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## **Wilkinsburg Library Re-Opens September 8th**

Director Meetings:

- Regularly scheduled county library meetings.

Staff Updates:

Personnel committee has given permission for the library to post Outreach and Senior Circulation Clerk positions. At the time of this writing we have not hired anyone for those positions. We are still waiting for Personnel to make a decision regarding putting Rachel Moore into the Assistant Director position. The library has now been 7-months without an Assistant Director.

## **Library Programs:**

**View our full calendar of programs at:**

**[wilkinsburglibrary.org/programs/](http://wilkinsburglibrary.org/programs/)**

We hope you will all take a moment to visit our Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel to see all of the amazing programming we have been putting on!

- Get **free legal advice on September 17**. A big thank you to Attorney Giuseppe Rosselli for volunteering his time!
- Get your **antiques appraised....virtually!** We'll be hosting a virtual antique appraisal on October 13.
- Take a **historic walking tour** of Wilkinsburg. In partnership with the Wilkinsburg Historical Society, we have created a historical walking tour of Wilkinsburg using the **PocketSights app**. Download the app on your phone and search for Wilkinsburg!

## Director's Update, September 2020

- Starting September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be **hosting baby chicks** in the Children's Library! Watch them hatch and grow in real time on our website at **[wilkinsburglibrary.org/babychicks](http://wilkinsburglibrary.org/babychicks)**
- Visit us every Tuesday from 12-4 (weather permitting) at the Harold Young Parklet on Penn Ave for **Library in the Park!** We'll have library card sign-ups, materials checkouts, school readiness kits and more!
- Learn the **basics of crochet** with Wilkinsburg Library's own Frankie Turner. Frankie gave a 6-part series on our Facebook page. You can go back and watch them all on our website at **[wilkinsburglibrary.org/crochet](http://wilkinsburglibrary.org/crochet)**
- If you or a loved one are a senior citizen and want to connect with your peers why not sign up for our **Connecting Seniors Program?** Get more info and register at **[wilkinsburglibrary.org/seniors](http://wilkinsburglibrary.org/seniors)**
- Tune in to our Facebook page every Monday at 10:00 for **Preschool Storytime** with our Children's Manager Rachel Moore!
- Everyone loved our summer **takeaway craft kits**. We'll be back in the fall with more!
- **Not a Facebook user or missed any of our programs? Catch up on our new YouTube channel! Go to YouTube and search Wilkinsburg Public Library!**

### Other updates:

- Children's Library will remain closed while undergoing renovations.
- Eastridge remains curbside due to issues with air circulation in the building

## By the Numbers

As expected, digital usage of library materials/services continues to outpace last year.

We are particularly pleased with the amount of interest people have shown in our virtual programming.

**Virtual Program Attendees: August 2020**  
**1,121**

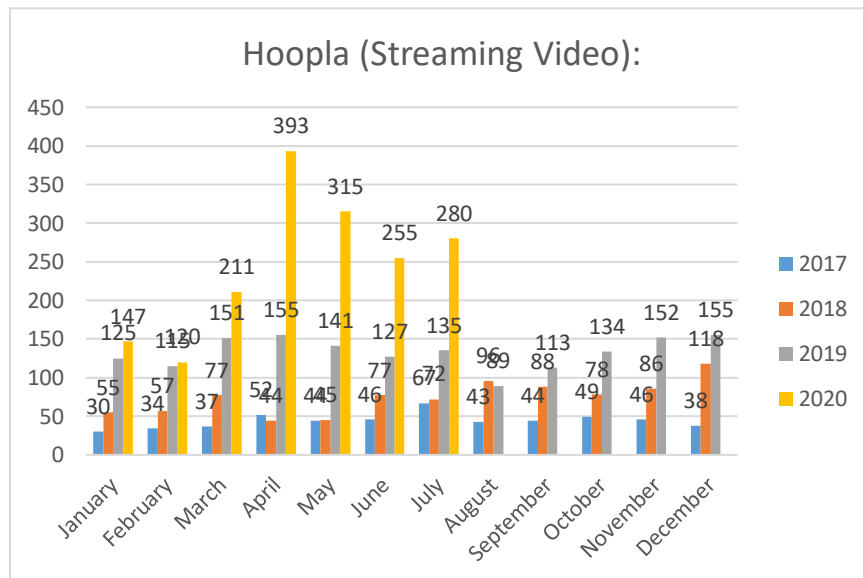
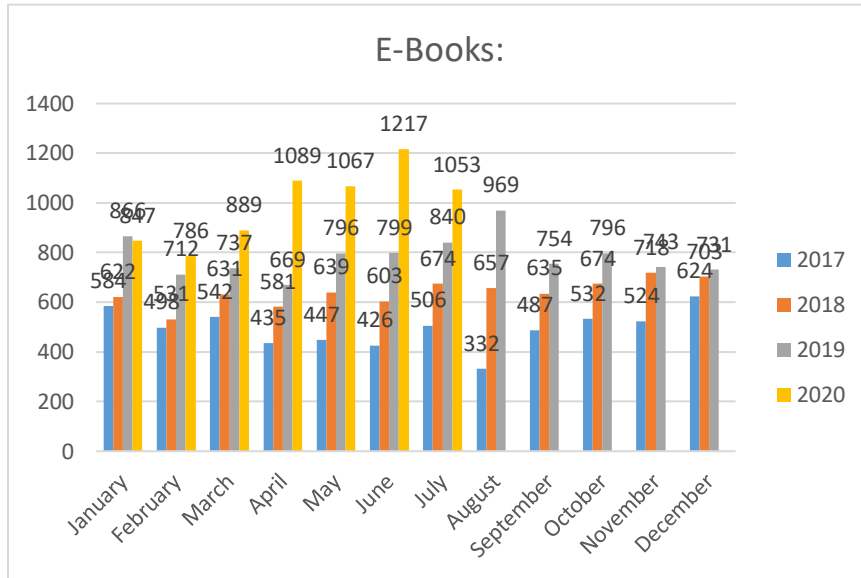
**Unique Website Visits: August 2020**  
**766**

**Average Daily Facebook Reach: August 2020**  
**330 persons**

**Number of ebooks checked out by Wilkinsburg Library Card Holders:**  
**July 2020**  
**1053**

**Number of streaming movies borrowed by Wilkinsburg Library Card Holders: July 2020**  
**280**

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# Children's Library Monthly Report

## August 2020

### Staff

I have been busy putting together Make and Take activities for the fall as well as distributing our summer learning weekly make and takes. We have new carpet! I have placed an order for the new furniture and things seem to be progressing well. I have been taking an advocacy class through Library Juice academy as part of my early literacy certificate program and I am looking forward to implementing many of these strategies into our own development.

### Programs

Summer was different this year, but I still feel very proud of the amount of kits that we were able to distribute. Our Make and Take programs have been very successful, especially our Science in the summer kits from the Carnegie Science Center. We have also distributed weekly crafts and STEM kits at our Library in the Park program as well as at Community Forge, Free Store Wilksburg, and Wilksburg Thursday Market. Daja has taken the lead on our baby chick program and after some rearranging; they will be arriving on September 2! Most of our programming for these baby chicks will be virtual, but we are hopeful families can still come out and meet them! We will be live streaming the hatching.

### Upcoming

I am looking forward to our fall and winter make and take programs and activities. I will also be starting a storytime in the park program on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30-1. This will be socially distanced but hopefully a great way to get more/new families engaged. I also have a lot more PBS Kids school readiness and early learning content available to families.

Thank you!

Rachel Moore

Children's Library Manger