

# Board of Trustees Meeting

*Please sign up for Public Comment by 3:30pm  
via the CHAT (on Zoom) or on Sign-Up Sheet (in person)*

*Comments left in the chat will not be acknowledged.*

*Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board, [pcarver@bpl.org](mailto:pcarver@bpl.org)*

# BPL OPENING STATEMENT

The Trustees of The Boston Public Library reaffirm our commitment to racial equity and to principles of diversity equity and inclusion, more broadly.

The Library is formally committed to becoming an anti-racist organization in response to systemic racism, inequity, and injustice prevalent in our society.

We acknowledge also that the Boston Public Library's Central Library stands on land that was once a water-based ecosystem providing sustenance for the indigenous Massachusetts people *and is a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations*. We are committed to land acknowledgements for all locations at which we operate.

*We reaffirm this commitment to set the context for our planning, deliberations, and public engagement so that they take place from the spirit of welcome and respect, found in our motto 'free to all.'*

Taken from the Institutional Statement Ratified by the Board of Trustees for the Boston Public Library on September 29, 2020.

# Chair's Call to Order & Report

*Dr. Ray Liu, Chair*

- Chair's Welcome remarks
- Roll call of Board
- Minutes of September 24, 2024

# President's Report

*David Leonard, President*



## Welcome to the BPL!

*Mayor Michelle Wu*

# President's Report

*David Leonard, President*

- Introduction of New Managers

Jonathan Eshel  
*Chief of Operations*

Jake Jacevicius  
*Facilities Manager (Daytime and Trades)*



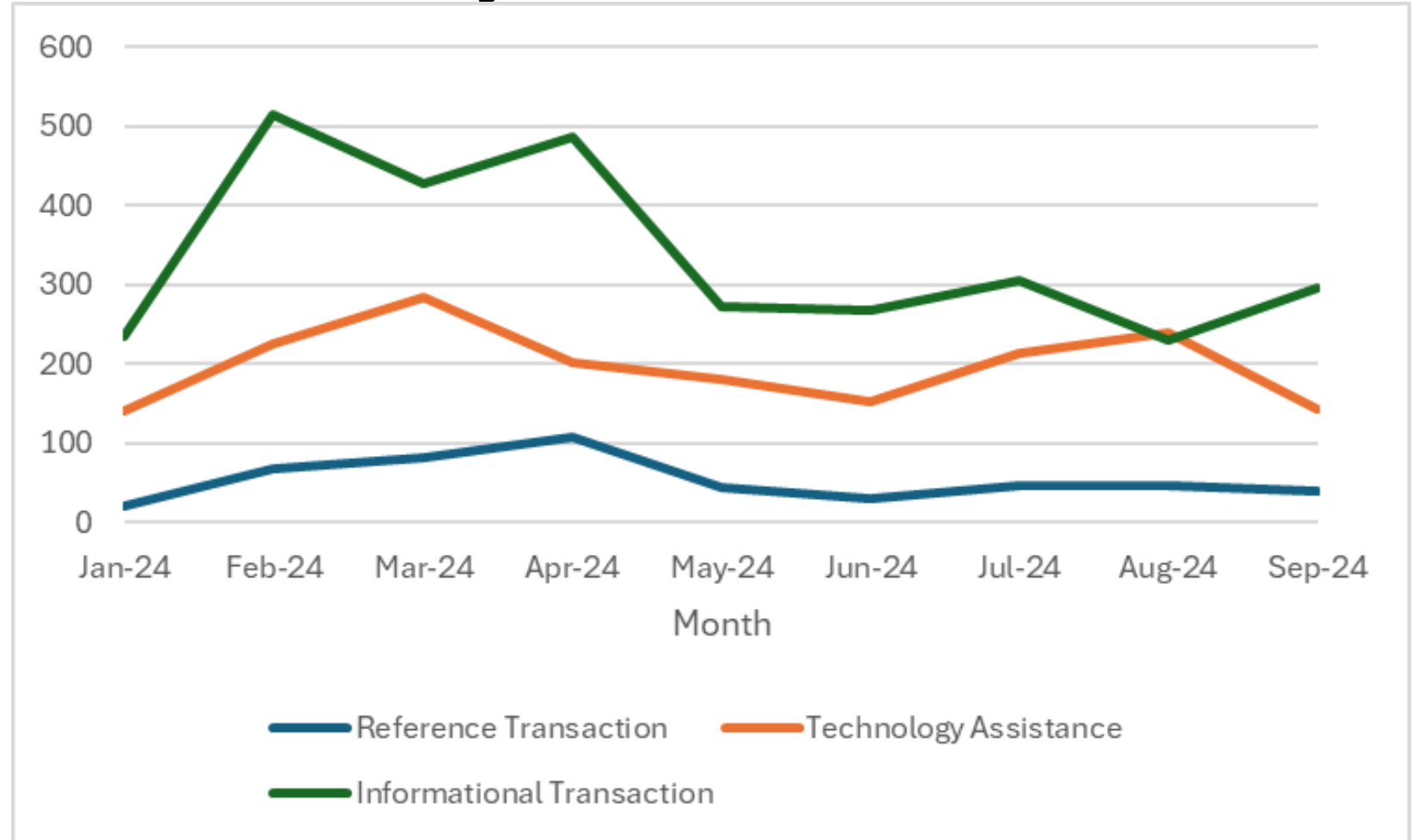
# *The Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library*





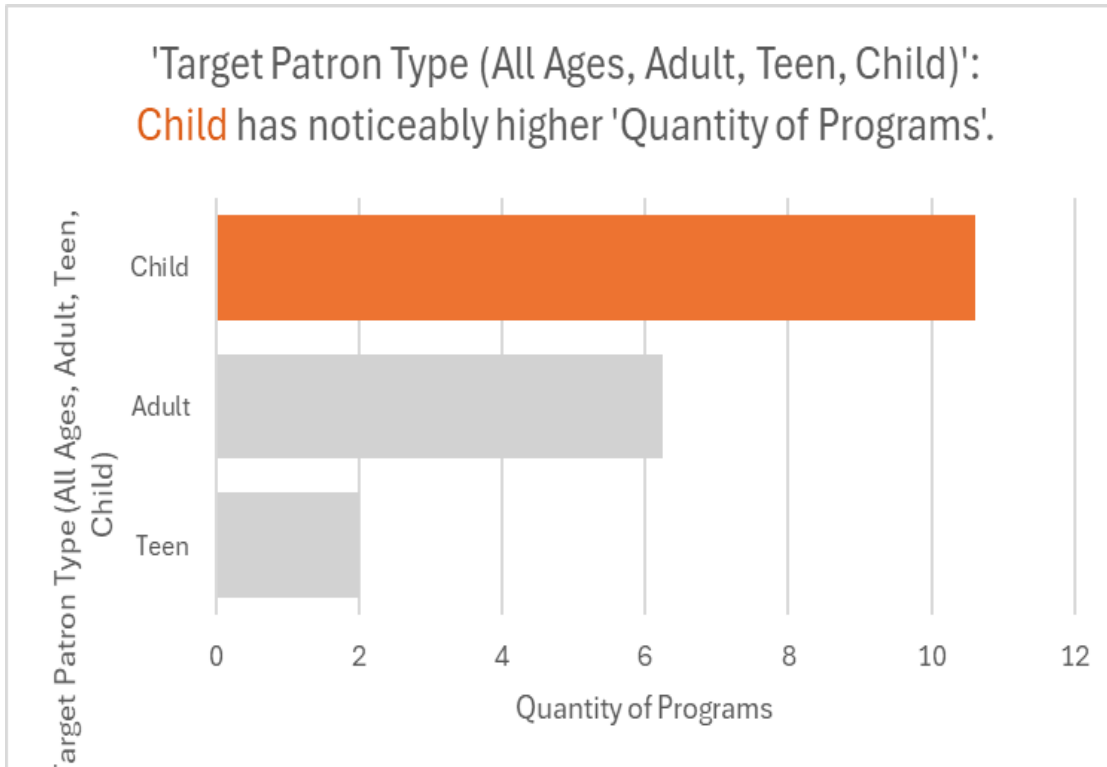


# Mattapan Branch by the numbers



# Mattapan Branch

## By the Numbers



Program Category	Sum of In-Person Participants
Programs - General	1459
Outreach - To Classes	573
Public School Visits to Library	492
Outreach - To Other Sites	362
Community Use of Library Space	265
Other Groups To Library	158
Community Engagement - To Other Sites	39
Grand Total	3348



## ESOL Class



## PROGRAMS

### Certified Nursing Assistant Graduation



### MusiConnect Recital





## PROGRAMS

### Lego Club



**Making Murals**



**African-American Genealogy**



# Meet the Staff



**Kathleen Keleher**

*Generalist II Librarian*

**Mary Ann Veale**

*Circulation Supervisor*



**Savon Myers**

*Custodian*



**Jonathan Cook**

*Special Library Asst*



**Laurel Cannon**

*Special Library Asst  
Instruction & Tech Support*



**Amy Loustau**

*Children's Librarian*

*\*On Leave of Absence*

## **Vacant Positions**

**\* Generalist I Librarian**

**\* Young Adult Librarian**

**\* Library Aide**





# Mattapan Branch Library Friends Group



## THE FRIENDS GROUP



Friends of the Mattapan Public Library organized November 19, 2022, to support library services in our community.

The dues, book sales and fundraising events are to assist the library with purchases of library materials and other items, for program and event support for all ages.

We also serve as volunteer support.



## Friends Group



### Membership opportunity!

The Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library is looking for members to be a part of our Friends Group. This is a dynamic opportunity to be a part of the Mattapan Branch Library community and strengthen the role of our library.

The role of the Mattapan Branch Library Friends Group is to support the library in its activities and programs and to become goodwill ambassadors as we reach out to the Mattapan community and beyond. There will also be opportunities to meet and interact with members of other Friends Groups from different branches for ideas and support.

The Mattapan Branch Library Friends Group meets on the third Saturday of each month.

To become a member, call 617-298-9218 or email [mgordon@bpl.org](mailto:mgordon@bpl.org) with your contact information.

# Strategic Planning Committee

*Christian Westra, Committee Chair*  
*Ray Liu, Executive Committee*

- **Presentation of the DRAFT Strategic Plan**

*Erin Corcoran, Gensler*

*Margaret Sullivan, Margaret Sullivan Studios*

# Finance & Audit Committee

*Evelyn Arana Ortiz, Committee Chair*

- NEPC Updates
- FY24 Gift Report  
*Emily Tokarczyk, Chief Financial Officer*



# FY24 Gift Report

<b>Primary Philanthropic Partner</b>	<b>3,223,125.98</b>
The Fund for the Boston Public Library	3,223,125.98
<b>Affiliates</b>	<b>1,125,472.71</b>
The Associates of the Boston Public Library	1,115,222.71
CityWide Friends	10,250.00
<b>Other</b>	<b>100,082.79</b>
Boston Red Sox (game tickets)	73,450.00
Community Foundation of New Jersey	1,000.00
In honor of Constanze Kirmse	1,000.00
Estate-Miltiades Karamchedis	11,900.00
Ruth Perry	5,000.00
Donation Boxes	4,677.03
Miscellaneous	3,055.76

<b>Branch Friend Groups</b>	<b>6,790.00</b>
Friends of Brighton	225.00
Friends of Charlestown	250.00
Friends of Codman Square	670.00
Friends of Egleston	400.00
Friends of Honan-Allston	400.00
Friends of Lower Mills	400.00
Friends of North End	50.00
Friends of Parker Hill	2,800.00
Friends of Roslindale	625.00
Friends of South Boston	750.00
Friends of West End	220.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,455,471.48</b>

# Foreign Wire Transfer Proposal

*Emily Tokarczyk, Chief Financial Officer*

VOTED: “that, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the use of foreign wire transfers to purchase select items that would be unobtainable through the use of standard payment methods. Foreign wire transfer option would include the following controls:

- *Only utilized when all standard methods have been exhausted*
- *Only utilized with vendors/auction houses deemed reputable*
- *Requires electronic approval by three senior managers (excluding requesting personnel).”*

# New Business & Public Comment

*Participants will be called by the Clerk in the order they were received and allowed up to two minutes to speak.  
All comments or questions given at this time will be documented and/or answered accordingly at a later time.  
(Comments left in the Zoom chat will not be acknowledged)*





# Adjournment

*Next Meeting on 1.28.24  
Honan-Allston Branch at 3:00pm*

*\*See website for details, subject to change*