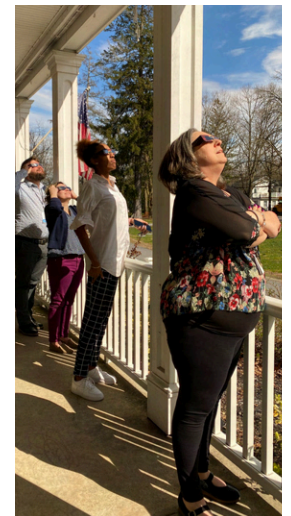
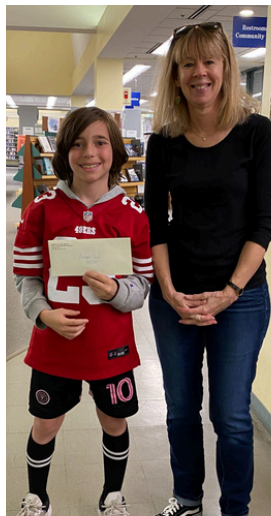


2024 Annual Report

The year at a glance



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Director's Digest

Yvonne Cech

March 2025

Dear Community Members,

As we reflect on 2024, I am delighted to share the remarkable achievements of our library. Our institution has become a vibrant hub of learning, creativity, and community engagement.

The headline of our year is the incredible number of visitors we welcomed. Over 140,000 people chose to spend time at our library, a testament to the value we provide. This milestone underscores the vital role our library plays in the lives of our patrons.

Our commitment to lifelong learning was evident in the record number of adult programs we offered. From free Tax Help for Seniors through our partnership with AARP to Medicare counseling, Sound Meditation sessions, and many varied craft workshops, we catered to diverse interests and needs. Our new Trivia series was a hit across all age groups.

Our new Young Adult Librarian revitalized our teen services, organizing volunteer opportunities and successfully running our 3rd annual teen-led Haunted House program. This initiative empowered young adults to take leadership roles in community events.

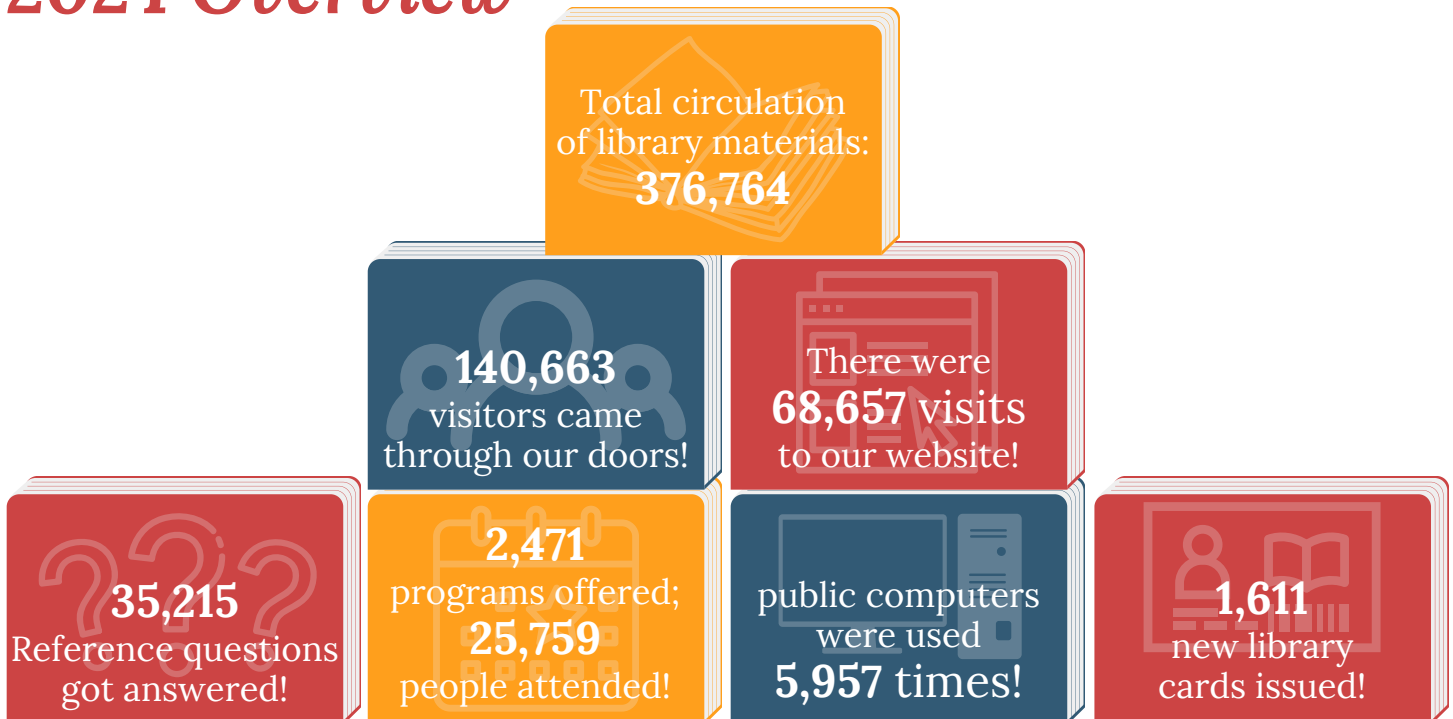
For our younger patrons, we continued to provide outstanding early literacy and STEAM programs. Our calendar included Parent-Child Chess, Take Your Child to the Library Day, collaborations with Cornell Cooperative and 4H programs, and we provided important life skills like Swim Safety.

We're proud of the physical improvements made to our library this year. Thanks to a federal grant, we added five individual study rooms and thanks, in part, to a NYS Construction Grant, we renovated our beloved community room, ensuring it remains a comfortable and functional space for years to come.

We remain committed to serving you with enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you for your continued support and participation in making our library a vibrant community resource. We look forward to another year of growth, learning, and shared experiences.

Warmest regards,
Yvonne Cech
Library Director

2024 Overview



Happenings @ Hart

2024 Stats

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Adult

1,005 programs offered
8,932 attendees



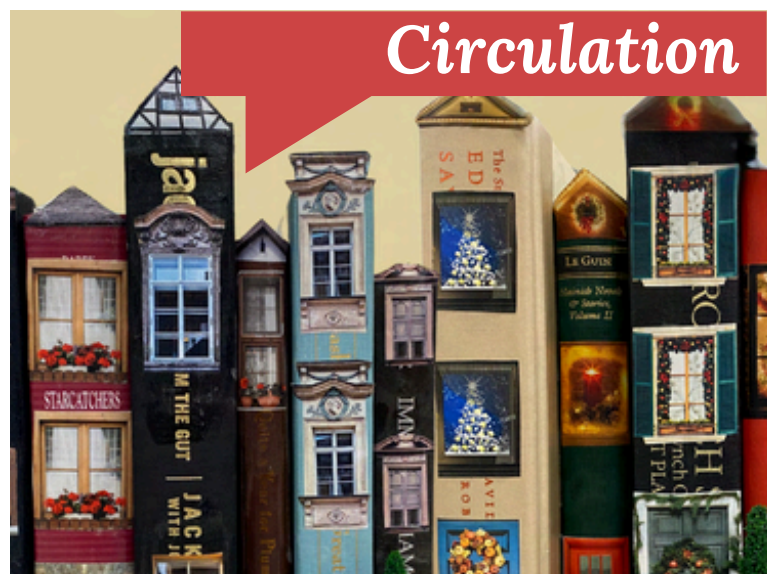
Children

1,340 programs offered
14,660 attendees



Young Adult

126 programs offered
2,167 attendees



Circulation

228,429 books, movies & audiobooks were borrowed
148,335 eBooks, eMagazines & eAudiobooks were downloaded or streamed



Looking Ahead

What's ahead in 2025?

Our public library is poised for growth and transformation. We are committed to preserving our iconic building while modernizing to meet evolving community needs.

In the coming year, we will do a light renovation in our children's room to create a more efficient and vibrant space. Additionally, we will begin offering free Notary Services, expanding our community offerings.

As our library sees increased use, we recognize the need for more space. In response to community feedback, we are working to create more quiet reading areas and a dedicated teen space. While we are already planning to optimize our existing footprint, we acknowledge that a building addition will be necessary to accommodate our expanding services.

To support this expansion, we have initiated a feasibility study for a capital campaign. This study will help us determine our fundraising potential and identify key community champions. We invite you to stay informed about our progress as we work towards securing the resources needed for this project.

Keep checking in to see how we are doing as we strive to create a library that will serve our community's needs for generations to come. Your continued support is crucial to our success.

Want to lend a hand? Here's how you can support the library

Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library help support and fund our programs year round.

Monthly Meetings every second Tuesday
@ 11:30am - come and learn more!

Annual Events:

Library Giving Day: April
Book Sale: September

Donate today:



Library Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees help oversee budgets and create policies for the library.

Monthly Meetings every third Wednesday*
@ 6:00pm - all are welcome!

*Dates subject to change

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