

Date: March 31, 2026

Greene County Legislature

411 Main Street

Catskill, NY 12414

Dear Members of the Greene County Legislature,

On behalf of the Greene County Libraries Association and the eight member libraries that serve our communities, I want to extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support and for approving the 2025 funding allocation of \$39,606. Your investment directly strengthens library services in Greene County and ensures that every resident has access to the resources, technology, and opportunities they need.

Your support for resident services, technology upgrades, digital resources, outreach, and shared operational costs allows our libraries to work collaboratively and efficiently. These funds help us maintain free public computer and WiFi access, expand our digital collections, preserve and share local history through New York Heritage, and continue offering high-quality programs and services that enrich the lives of Greene County residents of all ages. Whenever possible, we purchase locally to ensure county funds stay within Greene County, and we proudly partner with local authors, artists, nonprofits, and small businesses.

We are especially grateful for your recognition of the vital role libraries play in serving unserved areas of the county. Your commitment ensures that every resident, regardless of location, can walk into any library and receive full access to services without barriers.

Thank you for your partnership, trust, and dedication to strengthening our communities.

We are proud to serve Greene County, and your support helps make this work possible.

2025 Annual Report to the Greene County Legislature

Greene County Libraries Association

Programs & Services

In 2025, Greene County libraries offered a wide range of creative, educational, and wellness-focused programs in addition to our core services. Some highlights included:

- Sound Bath Meditation
- The Great Give Back – libraries collected donations for local food pantries and animal welfare
- Cause 4 Paws event
- Robotics, Dungeons & Dragons, and STEM programs
- Adult literacy and art classes
- Summer Reading Program with backpack giveaways & prizes for participation
- Coffee Klatch, Open Mic Poetry, International Fair, and Noon Year's Eve
- Veterans Coffee Hour
- Twin County Recovery counseling hours with childcare
- Costume Swap
- Writing Workshops
- Reptile Presentations
- Local History Presentations
- Grief Counseling
- Seed Library
- Toy Swap
- Bug Out
- Patriotic Wreaths
- Christmas Trees
- Panda Pandemonium
- Calder Mobile Motions
- Calling All Heroes
- Thomas Cole – Let's Paint Mountains
- Flower Power
- Paper Posies
- Watercolor Bookmark
- Eagle Event
- Beach Craft Fun
- Hungarian MapFold

Our libraries continue to offer full office services, with printing, copying, faxing, scanning, and some libraries offer notary support.

Outreach

Our outreach teams visited the Greene County Youth Fair, local schools, the Capital District YMCA-Greene County Branch, senior centers, affordable housing for seniors, and assisted living facilities. Pop-Up Libraries brought curated materials, library card registration, and

holds delivered directly to residents, ensuring access for those unable to visit in person.

2025 Financials

Category	Amount
Resident Support (distributed equally among 8 libraries)	\$22,550
Technical support & shared online meeting platform	\$4,560
Online databases (JobNow, Transparent Language)	\$3,000
eBooks & audiobooks	\$6,272
Tax preparation	\$800
BookPage subscription	\$744
Outreach & Hudson River Valley Heritage digital collections	\$1,680
Total Expenditures	\$39,606

We deeply appreciate the Legislature's ongoing commitment to Greene County libraries. We continue to serve as trusted information hubs, providing technology access, digital literacy support, and welcoming spaces for learning, creativity, and community engagement. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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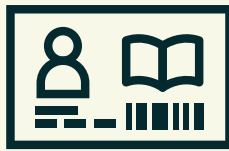
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Christopher Leary | Palenville Branch Library | 144 Malden Ave | Palenville, NY 12463 | 518-678-3357 | catskillpubliclibrary.org/palenville-branch-library/
Regina Johnson | Hunter Public Library | 7965 Main Street | Hunter, NY 12442 | 518-263-4655 | hunterlib.org
Candace Begley | Windham Public Library | 5379 NY-23 | Windham, NY 12496 | 518-734-4405 | windhamlibrary.org

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2024
23,895

+ 10.83%

2025
26,482



TOTAL REGISTERED PATRONS

Includes all Greene County citizens with active library cards (Population estimate, July 1, 2025 for Greene County, NY from census.gov: 47,238)

TOTAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS OFFERED

Includes all programs conducted at libraries



2024
2,389

+ 28.2%

2025
3,063

2024
29,251

+22.8%

2025
35,930



TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

Total number of participants in all programs

TOTAL PHYSICAL ITEMS CIRCULATED

Books, Audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, Video Games, Periodicals, Magazines



2024
191,141

+5.8%

2025
202,170

2024
61,596

+ 19.7%

2025
73,710



TOTAL ELECTRONIC CHECKOUTS

eBooks, eAudiobooks, eVideos, eMagazines from library apps: Libby & Hoopla through use of a library card

TOTAL REFERENCE QUESTIONS

The total number of questions libraries answered: book recommendations, holds, assistance with copies, fax, scan, computer help



2024
47,445

+ 18.9%

2025
56,433