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.

"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

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

Librarians answered 7,668 questions.

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

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

106,023 patron visits in 2023

170,776 Materials were checked out!

36,343 eBook, eAudiobook, & digital content check outs.
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
8,699 people attended events at the library.
40 Teen Volunteers
788 Adult event attendees
201 Children & Teen Summer Readers
175 Makers Day participants

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.

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

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

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