



**HUDSON
AREA
LIBRARY**

**Annual Report
for 2025**

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 **62,240 visits** (6% increase) in 2025.

There were **6,203 Hudson Area Library cardholders** at the end of 2025, including **466 new cardholders**.

There were **665,424 web visits**.
We have 3,859 followers on Instagram and 2,670 on Facebook.



Collections

53,965 items borrowed in 2025

- 31,995 books
- 7,154 other physical materials
- 14,816 e-resources

Of note:

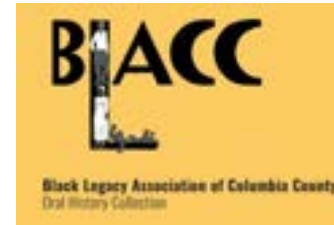
- 6% increase in physical materials borrowing
- 7% increase in book borrowing
 - 7% increase in adult fiction
 - 12% increase in children's fiction
 - 16% increase in children's nonfiction
- 4% increase in e-resources borrowing
 - 27% increase in e-serials
 - 3% increase in e-audio



Electronic Resources & Services



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Technology Support/Access & Digital Literacy

In 2025, we provided:

- Access to public computers (6,305 sessions, 21% increase in hours of use), printer, copy, and fax
- WiFi access (22,663 sessions, 15% increase)
- Technology support and job search help virtually and in-person (277 sessions)
- Circulating hotspots and AV equipment
- Digital literacy group programs (38 sessions)



Programs

In 2025, individuals of all ages attended:

- 416 group programs, 6,878 times
- 277 one-on-one programs
- 332 adult literacy partner programs, 1,113 times

We had **3,273 participants** in our early literacy take-home kits, scavenger hunts, and drop-in children's crafts.

And program videos, including 10 new videos, were viewed **3,971 times**.



Children's Programs



Tween & Teen Programs



Adult Programs



Intergenerational Programs



History Room: Whaling Exhibit



History Room Programs & Collections



Folk Arts & The Fix-It Picnic





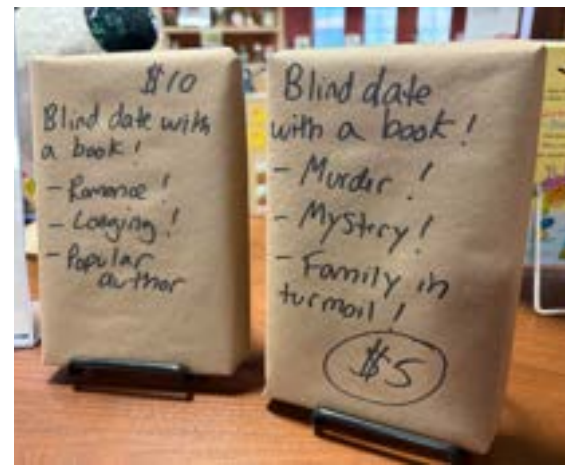
Outreach & Collaboration



Collaborations

Literacy Connections of the Hudson Valley, Questar III, Columbia County Libraries Association, Friends of the Hudson Area Library, Mid-Hudson Library System, Public Libraries Association, Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood, Spark of Hudson, NY Folklore, Hudson City School District, Operation Unite, OutHudson, Columbia Land Conservancy, Monarda Community Care, Eco Toolshed, Olana Partnership, City of Hudson Youth Center, CoARC/The Starting Place, City of Hudson Senior Center, Perfect Ten, WGXC, The Jacob Leisler Institute, African American Archive of Columbia County, Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, NYS DanceForce, Bard College, Mental Health Association, AmeriCorps, Office of Children and Family Services, Family Resources Center, Friends of Taconic State Park, Southeastern New York Libraries Resources Council, Hudson Children's Book Festival, Columbia County Historical Society, Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition, Partners for Climate Action HV, CO-HOST, La Leche League, LikeMindedObjects, Shaker Museum, Roosevelt Presidential Museum and Library, Greater Capital Region Teacher Center, Albany Musician's Association - Local 14, Hudson Film Festival, Story Screen Cinema, Spotty Dog Books, Verdigris Tea, Boa Wellness, Processional Arts Workshop, Columbia County Photography Club, American Heart Association, Hudson Lions Club, Hudson Rotary Club, Zonta Club of the Upper Hudson Valley, Waterfront Wednesdays, Hendrick Hudson Chapter of DAR, and many individual artists, community leaders, historians, educators, and businesses.

Fundraisers



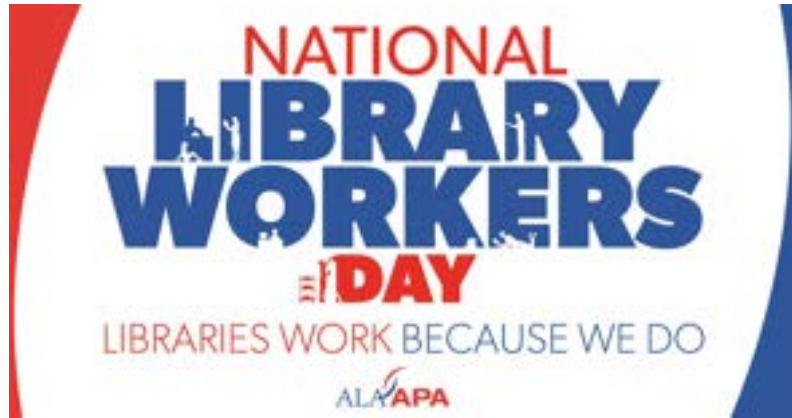
Looking Ahead - 2026

Focus Areas:

- Strategic Planning
- Long-Term Sustainability
- Community Engagement



Our Terrific Library Team



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

OCFS Workers: Danielle & Israt

Volunteers: Alane, Bob, Carol, Diana, Elaine, Ellen, Gary, James, Jane, Jasper, Jim, John, Kay, Merry, Patty, Sharon, and Tom.

**Thank you Joe, Wesley, SJ, & Ryan
for their years of service to our library & community!**



Thank
You

