

Salem Township Library

Monthly Report

August 2026

From the Director

by Lisa Vande Bunte

At the end of July, we wrapped up our Summer Reading Program with great community participation. Throughout the summer, 937 people attended our events, and we were thrilled to give away over 300 books to readers.

August gave us a brief opportunity to reflect on the past year as we prepare for the year ahead. Looking forward, we are gearing up for our upcoming library book sale and hiring for two open positions:

- Circulation & Adult Services Librarian
- Circulation, Social Media & Marketing Librarian

Also this month, we cleaned up our landscaping and had a leak repaired in our lawn irrigation system.

As we navigate these transitions and updates, we are extremely grateful to the wonderful volunteers who have stepped in to assist us. We have a great year ahead of us and look forward to continuing to serve our community.

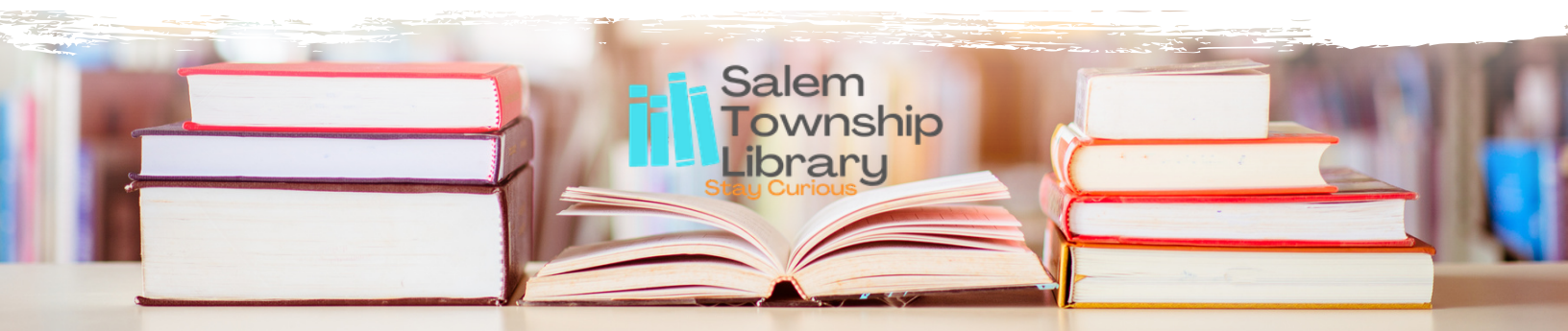
Library Spotlights

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If there's one thing that's stood out to the staff recently, it's just how incredible our community is at showing up for the library and each other.

At the park, it's been fantastic seeing so many people out enjoying the pickleball courts! We've received a lot of great comments, alongside a fresh surge of interest in frisbee golf. For the library, watching what the community is enjoying outdoors actually helps us behind the scenes. It gives us great inspiration for future programming, new collection additions, and different resources to consider offering.

That same community spirit has meant the world to us inside the building, too. With our recent staffing transitions, several community members have stopped in to ask how they can help and show their support. Patrons have been inquiring about open positions, asking about volunteering, and even bringing in special treats. That kind of neighborly support is what makes working here so special, and all of us at the library thank you for it!



Activity

1,268 Patron Visits

34 Program Attendees*

15 New Patrons

268 Items Added to Collection

**We typically have very few programs right after summer reading, this number reflects two book clubs and one Play N' Learn gathering.*

Checkouts

6,578 Physical Items

1,618 Digital Items

24 Hotspots

59 STEAM Kits and LOT Items

Trending at the Library

- World Travels TV Series: Bolivia
- The Calamity Club by Katheryn Stockett
- Harry Potter
- Pickleball

Mark your calendar

Check our Recurring Programs below for seasonal programs.

Recurring Programs

- **Story Time** @ 11am; Every Wednesday (September-May)
- **Lego Club** @ 11am; Second Saturday of each month (September-May)
- **Play n' Learn** @ 11am; Second Thursday of each month at the Township Hall
- **Board Game Afternoons** @ 1pm; Third Wednesday of each month (September-May)
- **Adult Book Clubs:**
 - AM Group meets @ 8:30am the last Monday of each month
 - PM Group meets @ 7pm the First Monday of each month

