

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library
Director's Report
September 10, 2025

General Library Updates

The RCLS Road Trip program has continued to go strong throughout the summer. There were 75 visitors to our library. The program will run until the end of September. RCLS was able to add additional “grand prizes” into the mix, so it’s still a great time to get started on, or to continue, an RCLS road trips!

Programming

Adults

- Our 6-week library sponsored Beginner Canasta class wrapped up in the middle of the month. Patrons gave us positive feedback on this program and we intend to bring it back in the Spring.

-We tried movies for adults on Friday afternoons at 2pm in August. Attendance was generally low, as we expected given general program attendance trends in August, but those who did attend enjoyed popcorn with their flicks! We will continue to offer films at this time to hopefully build a consistent audience.

-Create and Sip with Alexis Starke for adults drew eighteen artists, and she also offered an End of Summer art class for nine children. We are looking forward to Alexis’s art classes this Fall!

-Patrons enjoyed the art of Elizabeth Lauri and Lisa D’Amico all month, and 21 attended the Tuesday night reception on August 5.

-Adults continued to enter weekly Summer Reading raffles, consisting of short book reviews, for Bunbury gift certificates. 38 adults and one teen participated, and sixteen prizes were distributed.

-Assemblyman Aron Wieder held mobile office hours on August 19, and twelve constituents attended.

-We hosted a lecture from aviation historian and pilot Susan Loricchio on Tuesday, August 26 about Amelia Earhart. Our evening staff, Dylan and Robert, went above and beyond in saving the day technology-wise to get the presentation working and 12 attendees were treated to a phone call with the Program Manager of Nauticos, who is currently planning a new expedition in search of Earhart.

Young Adult

-In mid-September we will be posting and sending information to recruit for the Youth Advisory Klub.

Children

-Back by very popular demand, our Mighty Five Scavenger Hunt delighted 140 participants, who explored every corner of our library and received painting sets as their grand prizes.

-Storytime with Ms. Nancy continues to fill the room to capacity, and our patrons adjusted very quickly and positively to the Wednesday Storytime scheduling change (previously was offered on Mondays)

-Family Bingo entertained a group of 8.

-Art classes were on break for August but will resume in September.

Staff

-John Ballard has resigned from weeknight shifts but will continue to staff the library on Saturdays. Scheduling adjustments have been made to adequately staff the vacant shifts until additional staffing is worked out.

Technology

-Staff and patrons alike have expressed positive feedback on our new computers, which have been working lighting fast!

Collections

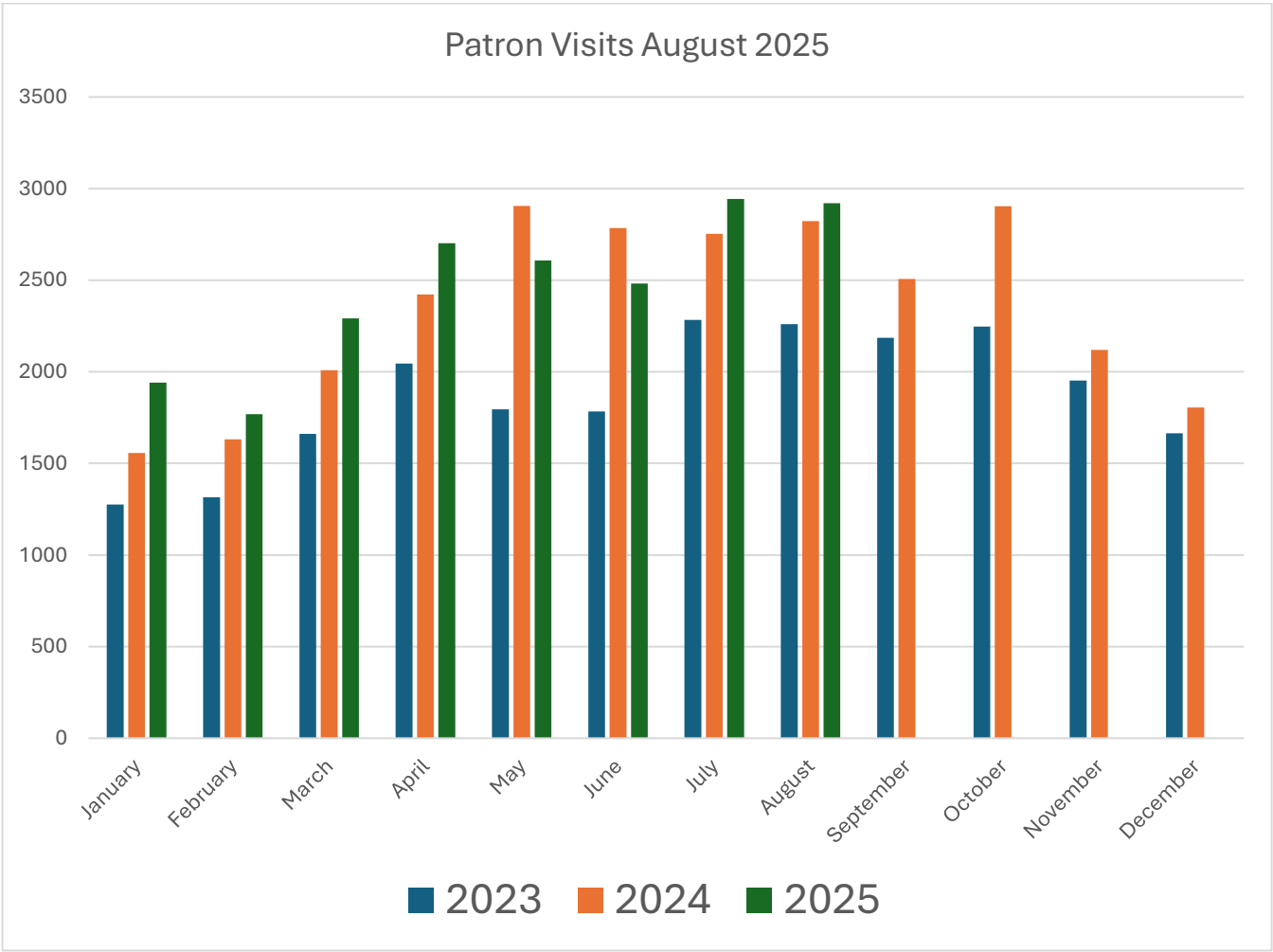
-Circulation, both print and digital, has shown general increases compared to last year.

Building

-We have been researching book drop replacements given the poor state of our current box, and our DVD return lock recently broke as well. Until our DVD drop box lock is repaired or replaced, all after hours-returns should be placed in the regular book drop, including media.

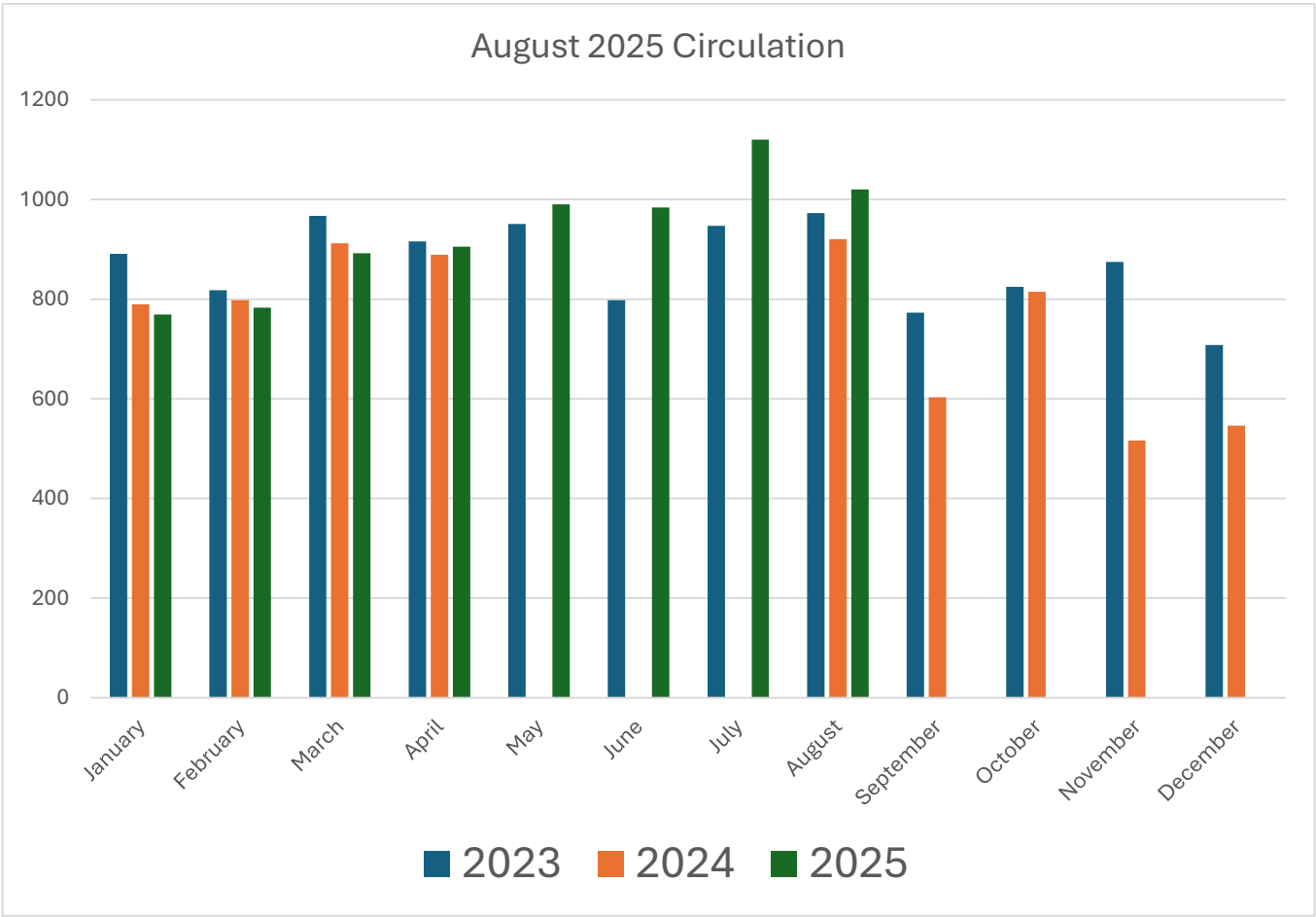
Patron Visits- August 2025

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	2921
September	2186	2507	0
October	2247	2904	0
November	1953	2119	0
December	1665	1806	0



Circulation- August 2025

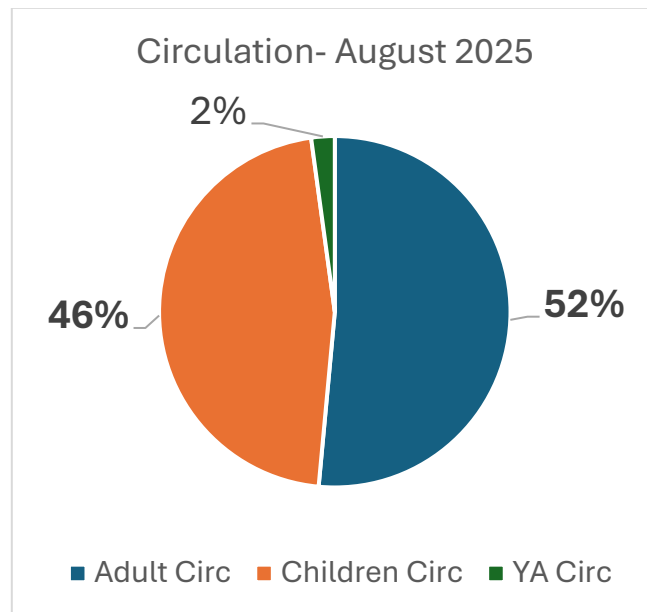
Month	2023	2024	2025
January	891	790	769
February	818	798	783
March	967	912	892
April	916	889	905
May	951	NA*	990
June	798	NA*	984
July	947	NA*	1120
August	973	920	1020
September	773	603	0
October	825	815	0
November	875	516	0
December	708	546	0



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

Circulation by Item Type and Collection- August 2025

Books					
Adult Fiction	255	Children Fiction	125	YA Fiction	12
Adult Nonfiction	87	Children Nonfiction	32	YA NF	3
Adult Biography	10	Children Biography	8	YA Graphic	7
Large Print	13	Children Picture	109	Manga	0
Local Authors	0	Children Board Book	32		
Adult Spanish	0	Children Easy Reader	50		
Periodical	1	Children Graphic	73		
Adult Graphic	1	Children Spanish	2		
Total Adult Books	367	Total Children Books	431	Total YA Books	22
Media/Misc					
Adult DVD	116	Children DVD	34		
Adult Audio	12	Children Audio	8		
Adult Music	16				
Museum Pass	14				
Total Adult Media	158	Total Children Media	42	Total YA Media	0
Total Circulation					
Total Adult Circ	525	Total Children Circ	473	Total YA Circ	22
TOTAL AUGUST CIRCULATION	1020				



Digital Circulation- August 2025

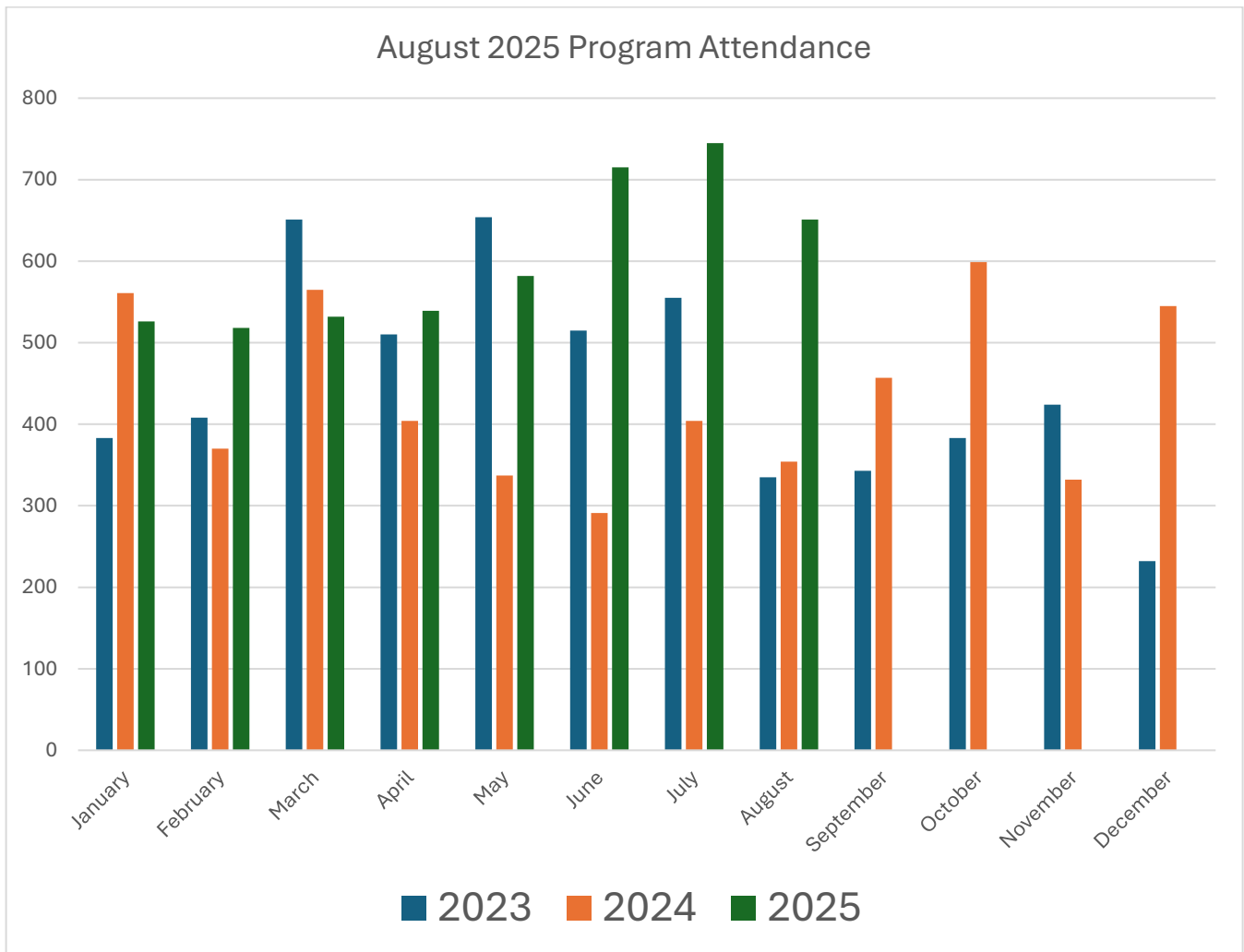
Statistics for Digital Checkouts													
<u>Libby:</u>	2024						2025						
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug
E-books	186	186	163	183	149	190	161	177	186	202	217	198	239
Audiobooks	245	225	254	220	240	228	207	224	207	198	209	227	237
Magazines	67	75	70	90	95	112	100	99	105	108	134	119	137
<u>Hoopla:</u>	2024						2025						
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug
E-books	24	24	18	24	21	21	23	21	22	25	13	15	24
Audiobooks	46	39	39	47	42	47	55	55	54	68	56	60	51
Movies + TV	4	12	3	6	12	15	11	7	6	6	9	7	7
Music	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1

Programs- August 2025

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	AGE	ATTENDANCE
W 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27	10:30-11am	Storytime w/ Nancy	0-5	30+25+39+21=115
W 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27	3-4pm	Fun for 3s and 4s	0-5	6+4+0+7=17
S 8/30	11:30-12:30pm	End of Summer Art Class	6-11	9
All month- drop in		Scavenger Hunt	6-11	140
All month- drop in		Teen Summer Reading	12-18	1
F 8/1, 8/8, 8/15	10am-12pm	Beginner Canasta	19+	9+10+12=31
F 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29	6-8pm	Movies for Adults	19+	2+7+8+0+6=23
Th 8/28	6:30-7:30pm	Create and Sip	19+	18
W 8/20	3-4pm	Adult Book Club	19+	15
T 8/26	6:30-7:30pm	Amelia Earhart- The Power of One	19+	12
T 8/19	4-6pm	Rep. Aron Weider Mobile Office	19+	12
All month- drop in		Adult Summer Reading	19+	38
T 8/5	3-5pm	Art Show of the Month	gen int	21
Th 8/14	6:30-7:30pm	Family Bingo	gen int	8
All month- drop in		RCLS Roadtrip	gen int	75
			TOTAL	535
Non-Library Programs				
M 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25	1-3pm	Canasta	19+	12+9+10+8=40
Tu 8/12, 8/26	10am-12pm	Canasta	19+	7+8=15
W 8/6, 8/13, 8/20	12:30-4pm	Canasta	19+	4+4+4=12
TH 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28	1-3pm	Mahjong	19+	5+8+9+5=27
			TOTAL	94
			TOTAL	629
		OTHER SERVICES		
		Reference Questions	119	
		Library PC Use	57	
		WiFi Use	146	

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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	651
<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

- Fall Art Classes
 - Grades 1-3: Monday, September 29 at 5:30pm
 - Grades 3-5: Tuesday, September 30 at 5:30pm
- Storytime with Ms. Nancy- Wednesdays at 10:30am
- Fun for 2s and 3s- Wednesdays at 2pm
- Story and Craft- Thursday, September 18 at 4:30pm
- Family Bingo- Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm
- Book Adventures Book Club- Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30pm
 - Discussion of favorite summer reads and forming a plan for future book club selections
- Fun with Lego- Thursday, September 25 at 5pm

- Art show of the month (Reception Sunday September 7)
 - Eileen Brady Nelson- Cyanotype
- September 11 Observance- Airing of the Reading of the Names (10am to conclusion) in the Hudson Room
- Adult Book Club- Wednesday, September 17 at 3pm
 - *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston
- Movies for adults every Friday afternoon at 2pm
 - September 5- Broke
 - September 12- The Phoenician Scheme
 - September 19- The Surfer
 - September 26- Superman (2025)
- Create and Sip for Adults: Memories of Summer- September 25 at 6:30pm