



**HUDSON  
AREA  
LIBRARY**

**Annual Report  
for 2024**

# Mission Statement

The Hudson Area Library enriches the quality of life by providing free and equal access to programs, services and resources, and by creating opportunities for all members of our community to connect, create, learn and grow.



# Visits

We welcomed **58,670** visits.

There were **5,782** Hudson  
**Area Library** cardholders  
at the end of 2024; **476** new  
**cardholders** welcomed in 2024.

There were **467,640** web  
**visits**. We have 3,420 followers on  
Instagram and 2,560 on Facebook.





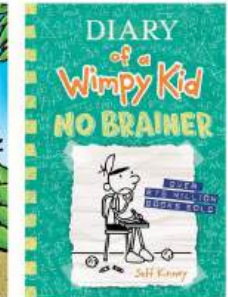
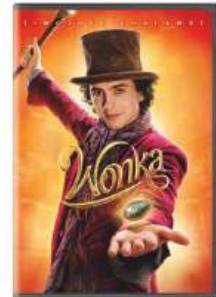
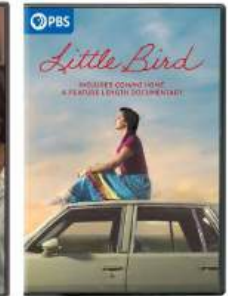
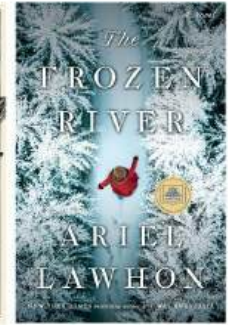
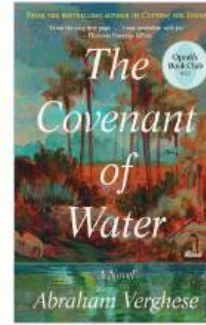
# Collections

51,373 items borrowed in 2024

- 29,869 books
- 7,196 other materials - DVDs, CDs, magazines, etc.
- 14,308 e-resources

## Of note:

- 8% increase in physical item circulation
- 12% increase in children's fiction
- 69% increase in children's other materials
- Increases in e-resource use (21% Libby, 42% hoopla, 51% kanopy)
- Spanish language and bilingual Spanish-English language book collection development



# Electronic Resources & Services



Consider the Source New York  
Teaching with Historical Records

Archives Partnership Trust | New York State Archives

BROWSE: Historical Records | ACCESS: Learning Activities | BUILD/SHARE: Learning Activities

GETTING STARTED | USING PRIMARY SOURCES | TYPES OF ACTIVITIES | PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Diversity and Collaborative Knowledge Program  
MUSEUM LIBRARY

Consider the Source Online: Teaching With Historical Records  
is a FREE online community that connects educators across New York State to the valuable primary sources materials found in the churches, museums, historical organizations, libraries, and state and local governments with a series of highly-engaging learning activities designed to guide and encourage students of all grade levels to make discoveries using critical thinking skills.



A Layered Landscape: Indigenous Land and Colonial... | If This Old House Could Talk: Van Hoesen & Charles... | Lafayette in Hudson! Confusion, Jealousy and On...

# Technology Support/Access & Digital Literacy

In 2024, we provided:

- Access to public computers (5,702 sessions), printer, copy, and fax.
- WiFi access (19,672 sessions).
- Technology support and job search help virtually and in-person (73 one-on-one job search help sessions with Beth Gordon)
- Circulating hotspots and AV equipment.
- 55 digital literacy group program sessions.





# Programs

In 2024, individuals of all ages attended:

- 557 live programs 7,883 times
- 72 one-on-one programs

We had 2,337 participants in our early literacy giveaways, drop-in children's crafts, and summer and winter scavenger hunts.

And they viewed 17 program videos, 1,044 times.



# Children's Programs





# Tween and Teen Programs



# Adult Programs





# Intergenerational Programs





# History Room Exhibitions, Programs & Collections



# Exhibitions





# Community Outreach





# Fundraisers & Community Funding Initiative



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2024 Community  
Based Funding  
Initiative



# Collaborations

Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley, Questar III, Columbia County Libraries Association, Friends of the Hudson Area Library, Mid-Hudson Library System, Talk Read Sing Columbia, Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood, Spark of Hudson, NY Folklore, Hudson City School District, Operation Unite, JCIntime, OutHudson, Columbia Land Conservancy, Monarda Community Care, Eco Toolshed, Basilica Hudson, City of Hudson Youth Center, CoARC/The Starting Place, City of Hudson Senior Center, WGXC, The Jacob Leisler Institute, Kite's Nest, Bard College, Mental Health Association, AmeriCorps, Southeastern New York Libraries Resources Council, Hudson Children's Book Festival, Oral History Summer School, Columbia County Historical Society, Partners for Climate Action HV, Co-HOST, La Leche League, LikeMindedObjects, Shaker Museum, Albany Musician's Association - Local 14, Hudson Film Festival, Story Screen Cinema, Processional Arts Workshop, The Hudson Eye, Columbia County Photography Club, Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, Northeastern Association for the Blind at Albany, Boa Wellness, Hawthorne Valley Farmscape Ecology Program, Camphill Hudson, Columbia Opportunities, Hudson Lions Club, Hudson Rotary Club, Zonta Club of the Upper Hudson Valley, Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center, The New Amsterdam Center, The Sylvia Center, Waterfront Wednesdays, Who We Be, Girl Scouts, Planned Parenthood, Hudson Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society, Hendrick Hudson Chapter of DAR, and many individual artists, community leaders, educators, and businesses.

# Looking Ahead - 2025

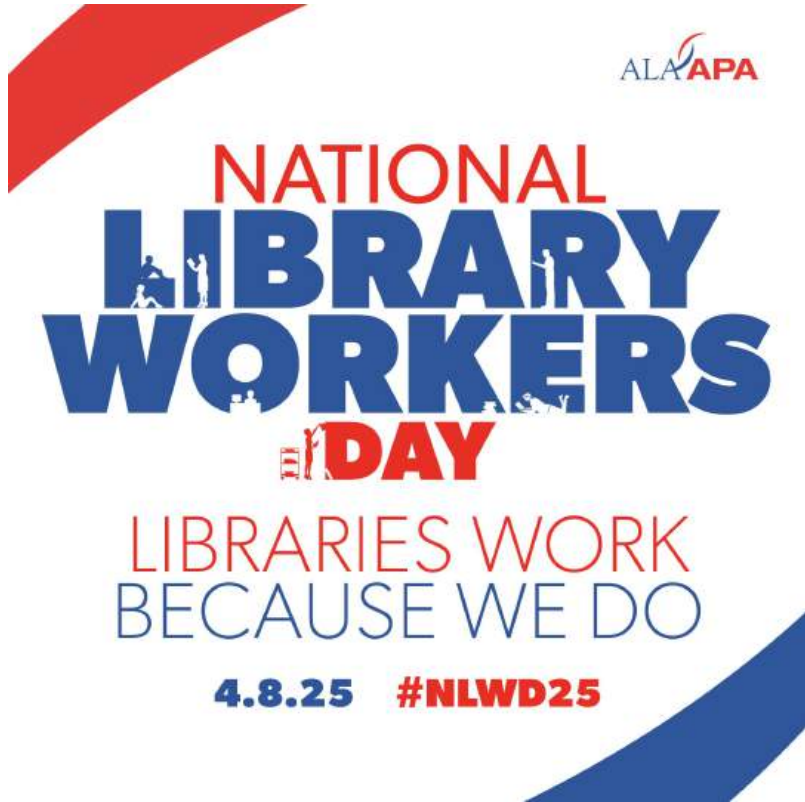
## Focus Areas:

- Strategic Planning
- Long-Term Sustainability
- Local Culture and History





# Our Terrific Library Team



Staff: Anne, Brenda, Emilia, Emily, Kathy, Laurie, Paul, Sarah, Sonia, Susie, Teddy, Tracy, and Wendy.

AmeriCorps, MHACG, and Pathstone Workers: Danielle, Israt, Jasmine, and Patty.

Volunteers: Alane, Bob, Diana, Elaine, Ellen, Jane, Janet, Jasper, Jim, John, Kay, Merry, and Sharon.

**Thank you Crystal, Michael, Liz, & Maddie!  
for 2-6 years of service to our library & community!**



Thank  
You

