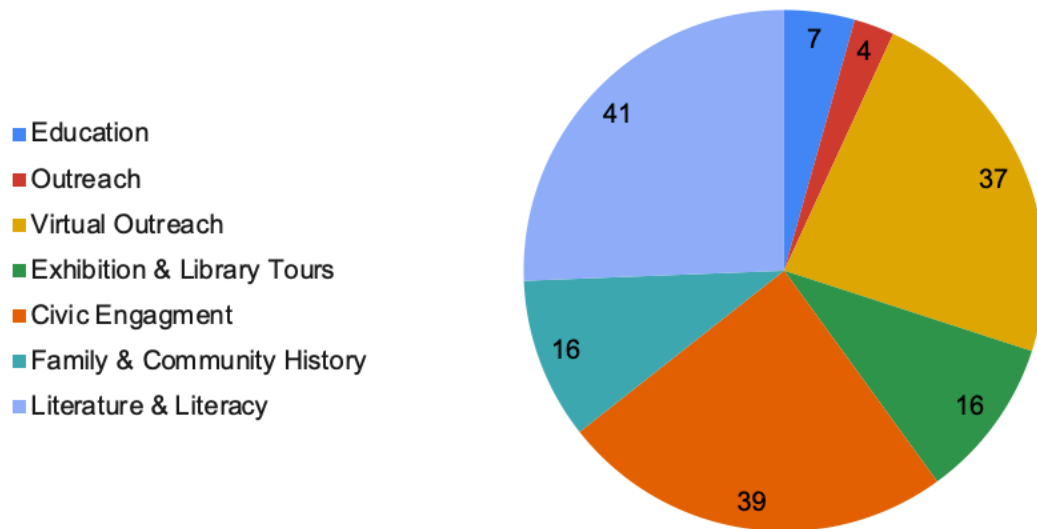
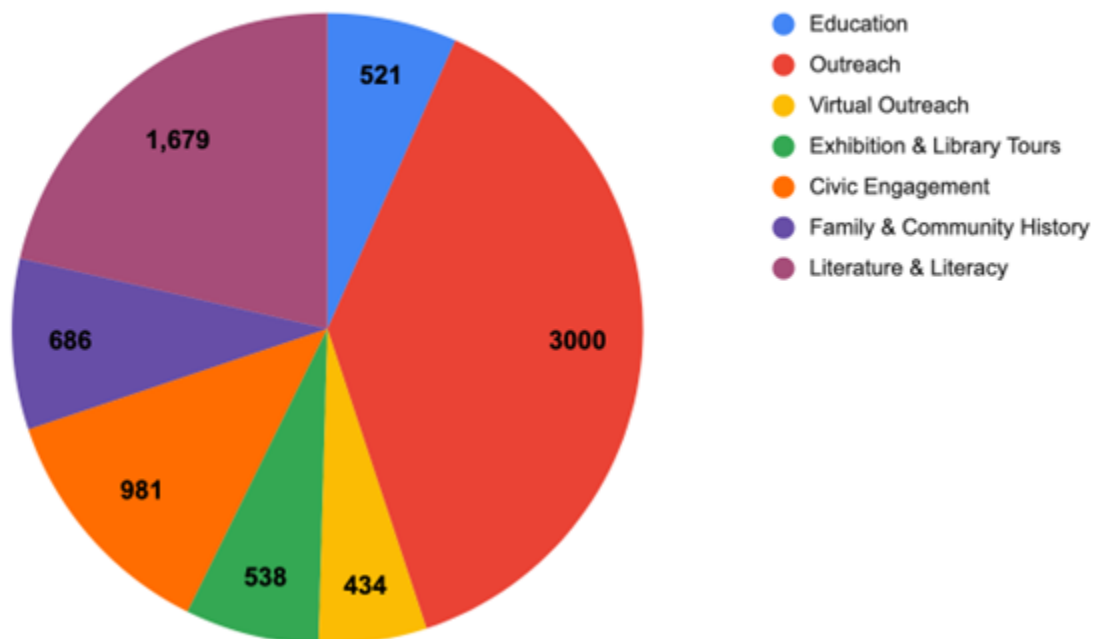


Number of Programs



People interacted with



In 2022, the Library of Virginia's programming and outreach was both in person and virtual. We held 160 programs and engaged with almost 8,000 people. Below you will find a description of program categories, followed by visual representations of number of people interacted with by category followed by number of programs by category.

Education: The Library of Virginia provides relevant and useful educational material on Virginia's history, culture, and people to the commonwealth's educators, students, and lifelong learners of any age. Our educational outreach programs help cultivate public understanding of the history of the Library, including our mission, collections, programs, and services through events, workshops, web-based content, and teacher professional development sessions.

Outreach/Virtual Outreach: In previous years, outreach was its own category. Our outreach programs help cultivate understanding of the history of the Library, including our mission, collections, programs, services, and events where staff participated at a Library of Virginia table at conferences and festivals. During the COVID-19 pandemic and after, Library staff did limited outreach however, Library staff offered virtual tours, talks, and presentations to a wide variety of audiences which are represented in the virtual outreach category.

Exhibitions: As its major exhibition in 2022, the Library of Virginia mounted *Your Humble Petitioners: Legislative Petitions Gave Voice to Virginians* highlighting petitions that involved deeply personal issues such as divorce and requests by emancipated Black people to remain in Virginia. Imagine having to explain to the House of Delegates why you want to divorce your spouse or change your name or take other actions that affect your life. Virginians had to do just that for nearly a century. The Library's collection of nearly 25,000 petitions reveals how Virginians communicated their concerns on a wide range of topics.

Traveling Exhibitions: Four traveling exhibitions were hosted by twenty-five venues in 2022. Two venues hosting *Teetotalers & Moonshiners: Prohibition in Virginia, Distilled* (on the road since 2017) extended their loan periods for the exhibition. An estimated 250,000 Virginians saw these exhibitions.

Library & Exhibition Tours: To introduce the Library of Virginia to lifelong learners, education staff gave tours of the reading rooms, assisted participants in getting library cards, and set up an orientation PowerPoint. Education staff maintained phone and email contact with interested groups and answered inquiries; assisted tour groups with parking, directions, and logistics; established learning priorities of tours; researched and booked tour dates with facilities; took registrations; coordinated the Library staff who might also be involved; and led tours.

Civic Engagement, Family & Community History, Literature & Literacy: The Library of Virginia uses these three general focus areas across the agency to meaningfully engage with the collections, expand access of resources and create and maintain outreach connections and relationships. Civic Engagement focuses on fostering public discourse throughout the commonwealth, working towards building stronger communities, and engaging with the power of democracy. Family & Community History broadly engages with genealogy and family stories in the Library, in order to create a larger picture and greater understanding of family, community, and civic life in Virginia. Literature & Literacy spotlights programming and outreach towards Virginia authors and Virginia literature across all genres, including the Library of Virginia's Foundation Weinstein series, which supports the literary arts by bringing both new and well-known authors to the Library of Virginia.