Library: Harrington Public Library

Address:
110 Center St.
Harrington, DE 19952

Contact Information:
(302) 398-4647
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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
Financial Breakdown – Income:

- City, $71,952, 50%
- County, $38,234, 26%
- State, $32,375, 22%
- Federal, $0, 0%
- Other, $3,426, 2%

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:

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

Five Year Circulation Trend:

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.