In the first six months of 2023, people visited the Abington and Roslyn libraries 230,000 times. You came for big events, like our Summer Reading Kick-Off Party; for book discussions, like the ones sponsored by a grant from the Yiddish Book Center; for play groups for families with young children, like the Playdate on Avondale series; and to try your hands at detective work at Murder Mystery Parties for teens and adults. You came to the libraries to study in the Shidur Room, to learn English with an Adult Literacy Program tutor, to use our computers or Wi-Fi, to work on the community puzzle, and to sign up for Summer Reading. And, of course, you came to borrow materials, to the tune of 184,000 items. You borrowed books, museum passes, connected Chromebooks, magazines, graphic novels, science and math kits, and so much more. It’s been quite the year so far.

Our commitment to serving the Abington community goes beyond the walls of our two libraries. In 2023 we challenged ourselves to expand our reach and to bring the library to you. We did so by attending more than 40 events, like the Senior Fair at Salem Baptist Church, the Roslyn Pet Fair, Summer Meals at Crestmont Park, and the Earth Day Celebration at Briar Bush. We offered science storytimes at Alverthorpe Park, visited schools to promote Summer Reading, set up StoryWalks at Ardsley Kite Day, and brought Bark Pals, a read-to-the-dogs program, to the Roslyn Giant. We gave out books, registered people for library cards, sponsored programs, and led hands-on STEAM activities at events throughout Abington. It’s wonderful to see you inside our libraries, but it’s equally as great to connect outside of them.

Last month I joined several of my colleagues (including Roary, our dino-mascot!) at the Abington Pre-Night Out, and I had the pleasure of speaking with several hundred children, teens, and adults. Nearly to a person, everyone said how much they love the library. They told us how much the library means to them and how often they visit. They shared about their favorite books, beloved programs, and at which community event they had last seen library staff. On behalf of my library colleagues and our Board of Trustees, please allow me the opportunity to say thank you. Believe me, the feeling is mutual.

— Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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