

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Hockessin Public Library

Address:

1023 Valley Road
Hockessin, DE 19707

Contact Information:

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 14,600 SF

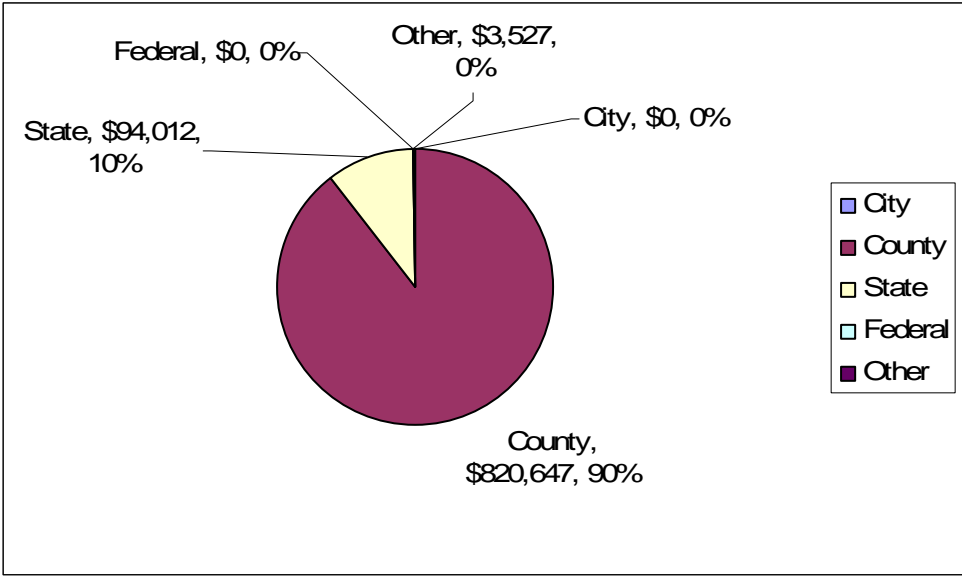
Hours:

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

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

2,991 hours

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

Hockessin’s first library service began in 1952 when the bookmobile was introduced to the town. In 1977, the Hockessin Public Library opened in the Lamborn Library Building. And just three short years later, the growing children’s library was relocated in an expanded second floor.

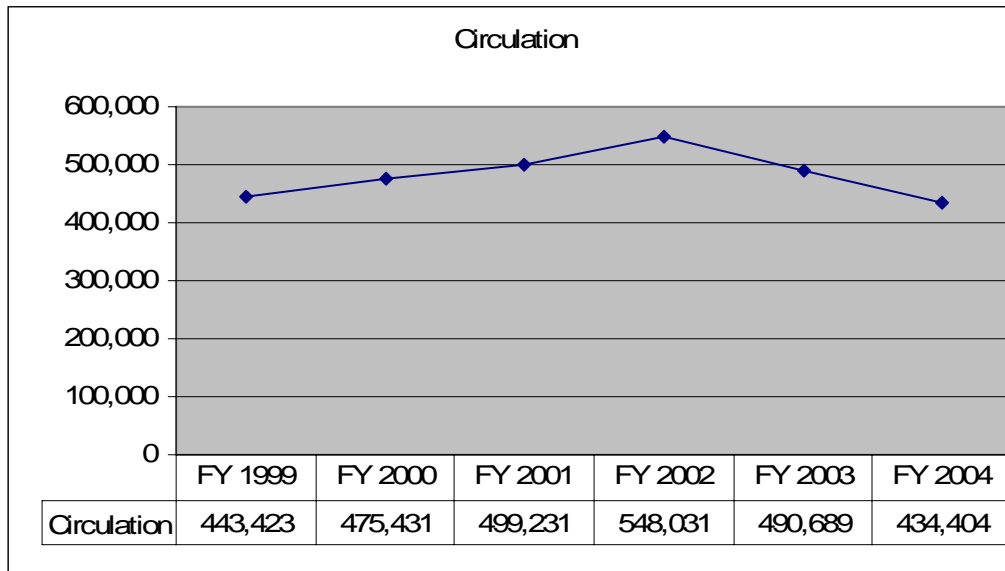
By 1989, service had expanded dramatically and the Hockessin Public Library became part of the New Castle County Department of Libraries. As the Hockessin area continued to grow, so did membership in the library. In 1994, a new library was built at 1023 Valley Road.

The library truly acts as a center for the Hockessin community, which is a suburban, unincorporated area. Many programs and services attract members of all ages from the pre-school to the senior populations.

General Description:

The Hockessin Library is located in a park setting and is less visible than might be ideal; nevertheless, usage of the building is extremely heavy. Ample off-street parking is provided although it may be necessary to use some of this space in order to expand the building. The interior of the Library is bright and pleasant. The facility is well organized but virtually every area is near or beyond capacity.

Six Year Circulation History:



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- FY 1999 – 443,423
- FY 2000 – 475,431
- FY 2001 – 499,231
- FY 2002 – 548,031
- FY 2003 – 490,689
- FY 2004 – 434,404

Six Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation reached its highest point in FY 2002 and has declined by twenty-one percent (20.7%) in the two years since then. FY 2004 circulation was almost equal to FY 1999 circulation.

2003 Library Visits: 173,875

2003 Registered Borrowers: 23,211

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

- Total Holdings 74,558
- Audio Holdings 3,742
- Video Holdings 2,751
- Periodical Titles 137

Holdings per Capita:

2.1 items per capita
 New Castle mean is 3.2; Delaware mean is 2.8 State target is 3.09

2003 Circulation Breakdown:

Total Circulation	490,689
Juvenile Circulation	208,291
Adult Circulation	282,398

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

Turnover 6.58
New Castle mean is 2.71; Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 914,524

Estimated Service Population:

2004/05 (Estimate)	35,784
2009/10 (Projection)	37,439
2015 (Projection)	38,796
2020 (Projection)	39,944
2025 (Projection)	40,858

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 25.56 per capita

Cost per Circulation: \$ 1.86

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 305.76 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 13.7 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 33.61 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 164.06 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.41 SF per capita State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 4.9 visits per capita

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 64.86%

Total Units of Service: 697,637

Total Units of Service per capita: 19.50

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