

Greene County Legislature

411 Main Street

Catskill, NY 12414

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2024 Annual Report to the Greene County Legislature

Thank you very much to the Greene County Legislature for their financial support of the Greene County Libraries Association to help us engage our library borrowers and to help us build community. Our libraries offer free and equitable access to a vast array of resources, including books, journals, databases, and technology, regardless of a person's socioeconomic status or education. We purchase locally, when possible, knowing our money stays in Greene County. We support our local authors, artists, non-profit organizations and local businesses for programming, for outreach and for our volunteering efforts.

Programs which our Greene County Libraries held this year beyond the usual offerings included: a Sound Bath; Wild Wreath Workshop; The Great Give Back; Cause 4 Paws; Story Time with an Owl; Meet-Up Monday; Rock n' Reptiles; Earth Day Celebration; Joyful Yoga; Chinese Brush Painting; Stained Glass Hummingbirds; Camouflage Critters; Climbing Wall; Sock-tober: Hunter collect socks for Greene County Community Action for the homeless and women's shelters in Greene County; Skillful Aging Workshop; Summer Reading Program Backpack Giveaway- every time a child checks out books from the library he/she will get a ticket to place in the backpack of their choice. Backpacks contain crayons, a notebook, pencils, a folder, and a ruler; Coffee Klatch-

second Tuesday of Every Month (for Seniors); Poetry Readings–Open Mic Night; Silly Scientists; Solar Eclipse Viewing Party at Beatty Powers; a new Palenville Branch location for Palenville Library!; Repco Wildlife @ Your Libraries; Tiny Tots & Bingo ; full office services including Notary; Adult Book Club; Innovation Studio/Bodie's Lighthouse Lab; Dungeons & Dragons; Robotics; Stuffed Animal Sleepover; Halloween Costume Exchange; Noon Year's Eve Party; International Fair; Kindergarten visit; Holiday Cookie Decorating; Gnome Homes; Prom Dress Boutique: outfitted many girls for free in dresses and accessories. This year we are adding free alterations; Bugs! Thanks to Adirondack Mountain Club: We received a grant to study bugs and their impact on the environment; Veterans Coffee Hour; children's literacy classes, STEM class, art class and adult literacy. Highlights include the opening event with Dunk the Director, face painting and a huge water slide, Tie Dye and closing event mini golf through the library; hours with Twin County Recovery: a counselor from the organization comes in once a week to have sessions available to the public. We offer childcare and coffee to those looking to participate without judgment.

Outreach Services included visits to local schools, YMCA, Home Sweet Home on the Hudson; The Eliot at Catskill; Catskill Senior Center; Hearthstone Senior Day Care; Coxsackie Senior Center; a Pop-Up Library at Bethany Village; a Pop-Up Library at the Rivertown Senior Apartments and Home Sweet Home assisted living facility bringing a curated selection of books and other media; along with requests made by the residents. We place holds and issue library cards all on the go.

2024 Financials:

- \$20,500 – divided equally among the 8 libraries for Resident Support
- \$3,800 – technical support and a shared online meeting platform
- \$3,000 – online databases providing access to JobNow and Transparent Language
- \$5,600 – eBooks and audiobooks
- \$750 – tax preparation
- \$750 – BookPage subscription; copies distributed to each of our libraries for staff and patrons use.
- \$1,600 – outreach and Hudson River Valley Heritage, consisting of digital collections from libraries and cultural heritage institutions, documenting the Hudson River

Valley's rich history.

Total Expenditures:

\$36,000

We appreciate the continued support of the Greene County Legislature. We serve as vital, trusted information hubs in our Greene County communities and in meeting the library needs of our patrons and of the public. We offer technology access, digital literacy programs, and spaces for learning and creativity, while also focusing on sustainability and community engagement.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Benson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine Benson, President, Greene County Libraries Association



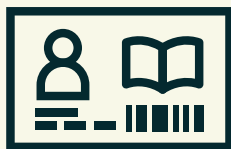
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2023
24,378

+ 1.61%

2024
24,770



TOTAL REGISTERED PATRONS

Includes all Greene County citizens with active library cards (Population of Greene County: 46,903 as per U.S. Census)

TOTAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS OFFERED

Includes all programs conducted at libraries



2023
2,198

+ 17.08%

2024
2,550

2023
22,292

+ 40.19%

2024
31,251



TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

Total number of participants in all programs

TOTAL PHYSICAL ITEMS CIRCULATED

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



2023
195,332

+ 0.37%

2024
196,049

2023
55,663

+ 21.75%

2024
67,769



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

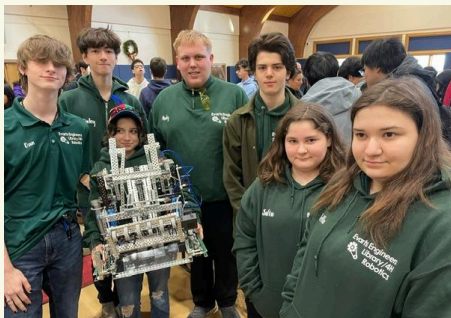


2023
37,048

+ 28.06%

2024
47,445

2024
PROGRAMMING
& MEMORABLE MOMENTS
FROM OUR
GREENE COUNTY
LIBRARIES





Each backpack has a notebook, pencils, crayons, and a bottle of glue

