



GLEN ROCK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT



2023

315 Rock Road, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

201-670-3970
www.glenrocklibrary.org



106,023

patron visits
in 2023



Check out our displays

Q & A

Librarians
answered

7,668

questions.

72%
of Glen Rock
residents have
active library
cards. That's
8,730 patrons!



Patrons saved
an average of
\$766*
by checking out
materials at the
library. That's
\$2,380,901 total!



"Library Night has become a highlight for the Fisher boys. The library has it all—a train table, a new Stanley book to borrow, and coloring sheets to take home. Can't forget to say hi to the fish!"

- The Fisher Family

*Based on the total number of patrons who checked out materials in 2023.

The gallery July Artist



Stay & play!



Collections

As of the end of 2023, the library owns **76,922** items! In addition to our collection, patrons of the Glen Rock Public Library can also request and borrow materials from all 78 BCCLS libraries. Last year, our patrons benefited from our BCCLS membership by borrowing **35,001** items from other libraries. We circulate much more than books! Residents can check out a museum pass, a cake pan, a bird watching kit, or even a leaf blower! Our patrons also have access to Libby and Hoopla to read eBooks, listen to audiobooks and music, watch movies, & more.



36,343

eBook,
eAudiobook, &
digital content
check outs.

170,776

Materials were
checked
out!

Coming Soon

We are working to improve access and offerings to create a more welcoming and inviting space that will enlighten, excite, and engage all of our patrons!

In 2023, the Glen Rock Borough Council allocated state grant funding to kickstart an **elevator project** for the library. We're currently in the early design stages, but look forward to providing our patrons a more accessible building in the coming years.

In 2024, we'll be adding more **dynamic program offerings** for all ages. We're especially excited about our new monthly after hours concerts on Tuesday evenings, generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We're **forging more community partnerships** in an effort to provide a wider range of events and services, as well as increase our physical and digital book collections.

And, while a large percentage of Glen Rock residents already have library cards, we're hoping to **welcome even more of you this year!**



Event Highlights

We held
287
programs for all ages



40
Teen
Volunteers

788

Adult event
attendees



8,699
people attended
events at the
library.

201
Children & Teen
Summer
Readers

175
Makers Day
participants



2023 Wine Tasting

Personnel

The Board of Trustees appointed a new Director, Brianne Colombo, in October 2023. Glenn Hoeffler celebrated 35 years of service at the GRPL in 2023! We are incredibly grateful to our staff for all they do to make the library such a valuable asset for the Glen Rock community.

It Takes a Community!



Have you ever wondered how the library is funded?

Funding public libraries in New Jersey is a collaborative effort between the State and the local municipality. New Jersey State law mandates that municipalities with local libraries allocate funding according to the “one-third mill formula”. This means local libraries receive 33 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. In 2023, per this equation, the library received \$969,761 from Glen Rock residents and businesses.

This required funding provides the base of the Library's budget, but it doesn't cover what is needed to fund a well-staffed, well-stocked, and active library like GRPL! Crucial additional funds come from allocations from the Mayor and Council, the Friends of the Glen Rock Public Library (who support so much of our exciting programming), community partners, and private donors.

Just
.03%
of all tax dollars
go to the
library

We Are Grateful For Our 2023 Supporters

Organizations & Foundations

- The Friends of the Glen Rock Public Library
- The Lapkin Foundation
- The Yaw Paw Camp Foundation of Ridgewood & Glen Rock

Government

- The Bergen County Board of Commissioners
- Borough of Glen Rock Mayor & Council

Bequests

- Frank J. and Helen E. Taylor
- Ruth Willett Andrews

Other Individual & Private Donors

Special Appreciation

- The Borough of Glen Rock Administrative Staff
- The Borough of Glen Rock Department of Public Works
- The Glen Rock Garden Club
- The Friends of the Glen Rock Public Library volunteers who run The Gallery, Book Sale, and special events



Our Board of Trustees meet monthly, and the public is welcome to attend: glenrocklibrary.org/board-members

Share your feedback with us. We want to hear from **you!**