

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library

Director's Report

July 15, 2026.

General Updates

The library closed early on Thursday, June 4, due to a water line issue that impacted several blocks in Piermont. We reopened for regular hours the next day.

Programming

Our book sale, which kicked off on May 31, continued for a week and a half at the beginning of June. The library brought in a total of \$714 dollars, plus \$143 of sold merchandise at the Book Sale Kickoff. We received many wonderful book donations from the community, including a significant book donation (200+ books) from Lara Greenberg in honor of her mother, Barbara E. Levy, who sadly passed away recently.

Adults

We displayed the incredible pieces created by Spring Art Class students as our June gallery. There were 125 attendees for the opening reception. The projects were inspired by styles of the Silk Road.

We had 14 attendees for the Adult Book Club.

The Piermont Writing Group met three during this month. We welcomed some new members to this group and had 13 total attendees for the month. Our writers are hard at work on novels, memoirs, and personal reflections!

We had 9 attendees come to our Friday movies in June, which were all themed around America's 250 Celebration.

Beginner Mah Jongg classes with Linda Gottlieb wrapped up in mid-June, with 13 attendees this month.

As part of our 250th Celebration, we hosted "A Celebration of American Dance," a dance performance from the Debra Weiss Dance Company. The 11 attendees learned the origins of several American dance styles from the revolutionary era to the present, and by the end, audience members were joyfully dancing along.

Rochelle Spooner returned for Chair Yoga, with 12 attendees.

Create and Sip was full to capacity again, with 19 artists creating pieces inspired by Chinese silk.

Piermont Library celebrated Juneteenth in partnership with St. Charles AME Zion Church. The 50 attendees enjoyed songs, poetry, and a history of Juneteenth presented by several speakers outside in front of the library. The weather was perfect for the event!

Children

Shop Rite Dietician Caitlin Krawitz returned with Eating Healthy with Caitlin, in which she treated 9 attendees to recipes and samplings of healthy snack ideas.

We had 4 attendees create Father's Day gifts as a craft program.

Fun with Lego remains a very popular program, with 18 attendees this month who created fantastic Lego creations from their imagination.

Summer Reading kicked off on June 24th with a Mighty Five shared program, Dino Discovery! There were 120 attendees in total among the five participating libraries.

Our Story and Craft program, for 23 attendees, was themed "Unearth a Story" this month, in celebration of our summer reading theme.

Morning Storytimes drew 88 attendees in June.

Family Bingo remains a popular all ages program, with 16 attendees in June.

Building

We had nine commemorative bricks installed in front of the library in June.

M&T Bank concluded their parking lot improvement in June. They have agreed to replace plantings on library property that were removed and to improve the pathway between the library and the bank. We expect this work to be done in July. The damaged sprinkler head was replaced and new grass has been planted alongside the library where the bank was digging.

The Construction Aid Grant is in process and will be submitted by the August 1 deadline for review by RCLS.

Collections

We created an Adult Graphic Novel section, currently situated at the end of Adult Fiction. We recatalogued several Teen Graphic Novels that are more appropriate for the Adult

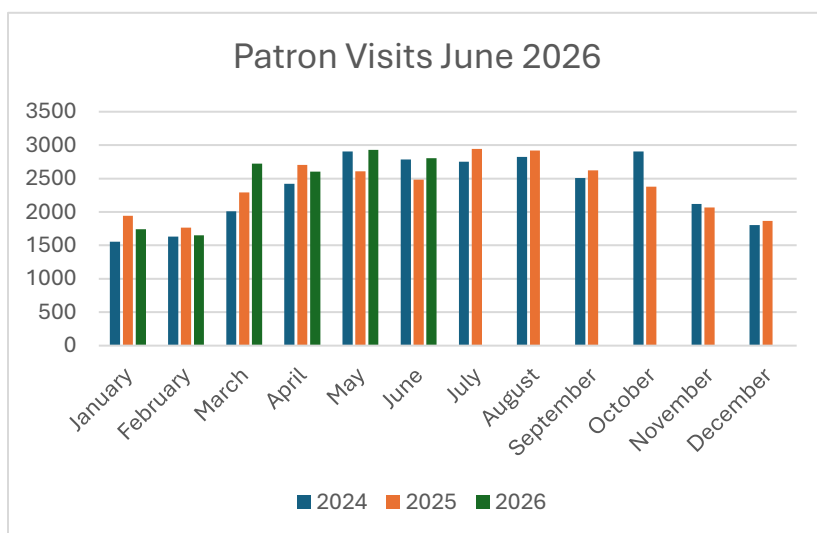
collection and purchased some additional graphic novels to fill out the section more. The expansion of this section will be an ongoing project for the new fiscal year.

In celebration of America 250, we purchased several seminal American History books (primarily about the revolutionary era) to fill in some gaps in our Adult collection and to expand our offerings on the topic. We also purchased several Children’s books on the topic and have provided summer reading incentives for children who check out American Revolution-themed books this summer.

We are currently assembling three “adventure backpacks” utilizing our M&T Charitable Foundation funds for the project. In mid-July, we will introduce three backpacks that can be checked out: Birdwatching, Stargazing, and Insect Exploration. Each backpack contains items such as binoculars, magnifiers, etc, and books and pamphlets to guide borrowers on the topics and activities. These backpacks will be the first implementation of a “Library of Things” collection for Piermont Library.

Patron Visits- June 2026

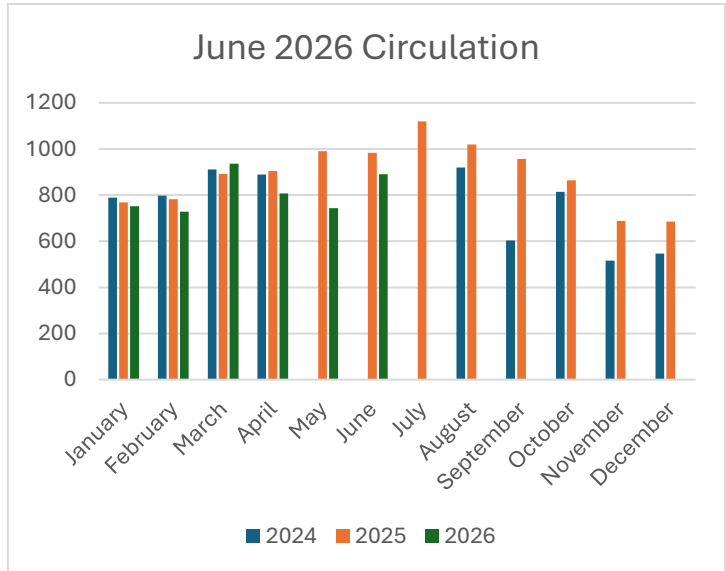
Month	2024	2025	2026
<i>January</i>	1557	1941	1742
<i>February</i>	1632	1768	1652
<i>March</i>	2008	2292	2724
<i>April</i>	2422	2702	2604
<i>May</i>	2906	2607	2929
<i>June</i>	2784	2482	2803
<i>July</i>	2754	2944	
<i>August</i>	2823	2921	
<i>September</i>	2507	2625	
<i>October</i>	2904	2380	
<i>November</i>	2119	2067	
<i>December</i>	1806	1864	



Circulation- June 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	
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- June 2026

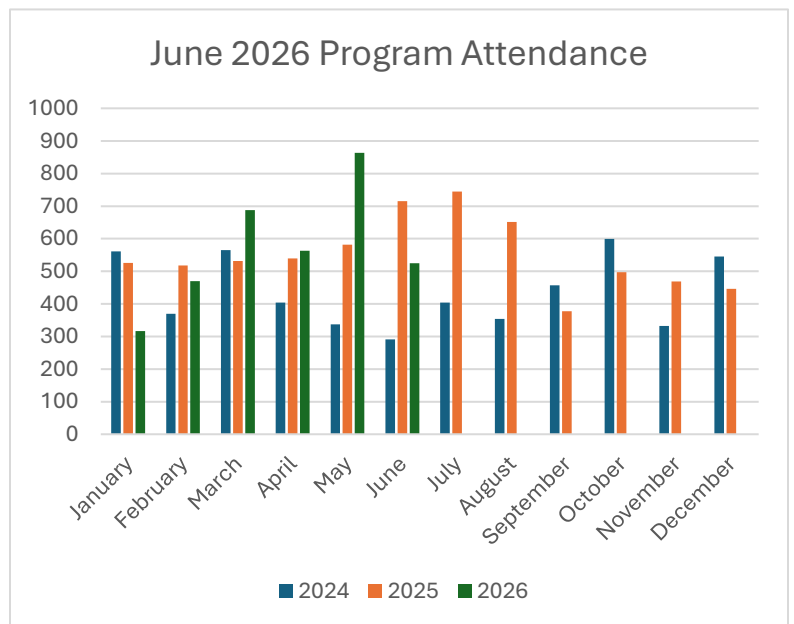
Books					
Adult Fiction	169	Children Fiction	108	YA Fiction	12
Adult Nonfiction	89	Children Nonfiction	42	YA NF	2
Adult Biography	28	Children Biography	18	YA Graphic	3
Large Print	10	Children Picture	131	Manga	2
Local Authors	0	Children Board Book	30	YA Biography	0
Local History	2	Children Easy Reader	56		
Adult WL	1	Children Graphic	70		
Periodical	0	Children WL	2		
Adult Graphic	1				
Games/Puzzles	1				
Total Adult Books	301	Total Children Books	457	Total YA Books	19
Media/Misc					
Adult DVD	64	Children DVD	30		
Adult Audio	11	Children Audio	0		
Adult Music	0	Children Book+CD	1		
Museum Pass	7				
Total Adult Media	82	Total Children Media	31	Total YA Media	0
Total Circulation					
Total Adult Circ	383	Total Children Circ	488	Total YA Circ	19
TOTAL JUNE CIRCULATION	890				

Digital Circulation- June 2026

Statistics for Digital Checkouts													
<u>Libby:</u>	2025							2026					
	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
E-books	217	198	239	200	187	217	189	210	188	184	154	166	187
Audiobooks	209	227	237	229	223	188	170	212	153	168	193	210	221
Magazines	134	119	137	130	169	125	142	159	145	186	155	150	177
Total Libby	560	544	613	559	579	530	501	581	486	538	502	526	585
<u>Hoopla:</u>	2025							2026					
	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
E-books	13	15	24	17	21	19	23	19	14	34	22	25	25
Audiobooks	56	60	51	56	48	46	46	48	37	49	38	43	39
Movies + TV	9	7	7	4	8	9	13	19	20	7	10	18	14
Music	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	5	5	4	6
Total Hoopla	80	82	83	77	79	75	82	87	71	95	75	90	84
Total Digital	640	626	696	636	658	605	583	668	557	633	577	616	669

Program Attendance- June 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	
<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	



June 2026 Programs

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	AGE	ATTENDANCE
W 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24	10:30-11am	Morning Storytime w/ Ms. Nancy	0-5	23+20+23+22=88
M 6/1	4:30-5:00pm	Eating Healthy with Caitlin	6-11	9
Tu 6/3	5:30-6:15	Spring Art Class Grades 3-5	6-11	10
W 6/10	4:30-5:30pm	Fun with Lego	6-11	18
W 6/17	4:30-5:30pm	Craft: Father's Day Craft	6-11	4
Th 6/25	4:30-5:30pm	"Unearth a Story" Craft	6-11	23
W 6/3	5:30-6:30pm	Spring Art Class Grades 6-12	12-18	12
M 6/1, 6/15, 6/29	6-7:30pm	Piermont Writing Group	19+	3+4+6=13
T 6/2, 6/23	10-11am	Chair Yoga	19+	3+9=12
F 6/5, 6/12	10-11am	Beginner Mah Jongg	19+	6+7=13
F 6/12, 6/26	1-4pm	Movies for Adults	19+	5+4=9
W 6/17	3-4 pm	Adult Book Club	19+	14
Th 6/18	6:30-7:30pm	Create and Sip: Silk from China	19+	19
Sun 6/7	3-5pm	Art Reception- Student Artwork	gen int	125
Tu 6/9	6-7:30pm	A Celebration of American Dance	gen int	11
Sat 6/20	11am-12 pm	Juneteenth Celebration	gen int	50
W 6/24	7-7:45pm	Summer Reading Kickoff: Dino Discovery	gen int	24
Th 6/25	6:30-7:30pm	Family Bingo	gen int	16
			TOTAL	470
Non-Library Programs				
M 6/1, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29	1-3pm	Canasta	19+	12+10+10+4=36
W 6/10	12:30-4pm	Canasta	19+	5
Th 6/11, 6/25	1-3pm	Mahjong	19+	9+5=14
			TOTAL	55
			TOTAL	525
		OTHER SERVICES		
		Reference Questions	106	
		Library PC Use	89	
		WiFi Use	169	

Upcoming Programs for July 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 based on the most popular books of the summer.
- Storytimes **every Wednesday at 10:30am**
- Friday Movies for Adults
 - **July 3, 1pm-** A Star-Spangled Story: The Battle for America
 - **July 10, 1pm-** Reminders of Him
 - **July 17, 1pm-** You, Me, and Tuscany
 - **July 24, 1pm-** Michael
 - **July 31, 1pm-** Ella McCay
- Mighty Five Field Day- **Wednesday, July 8 at 6pm**
- "Unearth a Story" Craft- **Thursday, July 9 at 4:30pm**
- Create and Sip- **Thursday, July 9 at 6:30pm**
- Art Reception Opening- **Sunday, July 12 at 3pm**
 - Wonders of the Amazon Rainforest: Photographs by Michael Garber
- Piermont Library Writing Group- **Monday, July 13 and 27 at 6pm**
- Mighty Five Gems Rock- **Monday, July 13 at 6:30pm**
- Adult Book Club- **Wednesday, July 15 at 3pm**
 - *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick
- Fun with Lego- **Thursday, July 15 at 4:30pm**
- Family Bingo – **Thursday, July 16 at 6:30pm**
- Jazz4All: Latin Jazz Concert with Eric DiVito- **Saturday, July 18 at 1:30pm**
- Weekly Summer Art Classes- America 250!
 - **Monday, July 20 at 5:30pm-** Grades 1-3 begins
 - **Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30pm-** Grades 3-5 begin

- **Wednesday, July 22 at 5:30pm-** Grades 6-12 begins
- Mighty Five Teen Game Night- **Wednesday, July 22 at 6pm**
- “Unearth a Story” Craft- **Thursday, July 23 at 4:30pm**
- Money Smarts! Children’s Financial Education- **Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30pm**