

Delaware Libraries

Statewide Master Plan for Library Services and Construction

Library: Woodlawn Library of the Wilmington Institute Library

Address:
601 N. Bancroft Parkway
Wilmington, DE 19805

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Library Exterior:



Estimated Size: 1,700 SF

Hours:

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

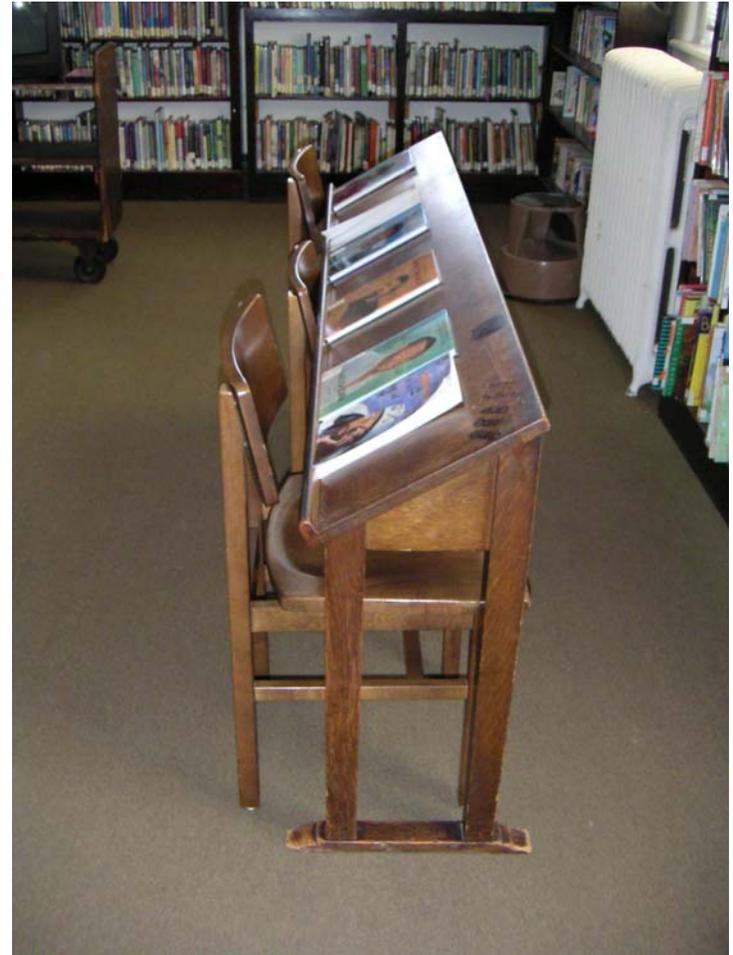
Estimated Hours Open 2003:
2,041 hours



Woodlawn
Display

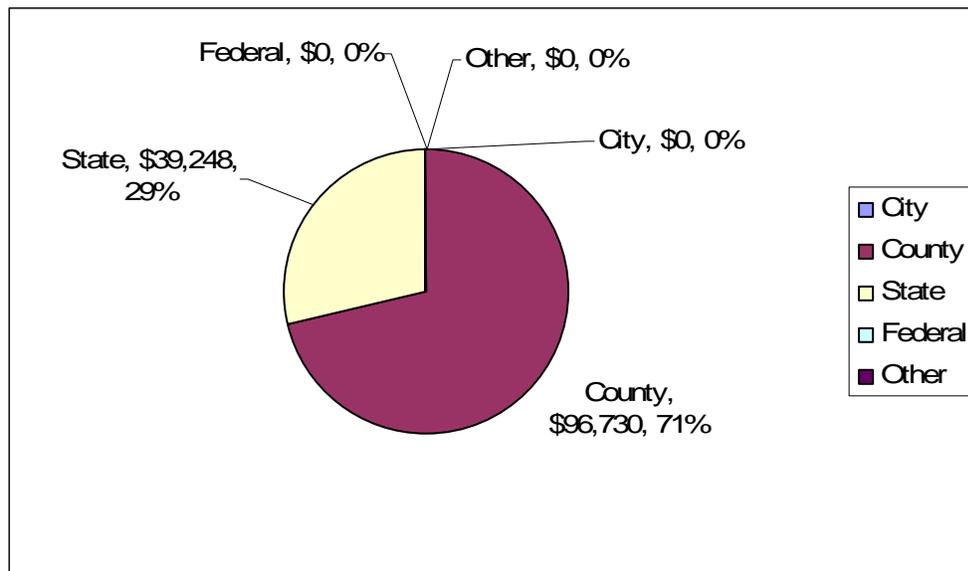


Woodlawn
Adult Area



Woodlawn
Children's Area

Financial Breakdown – Income:



History:

The Woodlawn Library was established as a station on the New Castle County Bookmobile route in 1908, and was made a branch of the Wilmington Library in October 1925. Originally the branch was located in a shared facility at 601 North Bancroft Parkway, accessible only by a steep and crooked stairway. With its front facing a quiet street, this little branch was easy to ignore.

The library doubled in size in 1926 to two small rooms. This literary corner in the Woodlawn Trustees' Administrative Building held only 1,200 books. Since 1926, the collection has increased dramatically, and the Woodlawn Branch now boasts a collection of over 16,000 volumes.

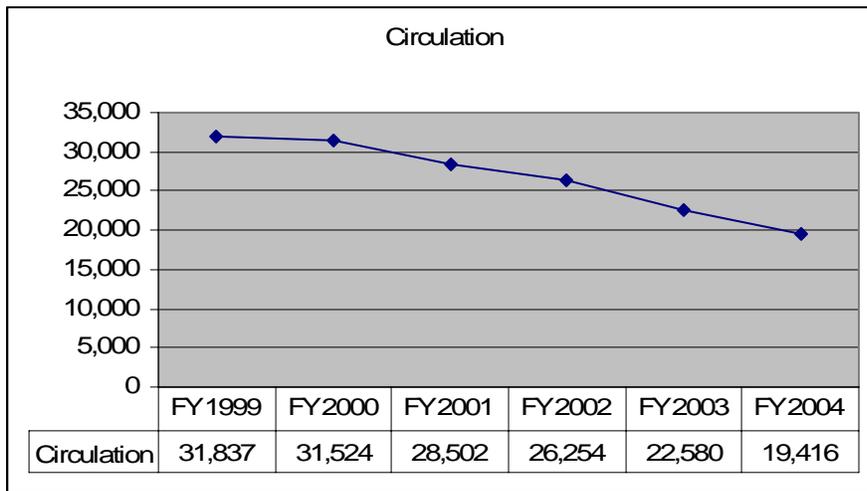
The Woodlawn Branch Library principally services a walk-in patronage from West Wilmington neighborhoods. To adapt to its unique community needs, the Woodlawn Branch provides story hours for several local day care centers before its normal operating hours. Due to its location on a school bus stop, the Woodlawn Branch also provides a safe study environment for local school students in the afternoons.

Additionally, the Woodlawn Branch offers meeting facilities for Literacy Volunteers of America tutors and students, U.S. Census Bureau teams, and an independent English as a Second Language tutoring program to satisfy the increasing demand in the library's service area.

General Description:

The Woodlawn Branch Library is located in an historic three story brick building located in a largely residential area (although relatively near to commercial activity). The library's collections and services are divided among the three floors which are accessible only by a stairway. The entrance to the facility is also inaccessible. A lift to the front door stoop had been provided but it is inoperable due to vandalism. This branch will be replaced by a new facility, which will be operated by New Castle County, in the near future.

Six Year Circulation History:



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- FY 1999 – 31,837
- FY 2000 – 31,524
- FY 2001 – 28,502
- FY 2002 – 26,254
- FY 2003 – 22,580
- FY 2004 – 19,416

Six Year Circulation Trend:

Circulation steadily declined between FY 1999 and FY 2004. The overall decrease between FY 1999 and FY 2004 was thirty-nine percent (39.0%).

2003 Library Visits: 14,400

2003 Holdings (number of items in library collection)

- Total Holdings 20,779
- Audio Holdings 241
- Video Holdings 292
- Periodical Titles 3

Holdings per Capita:

5.2 items per person in service area
New Castle County mean is 3.2; Delaware mean is 2.8
State target is 3.09

2003 Circulation Breakdown:

Total Circulation	22,580
Juvenile Circulation	3,523
Adult Circulation	19,057

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

Turnover 1.09

Total Operating Expenditures: \$ 131,978

Estimated Service Population:

2004/05 (Estimate)	3,963
2009/10 (Projection)	3,830
2015 (Projection)	3,969
2020 (Projection)	4,086
2025 (Projection)	4,180

Operating Cost per Person in Service Area: \$ 33.30 per capita

Cost per Circulation: \$ 5.84

Cost per Hour Open: \$ 64.66 per hour

Circulation per Capita in Service Area: 5.7 circulations per capita

Circulation per SF: 13.28 circulations per SF

Circulation per Hour Open: 11.06 circulations per hour

SF per Person in Service Area: 0.43 SF per person State target is 1.0

Library Visits per Capita: 3.6 visits per capita

Registrations as a Percentage of Service Area Population: 76.71%

Total Units of Service: 44,848

Total Units of Service per capita: 10.86

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