

In 2025 Your Library:

- Installed a new generator, with funds from a state CREST grant, so that the library can provide services during power outages
- Hosted a county-wide Community Read with the Columbia County Libraries Association
- Began construction of a new pavilion for Library and community programs, thanks to a generous bequest from Charlotte Shutts
- Held a Volunteer Fair to help local organizations recruit volunteers
- Participated in the Mid-Hudson Library System Road Trip, which encouraged patrons to visit libraries throughout the system
- Saw the circulation of digital resources surpass that for traditional media for the first time
- Sponsored the 3rd annual SE Columbia Repair Café
- Passed referenda in Copake and Hillsdale to increase reliable public funding in 2026
- Continued to provide digital training with online Tech Labs and drop-in office hours
- Launched a new mobile app to make accessing Library resources easier than ever
- Held a concert series and a number of art shows

- Provided summer reading programs at the Library, the Farmers Market, and at town camps
- Received recognition with resolutions passed by Ancram, Copake, Hillsdale, and Columbia County for its “indispensable role . . . in fostering literacy, providing access to technology, supporting workforce development, and strengthening community engagement”

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Feel free to contact us with any questions—we are here to help!

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The Roeliff Jansen Community Library is always a work in progress, in many ways, but this past year especially so. The Library was a busy place in 2025, not only with patrons visiting to check out materials and attend programs, but also with contractors, architects, and others working to improve and expand this unique community space. While many still think of our building as the “new” library, the building is now 15 years old and in need of some updates.

The most obvious and exciting update has been the addition of a new pavilion on the south side of the Library. We have a beautiful property, and we’ve long dreamed of having an outdoor space, protected from the sun and rain, where we could hold outdoor programs—from Tai Chi, to children’s programs, to concerts, and more. Thanks to a very generous bequest from long-time patron and supporter Charlotte Shutts, that dream has become a reality. And even better, the solar panels on the roof will help lower our energy costs and carbon footprint! We hope that you will join us on May 9 for the ribbon cutting, on July 11 for our annual fundraiser, now the Party at the Pavilion, and for many other events in this beautiful new space.

In 2025 we also repaired and replaced mate-

rials on the flat areas of our roof, and we installed a new 100 kW standby generator, paid for by a New York State CREST (Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology) grant, to allow the Library to continue to offer services, including as a warming and cooling center, during our seemingly more frequent power outages.

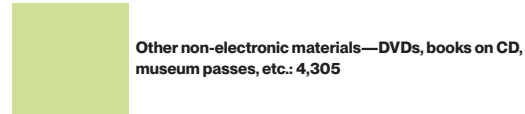
All these updates are intended to help the Library better serve our community—serve you—by providing a safe, comfortable, beautiful, welcoming space for all, for reading, learning, playing, experimenting, growing, and connecting. We look forward to doing all of that and more with you in this special space for years to come.

TAMMY GASKELL,
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

OUR ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ROE JAN COMMUNITY

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

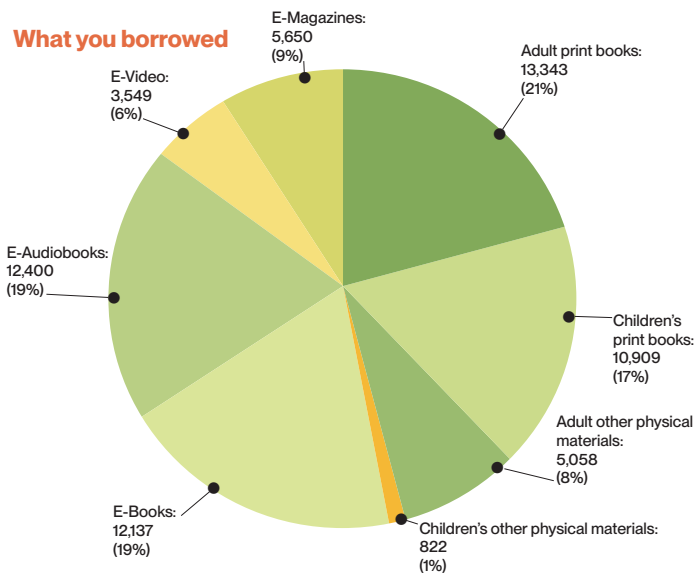
What you can borrow and use



OUR DIGITAL COLLECTION

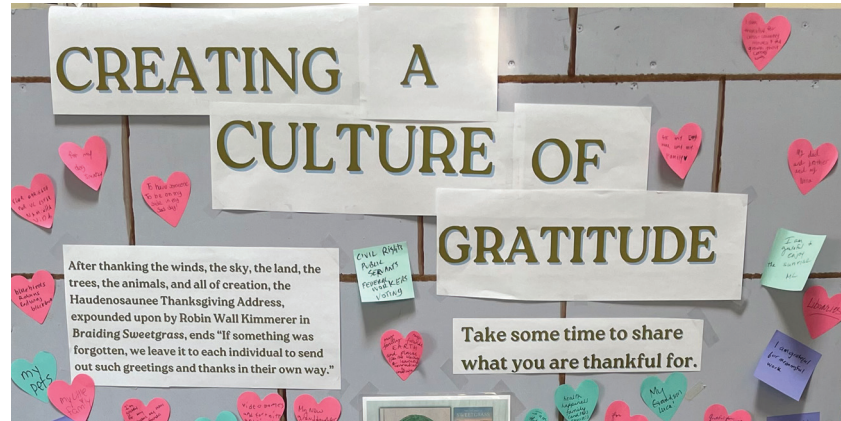
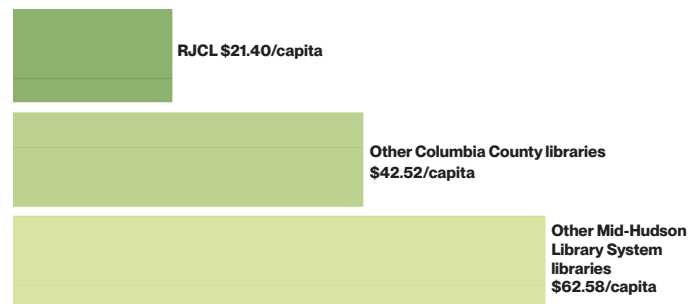
Tens of thousands of e-books, downloadable audiobooks and videos, e-magazines, and databases available on Libby, Kanopy, hoopla, Blackstone Unlimited, NewsBank, NovelNY, as well as digital museum passes.

What you borrowed



Total collection use: 63,868 (23% increase over 2024)
 Digital content use (not including databases): 33,736 (up 63% over 2024)
 Registered borrowers: 4,526 / New patrons: 291 / Total number of visitors: 31,976
 Total physical holdings: 23,986—plus thousands of items available through the Mid-Hudson Library System

RJCL Local Public Funds in Comparison to Other Libraries (2024)



Our county-wide Community Read and Gratitude Wall encouraged patrons to reflect on all that we have to appreciate, from sunrises to dogs to the Library!



Library director Tammy Gaskell, board president Pat Placona, and town supervisors Mike Dvorchak (Hillsdale), Jim MacArthur (Ancram), and Richard Wolf (Copake) display resolutions passed by each town in support of the Library and calling upon our government leaders to protect library funding.

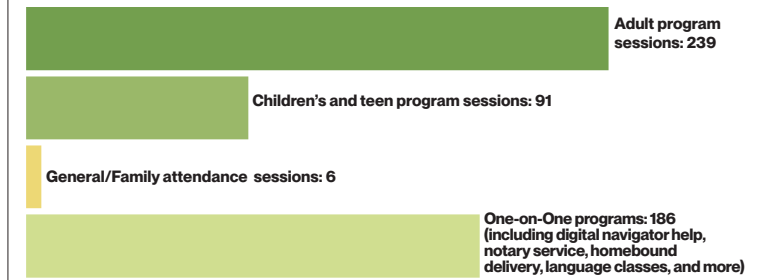


Music lovers enjoyed world-class music thanks to the Library's free annual concert series.

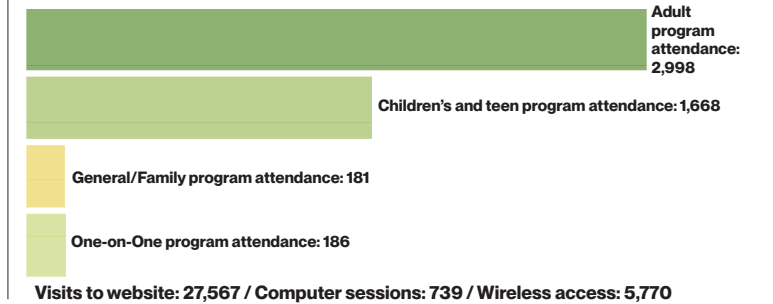


Patrons expressed their creativity in art workshops, led by Tia.

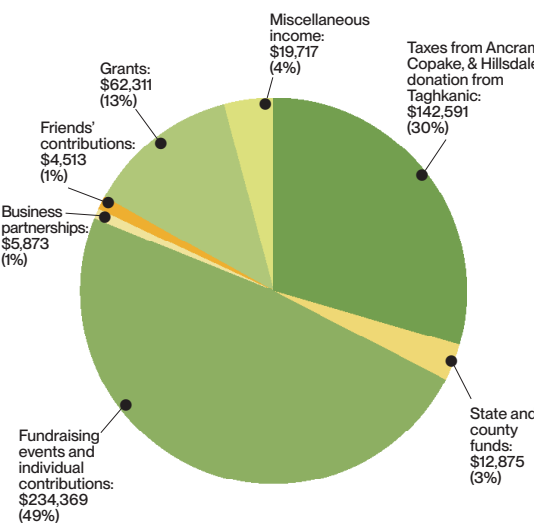
2025 Programs



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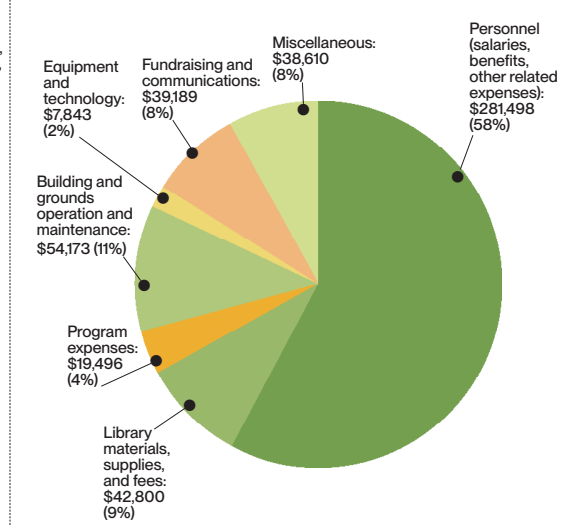


How was your library funded?
Operating Income—\$482,249



Received state grants totaling \$96,291, reimbursement for 2023 expenses replacing community room folding partition and for 2025 installation of a generator.

What did the money pay for?
Operating Expenses—\$483,609



The Library also spent \$621,556 from the Library's reserve fund for building a pavilion, installing a generator, and roof repairs. These funds are primarily from a bequest and state construction grants.

A conservative estimate of the amount patrons saved by borrowing library materials, attending free programs, and using library services: \$890,000. And that doesn't include the many other benefits of having a library in your community!