

Minutes of the Waynesboro Public Library
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
4:00 pm Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairperson Kanise Marshall. Present at the meeting were Kanise Marshall, Edie Eckman, Brenci Patiño, and Jamie Kollar (Library Liaison). Jabriel Tyler and Kevin Ryan (Friends of the Library) were not in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and approved, to accept the minutes of the February 2022 Board Meeting.

Old Business

- Emily Bardeen is interested in joining the Board to cover the rest of Kathy's term. Trustees are in support of her nomination.
- New Director Update: Susan V. Versen (currently of the Massanutten Regional Library) has accepted the position and will begin work on April 11.

Director's Report

Overall library activity is holding steady with some areas showing an increase in usage/participation. Circulation with auto-renewals is comparable to pre-Covid numbers; foot traffic has not yet reached pre-pandemic numbers. Children's story time held outside has restarted and although the numbers are low, they are expected to increase as the weather gets warmer. An in-person Magic Show, also held outside, attracted 150 participants. The virtual tour of the Wildlife Center was successful with both children and adults attending. Adult craft bag demand has increased quite bit. WPL is starting a Seed Library Program where community members will be able to collect starter packs of seeds, grow the plants, and replace the seeds once available.

Circulation and traffic statistics are attached below.

New Business

Chairperson reminded the Trustees about emailing to Sen. Hanger to seek his support of budget item 240 #1s that would increase funding to VA public libraries.

Friends of the Library Report

None. Kevin Ryan was not able to attend.

Next Meeting

April 19, 2022, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

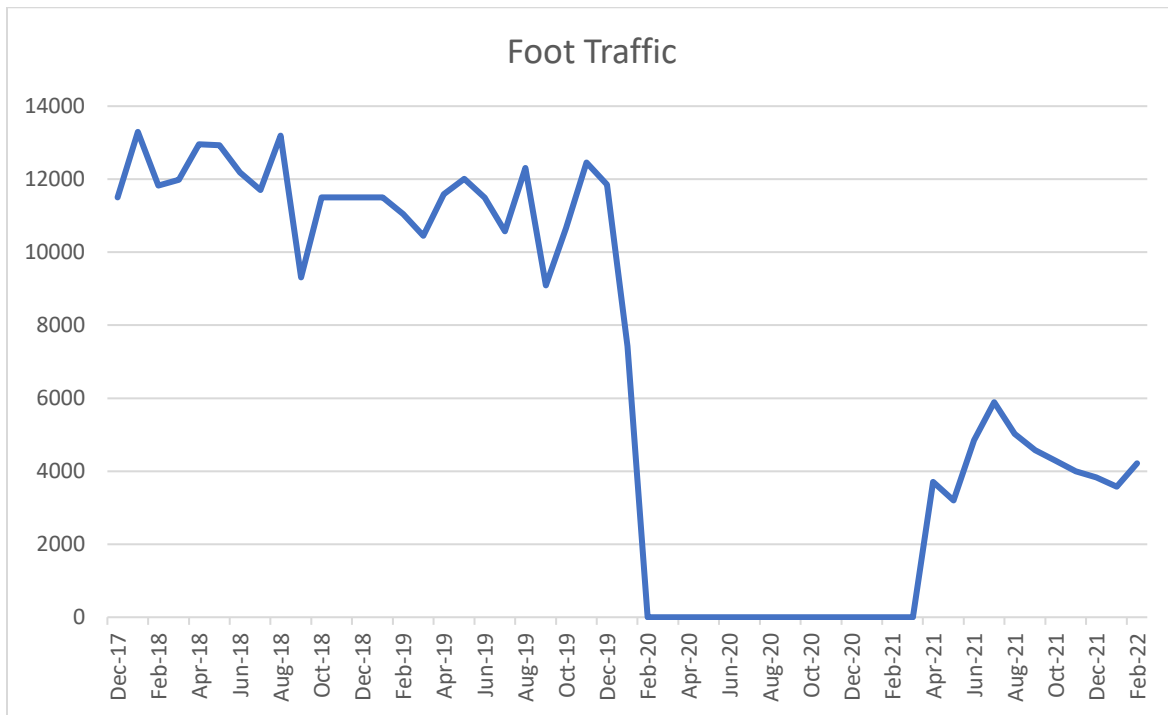
Brenci Patiño

Secretary

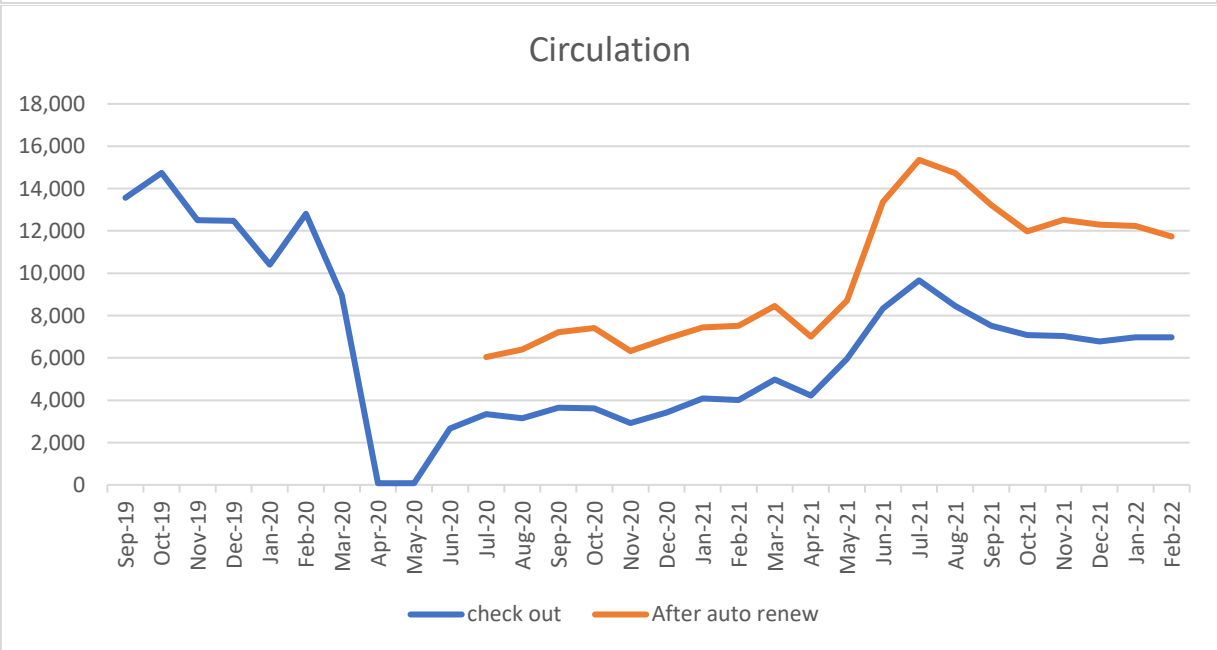
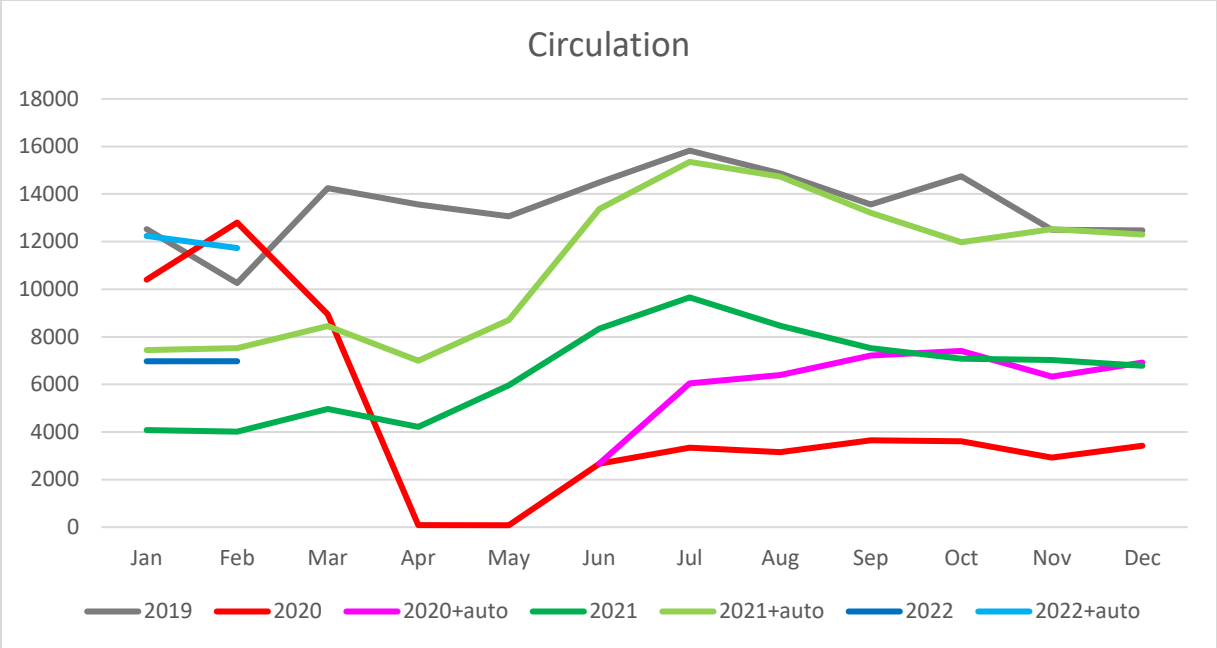
March 2022 Board Report

Updates:

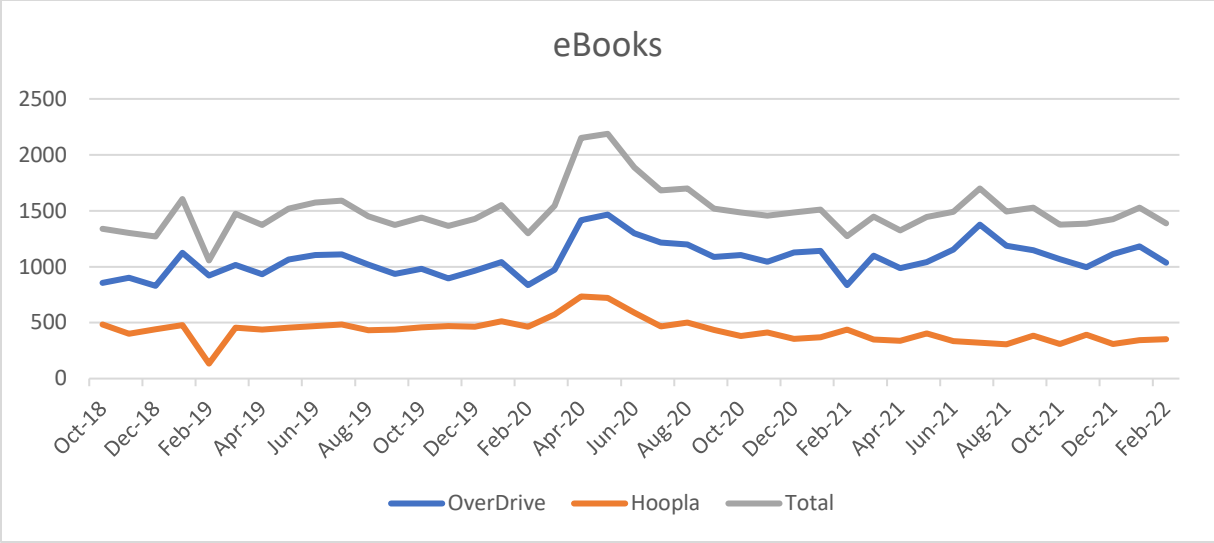
- Weekly craft bags for children and adults.
 - Adult: 192 YTD (dramatic increase in March).
 - Children: 222 YTD (consistent, approx. 20/week).
- Valentine's Day craft giveaway 2/14.
 - Moved inside due to bad weather.
 - 28 participants (children/parents).
- Jodi Meadows virtual book club and author visit 2/10, 2/17, 2/24.
 - Discussed *Nightrender*. Jodi Meadows attended last session.
 - 9 participants (adult/teen).
- Wildlife Center virtual tour 2/25.
 - Approx. 50 participants (children/parents).
- Seed Library in the works, should be avail. to the public soon.



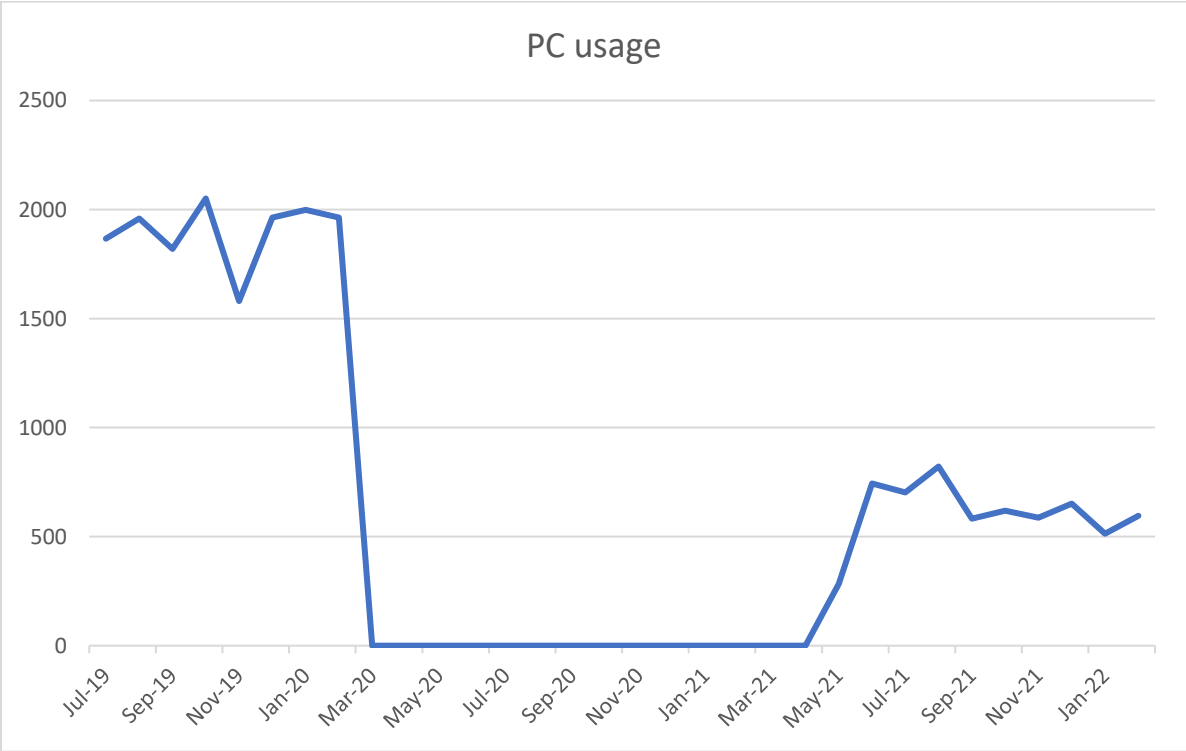
Foot traffic has picked up again after a dip in December. Still nowhere near pre-COVID.

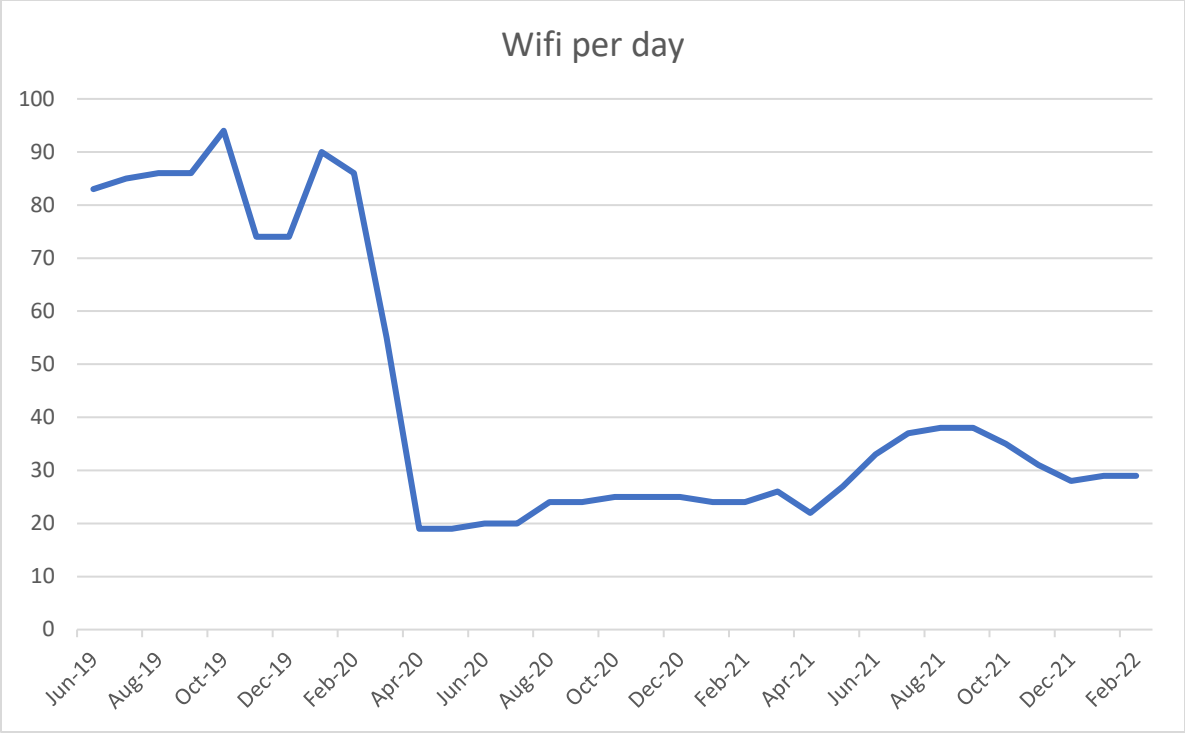


With auto-renewals, we're back to where we were in 2019. 2022 checkouts are almost equal to 2021 checkouts plus auto-renewals.



Hoopla is slightly lower than pre-2020, OverDrive is slightly higher, combined total is the same.





PC demand has remained fairly steady since summer, continues to be fairly low.