

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: LaBiblioteca del Pueblo Library of the Wilmington Institute

Address:

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Wilmington, DE 19805

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Estimated Size: 1,700 SF

Hours:

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

Estimated Hours Open 2003:

1,012 hours



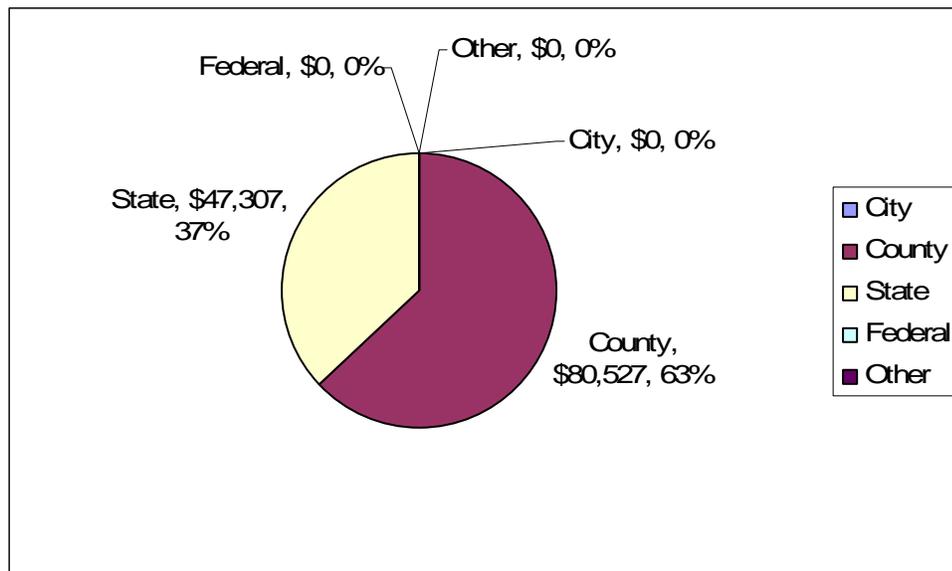
La Biblioteca del Pueblo Children's Wall Hanging



La Biblioteca del Pueblo Adult Spanish Collection

La Biblioteca del Pueblo Children's Collection

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

In 1973 the Wilmington Library placed federally funded book collections in the Roberto Clemente Center, the Latin American Community Center, and the Hispanic American Council. Then in 1977 the Wilmington Library's Branch and Outreach Department hired full-time Library Assistant Charlene Wilson to develop a full range of library services for the community.

In 1979 the branch relocated to 1212 West Fourth Street. Again in 1982, the branch moved, this time into the Roberto Clemente Center. Strong, united support by the Hispanic community ensured that the library flourished. At this time, children's programming increased under new Library Assistant Tina White.

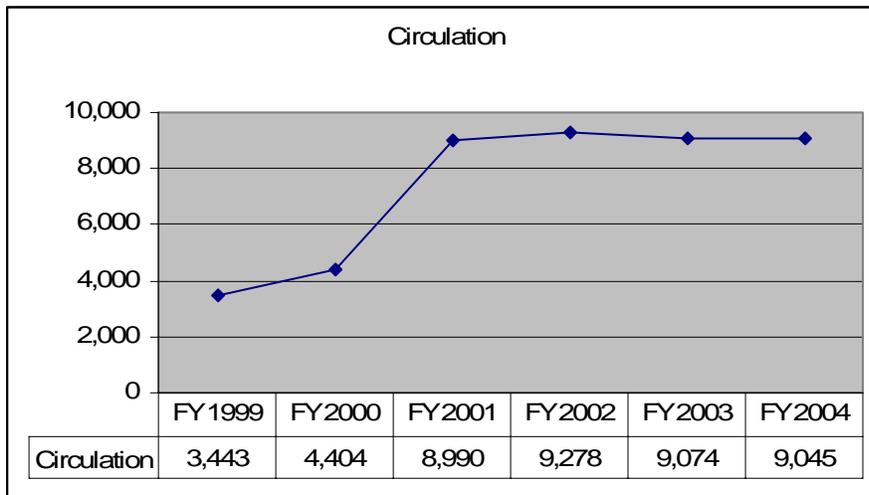
But in 1986, the library was forced to relocate yet again to the 1129 West Fourth Street location, while searching for a permanent space. Finally in 1990, La Biblioteca was invited to share space in the new Latin American Community Center.

The library, now housed in 1,700 square feet of open space, continues to grow to meet the demands of the Hispanic community and offers the County's largest collection of Spanish language books. The library offers a full range of services including programs for adults and children, films, and speakers, in addition to a growing collection of books, magazines and newspapers. A robust after-school study program offers a safe, quiet environment in which students can utilize the library and computer resources to complete their homework assignments.

General Description:

La Biblioteca del Pueblo is located on the second floor of a community center building. Access to the library is restricted in that a receptionist must activate a buzzer to unlock a security door to the second floor stairway. The Library is housed in a single room. The room is small but cheerful and the collections appear to reflect the Hispanic heritage of the neighborhood. The combination of windows on two sides of the room and the use of low shelving throughout helps to diminish the negative impact of the small size of the facility. Most of the shelving in the Library appears to have been home made.

Six Year Circulation History:



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- FY 1999 – 3,443
- FY 2000 – 4,404
- FY 2001 – 8,990
- FY 2002 – 9,278
- FY 2003 – 9,074
- FY 2004 – 9,045

Six Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation increased from FY 1999 to a high in FY 2002; since FY 2002 it has fallen only slightly. FY 2004 circulation represents an increase of 162.7 percent (162.7%) over circulation in FY 1999.

2003 Library Visits: 10,967

2003 Registered Borrowers: 2,425

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

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| Total Holdings | 13,621 |
| Audio Holdings | 47 |
| Video Holdings | 70 |
| Periodical Titles | 2 |

Holdings per Capita:

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

2003 Circulation Breakdown:

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| Total Circulation | 9,074 |
| Juvenile Circulation | 5,968 |
| Adult Circulation | 3,106 |

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

Turnover 0.67
New Castle County mean is 2.71
Delaware mean is 2.43

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 127,834

Estimated Service Population:

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| 2004/05 (Estimate) | 3,002 |
| 2009/10 (Projection) | 3,000 |
| 2015 (Projection) | 3,109 |
| 2020 (Projection) | 3,201 |
| 2025 (Projection) | 3,274 |

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 42.58 per capita

Cost per Circulation: \$ 14.09

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 126.32 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 3.0 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 5.34 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 8.97 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.57 SF per capita State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 3.7 visits per capita

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 80.78%

Total Units of Service: 25,960

Total Units of Service per capita: 8.65

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