18 per person in service area

Cost per Circulation: \$ 2.09

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 121.84 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 9.2 circulations per person in service area

Circulation per SF: 75.29 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 58.41 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.12 SF per capita State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 4.6 visits per capita

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Population: 36.66%

Total Units of Service*: 136,379

Total Units of Service per capita: 14.11

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