

2025 Annual Report

The year at a glance



John C. Hart
MEMORIAL LIBRARY





Director's Digest

Yvonne Cech

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

March 2026

As we look back on 2025, we're proud to share what a remarkable year it was for our library—and for the community that sustains it. Together, we reached new milestones in attendance, circulation, and innovation:

- Record program attendance! More than 34,000 people participated in library programs last year. In addition, overall circulation reached an all-time high of 411,284 items, including a 10% rise in digital borrowing.
- We transformed our Children's Room thanks to a generous local family, a New York State Construction Grant, and Senator Pete Harckham's support. The renovation expanded the Storytime Room, replaced the oversized information desk with a new play area, and introduced a smaller mobile desk.
- Our Community Room also received a state-of-the-art audiovisual upgrade through a NYS Construction Grant. A Yorktown Lions Club grant funded a new portable assistive reading device for patrons with vision impairments, and another grant from Senator Harckham helped us launch a mobile makerspace stocked with podcasting tools, sewing and embroidery machines, and portable cooking kits.
- Programming highlights included hands-on cooking demonstrations, AARP tax assistance for seniors, summer family concerts on the front lawn, a well-attended emergency preparedness workshop, and a lively series of murder mystery nights.
- Our Teen Program had an outstanding year, with over 250 youth volunteers supported by a new management system. The Children's and Teen teams deepened ties with local schools through outreach visits and library card drives, and our partnership with the Westchester Children's Museum brought free, hands-on STEAM learning to families right here at the library.
- We expanded access to digital resources, adding free, full subscriptions to The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. We also launched Beanstack, a new app to help readers track their books, participate in reading challenges, and sign up for our popular summer reading program.

All of these achievements were made possible by your involvement and support. Thank you for making 2025 a record-breaking, community-building year. We look forward to another year of growth, connection, and discovery—together with you.

With warm regards,
Yvonne Cech
Library Director

2025 Overview



Happenings @ Hart

2025 Stats

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Adult

1,049 programs offered
9,530 attendees



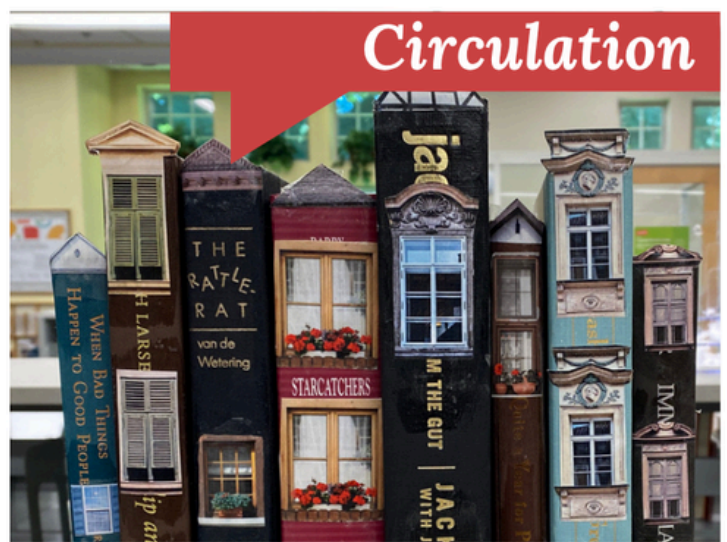
Children

1,062 programs offered
22,273 attendees



Young Adult

495 programs offered
2,949 attendees



Circulation

218,339 books, movies, & audiobooks were borrowed
192,945 eBooks, eMagazines, & eAudiobooks were downloaded or streamed



What's Ahead in 2026

Looking forward

As we move into 2026, your library continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of our community while honoring the welcoming spirit that defines us. This year marks several exciting steps forward in how we serve you and in how our building supports that service.

- A major project underway is the creation of a new combined reference and circulation service desk on our main floor. This streamlined design will make it easier for visitors to get assistance, check out materials, and ask questions—all in one convenient location. We're rethinking both function and flow to ensure that your library visits are helpful, efficient, and engaging from the moment you walk through the door.
- Also on the horizon is an update to the main floor adult area, featuring comfortable new furnishings and designed for reading, collaboration, and quiet study. As part of this project, we're also carving out a welcoming teen-friendly area, giving our young adults a place to read, connect, and explore in their own space within the library.
- Improvements will extend outdoors, too. Watch for a new library sign to enhance visibility and communication, and the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, making it easier for environmentally-conscious patrons to stay connected and charged while they visit.
- We are conducting architectural and campaign feasibility studies in order to lay the groundwork for a potential library expansion in the years ahead.

Together, these projects reflect our forward momentum—renewing our spaces, modernizing our services, and setting the stage for an even brighter future for our library and all who depend on it.

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 at 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* at 6:00pm—public comment period at the beginning of each meeting.

*Dates subject to change

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