

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library
Director's Report
August 13, 2025

General Library Updates

The RCLS Road Trip program has been going strong. We've had 19 Piermont cardholders begin their road trips here, and we have had 98 visitors from other libraries come in to get their passports stamped, to enter the monthly raffles, and to discover our beautiful library! Several staff from RCLS have also stopped in on their own road trips and have been consistently delighted to meet our staff.

Programming

Adults

-Our Canasta groups reported their automatic deck shufflers were in bad shape, so we ordered new equipment for these programs. We also started a 6-week library sponsored Beginner Canasta class on Friday mornings, which have been filled to capacity each week.

-Movies for adults are back! We offered two Tuesday evening movies in July and have scheduled weekly Friday afternoon films for August. We purchased an air popper and popcorn bags to offer our patrons the movie theater experience.

-Trivia Night was a success! We had six players, who played two full games of Jeopardy-style trivia. All of the attendees indicated that they would attend again and requested a monthly offering of this program.

-Create and Sip with Alexis Starke for adults drew thirteen artists.

-Patrons enjoyed the botanical art of Laurie Peek throughout the month, and 42 attended the reception.

-14 attendees learned how to illustrate children's books using digital methods during an excellent presentation from children's illustrator Betsy Franco-Feeney.

-Adults have been entering weekly Summer Reading raffles, consisting of short book reviews, for Bunbury gift certificates. So far, we have received 37 adult submissions.

Young Adult

-Teens can also enter summer reading, though we have only had 1 participant this month.

-We have been hearing interest in reviving the Youth Advisory group after the summer again, so we are keeping a list of interested teens to contact in early September. The goal is to have teens meet twice a month going forward.

Children

-We've had Summer Reading drop-in programming available every day this month, courtesy of Ms. Nancy and the efforts of the entire staff. This has involved drop-in crafts, weekly reading tallies, and a "Guess How Many M&Ms" contest (the answer was 1204, with 73 guesses entered!), along with our regular programming such as Family Bingo and Fun for 3s and 4s. Our end of the month Summer Reading Pizza Party was impacted by a severe thunderstorm, but eight attendees still came out to enjoy some slices!

-Storytime with Ms. Nancy continues to fill the room to capacity. In August, Storytime will be rescheduled from Monday mornings to Wednesday mornings, and our Monday attendees were informed of this change throughout the month.

-July art classes with Alexis remained consistently popular and required waitlists. Art classes will be on break for August but will resume in September.

Staff

-Library staff 3% raises approved by the Board in June went into effect in July.

Technology

-Frontline completed their work replacing our outdated computers with brand new machines. Four staff computers and four public computers were replaced. Four other public computers were removed to better reflect current usage levels. Two of the old computers have been repurposed into catalog browsing computers, so that patrons now have the option to search the catalog and place holds on their own if they wish. The other two carrels are available for private study use, which grants us more seating options for patrons when we utilize the Hudson Room for large programs.

The new public PCs are also now outfitted with Deep Freeze software, which will clear any patron details after sessions, including browsing history, login information, and any files downloaded or saved to the hard drive. Patron data and privacy will be better protected.

Collections

-Our physical circulation this month surpassed 1000 (1120 total) for the first time in years.

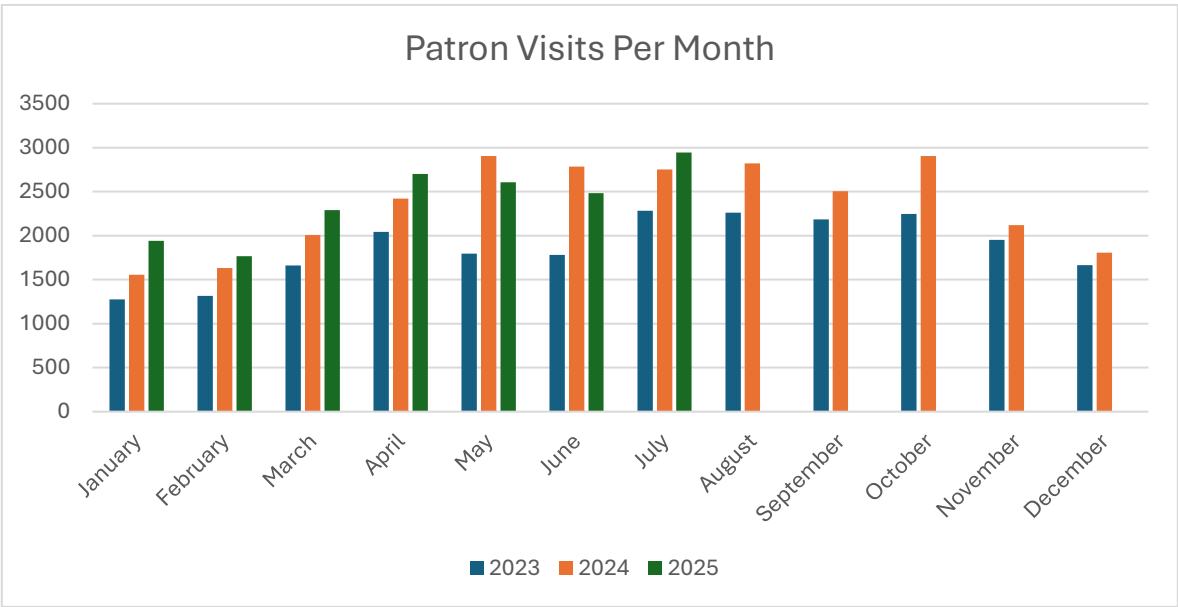
-Physical magazine circulation remains low (zero this month), while digital circulation has been healthy. Our print selection is sparse, so we are going to research which digital titles circulate well for consideration in our print collection.

Building

- Our front porch lights shorted out recently and we will need to have an electrician come in to determine the problem.
- Our book drop has seen better days, so we will be researching potential replacements.
- We submitted the initial application for the NYS Public Library Construction Aid Grant, which could fund up to 50% of a qualifying project. We have applied for aid in reconstructing the front porch deck and staircase, ramp, and back entrance staircase. Awards will be announced by September 2026.

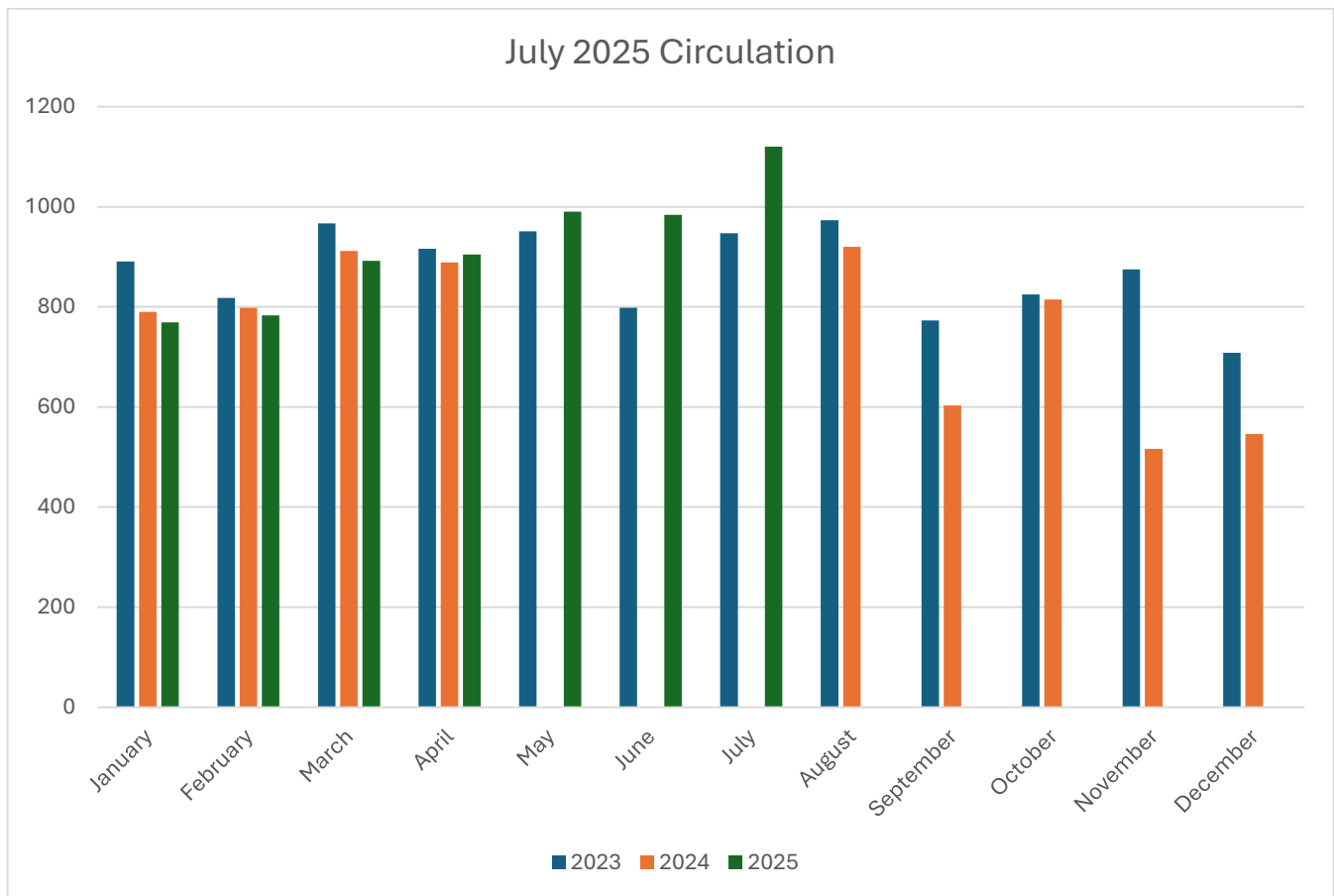
Patron Visits- July 2025

Month	2023	2024	2025
January	1275	1557	1941
February	1315	1632	1768
March	1661	2008	2292
April	2045	2422	2702
May	1795	2906	2607
June	1783	2784	2482
July	2284	2754	2944
August	2261	2823	0
September	2186	2507	0
October	2247	2904	0
November	1953	2119	0
December	1665	1806	0



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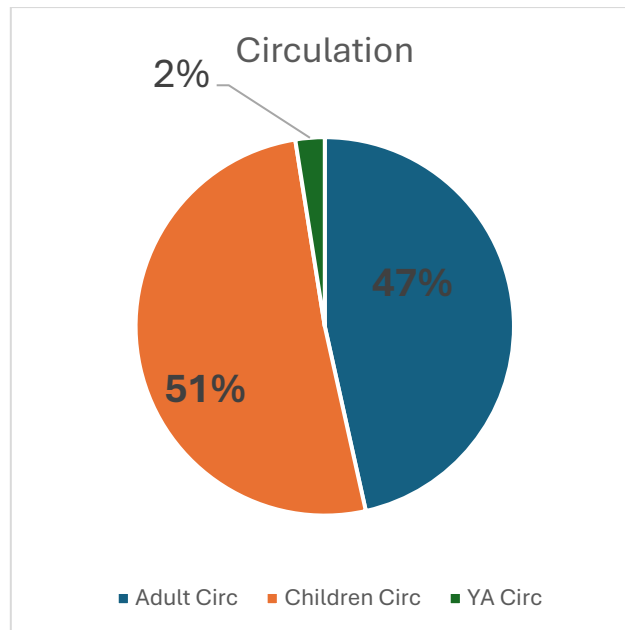
Month	2023	2024	2025
<i>January</i>	891	790	769
<i>February</i>	818	798	783
<i>March</i>	967	912	892
<i>April</i>	916	889	905
<i>May</i>	951	N/A*	990
<i>June</i>	798	N/A*	984
<i>July</i>	947	N/A*	1120
<i>August</i>	973	920	0
<i>September</i>	773	603	0
<i>October</i>	825	815	0
<i>November</i>	875	516	0
<i>December</i>	708	546	0



***ILS data is unavailable for May-June 2024 due to the Koha transition**

Circulation by Item Type and Collection- July 2025

Books					
Adult Fiction	268	Children Fiction	151	YA Fiction	21
Adult Nonfiction	101	Children Nonfiction	62	YA NF	4
Adult Biography	17	Children Biography	39	YA Graphic	3
Large Print	17	Children Picture	89	Manga	0
Local Authors	3	Children Board Book	29		
Adult Spanish	1	Children Easy Reader	54		
Periodical	0	Children Graphic	107		
		Children Spanish	9		
Total Adult Books	407	Total Children Books	540	Total YA Books	28
Media/Misc					
Adult DVD	94	Children DVD	24		
Adult Audio	7	Children Audio	7		
Adult Music	3				
Museum Pass	10				
Total Adult Media	114	Total Children Media	31	Total YA Media	0
Total Circulation					
Total Adult Circ	521	Total Children Circ	571	Total YA Circ	28
TOTAL JULY CIRCULATION	1120				



Digital Circulation- July 2025

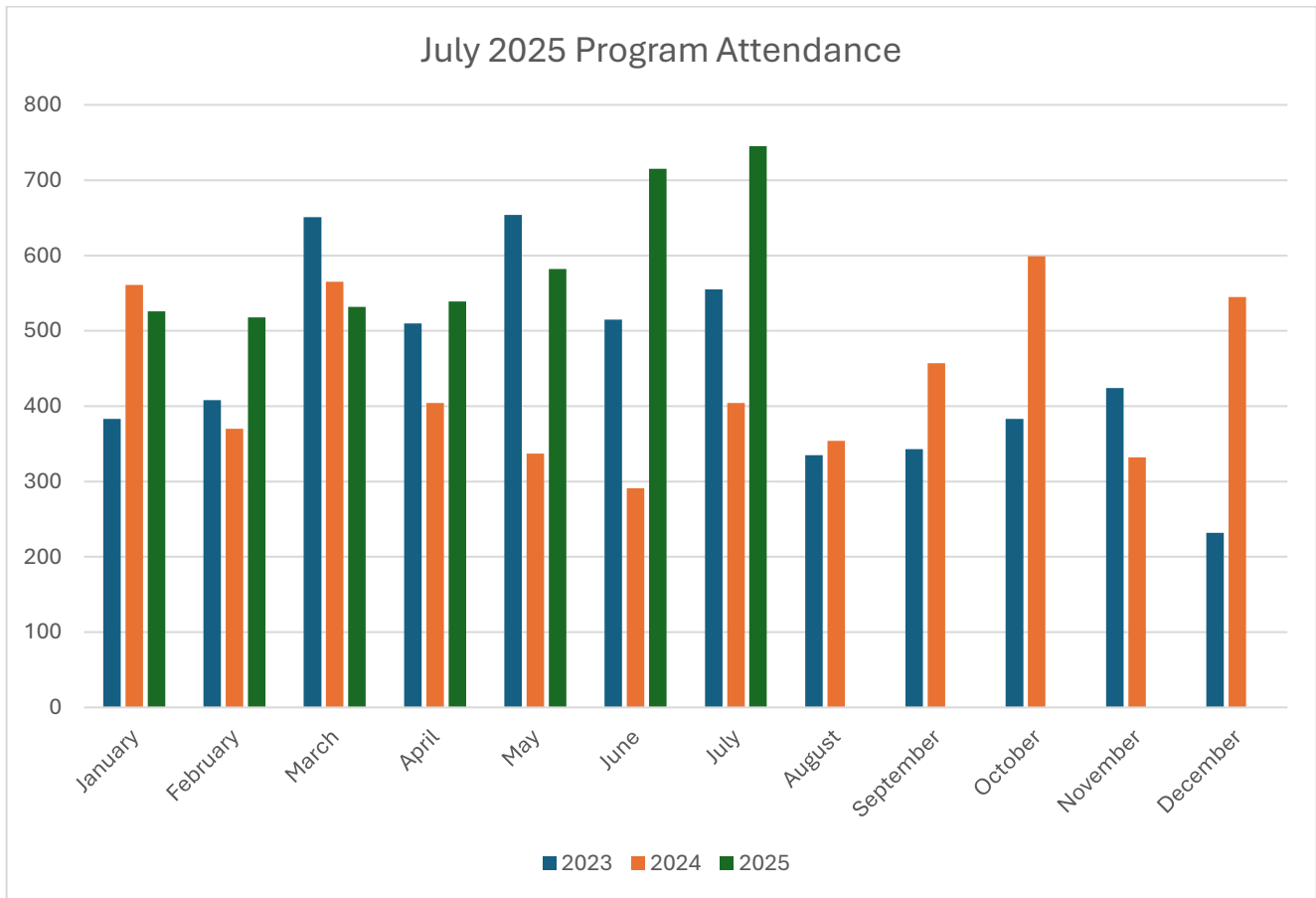
Statistics for Digital Checkouts													
<u>Libby:</u>	2024						2025						
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
E-books	245	186	186	163	183	149	190	161	177	186	202	217	198
Audiobooks	235	245	225	254	220	240	228	207	224	207	198	209	227
Magazines	72	67	75	70	90	95	112	100	99	105	108	134	119
<u>Hoopla:</u>	2024						2025						
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
E-books	21	24	24	18	24	21	21	23	21	22	25	13	15
Audiobooks	46	46	39	39	47	42	47	55	55	54	68	56	60
Movies + TV	3	4	12	3	6	12	15	11	7	6	6	9	7
Music	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0

Programs- July 2025

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	AGE	ATTENDANCE	NOTES
M 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28	11-11:30am	Storytime w/ Nancy	0-5	23+33+32+33=121	
W 7/2, 7/9	3-4pm	Fun for 3s and 4s	0-5	12+2=14	
M 7/7, 7/21, 7/28	5:30-6:15pm	Art Class w/ Alexis	6-11	8+11 +10=29	Waitlist
W 7/2, 7/16, 7/30	5:30-6:15pm	Art Class w/ Alexis	6-11	7+6+9=22	
All month- drop in		Summer Reading Sign ups	6-11	45	
All month- drop in		Summer Reading Drop-in Crafts	6-11	65	
TU 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29	5:30-6:30pm	Art Class w/ Alexis	12-18	8+10+8+7=33	Waitlist
Tu 7/29	6:30-8pm	Teen Game Night	12-18	5	
All month- drop in		Teen Summer Reading	12-18	1	
F 7/11, 7/18, 7/25	10am-12pm	Beginner Canasta	19+	10+10+10=30	
Tu 7/1, 7/15	6-8pm	Movies for Adults	19+	9+0=9	
Tu 7/8	6-8pm	Trivia Night	19+	6	
Th 7/10	6:30-7:30pm	Create and Sip	19+	13	
W 7/16	3-4pm	Adult Book Club	19+	10	
All month- drop in		Adult Summer Reading	19+	37	
Su 7/6	3-5pm	Art Show of the Month	gen int	42	Laurie Peek
W 7/23	5-7pm	Illustrating Children's Books Digitally	gen int	14	
W 7/17	6-7:30pm	Mighty Five Field Day (Orangeburg)	gen int	5	
Th 7/17	6:30-7:30pm	Family Bingo	gen int	6	
Th 7/31	6-7pm	Summer Reading Pizza Party	gen int	8	Major storm
All month- drop in		RCLS Roadtrip	gen int	117	
			TOTAL	705	
Non-Library Programs					
M 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28	1-3pm	Canasta	19+	11+12+12+8=43	
Tu 7/1, 7/8	10am-12pm	Canasta	19+	4+5=9	
Tu 7/8	5-6pm	Chamber of Commerce	19+	12	
W 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/30	12:30-4pm	Canasta	19+	4+4+5+4=17	
TH 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/31	1-3pm	Mahjong	19+	10+10+6+6=32	
			TOTAL	113	
			TOTAL	745	
		OTHER SERVICES			
		Reference Questions	179		
		Library PC Use	62		
		WiFi Use	165		

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Month	2023	2024	2025
<i>January</i>	383	561	526
<i>February</i>	408	370	518
<i>March</i>	651	565	532
<i>April</i>	510	404	539
<i>May</i>	654	337	582
<i>June</i>	515	291	715
<i>July</i>	555	404	745
<i>August</i>	335	354	0
<i>September</i>	343	457	0
<i>October</i>	383	599	0
<i>November</i>	424	332	0
<i>December</i>	232	545	0



Upcoming Programs- August 2025

- Art show of the month (Reception Tuesday August 5)
 - Elizabeth Lauri: Esperanza Sueños de Pueblo/Hope and Dreams of My People
 - Lisa D'Amico: Sonic Heroines
- Beginner Canasta- Fridays at 10am until August 15th
- Storytime with Ms. Nancy- Wednesdays at 10:30am
- Fun for 3s and 4s- Wednesdays at 2pm
- Thursday Family Bingo- August 14th at 6:30pm
- Scavenger hunt for kids all month long
- Summer reading for adults and teens all month long
- Movies for adults every Friday afternoon at 2pm
 - August 1- Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story
 - August 8- Nickel Boys
 - August 15- A Complete Unknown
 - August 22- Saturday Night
 - August 29- Wicked
- Amelia Earhart- The Power of One
 - This will be a lecture for adults with pilot and aviation historian Susan Loricchio