

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Milford District Free Public Library

Address:

11 S. E. Front St.
Milford, DE 19963

Contact Information:

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 8,600 SF

Hours:

Monday	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

2,880 hours



Milford
Interior

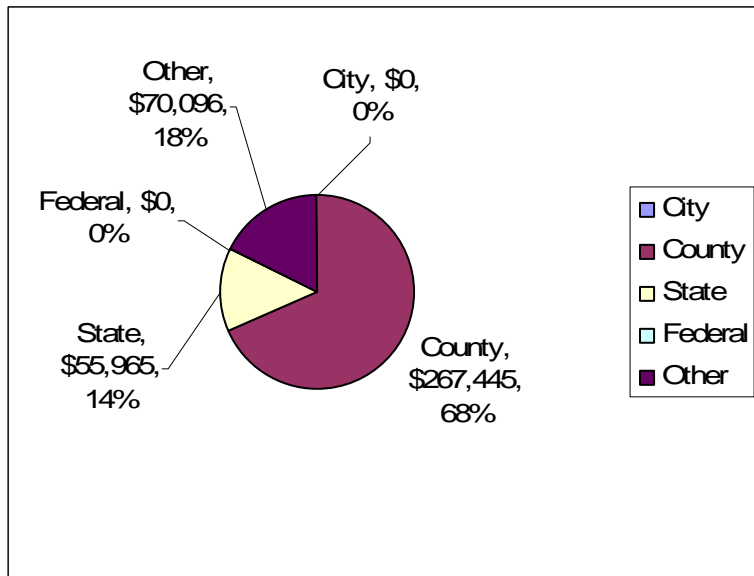


Milford
Meeting Room



Milford
Children's Area

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

Milford's library history began in 1882, when the Milford Library Association was organized. The first library consisted of a single room in the Grange Hall and the first librarian, Mrs. Hettie Davis, drew a salary of \$30 per year.

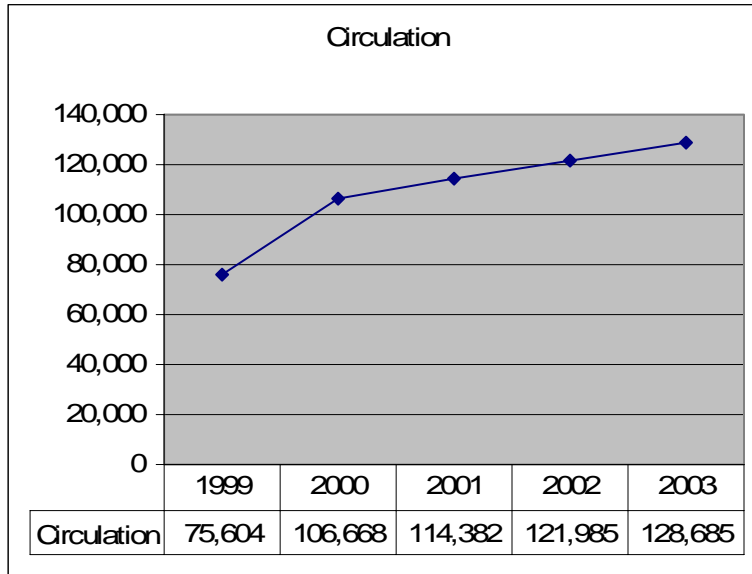
As the library grew, so did the services offered. A school children's library, conducted by Mrs. Edward Brown from 1912-1921, made children's books available as well as regularly conducted story hours.

The Milford Public Library of today is worlds away from the libraries of either Mrs. Davis' or Mrs. Brown's day. In 1993, supporters of the Milford Public Library dedicated a new, state-of-the-art facility overlooking the Mispillion Riverwalk Park. A true community hub, a mini amphitheater provides space for outside concerts, festivals, and Christmas caroling. The new library houses more than 40,000 items, including books, videos and books on tape. Internet access and 21st century technology now bring the world to the townspeople of Milford.

General Description:

The Milford Library is located near the center of the community. Unfortunately the building site is extremely small in comparison to the size of the building. While off-street parking is available, it is quite limited. The interior of the Library is attractive and well organized. A lovely area is available for leisure reading. The children's area is quite small. A large, well-appointed meeting room is located on the lower level which is accessible directly from a plaza area adjacent to public parking in the rear of the facility.

Five Year Circulation History:



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- 1999 – 75,604
- 2000 – 106,668
- 2001 – 114,382
- 2002 – 121,985
- 2003 – 128,685

Five Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation increased by seventy percent (70.2%) between 1999 and 2003. It has increased substantially each year.

2003 Library Visits: 130,210

2003 Registered Borrowers: 16,934

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

- Total Holdings 61,964
- Audio Holdings 1,921
- Video Holdings 3,914
- Periodical Titles 115

Holdings per Capita:

2.9 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	128,685
Juvenile Circulation	35,766
Adult Circulation	92,919

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

Turnover 2.08
Sussex County mean is 2.26; Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 341,489

Estimated Service Population:

2004/05 (Estimate)	21,709
2009/10 (Projection)	23,664
2015 (Projection)	25,885
2020 (Projection)	27,899
2025 (Projection)	29,595

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 15.73 per capita

Cost per Circulation: \$ 2.65

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 118.57 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 5.9 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 14.96 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 44.68 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.40 SF per person State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 6 visits per capita

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 78.0%

Total Units of Service*: 276,799

Total Units of Service per capita: 12.75

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