

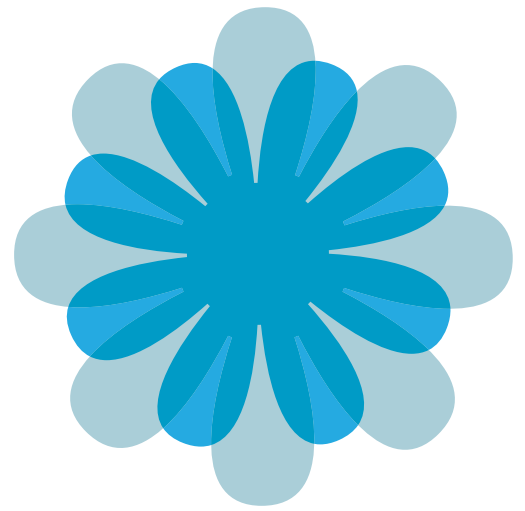


**2026**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

GROWING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

# Message from the President



On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Public Library, we are pleased to provide you with this 2026 Annual Report. Our library is a vital resource for the whole Mount Pleasant community and exists to serve three school districts, the village of Pleasantville, the hamlets of Hawthorne, Thornwood, and Valhalla from our main library in Pleasantville and our branch in Valhalla. We continue to be thankful for the support of the Town of Mount Pleasant and the Village of Pleasantville.

Last year we welcomed Eric McCarthy, as our new Director. Under his leadership and thanks to our wonderful staff, the library is continuing to bring new programs for adults and youth from movie matinees to local authors, music and crafts, and wellness and mindfulness programs. Look for the new popcorn machine! Our visitors and circulation are continuing to increase.

A library is only as good as its collection - we are thankful for our curated collections, from monthly specials by the front desk, new non-fiction and fiction, and wonderful reads from the staff.

Check out our local history collections and ask our staff for their help. If we don't have it in the stacks they are sure to be able to get it for you.

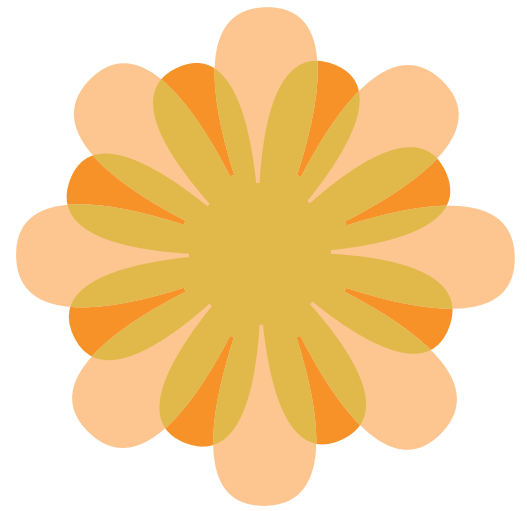
Please use our museum passes that are available, thanks to the Friends of the Library (and their book sale), for institutions from the Frick Collection to Storm King, the Westchester Children's Museum and the Bruce.

We hope to begin a long needed addition of new program space thanks to a grant from New York State and the Westchester Library System later this year. We look forward to telling you more about that in the months ahead.

Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at the library soon!

Kent Anker, President,  
on behalf of the Board of Trustees

# Letter from the Director



As I reflect on our 2025 Annual Report to the Community and New York State, I feel a deep sense of pride in the Mount Pleasant Library staff, volunteers, and the community that gathers in our buildings. This past year, more than 140,000 people visited our libraries. Over 1,200 children and adults registered for our summer reading program, and more than 160,000 books were checked out.

Behind each of these numbers is a tremendous amount of work. We are planning programs, visiting schools, recommending books, and supporting our patrons every day. It is our dedicated staff, Board, and volunteers who make all of this possible.

If you haven't visited the Library in a while, I encourage you to stop by. Our staff are eager to share new programs, offer book recommendations, or welcome you to a storytime with Miss Debbie. You can also explore our seed library or sign up for summer reading. We are always looking for innovative ways to fulfill our mission as a hub for learning and community connection.

I often hear from community members about how important the Library is to their families, and it is truly an honor to play a role in the educational and cultural lives of our patrons. I believe libraries transform lives and as our children's librarian likes to say, we bring the joy. I couldn't agree more.

Eric McCarthy, Library Director

# CIRCULATION

	Books	DVDs & CDs	Digital	Total
2021	133,102	25,472	75,271	233,845
2022	162,530	28,892	79,645	271,067
2023	172,830	29,281	96,476	298,587
2024	164,884	25,566	141,900	332,350
2025	166,064	22,810	122,267	311,141

## Top 7 Books of 2025



# PROGRAMS

	2023	2024	2025
Children's Sessions	842	810	800
Children's Attendance	18,298	19,938	28,625
Young Adult Sessions	21	15	23
Young Adult Attendance	111	115	178
Adult Sessions	121	133	146
Adult Attendance	1,138	1,617	1,626
Community Sessions	114	142	189
Community Attendance	1,391	1,521	5,692
Afterschool: Children	9,891	10,662	11,422



# VISITORS

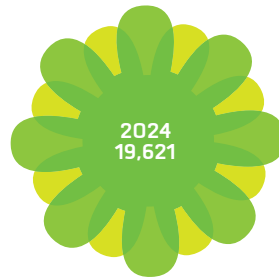
## Visitors: Main Library

## Visitors: Branch Library

## Totals



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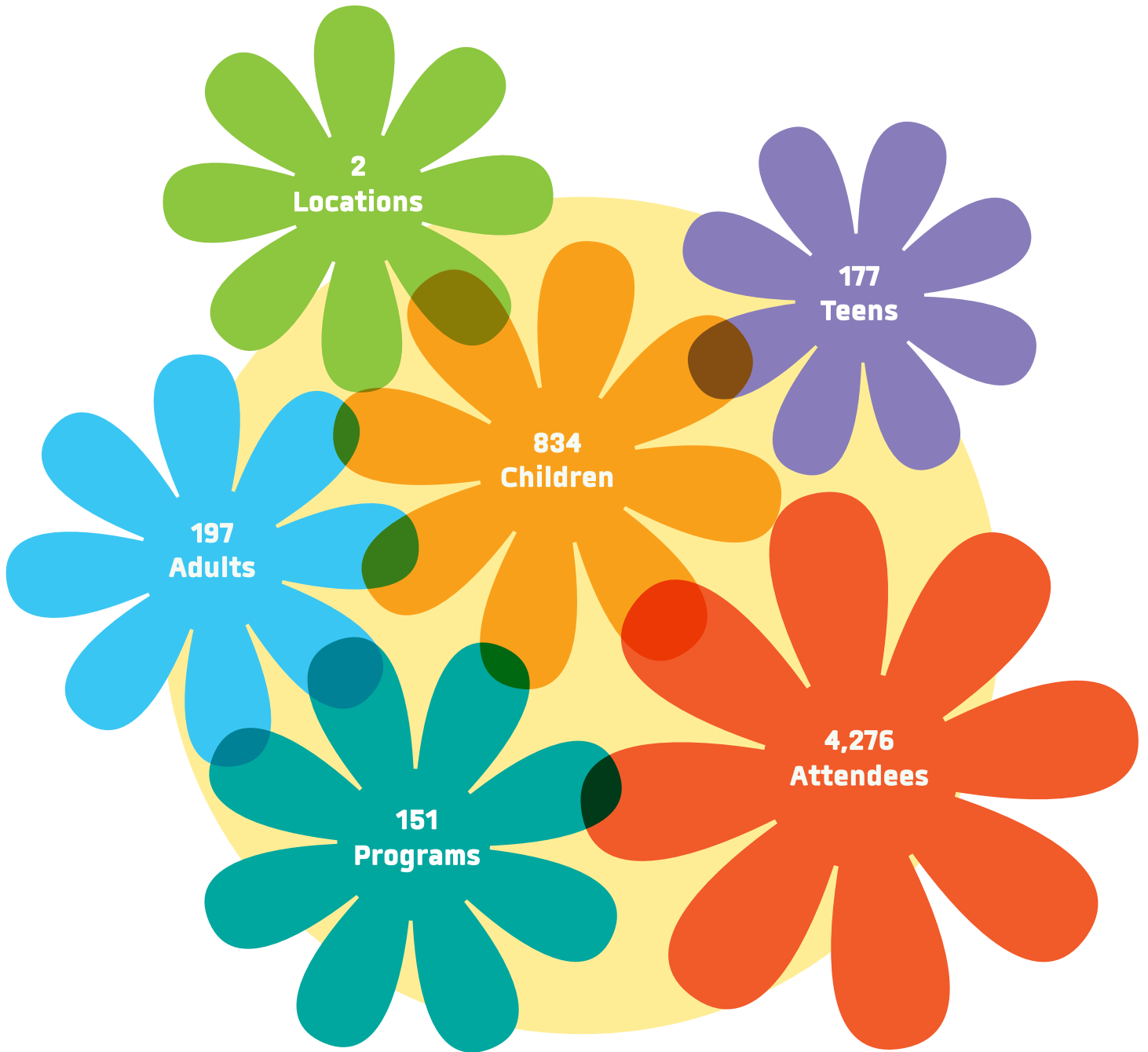


142,411



142,649

# SUMMER READING



# 2025 FINANCES

2025 Revenues	Budget	Actual	Difference
Fines, etc.	\$1,750	\$2,510	\$760
Fund Balance	\$115,581	\$0	(\$115,581)
Interest	\$55,000	\$66,655	\$11,655
Misc. Revenues	\$400	\$3,682	\$3,282
Municipal Support	\$3,025,835	\$3,025,835	\$0
State Aid	\$12,597	\$43,372	\$30,775
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,211,163</b>	<b>\$3,142,054</b>	<b>(\$69,109)</b>

2025 Expenses	Budget	Actual	Difference
Benefits	\$738,073	\$686,030	\$52,043
Books, Programs, etc.	\$293,250	\$264,261	\$28,989
Capital, Loan Repayments	\$150,100	\$36,000	\$114,100
Facilities	\$291,025	\$253,642	\$37,383
IT	\$108,750	\$99,800	\$8,950
Other	\$84,750	\$83,529	\$1,221
Salaries	\$1,545,215	\$1,573,237	(\$28,022)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,211,163</b>	<b>\$2,996,499</b>	<b>\$214,664</b>



# 2026 BUDGET

2026 Budget Revenues	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2025–2026 Change \$	2025–2026 % Change
Charge to Fund Balance	\$115,581	\$115,581	\$0	0.00%
Fines, etc.	\$1,750	\$1,350	(\$400)	-22.9%
Interest	\$55,000	\$40,000	(\$15,000)	-27.3%
Misc. Revenues	\$400	\$400	\$0	0.00%
State Aid	\$12,597	\$12,597	\$0	0.00%
Town & Village	\$3,025,835	\$3,084,140	\$58,305	1.9%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,211,163</b>	<b>\$3,254,068</b>	<b>\$42,905</b>	<b>1.34%</b>

2026 Budget Expenses	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2025–2026 Change \$	2025–2026 % Change
Salaries	\$1,545,215	\$1,580,794	\$35,579	2.3%
Benefits	\$738,073	\$822,649	\$84,576	11.46%
Books, Programs etc.	\$293,250	\$293,250	\$0	0.00%
Facilities	\$291,025	\$271,925	(\$19,100)	-6.56%
IT	\$108,750	\$109,500	\$750	0.69%
Other	\$84,750	\$75,850	(\$8,900)	-10.5%
Capital, Loan Repayments	\$150,100	\$100,100	(\$50,000)	-33.31%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,211,163</b>	<b>\$3,254,068</b>	<b>\$42,905</b>	<b>1.34%</b>



# 2025 QUICK FACTS

