

Minutes of the Waynesboro Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
4:00 pm Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairperson Kanise Marshall. Present at the meeting were Kanise Marshall, Edie Eckman, Brenci Patiño, Emily Bardeen, and Susan V. Versen, Library Director. Board member 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 March 2022 Board Meeting.

**Introduction of New Library Director**

Susan V. Versen introduced herself to the Board, gave a detailed explanation of her background, and she shared that she met with the Friends of the Library on the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Director's Report**

Foot traffic at the library is increasing; masks are now optional but the barriers are still in place. The library is starting an outdoor Book Club in May and they will be using Waynesboro parks for this purpose. The Seed Library is going well and programming is being planned to show the public how to harvest. Story time is back with recorded stories as programming spaces are being readied up for usage. Circulation and computer usage are back up. Through the VA Department of Health's STACC program, the library will begin distributing COVID-19 test kits to the community. The expectation is to be able to do so by May.

Circulation and traffic statistics are attached below.

**Old Business**

Emily Bardeen has been approved by the City Council as a new member replacing Kathy Johnson on the Board.

**New Business**

Chairperson will contact Jabriel Tyler as he has not attended the meetings this year. Kanise will also reach out to Kevin Ryan about the need to have representation from the Friends of the Library as well as providing the Board with a report.

**Friends of the Library Report**

None.

**Next Meeting**

May 17, 2022, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

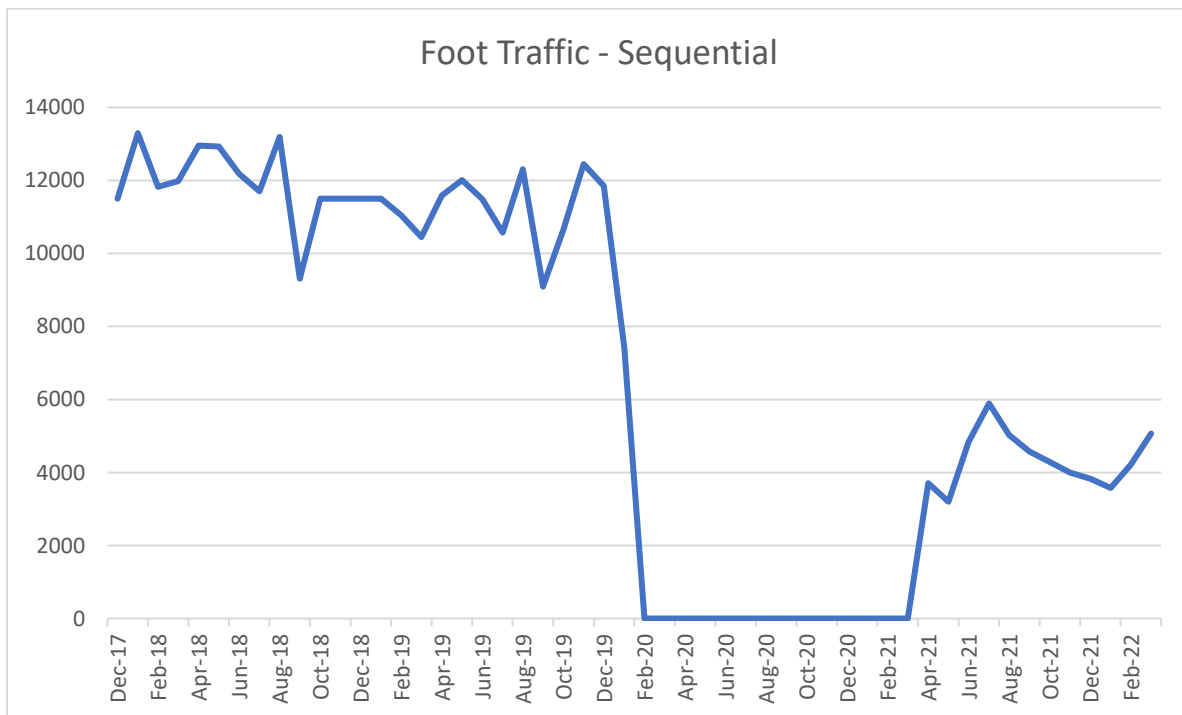
Respectfully submitted,

*Brenci Patiño*  
Secretary

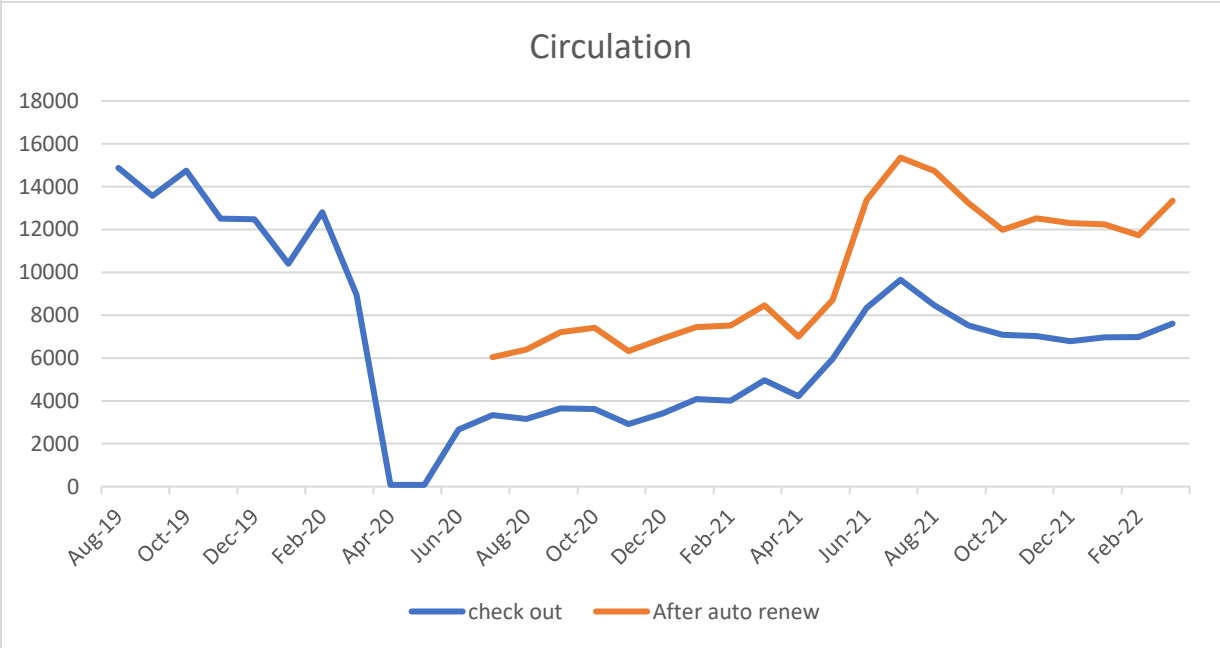
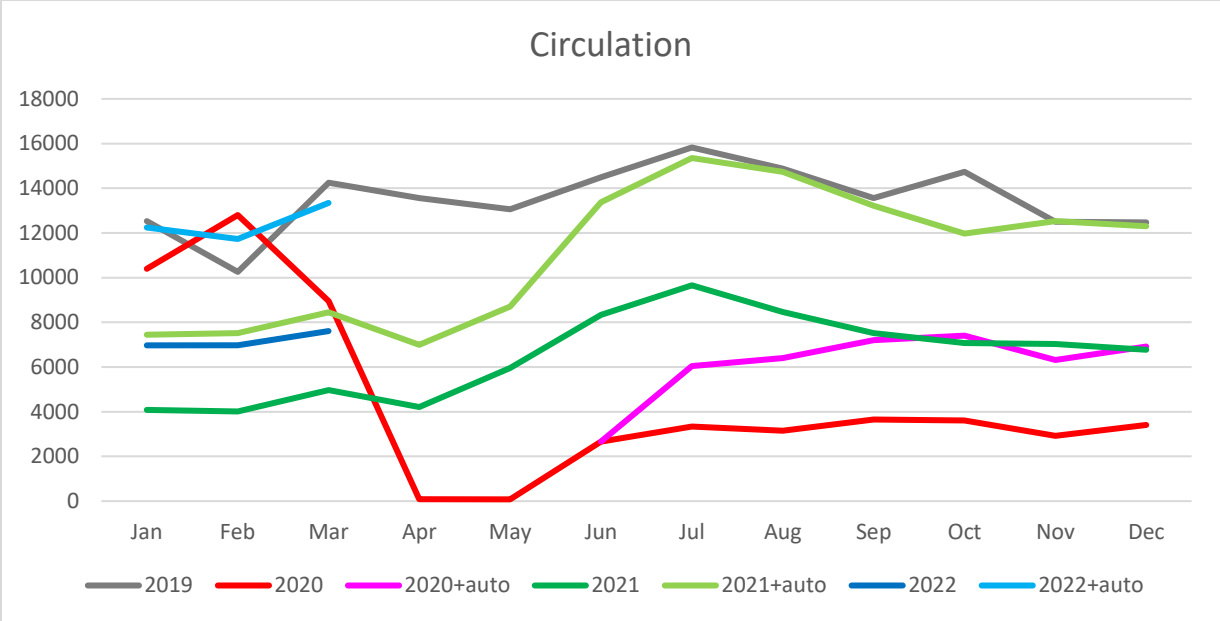
## April 2022 Board Report

### Updates:

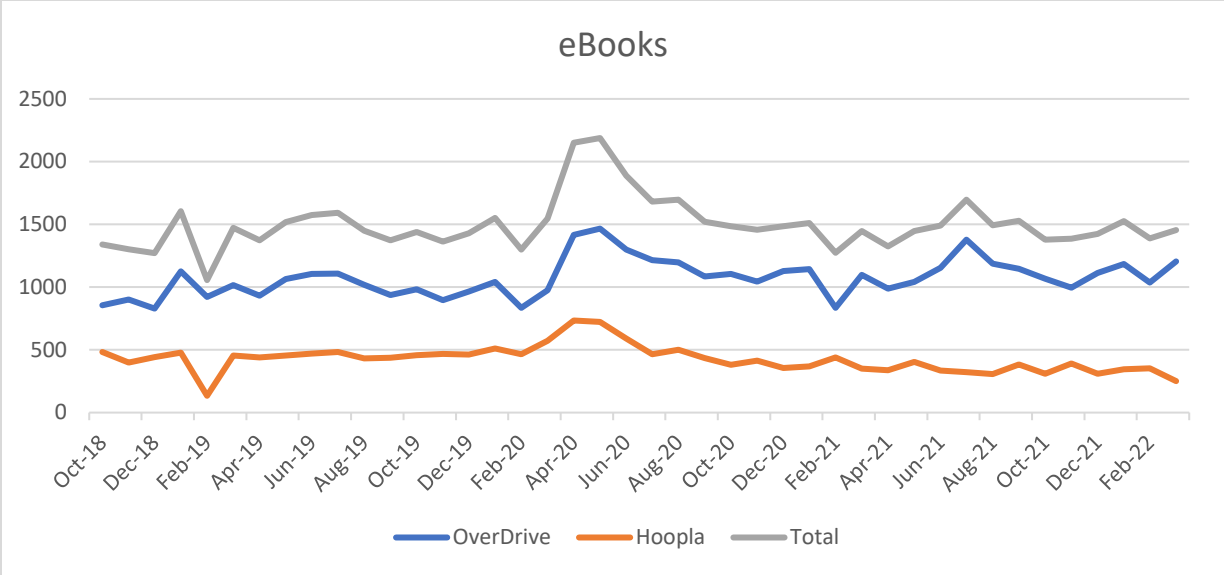
- Weekly craft bags for children and adults.
  - Adult: 335 YTD.
  - Children: 300 YTD (slight steady increase since Jan.)
- Agricadabra! outdoor magic show
  - 154 participants (children/parents).
- Pre-K and Baby/Toddler Story Times resumed first week in March.
  - Outside, videos posted to Facebook in case of bad weather.
  - Pre-K: Wednesday mornings, 17 in-person participants and 37 virtual in March.
  - Baby/Toddler: Friday mornings, 30 in-person participants (no virtual) in March.
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten resumed mid-March, tracked online.
  - 4 new sign-ups so far.
- Outdoor Book Club begins this month.
  - First meeting May 2 at Ridgeview Park, discussing *The Peculiar Miracles of Antoinette Martin* by Stephanie Knipper.
- Seed Library premiered last week.



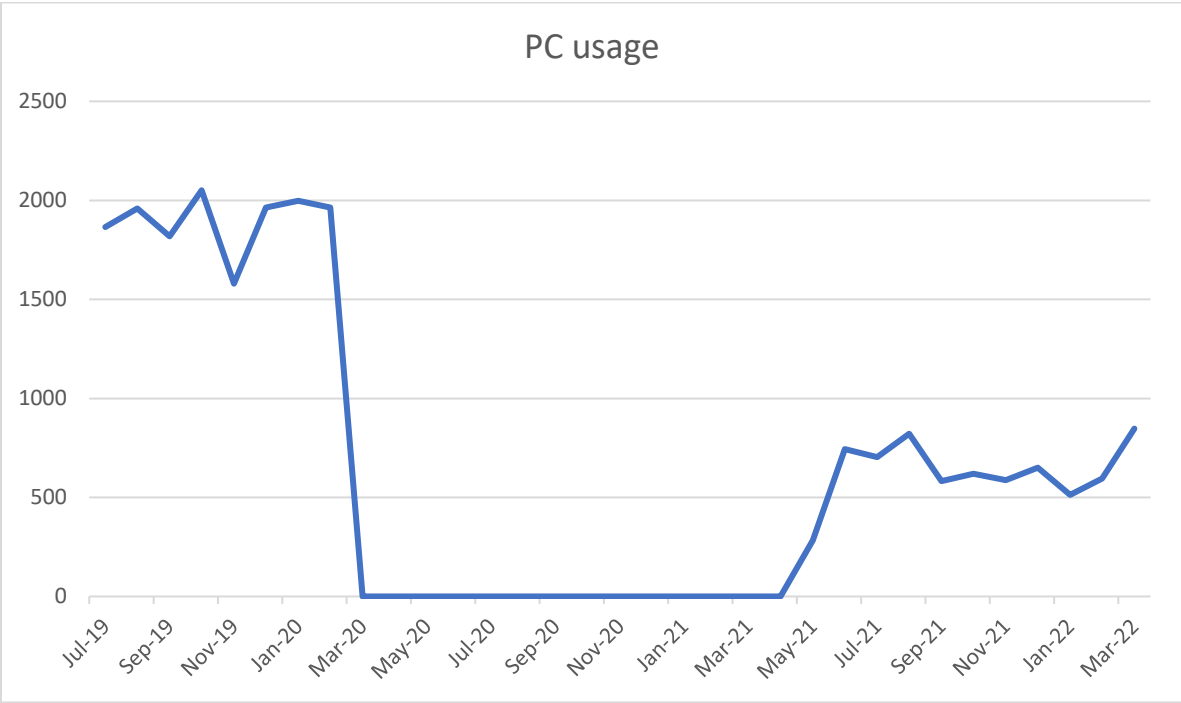
Foot traffic has picked up again after a dip in December. Still nowhere near pre-COVID.

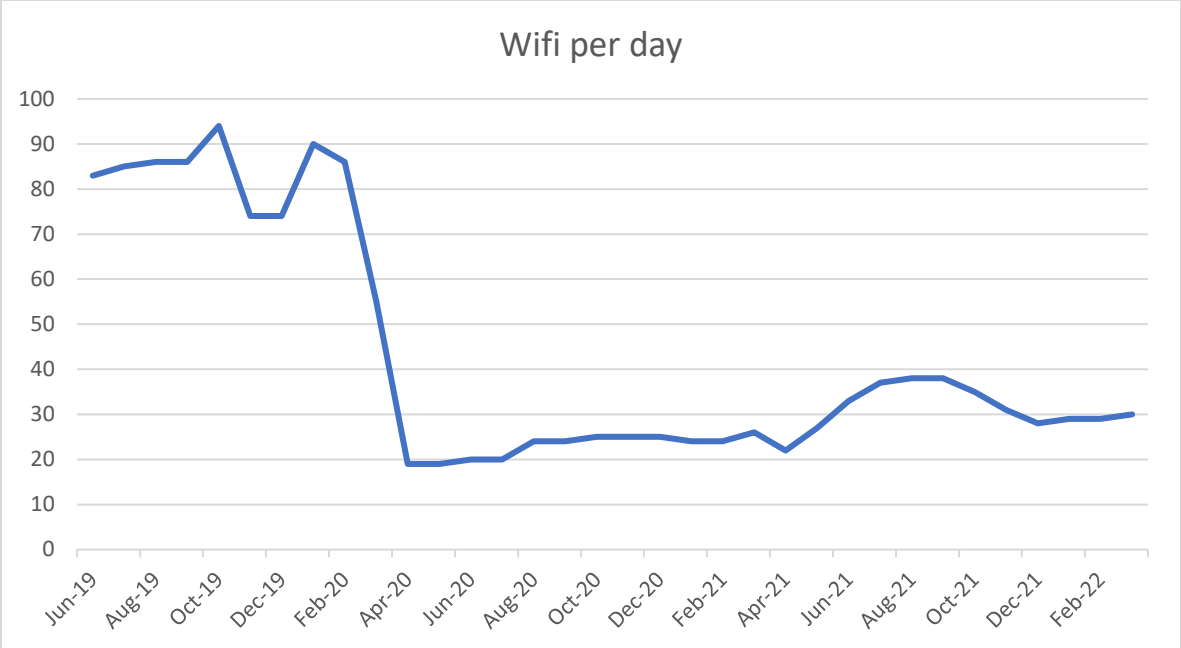


With auto-renewals, we're approximately where we were in 2019. Checkouts in general have been steadily rising since the post-summer drop-off last year.



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





PC demand has remained fairly steady since summer, but did have a spike in March compared to previous months. Wifi remains steady.