

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library

Director's Report

October 15, 2025

General Library Updates

The RCLS Road Trip program wrapped up at the end of September. We had visitors all the way up to the very last day. Two visitors completed their *entire* road trips at our library. During September, we had 59 road trip participants come into the library for stamps and raffle tickets.

We have scheduled a Book Sale, starting November 9 to November 15. Patrons can drop off donations during regular open hours from October 20 to November 5. We are accepting hardcover, softcover, and children's books that are in decent condition, as well as DVDs and music CDs. We are discouraging donations of textbooks, workbooks, tapes, VHS, and vinyl, as well as any books in poor condition.

We received a check from the Spitzer Charitable Trust for the grant for general operating support. A letter of appreciation has been mailed and funds have been deposited.

Programming

Adults

Friday afternoon movies at 2pm continued throughout September with small attendance but a growing group of regular attendees nonetheless. We have heard positive comments regarding the selection of new, under-the-radar films with critical acclaim, so we will continue to offer these types of films as often as possible.

Our art gallery this month featured work by Eileen Brady Nelson, "Cyanotype," and 76 people attended the opening reception.

We screened the annual reading of the names in honor of those who were lost on 9/11.

This month's book club selection was *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* and had 15 attendees.

Children

Patrons are steadily adjusting to our new Storytime schedules on Wednesday mornings. Ms. Nancy also offered two new programs this month: Fun with Legos, and a Book Adventures Book Club.

Our always popular art classes for children and teens resumed at the end of the September and will continue on through the Fall season. Classes are currently full and on a waitlist basis.

Technology

We purchased an Apple HDMI converter for our A/V equipment to better accommodate visiting presenters who need to present on MacBook.

Staffing

Staff have done a commendable job of filling vacant hours during a period of temporary staffing shortage, ensuring uninterrupted service for our patrons.

The Library Director attended a Demco Book Care Workshop, through our LARC membership, at Nyack Library this month and will be including book care best practices in a future staff training.

Collections

We learned this week that one of our book vendors, Baker & Taylor, will be shuttering its doors. Many libraries utilize B&T for their book leasing- thankfully, we utilize McNaughton subscription services already, so our leasing process for adult books will not be interrupted. I will be working with Ms. Nancy, who uses B&T for children's purchasing, to determine a new vendor for our new children's books purchasing.

Building

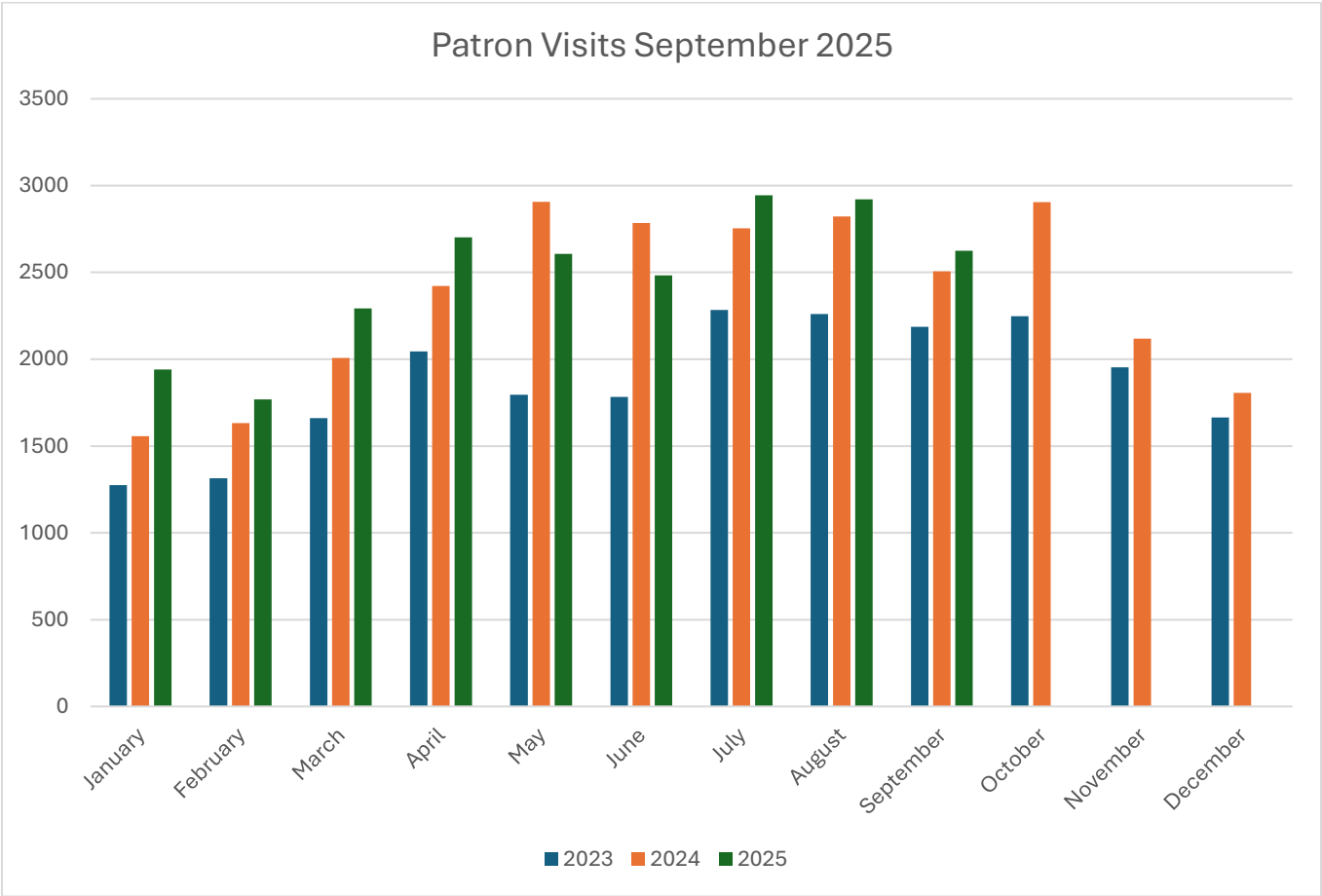
The library's gutters were cleaned this month.

Outreach

The Library was invited to table at the Piermont Community Center's Open House on September 28, where we answered questions from the community, promoted our upcoming events, and debuted our new library bookmark!

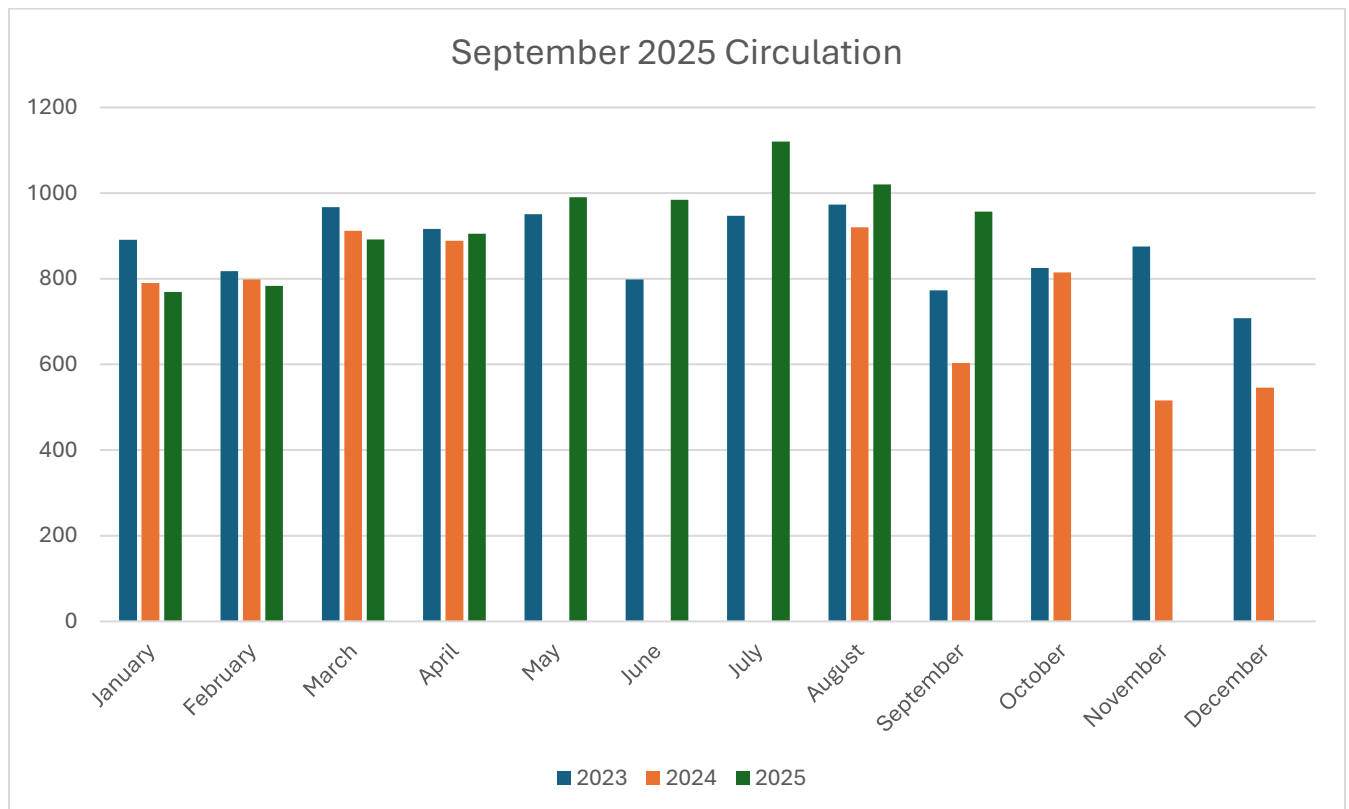
Patron Visits- September 2025

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	2625
October	2247	2904	0
November	1953	2119	0
December	1665	1806	0



Circulation- September 2025

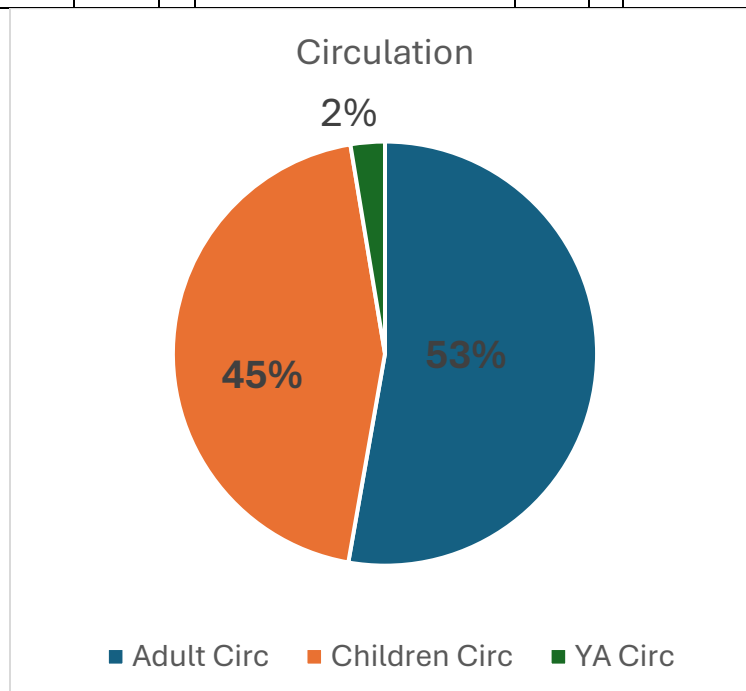
Month	2023	2024	2025
<i>January</i>	891	790	769
<i>February</i>	818	798	783
<i>March</i>	967	912	892
<i>April</i>	916	889	905
<i>May</i>	951	NA	990
<i>June</i>	798	NA	984
<i>July</i>	947	NA	1120
<i>August</i>	973	920	1020
<i>September</i>	773	603	957
<i>October</i>	825	815	0
<i>November</i>	875	516	0
<i>December</i>	708	546	0



***ILS transition- data currently unavailable**

Circulation by Item Type and Collection- September 2025

Books					
Adult Fiction	258	Children Fiction	93	YA Fiction	18
Adult Nonfiction	102	Children Nonfiction	27	YA NF	3
Adult Biography	17	Children Biography	4	YA Graphic	3
Large Print	11	Children Picture	121	Manga	0
Local Authors	0	Children Board Book	41	YA Biography	1
Adult Spanish	0	Children Easy Reader	73		
Periodical	0	Children Graphic	42		
Adult Graphic	3	Children Spanish	0		
Total Adult Books	391	Total Children Books	401	Total YA Books	25
Media/Misc.					
Adult DVD	90	Children DVD	25		
Adult Audio	13	Children Audio	1		
Adult Music	6				
Museum Pass	5				
Total Adult Media	114	Total Children Media	26	Total YA Media	0
Total Circulation					
Total Adult Circ	505	Total Children Circ	427	Total YA Circ	25
TOTAL SEPTEMBER CIRCULATION	957				

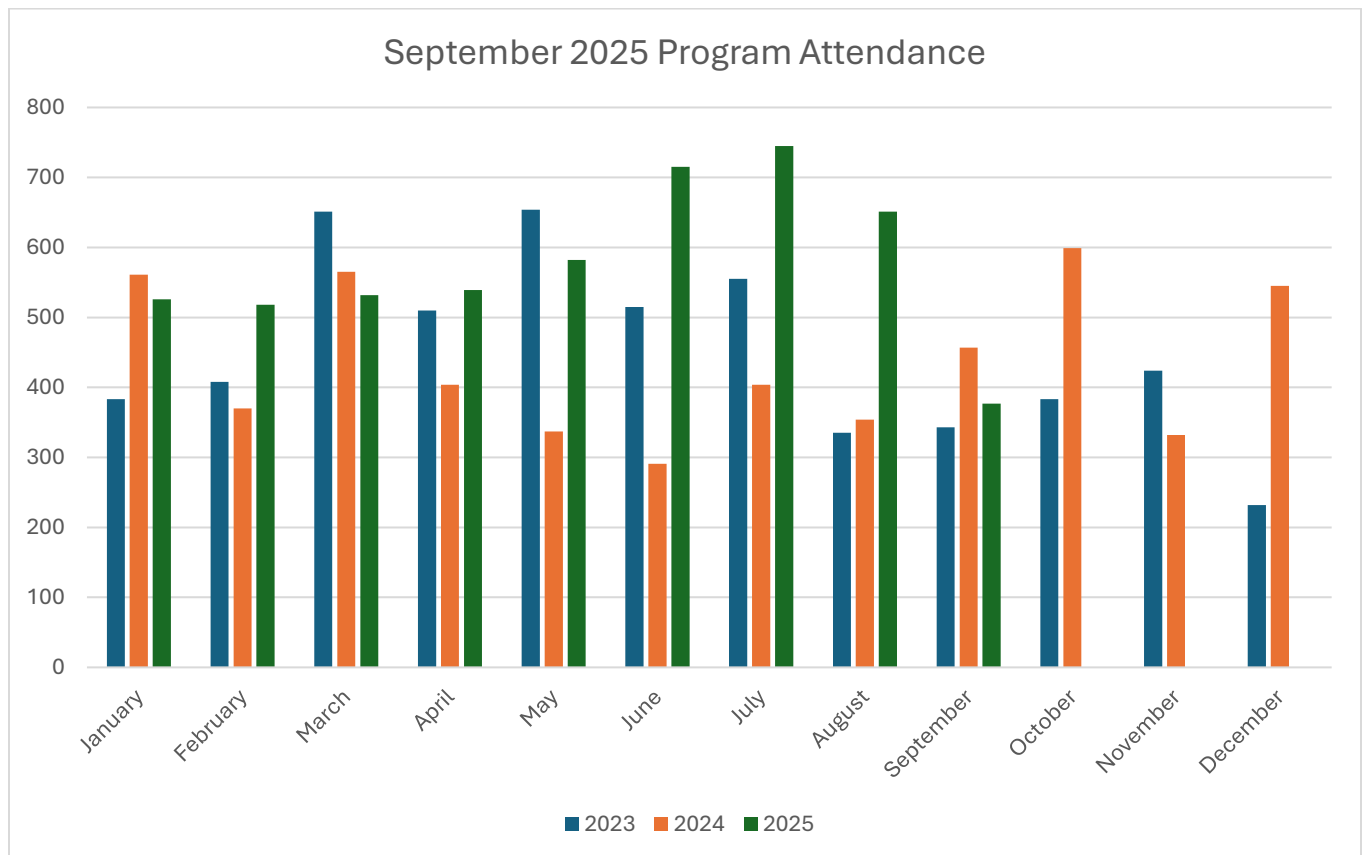


Digital Circulation- September 2025

Statistics for Digital Checkouts													
<u>Libby:</u>	2024						2025						
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept
E-books	186	163	183	149	190	161	177	186	202	217	198	239	200
Audiobooks	225	254	220	240	228	207	224	207	198	209	227	237	229
Magazines	75	70	90	95	112	100	99	105	108	134	119	137	130
Total Libby	486	487	493	484	530	468	500	498	508	560	544	613	559
<u>Hoopla:</u>	2024						2025						
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept
E-books	24	18	24	21	21	23	21	22	25	13	15	24	17
Audiobooks	39	39	47	42	47	55	55	54	68	56	60	51	56
Movies + TV	12	3	6	12	15	11	7	6	6	9	7	7	4
Music	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
Total Hoopla	76	60	77	77	85	89	83	82	100	80	82	83	77
Total Digital	562	547	570	561	615	557	583	580	608	640	626	696	636

Program Attendance- September 2025

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	377
<i>October</i>	383	599	0
<i>November</i>	424	332	0
<i>December</i>	232	545	0



September Programs

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	AGE	ATTENDANCE
W 9/10, 9/17, 9/24	10:30-11am	Storytime w/ Nancy	0-5	10+14+15=39
W 9/17	2:00-3:00pm	Fun for 2s and 3	0-5	2
W 9/24	5:30-6:30pm	Book Adventures	0-5	9
Th 9/18	4:30-5:30pm	Story & Craft	0-5	2
Th 9/25	5:00-6:00pm	Fun With LEGOs	0-5	9
Tu 9/30	11:30-12:30pm	Fall Art Class Grades 3-5	6-11	11
W 9/17	5:30-6:30pm	Fall Art Class Grades 6-12	12-18	9
F 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26	6-8pm	Movies for Adults	19+	4+5+2+6=17
Th 9/25	6:30-7:30pm	Create and Sip	19+	18
W 9/17	3-4pm	Adult Book Club	19+	15
Sun 9/7	3-5pm	Art Show of the Month	gen int	76
Th 9/11	10am-1pm	9/11 Reading of Names Screening	gen int	4
Th 9/18	6:30-7:30pm	Family Bingo	gen int	2
All month- drop in		RCLS Road trip	gen int	59
			TOTAL	272
Non-Library Programs				
M 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29	1-3pm	Canasta	19+	12+12+11+10=45
Tu 9/30	10am-12pm	Canasta	19+	4
W 9/10, 9/17	12:30-4pm	Canasta	19+	7+4=11
TH 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25	1-3pm	Mahjong	19+	10+8+9+13=40
F 9/5	10am-12pm	Canasta	19+	5
			TOTAL	105
			TOTAL	377
		OTHER SERVICES		
		Reference Questions	152	
		Library PC Use	71	
		Wi-Fi Use	146	

Upcoming Programs

- Storytimes **every Wednesday at 10:30am**
- Family Bingo- **Thursday, October 9 at 6:30pm**
- She Persisted Book Club- **Wednesday, October 15 at 5pm**
 - Oprah Winfrey by Renee Watson
- Story and Craft- **Thursday, October 16 at 4:30pm**
- Book Adventures Book Club- **Wednesday, October 22 at 5:30pm**
- Doggie Storytime with Luna- **Thursday, October 23 at 4:30pm**
- Pumpkin Decorating- **Sunday, October 26, 10am-12pm**
- Eating Healthy with Caitlin- **Monday, October 27 at 4:30pm**
- Fall Art Classes
 - Grades 6-12: **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**
 - Grades 3-5: **Tuesdays at 5:30pm**
 - Grades 1-3: **Mondays 5:30pm**
- Art Reception Opening- **Sunday, October 5 at 3pm**
 - Julie Cahn: Our River, My Muse
- Friday Movies for Adults
 - **October 3, 2pm**- The Amateur
 - **October 10, 2pm**- F1
 - **October 17, 2pm**- Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning
 - **October 24, 2pm**- Hamilton
 - **October 31**- Classic Monster Movie Marathon (all day)
 - We are screening Dracula, Frankenstein, Bride of Frankenstein, The Mummy, and The Wolfman all day in the Hudson Room (free popcorn!)

- Thrills and Chills movies
 - **Monday, October 27, 6pm-** Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein
 - **Tuesday, October 28, 6pm-** Abbott and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
 - **Wednesday, October 29, 6pm-** Abbott and Costello Meet the Invisible Man
 - **Thursday, October 20, 6pm-** Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy

- Adult Technology Classes- How to Use Libby to Borrow Digital Books
 - **Tuesday, October 14 at 5pm**
 - **Thursday, October 16 at 11am**

- Adult Book Club- **Wednesday, October 15 at 3pm**
 - *By Her Own Design* by Piper Hugely

- Book Sale Donations Accepted- **October 20 onward**