

Cold Spring Harbor Library

Annual Report to the Community

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

This Annual Report will provide a brief overview of the activities of the Library for the twelve months beginning July 1, 2024.

Library Usage

We were very pleased to see a continued increase in patron use of the Library's resources and services. Over 79,000 people visited the Library during 2024-2025, an increase of 13% over the previous fiscal year.

34,000 print materials and 33,000 eBooks were borrowed.

Our free Museum Passes were borrowed 500 times, a 14% increase from last year. Patrons visited museums and parks in Cold Spring Harbor, other areas of Long Island, and New York City.

Program Attendance

14,763 patrons of all ages attended programs that featured a wide variety of educational and entertaining topics. We are excited that program attendance increased by 22% over the previous fiscal year and surpasses pre-pandemic levels.

Over 7,000 patrons attended our adult programs. These included fitness classes, art classes, writer's workshops, lectures, book discussions, and many other topics. Examples of popular programs include our various art classes, exercise classes, and a concert by the Mountain Maidens in March drew 74 attendees.

Close to 700 teens enjoyed a variety of academic and entertaining programs. Teens participated in numerous activities for community service and served on our Teen Library Council. Our teen volunteers worked at Summerfest, the Fall Festival, and assisted librarians with numerous children's craft programs, as part of our Teen Helpers program.

Over 7,000 children enjoyed a wide variety of programs, including Storytimes, one of our most popular children's programs. Children also participated in programs focused on crafts, cooking, art, science, music, and many more. Some of the most well attended programs were our Mother Goose and Toddler Time Storytimes, the K-6 Student Art Reception, and Summerfest, our annual kickoff to Summer Reading.



Families Enjoy the Petting Zoo at Summerfest 2025

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

The community approved fiscal year 2024-2025 budget was \$3,314,065 with a total tax levy of \$3,154,550. The non-tax revenue was derived from a variety of sources, including donations from the Friends Foundation, interest, and New York State aid. During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Library made the final payment on the bond used for the construction of the building.

Budget Vote for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Our Budget Vote and Trustee Election was held on April 8, 2025. The 2025-2026 fiscal year budget was passed with a 0% tax levy increase, which was in compliance with New York State's tax cap. The Board of Trustees and the staff greatly appreciate the community's continued support.

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