

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Farmer's Market
- ENL Parents Night at Rhinebeck Central School
- Thriving in Rhinebeck
- Field trip from Primrose Hill School and scavenger hunt
- Coat drive for The Great Giveback (collected about 75 coats plus hats & scarves)
- Planning for Sinterklaas
- Village Comprehensive Plan activities and meetings
- Partnership with Upstate Films

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- **Shed** - The shed has been ordered and is scheduled for installation on Nov 29. Our neighbors to the west were informed and didn't raise any objections.
- **Handyman Work** - We have accepted an estimate and are waiting for installation of the dumpster fencing and the laptop bar by Chris DiMase. We benefited from volunteered services in hanging the hummingbird mural, repairing a broken door handle, and prepping the shed site.
- **Doors** - The automated door openers needed and received servicing from Door Control Inc. Those were installed in 2011 and have only been serviced three times before now. I have asked both Hudson Valley Door & Hardware and Door Control for estimates to install an automated opener for one of the patron bathrooms. Hudson Valley Door made an adjustment to the bathroom door that was very difficult to open; they will return for a few other minor repairs/adjustments.

PERSONNEL

- We had another excellent staff meeting and look forward to having regular staff meetings every one to two months.
- Mary Olivere has decided to retire from volunteering at the circulation desk. We thank her for many years of service and dedication! I am working out coverage to replace her 5 hours a week.
- 7 staff members are working on or have finished the 5-hour *Justice at Work* course and everyone is doing the NYS Sexual Harrassment Prevention Training.
- These are additional trainings I have participated in:
 - E-Rate workshop, part 1 of 3
 - Hoopla administration
 - ADP payroll management

OTHER

- The \$25,700 grant from Dutchess County (Learn, Play, Create) was formally extended until Aug 2023.
- The featured speaker for the MHLS Annual Business Meeting focused on disaster planning, sharing a lot of excellent resources and ideas we will be exploring. Dutchess County has rolled out a new mobile app to help residents and families plan ahead for emergencies and to help coordinate local response efforts and critical communications in the aftermath. *Ready Dutchess* is available for free through the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.
- Upon Peter Bartram's recommendation, I met and spoke with a computer repair specialist who was happy to be our backup support as needed.

PROGRAMMING

Attendance	Sept 2022	Oct 1-15	Total 2022 YTD
All programs	239	321	2312
Outside groups	Didn't count ongoing self-run clubs/groups	Starting to count ongoing self-run clubs/groups	

September and Early October Program Highlights

- Book Club and Watercolors at Beatrix Farrand Garden - 50 total
- Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff concert - 35 people
- Climate Week events - 50+ across both
- Hosting Village Comprehensive Plan Kitchen Table Conversations & Facilitated Discussion - 140 across 4 events
- Substantial growth of book club
- MVP Tai Chi (weekly) - 9 to 24 people each week
- STEAM with Mikelison Womack - 8 people
- Primrose Hill Class Visit - 10 people
- Miracles on Montgomery with Upstate Films - 101 people
- Other programs: Qigong, Chair Yoga, Lego Hour, Storytime (Miss Robbie has decided to continue with storytime through the autumn/winter months and has moved indoors to the Community Room space where she feels more comfortable.)

PATRON SERVICES

- **The Teen Zone** is crystallizing. The Teen Advisory Board was delayed but will meet soon. We have a growing collection of high school textbooks for in-library use. We are considering featuring sculptural art from local teens. We are narrowing down the furniture options (based on excellent input from our in-house teen employees and field trip participants) but are waiting until we convene the new Teen Advisory Board to make purchasing decisions. Chris DiMase (carpentry) gave an estimate of \$1000 for the laptop bar, and we are waiting for an estimate from Dave Long for the electrical strip. All Teen

Zone expenses will be paid out of the *Learn, Play, Create* grant.

- **Displays**

- We hung the hummingbird mural in the Children's wing.
- We are starting a new “staff picks” display with personal recommendations.
- Check out the fun Halloween and other displays!
- Shifting is almost done and the stacks look great.



MEETINGS

- Unfortunately, I had to meet with the Thomas Thompson trustees on Zoom during their annual Rhinebeck visit because I had Covid. Fortunately, we had a great introduction and look forward to working together as our expansion plans move forward.
- I had a productive conversation with our lawyer, Ellen Bach, and will share the takeaways with the governance committee.
- The monthly MHLS and Dutchess County directors' meetings have been extremely informative and useful, and I will continue to try to carve out more time for other MHLS events.

SUGGESTED FOCUS FOR THE BOARD

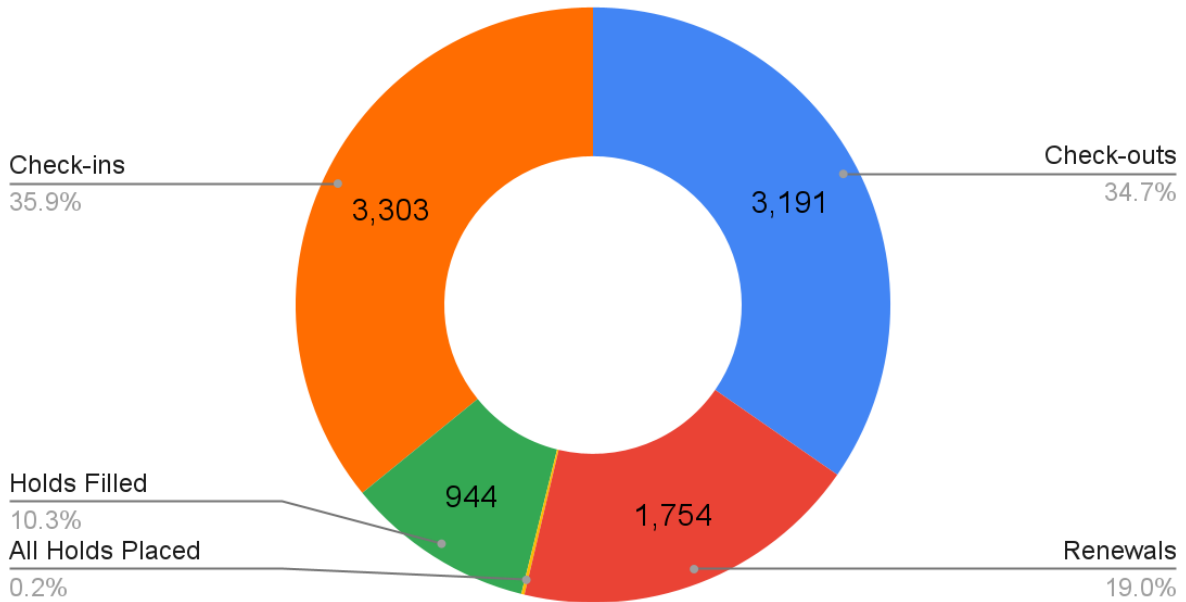
- Starr has a lot of exciting programs coming in November (please review the [calendar](#)), but it would be great if the board focuses their efforts on **getting the word out quickly** about these two:
 - 11/2 @ 6:30pm - Strongmen Politicians at Home and Abroad: Author Talk with Ruth Ben-Ghiat and Alexis Coe
 - 11/3 @ 4pm - STEAM for Kids with Mikelison Womack
- So far I have only met with these committees: Public Relations, Buildings & Grounds, and Personnel. We still need to set up meetings for all the other committees to discuss goals and review activity.
- This year is Starr's 160th anniversary and I would like for us to plan a celebration for the spring. For the 150th anniversary, we had a gala and a Founder's Day community event.

STATISTICS

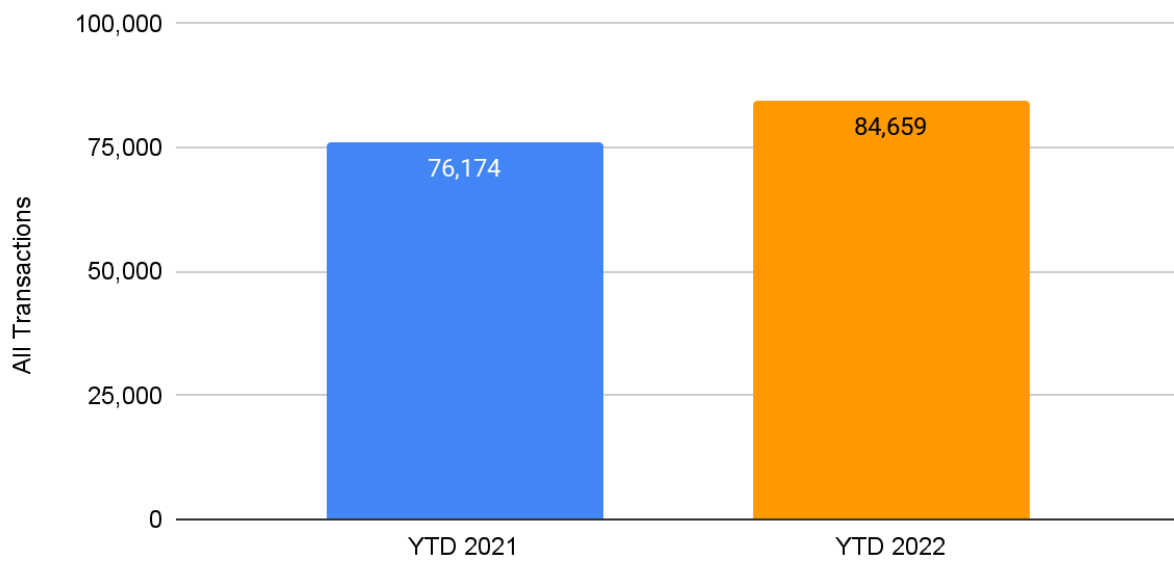
This month I'm experimenting with looking at monthly, year-to-date, and year-to-year comparisons in a few different measures. I would like feedback from the board about whether there is any particular information you would like to see every month.

Last Month's Transactions at Rhinebeck Circulation Desk

September 2022 = 9,208 Transactions

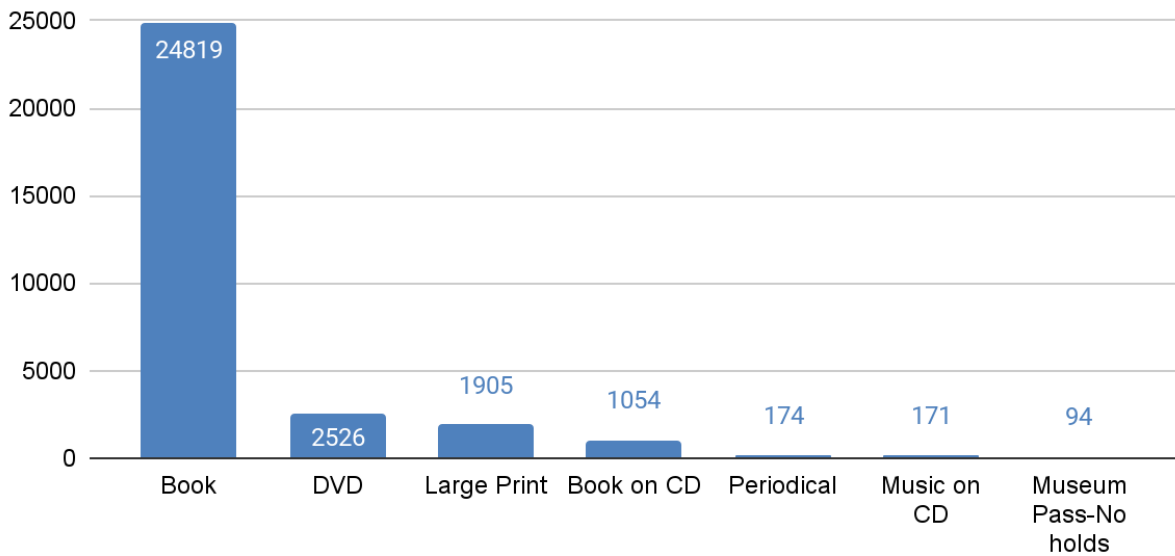


Year-to-Date Comparison: Total Transactions by Location



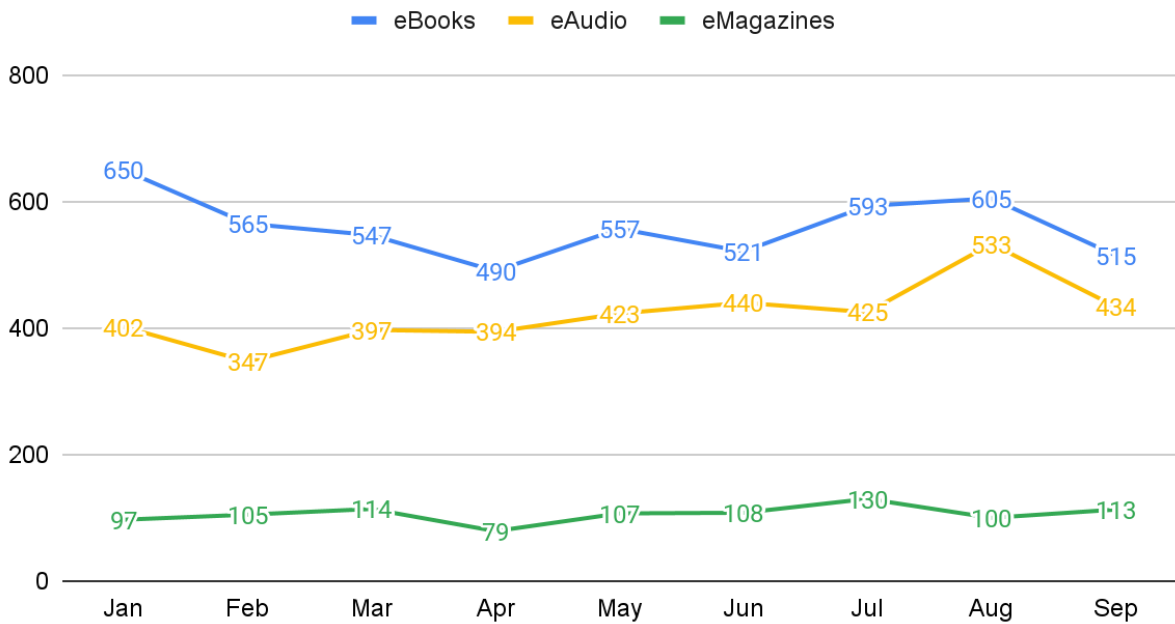
Total Transactions at Rhinebeck Circulation Desk as of October 15

Check-outs by Item Type

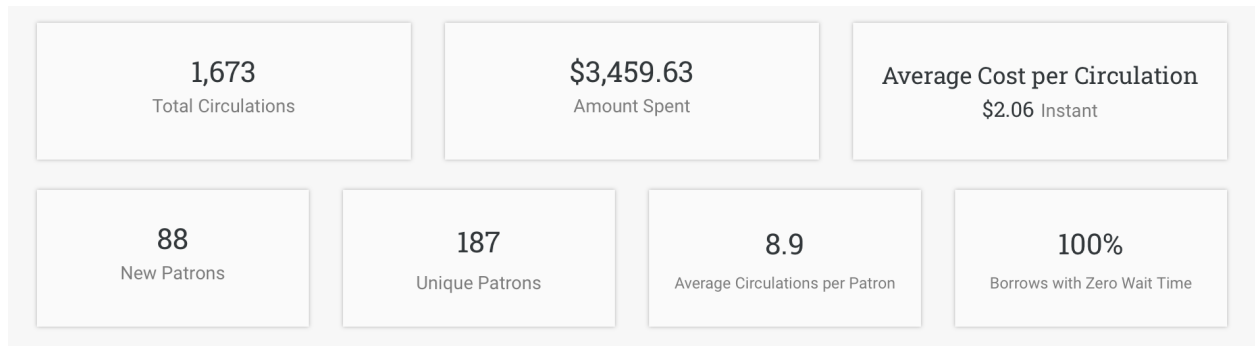


Check-outs at Rhinebeck Circulation Desk 1/1/22-10/15/22

Starr Overdrive Monthly Usage 2022



Hoopla at a Glance YTD 2022



Hoopla September 2022

