Delaware Libraries
Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Millsboro Public Library

Address:
  P.O. Box 458
  217 W. State St.
  Millsboro, DE  19966

Contact Information:
  (302) 934-8743
  (302) 934-8623  FAX

Library Exterior:

Estimated Size:  6,000 SF

Hours:
  Monday    9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  Tuesday   11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
  Wednesday  9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  Thursday  11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
  Friday    9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  Saturday  9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
  Sunday  CLOSED

Estimated Hours Open 2003:
  2,392 hours
Financial Breakdown – Income:

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History:

A grant from the Governor in 1973 helped to establish the first Library in Millsboro. The Millsboro Public Library opened on December 6, 1973 in large part due to the efforts of Ethel Timmons and Virginia Frazier of the Millsboro Women’s Civic Club.

The library was originally located on Main Street in a small brick building. The building had previously functioned as a post office and a dress shop before becoming the library. The current library building on State Street was completed in 1997 and opened its doors to the townspeople of Millsboro on October 6, 1997.

General Description:

The Millsboro Library is located in a relatively new building designed as a Library. Ample off-street parking is provided. While the interior is relatively attractive, it seems long and narrow. Long, unbroken ranges of books that extend from the circulation desk toward the back of the building add to the linear feel. The Library has an adequately sized children’s area and a very appealing area designed for young adults.
Five Year Circulation History:

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Five Year Circulation Trend:
Circulation increased by forty-one percent (41.2%) between 1999 and 2003. It has increased each year over this period.

2003 Library Visits: 31,657

2003 Registered Borrowers: 4,948

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)
- Total Holdings: 26,429
- Audio Holdings: 1,020
- Video Holdings: 1,300
- Periodical Titles: 75

Holdings per Capita:
- 1.1 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 77,338
  Juvenile Circulation 27,370
  Adult Circulation 49,968

2003 Turnover Rates: (number of times average item circulates/year)
  Turnover 2.93
  Sussex County mean is 2.26; Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: $183,701

Estimated Service Population:
  2004/05 (Estimate) 24,434
  2009/10 (Projection) 25,954
  2015 (Projection) 28,390
  2020 (Projection) 30,598
  2025 (Projection) 32,459

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: $7.52 per capita

Cost per Circulation: $2.38

Cost per Hour Open: $76.80 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 3.2 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 12.89 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 32.33 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.25 SF per person State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 1.3 visits per capita

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 20.25%

Total Units of Service*: 111,432

Total Units of Service per capita: 4.56

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