

# Delaware Libraries

## Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

**Library: Georgetown Public Library**

**Address:**

10 W. Pine St.  
Georgetown, DE 19947

**Contact Information:**

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**Library Exterior:**



**Estimated Size:** 2,000 SF (Preliminary plans have been drawn for a 22,000 SF facility)

**Hours:**

Monday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

**Estimated Hours Open 2003:**

2,240 hours

Georgetown  
Computer  
Area

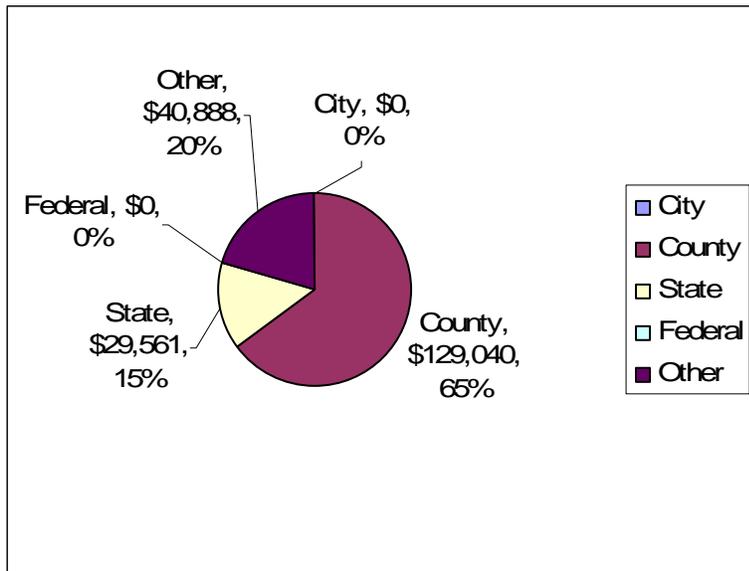


Georgetown Adult Materials

Georgetown  
Children's Area



## Financial Breakdown – Income:



## History:

The Georgetown Public Library was established and founded in 1899 by the Georgetown New Century Club. That first library was housed on the second floor of the Lacy Building, along with the New Century Club. In 1926, the club moved to West Pine Street and dedicated a separate room for the library.

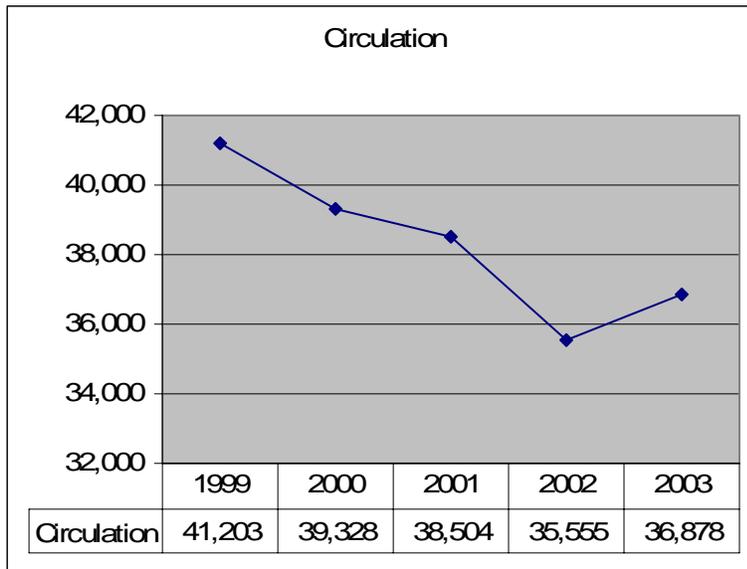
From those early beginnings, the library and its collection have grown and now occupy the entire New Century building. Currently, plans are underway for a new, 22,000 square foot library, which will provide the public with increased services and materials.

The Georgetown Public Library is host to many programs, which are well attended. The library places a special emphasis on child-related activities, instructs school groups, and provides storytimes. Various book discussion groups are also available.

## General Description:

The Georgetown Library is located in a frame building built as a civic clubhouse. What began as one room library in the clubhouse has grown to occupy the entire facility. User seating is very limited and the children's area is small. Supplemental shelving and racks have been added to accommodate non-print materials. The Library does have a small meeting room. Property has been acquired nearby for a new Georgetown Library.

**Five Year Circulation History:**



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- 1999 – 41,203
- 2000 – 39,328
- 2001 – 38,504
- 2002 – 35,555
- 2003 – 36,878

**Five Year Circulation Trend:**

Circulation was ten percent (10.5%) lower in 2003 than it had been in 1999. Between 1999 and 2001 circulation decreased each year; however since the low in 2001, it has increased each year.

**2003 Library Visits:** 37,594

**2003 Registered Borrowers:** 3,261

**2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)**

- Total Holdings 24,174
- Audio Holdings 333
- Video Holdings 574
- Periodical Titles 60

**Holdings per Capita:**

2.3 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	36,878
Juvenile Circulation	11,914
Adult Circulation	24,964

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

Turnover 1.53  
Sussex County mean is 2.26; Delaware mean is 2.43

**Total Operating Expenditures:** \$ 125,649

**Estimated Service Population:**

2004/05 (Estimate)	10,629
2009/10 (Projection)	10,990
2015 (Projection)	12,021
2020 (Projection)	12,956
2025 (Projection)	13,744

**Operating Cost per Person in Service Area:** \$ 11.82 per capita

**Cost per Circulation:** \$ 3.41

**Cost per Hour Open:** \$ 56.09 per hour

**Circulation per Capita in Service Area:** 3.5 circulations per capita

**Circulation per SF:** 18.44 circulations per SF

**Circulation per Hour Open:** 16.46 circulations per hour

**SF per Person in Service Area:** 0.19 SF per person Delaware target is 1.0

**Library Visits per Capita:** 22 visits per person

**Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population:** 30.68%

**Total Units of Service:** 77,704

**Total Units of Service per capita:** 7.31

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