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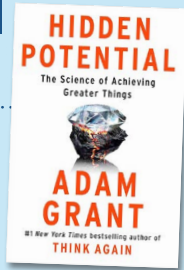
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## What Did You Read this Year?

### The Pennington Public Library's Most Checked Out Materials

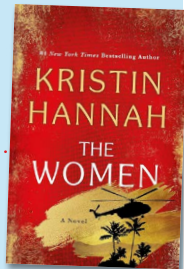
#### Top 5 Adult Nonfiction

- 1 *Hidden Potential* by Adam Grant.....
- 2 *All The Beauty in the Word* by Patrick Bringley
- 3 *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown
- 4 *The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel* by Douglas Brunt
- 5 *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson



#### Top 5 Adult Fiction

- 1 *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.....
- 2 *Long Island* by Colm Tóibín
- 3 *North Woods* by Daniel Mason
- 4 *The Paris Novel* by Ruth Reichl
- 5 *After Annie* by Anna Quindlen

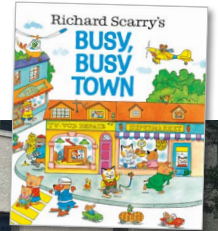


#### Top 5 Children's Books

- 1 *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey.....
- 2 *The Babysitters Club #3: Mary Anne Saves the Day* by Ann M. Martin
- 3 *Babymouse: Queen of the World!* by Jennifer L. Holm
- 4 *Cat Kid Comic Club: Influencers* by Dav Pilkey
- 5 *Curious George: Pat-a-cake* by H.A. Rey



## Busy Town Highlights Local Heroes and Helpers



Pennington Public Works Department give students a peek at some of their work to keep our town clean and running properly.

In May, local preschoolers from area schools and kindergarteners from Toll Gate took a stroll to the Municipal Building to learn about our community heroes and helpers.

This year our heroes included the [Pennington Department of Public Works](#), [Fire Company](#), [Police](#), [Public Library](#), [Hopewell Police Department](#), [The Pennington Studio](#), [Crossing Guards](#), [Nell from Native Plants](#), [Vito's Pizza](#), [Dr. Suzuki from The Sanctuary](#),

[Boro Barbers](#), [Pixie Salon](#), and [Marie Mathilde of Le Jardin](#).

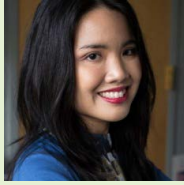
Students visited each station to learn about the responsibilities and tasks of each profession. They got to tour the vehicles, try on equipment, dance, plant, and read a story with Kristyn Friedlich, the children's librarian.

We look forward to expanding this event to include more of our Pennington businesses and helpers this coming year.

## Meet and Greet Open House

We plan to host an Open House in February/March at the Pennington Library. We will have activities and an opportunity for our neighbors of all ages to meet each other and learn more about what our local library has to offer.





## From the Director's Desk

# Creating Extraordinary Experiences

The Pennington Public Library is more than just a place to borrow books. It is a community cornerstone that encourages exploration and engagement by providing resources and enriching programs for all ages.

Our Spring 2024 Big Read initiative, featuring *Circe* by Madeline Miller, transformed the library into a vibrant hub of community connection. For seven weeks, we offered over 25 programs that explored themes of mythology, female empowerment, and nature.

We collaborated with local organizations like the Watershed Institute, YWCA Princeton, Princeton University Art Museum, and Hopewell Valley Arts Council to showcase the diverse talents within our community.

Please consider a donation to the Friends of the Pennington Library this year. Your support is crucial in ensuring that we can continue to offer these transformative programs and extensive collections. A \$50 contribution can purchase supplies for our makerspace, while a \$100 contribution can cover a speaker's honorarium. Together, we can create even more extraordinary experiences for our community.

Thank you for your support.

Kim T. Ha, Director

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**2024 YEAR IN REVIEW SO FAR...**

Your library saves money and time, improves lives, and helps people find joy and purpose.



**6,485**

**VISITS TO THE LIBRARY**



**2,200**

**INQUIRIES MADE TO STAFF**



**2,029**

**SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS**



**102**

**PROGRAMS OFFERED**



**2,546**

**PROGRAM ATTENDANCE**



**2,724**

**E-BOOKS CHECKED OUT**



**14,501**

**ITEMS WERE CHECKED OUT**



**260**

**NEW CARDHOLDERS**



30 North Main Street  
Pennington, NJ 08534

## Pennington Public Library

READ • LEARN • GROW

### Library Hours

Tue., Wed., and Thu. .... 10 am - 8 pm  
Friday ..... 10 am - 5 pm  
Saturday ..... 10 am - 3 pm  
Closed Sunday and Monday

### The holidays are coming!



This sturdy bag can be purchased at the Library Welcome Desk. The artwork, by former Pennington resident William J. Hankinson, depicts local landmarks.

## Welcome New Friend Members

This year we welcomed new Board Members and Friends to our team. They look forward to continuing to grow and expand future outreach programs.



*Friends of the Library Board Officers (left to right)  
Kelly Chuh, Katie Furrey, Nicolette Hankh, Kristin Rokes*