

# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

## **January 2025**

### **Dates Closed**

Library will be closed Mon. January 20 for Martin Luther King Day.

### **Art Exhibition**

The display case for December featured Ann Coberg's collection of Santas. The Ruplin Gallery showcased the work of Stevie Artemis Latham on the History of The Rising House here in Chestertown. The Art Reception for this exhibit had the largest turnout for this year. We stopped counting at 45. Plans are afoot for a Spring or Summer program about The Rising House in conjunction with the Historical Society.

In January, the Ruplin Gallery and Display case will both feature the work of students from the Schroom Lake School.

### **Library Board of Trustees' New Terms**

Greg Gross, Hali Holmes, and Maggie Carpenter will begin their first full terms that will run from Jan 1, 2025 until December 31, 2027.

### **Library's Strategic Plan Renewal**

For Board perusal, I will be passing out copies of the Library's Strategic Plan. It is time to update it. Please review it and be prepared for discussion and/or approval at our Feb. meeting.

### **Yearly Trustee Education Requirement-2 hours**

A reminder that this is a requirement and it is better to start early. There are several places to find educational programs and I will pass along opportunities as they come up. Please remember that you are responsible for finding and taking classes. I would like you to submit a written confirmation of which classes you took,

Respectfully submitted,  
Alma Alvarez, Director  
Town of Chester Public Library

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## **STATISTICS**

### **November 2023**

9 to 10am	64
10 to 11am	97
11 to 12pm	84
12 to 1pm	53
1 to 2pm	46
2 to 3pm	42
3 to 4 pm	47
4 to 5pm	28
<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>463</b>

	<b>Nov 2023</b>
Patrons in Library	463
Items checked out	573
ILL received	137
ILL sent	244
Computer users	23
Wireless	395

### **November 2024**

9 -10am	
10-11am	
11-12pm	
12- 1pm	
1 to 2pm	
2 to 3pm	
3 to 4pm	
4 to 5pm	
<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>523</b>

	<b>Nov 2024</b>
Patrons in Library	523
Items checked out	713
ILL received	135
ILL sent	305
Computer use	21
Wireless	461
Tech Help	42
Fax	23

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## December 2023

9 to 10am	63
10 to 11am	93
11 to 12pm	88
12 to 1pm	50
1 to 2pm	52
2 to 3pm	38
3 to 4 pm	43
4 to 5pm	31
<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>458</b>

	<b>Dec 2023</b>
Patrons in Library	458
Items checked out	709
ILL received	149
ILL sent	326
Computer users	unk
Wireless Use	230

## December 2024

9-10am	59
10-11am	100
11-12pm	100
12- 1pm	89
1 to 2pm	64
2 to 3pm	43
3 to 4 pm	68
4 to 5pm	62
<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>585</b>

	<b>Dec 2024</b>
Patrons in Library	585
Items checked out	726
ILL received	116
ILL sent	261
Computer use	15
Wireless Use	192
Tech Help	7
Fax	5