

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library

Director's Report

June 10, 2026.

General Updates

The Freedom to Read Act passed the New York State Assembly and is now progressing onward to the Governor. This proposed legislation protects school libraries from censorship and book bans. It reasserts the authority of certified librarians to curate collections that are diverse, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate. The budget for aid also passed, with operating aid of \$106.395 M (a \$70,000 increase) and construction aid of 44M, the same as last year.

Thank you to members of the Piermont Library Board who represented the Library at the Piermont Memorial Day Parade!

Programming

Our Spring Craft Fair was very busy and well attended. All of the vendor tables sold out and many children painted rocks as a craft. There was a steady stream of attendees throughout the whole day.

We had a very busy, well-attended kickoff to our Book Sale on May 31 during the Farmer's Market. Almost everybody who came in to the book sale left with a purchase!

Adults

There were 68 attendees at the art reception for the Dan Lukens art exhibit of paintings, *Small Wonder*.

We had 16 attendees for the Adult Book Club.

The Piermont Writing Group met once during this month. The six attendees workshopped three submissions during the session.

Victoria Valuriya from M&T Bank provided a free presentation for the public on Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft and Fraud. There were 12 attendees.

We had 18 attendees come to our Friday movies in May.

We tried a new game this month- Backgammon! 8 students learned Beginner Backgammon over two sessions with Backgammon Rich, a 50+ year Backgammon expert.

Beginner Mah Jongg classes with Linda Gottlieb started at the beginning of the month on Friday mornings and will run into mid-June.

Children

We had 18 attendees create Mother’s Day cards at a craft program.

We have been offering our regular Story Time programs and art classes, as well as the She Persisted and Book Adventures book clubs, Story and Craft, and Fun with Lego.

Teen

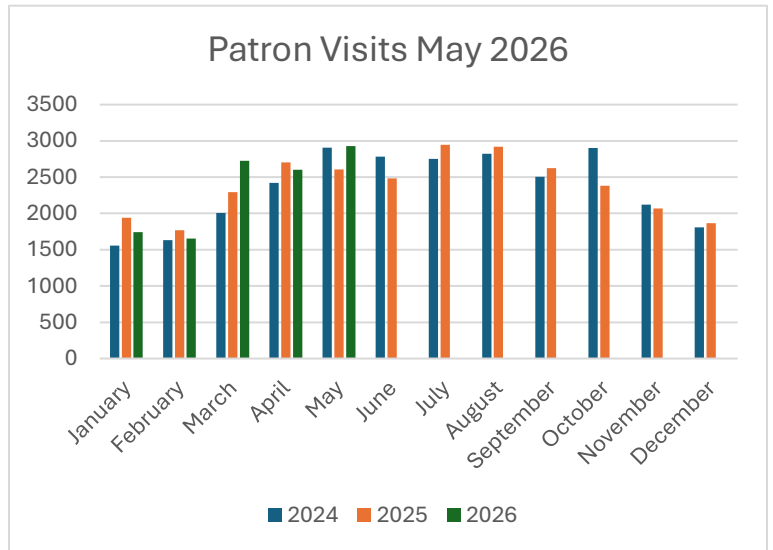
There were 23 attendees at the 5 Minute Flicks Teen Film Festival. Attendees enjoyed films from 8 submissions from film students at Tappan Zee High School, and prizes provided by the Michael Armstrong Foundation were awarded to the top three winners.

Building

Our third air conditioning unit broke down on the first very hot day of the season. This was the same issue that our other two units experienced last summer- a leakage of refrigerant liquid in the buried lines. This was a problem that we anticipated last summer that we knew could potentially occur this year with the last unit, and it did. We had the liquid refilled and the lines raised over the ground at the same rate we paid for this work on the other two units last year. All three units are working properly at this time.

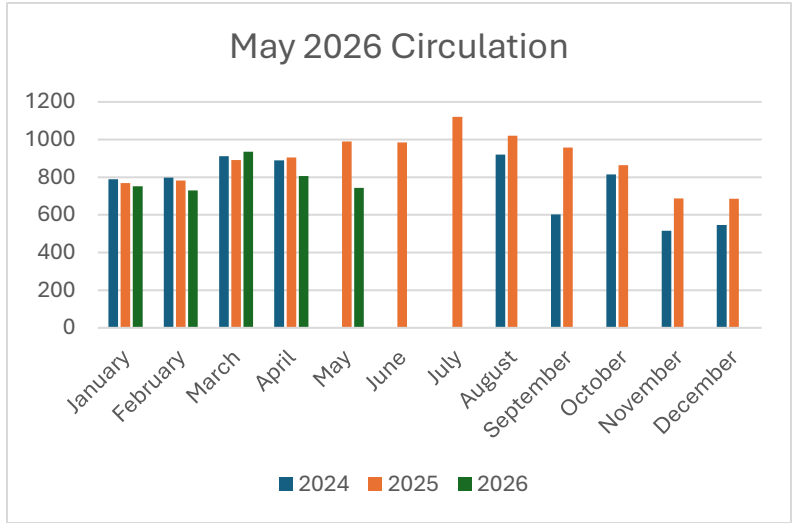
Patron Visits- May 2026

Month	2024	2025	2026
<i>January</i>	1557	1941	1742
<i>February</i>	1632	1768	1652
<i>March</i>	2008	2292	2724
<i>April</i>	2422	2702	2604
<i>May</i>	2906	2607	2929
<i>June</i>	2784	2482	
<i>July</i>	2754	2944	
<i>August</i>	2823	2921	
<i>September</i>	2507	2625	
<i>October</i>	2904	2380	
<i>November</i>	2119	2067	
<i>December</i>	1806	1864	



Circulation- May 2026

Month	2024	2025	2026
January	790	769	752
February	798	783	729
March	912	892	936
April	889	905	807
May	NA*	990	744
June	NA*	984	
July	NA*	1120	
August	920	1020	
September	603	957	
October	815	864	
November	516	688	
December	546	685	



*ILS transition- data currently unavailable

Circulation by Item Type and Collection- May 2026

Books					
Adult Fiction	135	Children Fiction	55	YA Fiction	7
Adult Nonfiction	93	Children Nonfiction	54	YA NF	4
Adult Biography	24	Children Biography	15	YA Graphic	2
Large Print	4	Children Picture	127	Manga	5
Local Authors	0	Children Board Book	21	YA Biography	3
Local History	5	Children Easy Reader	22		
Adult WL	1	Children Graphic	21		
Periodical	0	Children WL	0		
Adult Graphic	0				
Games/Puzzles	2				
Total Adult Books	264	Total Children Books	315	Total YA Books	21
Media/Misc					
Adult DVD	98	Children DVD	23		
Adult Audio	10	Children Audio	0		
Adult Music	1				
Museum Pass	12				
Total Adult Media	121	Total Children Media	23	Total YA Media	0
Total Circulation					
Total Adult Circ	385	Total Children Circ	338	Total YA Circ	21
TOTAL MAY CIRCULATION	744				

Digital Circulation- May 2026

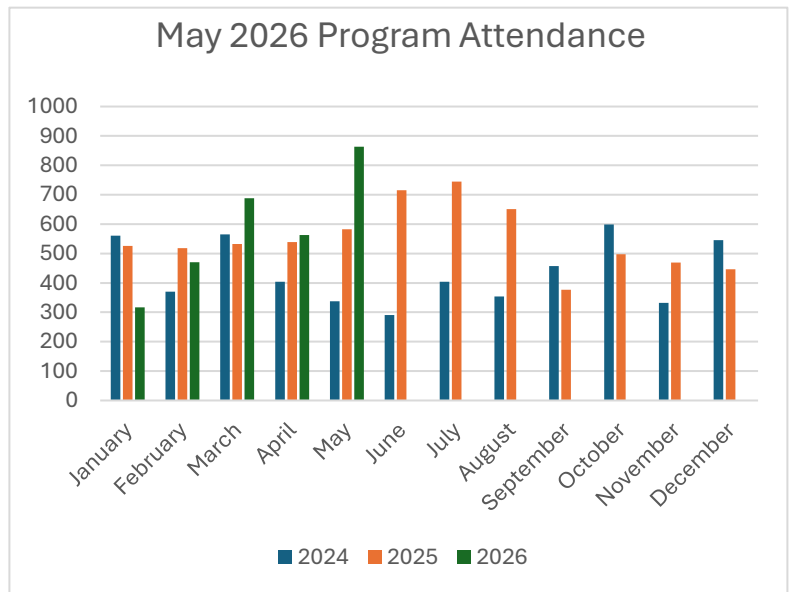
Statistics for Digital Checkouts													
<u>Libby:</u>	2025								2026				
	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
E-books	202	217	198	239	200	187	217	189	210	188	184	154	166
Audiobooks	198	209	227	237	229	223	188	170	212	153	168	193	210
Magazines	108	134	119	137	130	169	125	142	159	145	186	155	150
Total Libby	508	560	544	613	559	579	530	501	581	486	538	502	526

<u>Hoopla:</u>	2025								2026				
	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
E-books	25	13	15	24	17	21	19	23	19	14	34	22	25
Audiobooks	68	56	60	51	56	48	46	46	48	37	49	38	43
Movies + TV	6	9	7	7	4	8	9	13	19	20	7	10	18
Music	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	5	5	4
Total Hoopla	100	80	82	83	77	79	75	82	87	71	95	75	90

Total Digital	608	640	626	696	636	658	605	583	668	557	633	577	616
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Program Attendance- May 2026

Month	2024	2025	2026
<i>January</i>	561	526	317
<i>February</i>	370	518	470
<i>March</i>	565	532	688
<i>April</i>	404	539	563
<i>May</i>	337	582	863
<i>June</i>	291	715	
<i>July</i>	404	745	
<i>August</i>	354	651	
<i>September</i>	457	377	
<i>October</i>	599	497	
<i>November</i>	332	469	
<i>December</i>	545	446	



May 2026 Programs

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	AGE	ATTENDANCE
W 5/6, 5/27	10:30-11am	Morning Storytime	0-5	16+15=31
W 5/6	3:00-4:00pm	Afternoon Storytime	0-5	3
W 5/27	5:30-6:30pm	Book Adventures	0-5	6
M 5/11, 5/18	5:30-6:15	Fall Art Class Grades 1-3	6-11	12+13=25
Tu 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26	5:30-6:15	Fall Art Class Grades 3-5	6-11	10+10+9+12=41
W 5/6	6:00-7:00pm	She Persisted Book Club	6-11	2
Th 5/7	4:30-5:30pm	Craft: Mother's Day Cards	6-11	18
Th 5/28	4:30-5:30pm	Fun with Lego	6-11	8
W 5/6, 5/13, 5/27	5:30-6:30pm	Fall Art Class Grades 6-12	12-18	10+13+10=33
Th 5/28	6-8pm	Teen Film Festival	12-18	23
F 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29	1-4pm	Movies for Adults	19+	0+4+7+3+4=18
M 5/11	6-7:30pm	Piermont Writing Group	19+	6
Th 5/14	5:30-6:30pm	Protecting Yourself from Fraud	19+	12
Th 5/14	6:30-7:30pm	Create and Sip: Silk Road Cities	19+	18
W 5/20	3:00-4:00pm	Adult Book Club	19+	16
T 5/19, 5/26	5:30-6:30pm	Beginner Backgammon	19+	7+4=11
F 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/29	10-11am	Beginner Mah Jongg	19+	10+7+6+6=29
Sat 5/2	11am-3pm	Spring Craft Fair	gen int	215
Sun 5/3	3-5pm	Art Reception- Dan Lukens	gen int	68
Sun 5/31	11am-3pm	Book Sale Kickoff	gen int	250
			TOTAL	805
Non-Library Programs				
M 5/4, 5/21	6-7pm	Transportation/Parking Mtg	19+	5+5=10
M 5/4, 5/11, 5/18	1-3pm	Canasta	19+	13+9+9
Tu 5/19	11-1pm	Canasta	19+	4
Tu 5/19	2-3pm	Mighty Five Director Meeting	19+	5
W 5/13, 5/20, 5/27	12:30-4pm	Canasta	19+	5+4+4=13
Th 5/7, 5/21	1-3pm	Mahjong	19+	8+9=17
			TOTAL	58
			TOTAL	863
		OTHER SERVICES		
		Reference Questions	109	
		Library PC Use	75	
		WiFi Use	189	

Upcoming Programs for June 2026

- Book Sale- **May 31- June 6**
- Beginner Mah Jongg with Linda Gottlieb- **Friday, June 1 and 8**
- Friday Movies for Adults
 - **June 5, 1pm-** Barry Lyndon
 - **June 12, 1pm-** April Morning
 - **June 26, 1pm-** 1776
- Art Reception Opening- **Sunday, June 7**
 - Art Class Display
- Storytimes **every Wednesday at 10:30am and 3:00pm**
- Eating Healthy with Caitlin- **Monday, June 1 4:40pm**
- Piermont Library Writing Group- **Monday, June 1, 15, 29 at 6pm**
- Chair Yoga- **Tuesday June 2 and June 23 10am-11am**
- A Celebration of American Dance!- **Tuesday, June 9 at 6pm**
- Adult Book Club- **Wednesday, June 17 at 3pm**
 - *Hearth of a Stranger* by Andrea Buchdal
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- Father's Day Cards Craft- **Thursday, June 17, 4:30pm**
- Create and Sip- **Thursday, June 18 at 6:30pm**
- Juneteenth Celebration- **Saturday, June 20 at 11am**
- Fun with Lego- **Thursday, June 10 at 4:30pm**
- Family Bingo - **Tuesday, June 23 at 4:30pm**
- Mighty Five Summer Kickoff- **Wednesday, June 24**
- "Unearth a Story" Craft- **Thursday, June 25 at 4:30pm**