

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library

Director's Report

August 12, 2026.

General Updates

The library closed early on Tuesday, July 21 due to severe weather and local flooding.

Programming

Adults

Visitors to the library enjoyed photographs of the Amazon rainforest by Michael Garber all month, and 50 attendees helped kick off this gallery at the opening reception.

We had 15 attendees for the Adult Book Club.

The Piermont Writing Group met twice this month. The participants are all deeply immersed in larger projects that are workshopped at these meetings. There were seven attendees at each meeting.

We saw a significant growth in our attendance at movies for adults this past month, with 40 attendees in total. Our selections were all 2026 new releases.

Create and Sip was full to capacity again, with 18 artists creating pieces inspired by America's 250th birthday.

Adult Summer reading started this month, with weekly raffle drawings for Bunbury's gift cards pulled from submitted book reviews. At the end of the summer, we will create a book display based on the most popular books submitted for summer reading.

We held a special jazz music performance with Eric DiVito and three featured musicians. Eric walked listeners through different styles of Latin jazz and provided historical and technical context for the pieces played. We had 35 attendees come out despite significant rain showers!

Teens

Similar to adult summer reading, teens can submit weekly book reviews for a chance to be drawn for a Books and Greetings gift card.

The shared Mighty Five Teen Game night only drew 5 teens in total among all participating libraries. We will be considering other means for promoting our events to local teens.

Children

For Summer Reading, weekly reading logs are checked in each week at the front desk to receive a new “brag tag” to add to a necklace they received upon sign up, along with other weekly incentives and a pizza party in August.

We also have had a raffle incentive to borrow books in the America 250 theme- these special books include a bookmark when checked out, which can be returned with a short review for entry into a Barnes and Noble gift card raffle.

Fun with Lego remains a very popular program, with 20 attendees this month who created fantastic Lego creations from their imagination.

Our Story and Craft programs, themed “Unearth a Story,” drew 28 attendees this month. We also held a special story and craft focused on the National Parks of America.

Morning Storytimes drew 121 attendees in June.

Family Bingo remains a popular all ages program, with 13 attendees in June.

We had two offsite programs in conjunction with the other Mighty Five libraries- Mighty Five Field Day and Gems Rock!

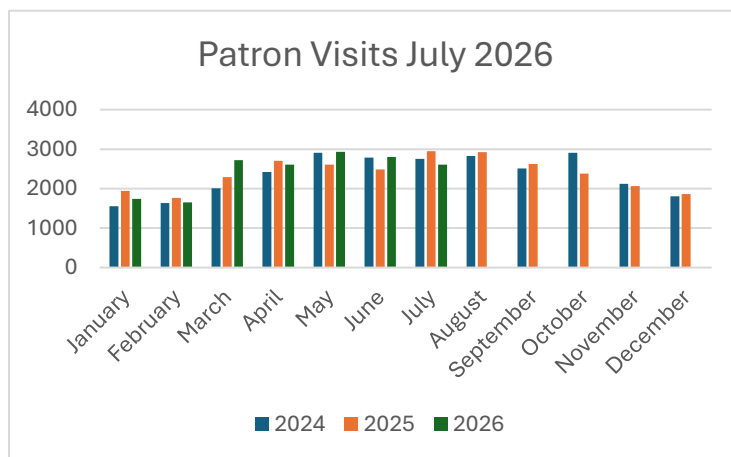
Our financial program for kids was postponed to August due to severe storms.

Building

Our fire alarms were inspected and passed all criteria at the end of July.

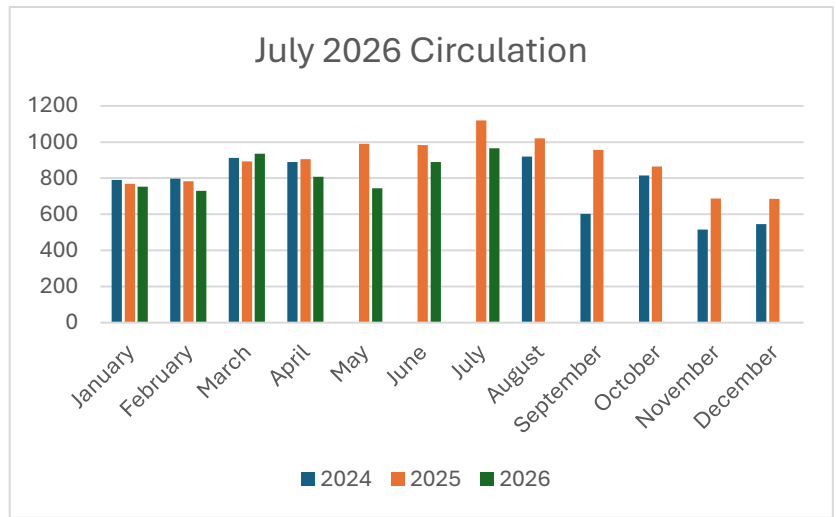
Patron Visits- July 2026

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	2803
<i>July</i>	2754	2944	2609
<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- July 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	890
July	NA	1120	965
August	920	1020	
September	603	957	
October	815	864	
November	516	688	
December	546	685	



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Circulation by Item Type and Collection- July 2026

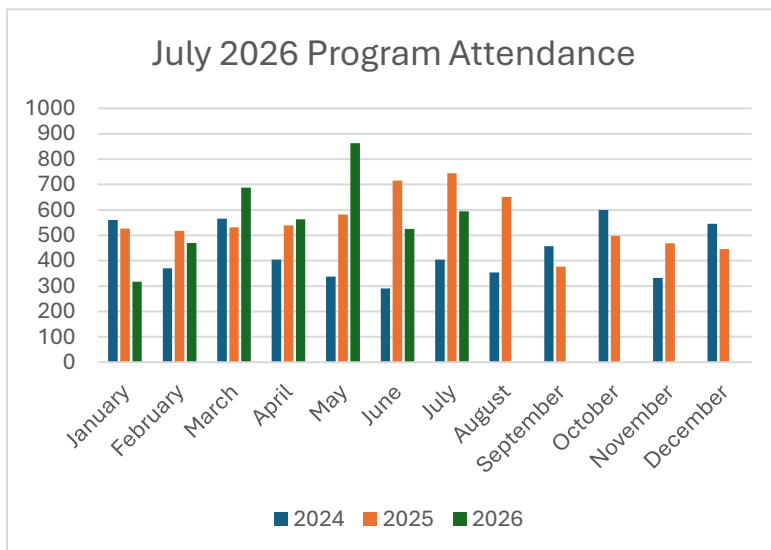
Books					
Adult Fiction	224	Children Fiction	105	YA Fiction	13
Adult Nonfiction	122	Children Nonfiction	48	YA NF	2
Adult Biography	29	Children Biography	14	YA Graphic	2
Large Print	9	Children Picture	115	Manga	0
Local Authors	1	Children Board Book	25	YA Biography	0
Local History	0	Children Easy Reader	70		
Adult WL	7	Children Graphic	54		
Periodical	1	Children WL	0		
Adult Graphic	6				
Games/Puzzles	0				
Total Adult Books	399	Total Children Books	431	Total YA Books	17
Media/Misc					
Adult DVD	77	Children DVD	26		
Adult Audio	5	Children Audio	1		
Adult Music	3	Children Book+CD			
Museum Pass	2	Other			
Other	4				
Total Adult Media	91	Total Children Media	27	Total YA Media	0
Total Circulation					
Total Adult Circ	490	Total Children Circ	458	Total YA Circ	17
TOTAL JUNE CIRCULATION	965				

Digital Circulation- July 2026

Statistics for Digital Checkouts													
<u>Libby:</u>	2025						2026						
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
E-books	198	239	200	187	217	189	210	188	184	154	166	187	257
Audiobooks	227	237	229	223	188	170	212	153	168	193	210	221	224
Magazines	119	137	130	169	125	142	159	145	186	155	150	177	157
Total Libby	544	613	559	579	530	501	581	486	538	502	526	585	638
<u>Hoopla:</u>	2025						2026						
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
E-books	15	24	17	21	19	23	19	14	34	22	25	25	27
Audiobooks	60	51	56	48	46	46	48	37	49	38	43	39	52
Movies + TV	7	7	4	8	9	13	19	20	7	10	18	14	5
Music	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	5	5	4	6	0
Total Hoopla	82	83	77	79	75	82	87	71	95	75	90	84	84
Total Digital	626	696	636	658	605	583	668	557	633	577	616	669	722

Program Attendance- July 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	525
<i>July</i>	404	745	595
<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	



July 2026 Programs

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	AGE	ATTENDANCE
W 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29	10:30-11am	Morning Storytime w/ Ms. Nancy	0-5	27+28+25+19+22=121
W 7/15	4:30-5:30pm	Fun with Lego	6-11	20
Th 7/9	4:30-5:30pm	"Unearth a Story" Craft	6-11	12
W 7/8	6-7pm	Mighty Five Field Day	6-11	13
M 7/13	6:30-7:30pm	Gems Rock!	6-11	19
M 7/20, 7/27	5:30-6:15	Summer Art Class Grades 1-3	6-11	12+8=20
T 7/28	5:30-6:15	Summer Art Class Grades 3-5	6-11	6
Th 7/23	4:30-5:30pm	"Unearth a Story" Craft	6-11	16
Th 7/30	4:30-5:30pm	Fun with National Parks Craft	6-11	14
All month		Children's Summer Reading	6-11	30
W 7/8, 7/22, 7/29	5:30-6:30pm	Summer Art Class Grades 6-12	12-18	9+10=19
W 7/22	6-7:30 pm	Mighty Five Teen Game Night	12-18	1
All month		Teen Summer Reading	12-18	4
M 7/13, 7/27	6-7:30pm	Piermont Writing Group	19+	7+7=14
F 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31	1-4pm	Movies for Adults	19+	5+5+10+17+3=40
W 7/15	3:00-4:00pm	Adult Book Club	19+	15
Th 7/9	6:30-7:30pm	Create and Sip: America 250!	19+	18
W 7/15	7-9pm	Library Board of Trustees Meeting	19+	6
Sat 7/18	1:30-3pm	Jazz4All: Latin Jazz Concert	19+	34
All month		Adult Summer Reading	19+	13
Sun 7/12	3-5pm	Art Reception- Wonders of the Amazon	gen int	50
Th 7/16	6:30-7:30pm	Family Bingo	gen int	13
			TOTAL	498
Non-Library Programs				
M 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27	1-3pm	Canasta	19+	10+10+5+8=33
T 7/14, 7/21, 7/28	11am-1pm	Canasta	19+	4+4+4=12
W 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29	12:30-4pm	Canasta	19+	6+4=10
Th 7/2, 7/9, 7/17, 7/23, 7/30	1-3pm	Mahjong	19+	4+12+9+5+7=37
All month		Patron Conference Room Use	19+	5
			TOTAL	97
			TOTAL	595
		OTHER SERVICES		
		Reference Questions	149	
		Library PC Use	86	
		WiFi Use	297	

Upcoming Programs for August 2026

- Adult and Teen Summer Reading all summer- Weekly raffle entries for gift certificates from Bunbury's and Books and Greetings. Patrons submit weekly book reviews and ratings. We will create a Patron Suggestions book display.
- Mighty Five Scavenger Hunt! We have 8 dinosaurs hidden all around the library. Children who complete scavenger hunts at all five libraries receive a grand prize.
- Storytimes **every Wednesday at 10:30am**
- Friday Movies for Adults
 - **August 7, 1pm-** Pressure
 - **August 14, 1pm-** The Devil Wears Prada 2
 - **August 21, 1pm-** Project Hail Mary
 - **August 28, 1pm-** The Sheep Detectives
- Art Reception Opening- **Sunday, August 2 at 3pm**
 - Back to the Sea: Recent photos from the Rhode Island shore by Julie Cahn
- Money Smarts! Children Financial Education Class- **Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30pm (rescheduled from July 28 severe weather postponement)**
- Summer Reading Pizza Party- **Thursday, August 6 at 6:00pm**
- Piermont Library Writing Group- **Monday, August 10 and 24 at 6pm**
- "Unearth a Story" Craft- **Thursday, August 13 at 4:30pm**
- Adult Book Club- **Wednesday, August 19 at 3pm:** *Penitence* by Kristin Koval
- Fun with Lego- **Wednesday, August 12 at 4:30pm**
- Family Bingo – **Thursday, August 20 at 6:30pm**
- Create and Sip America 250! - **Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30pm**
- Weekly Summer Art Classes- America 250!
 - **Mondays at 5:30pm-** Grades 1-3 begins
 - **Tuesdays at 5:30pm-** Grades 3-5 begin
 - **Wednesdays at 5:30pm-** Grades 6-12 begins