



LEWISBORO LIBRARY
The Heart of the Community

2025 Annual Report



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Mission

The mission of the Lewisboro Library is to provide the community with free, uncensored access to information through a variety of media and services, and offer educational, cultural, recreational, and civic engagement opportunities in a welcoming and safe atmosphere that supports intellectual and social involvement.

Vision

Our Library will serve as the heart of the community, a hub for civic and cultural enrichment, a place to shelter and gain local information in emergencies. The Library will continue to provide opportunities for human connection, information, entertainment, and education, with offerings that engage all segments of our community.

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Letter from the Director



We take the mission of the Lewisboro Library and commitment to serve as a community center and the heart of the community seriously. This commitment is reflected in our community-oriented programs, including the Citizen Preparedness program with the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corp, our Volunteer Fair which brings local nonprofits together with volunteers, first aid workshops with the Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance corps, and Community Crafters which creates seasonal gifts to brighten the days of our senior citizens.

In addition, we provide welcoming space for community to meet, study and work remotely. We encourage teen volunteerism with our Teen Advisory Board, foster early childhood literacy and provide a supportive space for caregivers to meet and connect with each other.

2025 was a very successful year for the Library by many measures, despite some challenges. We are again open 7 days a week including Sundays and Tuesday evenings. We welcomed new children's and teen librarians who have proven to be an excellent fit for both our library and the community. Library usage increased across key indicators, including in-person visits, program attendance, and circulation of both print and digital materials.

We also completed the installation of LED ceiling lighting, which is more environmentally friendly and cost-effective while significantly improving visibility throughout the building.

During the year, we faced supply chain disruptions when our longtime book distributor, Baker & Taylor, unexpectedly went out of business. This created delays in acquiring new materials for several months. We have since established relationships with new book distribution vendors, which will improve availability going forward. Circulation figures would likely have been even higher without this temporary challenge.

Finally, I would like to thank the Library Board and staff, who work tirelessly to ensure sustainable funding and to fulfill our mission to the community. I am also deeply grateful to our many donors and volunteers. Your continued support makes all of this possible.

Sincerely,

Cindy Rubino

Programming Highlights

Adults

Our adult offerings from the year included programs ranging from **book groups, mahjong lessons, film screenings, educational seminars,** and exciting off-site programs such as our popular **Foraging Walk**



Children

Special programs such as **Rabbit & Friends, Nature Shadow Boxes, and Reptiles Visit** introduced children to new experiences, while **ongoing storytimes and craft workshops** nurtured their creativity and thinking



Teen

Programming such as **International Taste Test and Art of Henna** allowed teens to explore new cultures with their peers, while our new **Teen Advisory Board** is a chance to hone their creative and leadership skills



Special Events

We offered a variety of special events that drew community members to our doors. Entertaining events included January's **Jay Prince and Friends concert**, March's performance of **"Beyond Therapy"** by **Katonah Classic Stage**, June's **Hard Headed Comedy Showcase**, and our off-site **Trivia Nights**. Popular lectures included the **South Salem Ghost Walk**, an **Author Talk with Fiona Davis**, and **Citizen Preparedness Trainings**.



From top left to bottom right: Jay Prince and Friends, Fiona Davis, Trivia Night at Taconah Cantina, and Hard Headed Comedy Night. Jay Prince & Comedy Night images courtesy of Rob Cummings.

Staff Feature

Please welcome our new youth services staff!



Alexandra Perdroza *Children's Librarian*

Hello, my name is Miss Ally, and I joined the Lewisboro Library as the Children's Librarian in May of 2025. I am from Connecticut but have been enjoying meeting the South Salem community since starting here. I have a Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Maryland-College

Park. I completed my master's with a focus in youth through their school librarian certification program. This track offered me in depth training on building a collection and programming across children and young adults. Since coming to Lewisboro I have been busy curating the collection and developing regular programs including Art and Science Storytime, Advanced Crafts, STEAM, Magic Tree House Book Club, and Family Storytime. I am excited to continue to bring more fun and learning through story times, experiments, art and activities here at Lewisboro Library.



Colleen Oakes *Teen & Adult Librarian*

Hi, my name is Colleen Oakes and I am the teen and adult reference librarian here at Lewisboro Library. In addition to being a full-time young-adult author with several published books, I received my Master's Degree in Library Science 2024 from the University of North Texas with a focus in reader's

advisory and diverse reads. I am passionate about making libraries enticing third spaces, focusing on serving the community, radical hospitality and a shared love of literacy. As the teen librarian, I have been focusing on providing a variety of teen programs that meet teens where they are in this digital, short-attention span age. In addition, I am trying to connect with local teens to see what they need and want from their library. I will continue to plan a wide variety of programs, including passive programs and ongoing programs. I've also recently started running two adult book clubs during the day to serve more of our patrons.

Key Statistics



79,944
**Library
Visitors**
↑ 17.44%



115,813
**Items
Circulated**
↑ 5.93%

51,288
**Print
Circulation**
↑ 44.29%

64,525
**Digital
Circulation**
↑ 55.71%



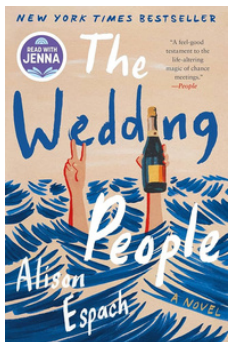
4,958
**Card
Holders**
↑ 1.45%



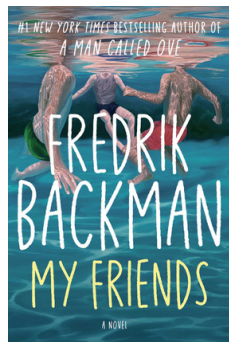
6,909
**Program
Participants**
↑ 22.18%

Percentage change calculated in comparison to 2024 data

Top 5 Most Borrowed Books



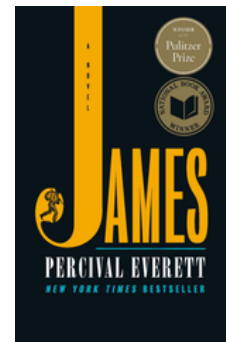
**The Wedding
People**
BY ALISON ESPACH



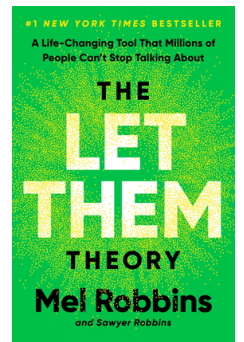
My Friends
BY FREDRIK
BACKMAN



Funny Story
BY EMILY HENRY



James
BY PERCIVAL
EVERETT



**The Let
Them Theory**
BY MEL ROBBINS

Top 3 Most Popular Museum Passes



**The Aldrich
Contemporary
Art Museum**



**American Museum
of Natural History**

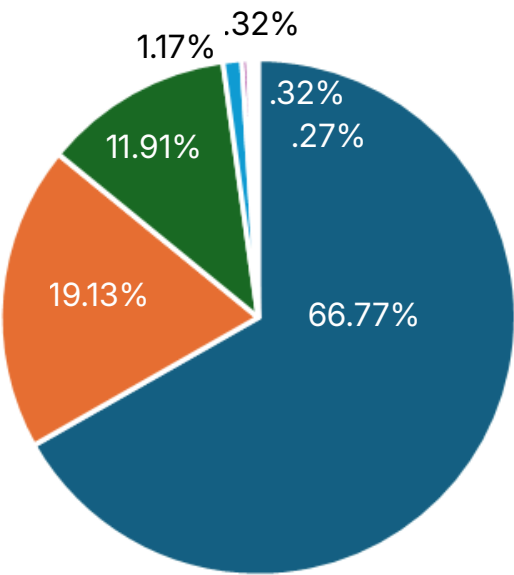
Finances

The Lewisboro Library is a 501c3 nonprofit association library that contracts with the town to deliver library services to the Town of Lewisboro community. The Town of Lewisboro is our single largest source of funding, providing a contribution of approximately 66.77% of our operating budget in Fiscal Year 2025. However, it would not be possible to deliver all the services we provide without the generous support of our patrons through donations and event attendance.

Income

\$917,966.36

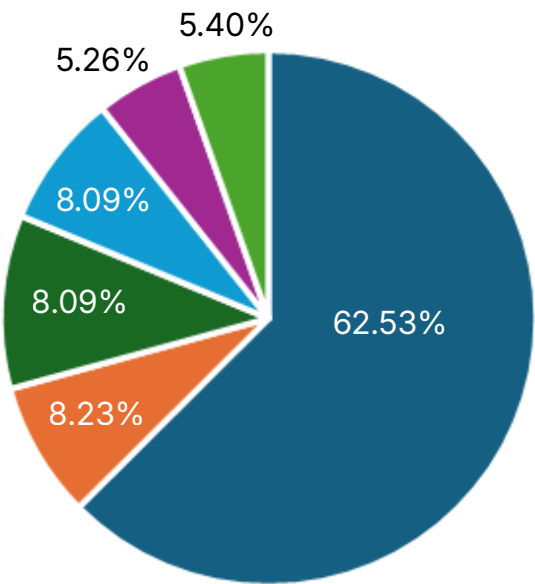
- Town Contribution
- Donations
- Fundraising Events
- Grants
- NYS Funding
- Operating Income
- Investments



Expenditures

\$878,093.93

- Salaries & Benefits
- Building Maintenance
- Library Operations & Supplies
- Collections & Programming
- Technology
- Fundraising



A copy of the Lewisboro Library’s full audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2025 may be requested by contacting Library Director Cindy Rubino at 914-875-9004.