

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Harrington Public Library

Address:

110 Center St.
Harrington, DE 19952

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 2,000 SF

Hours:

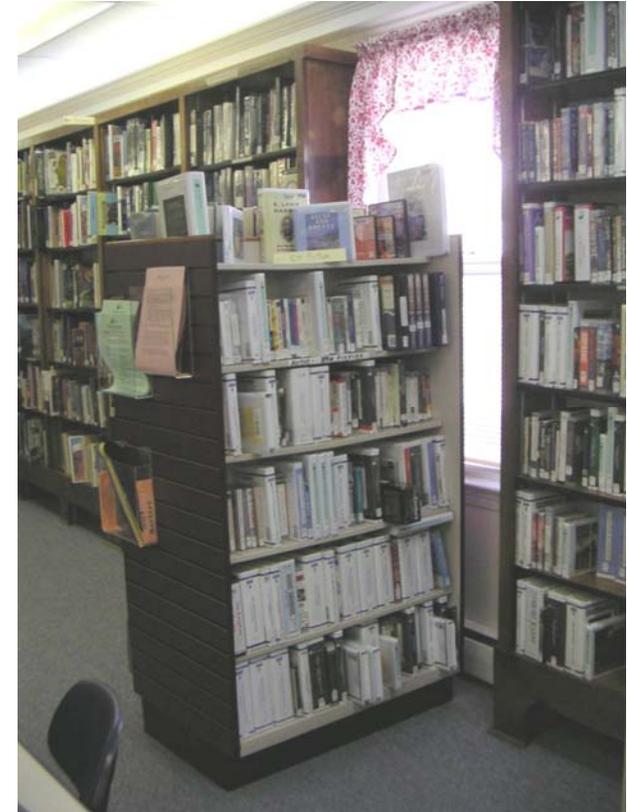
Monday	10:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday	1:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Wednesday	10:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Thursday	1:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Friday	10:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

1,949 hours



Harrington
Interior and
Computer
Area

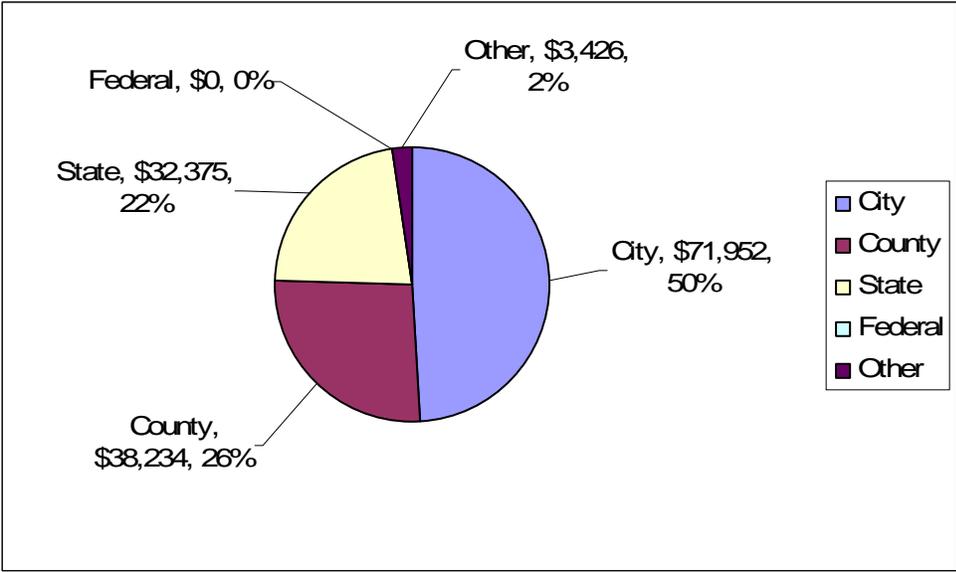


Harrington
Books-on-Tape



Harrington
Children's Area

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

The Harrington Public Library originally opened in July 1978. Housed in a small trailer, the library was stocked, staffed, and supported by the Delaware Division of Libraries until 1980.

After receiving overwhelming support in a referendum, the library became a department of the City of Harrington. The library has operated at its present Center Street location since 1989; however, plans are currently being made for a move to a much larger, newly renovated facility.

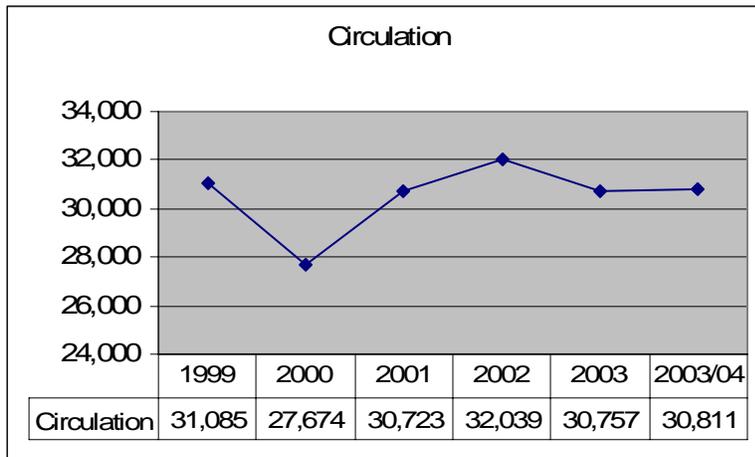
The Harrington Public Library is the source of a variety of cultural and recreational programs for the entire community. As well, the library offers a weekly pre-school storytime and monthly programs for children of all ages.

The library was a founding member of Heritage Day in Harrington. The event, celebrated annually since its inception in 1979, was conceived as a first anniversary celebration for the Harrington Public Library and the Greater Harrington Historical Society.

General Description:

The Harrington Public Library is located in a frame structure that has served a number of functions during its history. It had been used as a funeral home before being converted for public library use. The interior is a bit dark and, because it was not designed for library purposes, it is segmented into a number of relatively small areas. However, the main portion of the adult section is a rather large room. The facility greatly limits the potential for a functional layout. The Library does have a meeting room.

Circulation History:



Circulation History

- 1999 – 31,085
- 2000 – 27,674
- 2001 – 30,723
- 2002 – 32,039
- 2003 – 30,757
- 2003/04 update – 30,811

Five Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation decreased one percent (1.1%) between 1999 and 2003. After a low in 2000 circulation increased in 2001 and again in 2002, but decreased in 2003.

2003 Library Visits: 28,470

2003 Registered Borrowers: 4,234

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

- Total Holdings 18,875
- Audio Holdings 887
- Video Holdings 1,078
- Periodical Titles 38

Holdings per Capita:

3.2 items per person in service area
Kent County mean is 1.5; Delaware mean is 2.8
State target is 3.09

2003 Circulation Breakdown:

Total Circulation	30,757
Juvenile Circulation	12,103
Adult Circulation	18,654

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

Turnover 1.63

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 143,987

Estimated Service Population:

2004/05 (Estimate)	5,873
2009/10 (Projection)	5,961
2015 (Projection)	6,227
2020 (Projection)	6,479
2025 (Projection)	6,694

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 24.52 per capita

Cost per Circulation: \$ 4.68

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 73.88 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 5.2 circulations per person

Circulation per SF: 15.38 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 15.78 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.34 SF per person State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 4.8 visits per capita

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 72.09%

Total Units of Service: 63,666

Total Units of Service per capita: 10.84

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