

Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library

Director's Report

October 14, 2026

Programming Highlights

All month long, we invited patrons of all ages to create gratitude and remembrance squares for a paper quilt displayed on our gallery wall in observation of the 25th anniversary of 9/11. We created a banner and two posters to commemorate the library's namesake, firefighter Dennis P. McHugh, and to tell his story. There were 65 quilt squares created in total, which will be memorialized in a printed book that will be kept at the library and also gifted to the Piermont Fire Department. In remembrance of 9/11, we screened the Annual Reading of the Names and two documentaries about 9/11, including a donated copy of "From the Ground Up" from Una McHugh. We also would like to thank Joan Scheffold and the FDNY for donating an FDNY flag for display in the library in honor of those who were lost on 9/11.

Adults

We tried a new health and wellness program for adults this month- Tai Chi. Feedback from participants was very positive, so we are booking the Tai Chi instructor for six more sessions through the end of the calendar year.

Teens

M&T Bank presented a financial education class for teens on a Saturday afternoon, which drew seven attendees. We intend to offer this and other financial classes for teens again in the coming months.

Children

Ms. Nancy is offering a new reading program on Thursdays for 3-year-olds called Preliteracy Fun for 3s. Children will hear stories, sing songs, and engage in preliteracy activities.

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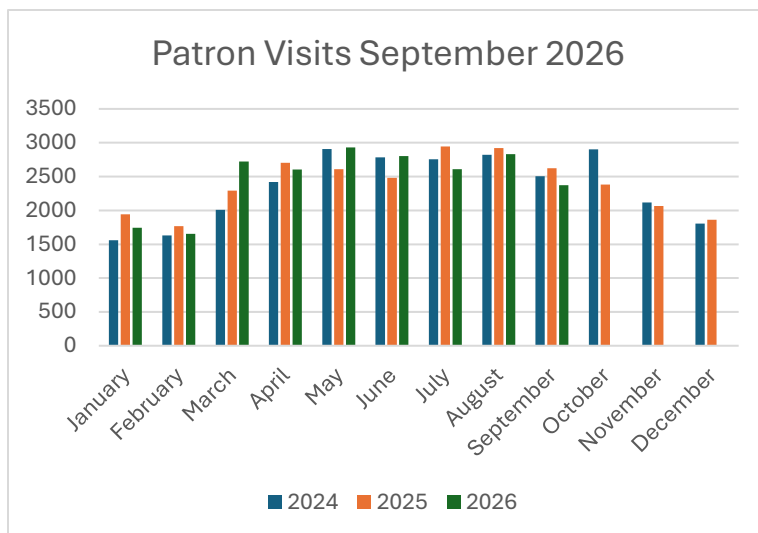
Due to heavy rains that caused local flooding in the lots surrounding the library, we did not open on Saturday, September 26th.

Technology

We worked with Frontline to resolve a persistent problem of double charges for print jobs on our public PCs.

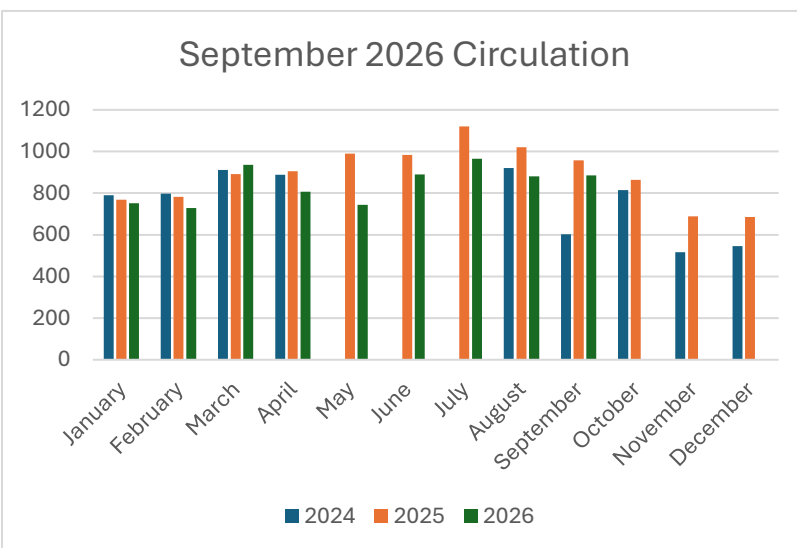
Patron Visits- September 2026

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	2829
<i>September</i>	2507	2625	2372
<i>October</i>	2904	2380	
<i>November</i>	2119	2067	
<i>December</i>	1806	1864	



Circulation- September 2026

Month	2024	2025	2026
<i>January</i>	790	769	752
<i>February</i>	798	783	729
<i>March</i>	912	892	936
<i>April</i>	889	905	807
<i>May</i>	NA	990	744
<i>June</i>	NA	984	890
<i>July</i>	NA	1120	965
<i>August</i>	920	1020	881
<i>September</i>	603	957	885
<i>October</i>	815	864	
<i>November</i>	516	688	
<i>December</i>	546	685	



*ILS transition- data currently unavailable

Circulation by Item Type and Collection- September 2026

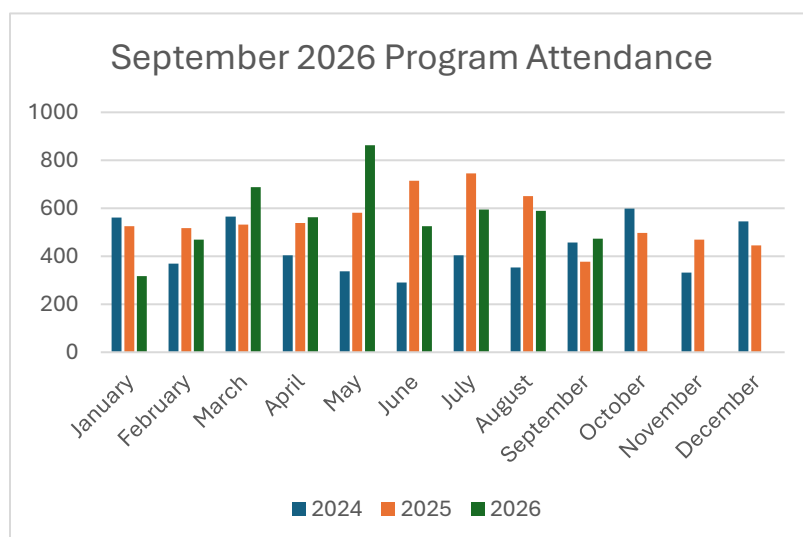
Books					
Adult Fiction	243	Children Fiction	70	YA Fiction	17
Adult Nonfiction	103	Children Nonfiction	27	YA NF	2
Adult Biography	17	Children Biography	15	YA Graphic	2
Large Print	14	Children Picture	117	Manga	0
Local Authors	1	Children Board Book	52	YA Biography	0
Local History	0	Children Easy Reader	61	Other	0
Adult WL	0	Children Graphic	25		
Periodical	1	Children WL	0		
Adult Graphic	3	Other	0		
Games/Puzzles	0				
Library of Things	1				
Total Adult Books	383	Total Children Books	367	Total YA Books	21
Media/Misc					
Adult DVD	73	Children DVD	21		
Adult Audio	5	Children Audio	3		
Adult Music	3	Children Book+CD	1		
Museum Pass	4	Other	0		
Other	4				
Total Adult Media	89	Total Children Media	25	Total YA Media	0
Total Circulation					
Total Adult Circ	472	Total Children Circ	392	Total YA Circ	21
TOTAL SEPTEMBER CIRCULATION	885				

Digital Circulation- September 2026

Statistics for Digital Checkouts													
<u>Libby:</u>	2025				2026								
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept
E-books	200	187	217	189	210	188	184	154	166	187	257	224	199
Audiobooks	229	223	188	170	212	153	168	193	210	221	224	254	220
Magazines	130	169	125	142	159	145	186	155	150	177	157	151	169
Total Libby	559	579	530	501	581	486	538	502	526	585	638	629	588
<u>Hoopla:</u>	2025				2026								
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept
E-books	17	21	19	23	19	14	34	22	25	25	27	35	33
Audiobooks	56	48	46	46	48	37	49	38	43	39	52	43	41
Movies + TV	4	8	9	13	19	20	7	10	18	14	5	11	13
Music	0	2	1	0	1	0	5	5	4	6	0	3	0
Total Hoopla	77	79	75	82	87	71	95	75	90	84	84	92	87
Total Digital	636	658	605	583	668	557	633	577	616	669	722	721	675

Program Attendance- September 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	589
<i>September</i>	457	377	487
<i>October</i>	599	497	
<i>November</i>	332	469	
<i>December</i>	545	446	



September 2026 Programs

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM/EVENT	AGE	ATTENDANCE
W 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/20	10:30-11am	Morning Storytime w/ Ms. Nancy	0-5	41+24+23+21+25=134
Th 9/10, 9/17, 9/24	11-11:45am	Preliteracy Fun for 3s	0-5	13+4+7=24
Th 9/17	4:30-5:30pm	Story and Craft: School	6-11	4
W 9/23	5-6pm	She Persisted Book Club	6-11	1
W 9/24	4:30-5:30pm	Fun with Lego	6-11	11
M 9/28	5:30-6:15	Art Class Grades 3-5: Fall Magic	6-11	10
T 9/29	5:30-6:15	Art Class Grades 1-3: Fall Magic	6-11	15
Sat 9/12	1:00-2:00pm	Money Smarts! For Teens	12-18	7
W 9/23	5:30-6:30pm	Art Class Grades 6-12: Fall Magic	12-18	10
W 9/30	5:30-6:30pm	Art Class Makeup	12-18	3
F 9/4, 9/18, 9/25	1-4pm	Movies for Adults	19+	6+8+2=16
M 9/14	10:30-11:30am	Tai Chi	19+	13
M 9/14, 9/28	6-7:30pm	Piermont Writing Group	19+	7+5=12
W 9/16	3:00-4:00pm	Adult Book Club	19+	18
W 9/16	7-9pm	Library Board of Trustees Meeting	19+	8
Th 9/24	6:30-7:30pm	Create and Sip: Landscape w/Inks	19+	15
W 9/9	6:30-7:30pm	9/11 Community Quilt Event	gen int	8
Fri 9/11	10am-12pm	9/11 Annual Reading of Names	gen int	2
Fri 9/11	10am-3pm	9/11 Memorial Q&A Live Chat	gen int	4
Fri 9/11	1-1:30pm	Film Screening "From the Ground Up"	gen int	12
Fri 9/11	1:30-2pm	Film Screening 9/11 Memorial Docu	gen int	6
All month		9/11 Community Quilt Squares	gen int	65
			TOTAL	398
Non-Library Programs				
M 9/14, 9/28	1-3pm	Canasta	19+	3+13=16
T 9/1, 9/8, 9/25, 9/22, 9/29	11am-1pm	Canasta	19+	4+4+4+4+4=20
W 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/20	12:30-4pm	Canasta	19+	4+4+4+4+4=20
Th 9/10, 9/17, 9/24	1-3pm	Mahjong	19+	9+12+7=28
All month		Patron Conference Room Use	19+	5
			TOTAL	89
			TOTAL	487
		OTHER SERVICES		
		Reference Questions	114	
		Library PC Use	80	
		Wi-Fi Use	171	

Upcoming Programs for October 2026

- Art Show of the Month- Gigi Perez: Bowery Layers- **all month**
- Storytimes **every Wednesday at 10:30am**
- Pre-Literacy Fun 3s- **every Thursday, 11am – 11:45am**
- Beginner Canasta with Linda Gottlieb- **every Friday, 10am-12pm**
- Friday Movies for Adults
 - **October 2, 1pm-** Practical Magic
 - **October 9, 1pm-** Beetlejuice
 - **October 16, 1pm-** Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice
 - **October 23, 1pm-** Frankenstein
 - **October 30, 1pm-** Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein
- Tai Chi with Marlene- **Monday, October 5 and 19 from 10:30-11:30 AM**
- All Day Staff Development Day (Closed to Public)- **Tuesday, October 6**
- Family Bingo- **Thursday, October 8, 6:30-7:30pm**
- She Persisted Book Club- Helen Keller, **Wednesday, October 14th 5-6pm**
- Fun with Lego- **Thursday, October 15th at 4:30pm**
- Create and Sip- Sugar Skulls with a Twist, **Thursday, October 15th at 6:30pm**
- Pumpkin Decorating- **Sunday, October 18th from 10am-12pm**
- Back to Bacharach and Beyond (Offsite Mighty Five event at Orangeburg Library)- **Sunday, October 18th from 2-3:30pm**
- Piermont Library Writing Group- **Monday, October 19 at 6pm**
- Adult Book Club- **Wednesday, October 21 at 3pm:** *The Group* by Mary McCarthy
- Book Adventures- **Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30pm:** *Sleepless* by Gordon Korman
- Story and Craft- **Thursday, October 22 at 4:30pm:** Monsters

- Halloween Trivia for Adults- **Tuesday, October 27th at 6pm**
- Favorite Books for Crafting- **Wednesday, October 28 at 4:30pm**
- Story and Craft- **Thursday, October 29 at 4:30pm:** Halloween Decorations
- Weekly Fall Art Classes
 - **Mondays at 5:30pm-** Grades 3-5
 - **Tuesdays at 5:30pm-** Grades 1-3
 - **Wednesdays at 5:30pm-** Grades 6-12
- We will begin collecting for a November Book Sale during the last two weeks of October