

MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER 2025



From the Director



As I write this, I am reflecting on the power of love, especially the unconditional love we get from pets. I lost my eldest dog, Nornie, this past weekend. I had rescued her from the Humane Society of Pinellas County 11 years ago. She was, like so many rescues, scared and very unsure of what was going on.

As she aged, Nornie developed Cushing's Disease, which made her very anxious and skittish around people she didn't know. She also became very barky* and nudgy. But throughout it all, she stayed sweet with those she did know and like. She also snuggled when she wanted to, and knew when I was out of sorts. And her big (little) sister, Murphy, truly looked out for her and was her protector.

-Tracey
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Currently Reading:

Holidays on Ice
by David Sedaris

Currently Listening on

repeat: All my
albums in
alphabetical
order (I'm
currently in the
"G"s, though I
took a break to
thoroughly listen
to both Better
Broken by Sarah
McLachlan and
Returning to
Myself by Brandi
Carlile)

Currently Watching:

House of
Guinness

Unconditional love indeed.

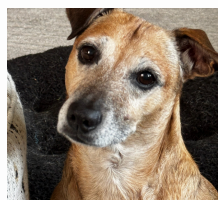
2025 has been, for me and many of us, a very challenging year. Too many folx seem on edge, less tolerant and accepting of the wonder around them. And I get it. There is so much going on in the world it makes it hard to take a moment to pause and think about what really matters.

What I think really matters is the connections we make. Strangers become acquaintances through saying "hello." Acquaintances become friends through shared dialog, experience, and care. Friends become chosen family through love.

At IVPL, those connections are made every day. From youth and caregivers at Babies Boogie or Hop Skip Jump programs to adults in book clubs, the experiences and conversations you have at IVPL build the foundations for friendship, community, and lifelong learning. They also foster understanding and acceptance of the wonders of the world around us by expanding knowledge and experiences, forming connections, learning new things and, just maybe, creating a love for someone or something that wasn't part of you before.

The lessons I'm trying to take away from 2025 are about finding understanding and acceptance, finding love in loss, finding community and common ground, and welcoming gratitude. Dogs do that instinctively with each other and with their humans. We should all be so ready for such things.

*If you ever heard a dog barking in the Library, it was probably her. I did bring her in quite a bit as work was being done on the house.





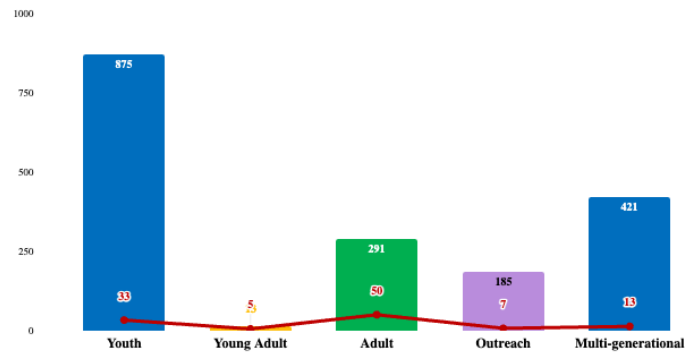
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37 Groups
249 People

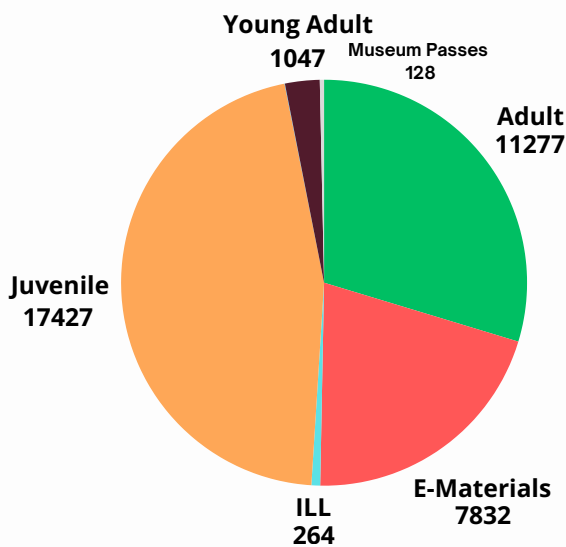


ACTIVE USERS: 35,563 (+133)
FRANCONIA TWP: 7,601 (+28)
LOWER SALFORD TWP: 8,081 (+25)
SALFORD TWP: 1,551 (+6)
SOUDERTON BORO: 5,478 (+26)
TELFORD BORO: 3,978 (+10)
ACCESS PA (BUCKS, MONTGOMERY, OTHER): 8,874 (+39)
60% of Indian Valley residents
have active library cards

Total Number of Programs & Attendance



Items Borrowed



11,986 Visits to
IVPL
Average visits per
day: 400

121,534
items in
collection



October @ the Library

