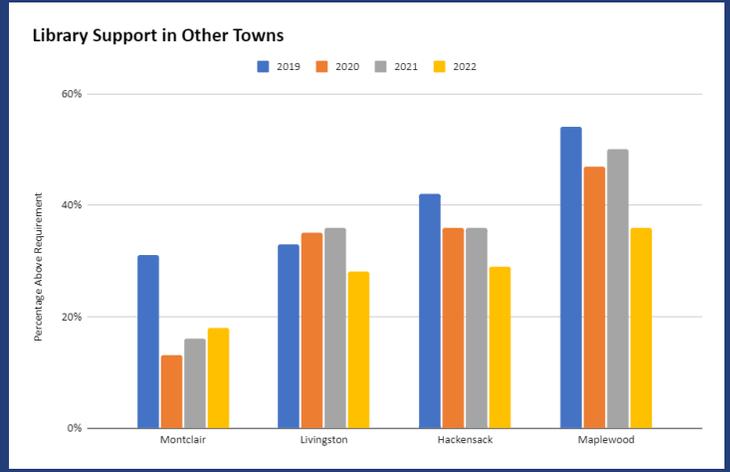


How Libraries Are Funded in New Jersey

- Every township is required by New Jersey state law to fund its library at a statutory minimum. This number is based on the community's tax base. In 2023, Montclair's minimum totaled \$3.57M.
- Historically, Montclair has dedicated ancillary funds to the library each year. Over the past two decades those funds have significantly declined.
- The best libraries in New Jersey receive municipal funding well above the minimum requirement. Montclair deserves to be among them.



The Library needs and deserves robust municipal funding to provide the operating hours, level of services, and impactful programs that our diverse community requires and expects.

MPL Priorities

- **BUILDINGS** - Make both buildings safe, welcoming and useful places
- **MATERIALS** - Provide broadest range of books, online resources and other items
- **PEOPLE** - Cultivate and train diverse, innovative staff and volunteers
- **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES** - Conduct classes and programs and provide needed services

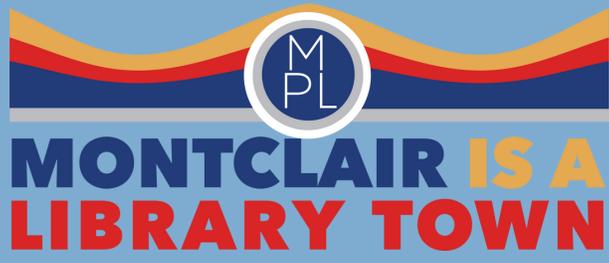
The Town (& YOUR tax dollars) Are Responsible For Basic library services and programs, salaries and benefits for personnel, and all facilities overhead, including maintenance and repairs.

Charitable Donations to MPL Foundation Support Enhancing and enriching the library experience with digital materials, research tools, programs for Kids & Teens, community events, signature programs like Open Book / Open Mind, Museum Passes, extended Wi-Fi, the eTuk bookmobile, the Adult School, and more.

Learn More



Scan the QR code above to visit the Foundation's Advocacy webpage.



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Why Montclair Residents Love Our Libraries



"I've been coming to the library since I moved to Montclair to live with my daughter and her family last year. When I found out about the 'Large Print' section, I was overjoyed. I take out 3-6 books at a time."

"Our girls, 7 and 4, love reading and going to the library. Everyone should have that access!"

"Thank you for all the hard work you do to maintain this incredibly important democratic institution!"

"Every member of the staff has been welcoming, competent, and knowledgeable. They've been kind and helpful to us but especially so in the Juvenile section."



People in Montclair Use and Value Our Libraries

In 2023

TECHNOLOGY



153,917

visits made to the Library's website



36,364

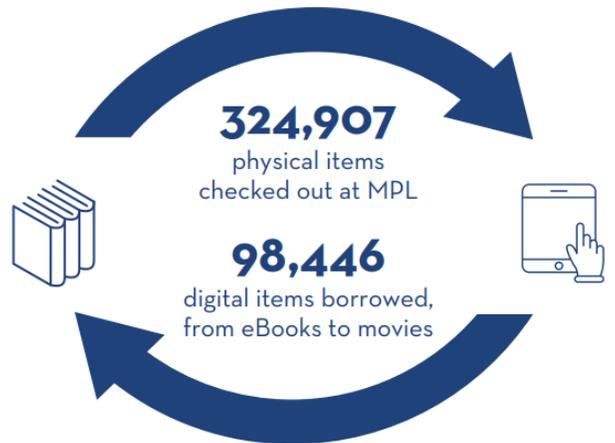
on-site Wi-Fi sessions provided



825

Wi-Fi hotspots borrowed for home use

CIRCULATION & SERVICES



PROGRAMS



14,570

attendance at children's and teen programs



3,754

attendance at adult programs



3,663

registrations in Adult School classes



169,476

in-person visits to the Library



56,591

questions answered



2,232

library cards issued

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