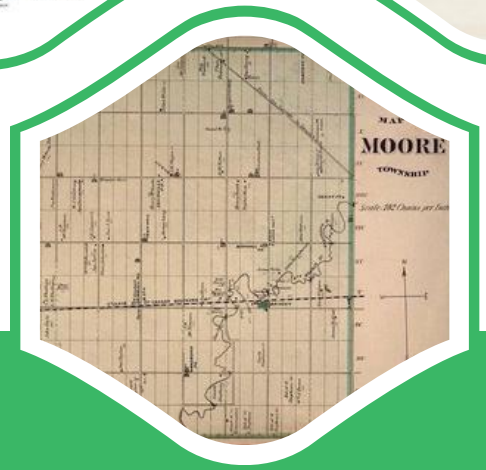
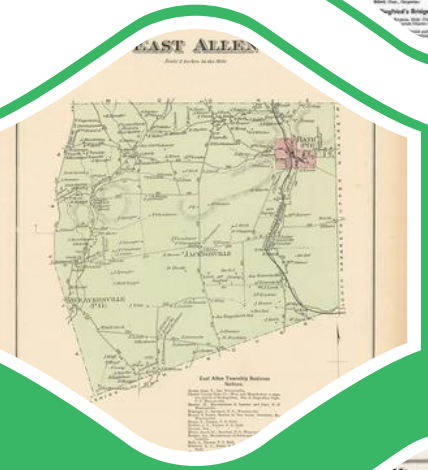


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Mission: To be the first point of access for information, self-enrichment, leisure, and social connections

Vision: The Northampton Area Public Library strives to be a dynamic source of information, services, and programs in an ever-changing community, always offering something new.



ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Talk about doing more with less! The Northampton Area Public Library recently received a \$180,000 local funding cut, but we are prepared to soldier on into our next fiscal year with a few changes. First, the Board of Trustees has pulled \$180,000 from our Capital Fund, to relieve this loss. Second, the Board has issued a type of hiring freeze; we will only replace the number of hours we're losing due to staff turnover. Third,

the Board has agreed to temporarily reduce hours for ten weeks during the winter, as allowed by State Library Law. Fourth, Library Administration has put realistic ceilings in place to cap spending on purchases. These changes were effective July 1, 2026.

We may not see new faces to replace recent NASD graduates Amaya and Chris. Shannon is leaving to coach Field Hockey at Cedar Crest College, and Mayzi is teaching English at Liberty High School. We wish the very best to our retiring staff as they move into the next phases of their lives.

Speaking of new faces, you likely already know Jul and Sadie who were both hired in late July/mid-August of last year. Over the past year, we've come to appreciate their bubbly personalities, their enthusiasm for library work, and their honest opinions. However, you may not know Gabby very well yet, since she was just hired at the beginning of June.

You may remember Gabby from their volunteer work with us last Summer, but we understand if you don't. We've certainly had a

rotating roster of faces the past few years.

Gabby will begin her studies this coming autumn to earn her Master's in Library Science. As a future librarian and dedicated reader, feel free to ask them for recommendations if you're looking for something new! Gabby does her very best to give each individual quality

Look forward to:

- **More requests for your input**
- **More programs brought into our municipalities**
- **Supporting local businesses**

service.

I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to complete our series of Community Surveys from November '25 through January '26. Without your input, we would remain stuck in the past. Your responses enable the library to move into the future with the community's needs in mind.

That's how we want to continue. We need you, your thoughts, and your opinions. Without you, there is no library. We need your help to re-envision programming, building use, services, and just about everything else! Don't be shocked when we ask what color the walls should be repainted, because we will ask. That's a promise.

We opened the communication process through surveys, but we also recognize that our communications are not reaching everyone within our seven municipalities. We are looking into further places within the larger community to post quarterly events. Thank you for the suggestions you've already given in our community surveys. If you can think of any other public bulletin boards located near you that might reach your fellow residents, please let us know!

As we move into the future, the library is interested in producing initiatives rather than a single series of programs or an event that draws a lot of attention. Initiatives are meant to reflect community values or beliefs, and we are interested in demonstrating the beliefs we hold dear.

Because we respect and value each of our municipalities, future initiatives require outreach as a part of their design. For example, our most recent grant submissions focus on Citizen Science for All, a new initiative that uses citizen science to connect people to each other, local physical and cultural resources, technology, and lifelong learning opportunities through activities both at the library and at other locations within our region. We look forward to meeting you where you live, work, and play.

Your Northampton Area Public Library is also taking on a sustainability initiative in order to spend your tax dollars wisely. Our first project is updating the lighting in



Family Fun Day: June 6, 2026

the library. Each day we turn on the lights, the fluorescents in the ceiling buzz and remind me how much we could save if we only switched to LEDs. That's the plan; one small step toward sustainable operations at a time.

Our recent consultation with Utility Management Services (UMS) agreed that our first step should be lighting, and they outlined future steps to pursue as funding becomes available. UMS also has a grant-writing and rebate team to help keep project costs down to maximize initial savings. What perhaps pleases me the most is that Joseph D'Aquisto, owner of and consultant for UMS, is local to the greater Northampton area.

Supporting local businesses is another of our community beliefs that intertwines with activities and outreach. As we bring the library into our municipalities, we look forward to hosting Coffee & Community at local coffee shops and breakfast spots each month. Perhaps local restaurants would enjoy hosting our Open Mic Night each quarter. Ideally, we can boost business in all seven municipalities throughout the year on a rotating schedule.

We've been brought full circle through fiscal changes, staff changes, and changes in the way the library communicates and operates. To all our taxpayers, donors, patrons, and community members, thank you for another wonderful year. We look forward to what FY 26/27 has in store for all of us at the Northampton Area Public Library.

Warmest regards,



Veronica Laroche

Your NAPL Library Director



What We Read

Northampton
Area Public
Library
30 June 2026



Adults:

CREAM OF THE CROP

We see you, Greater biography caught your Northampton Area adults, attention, obviously! But and we're digging what when reading nonfiction, you're into these days. Who you tend toward the doesn't love a Mythological practical by making do or Dungeons & Dragons with what you have. related graphic novel? We Exceedingly smart during also see your love for these times! We couldn't mystery, suspense, and be more excited to see even a bit of horror. The how our diverse love of title of Jennette McCurdy's media brings us together!



YOUNG ADULT Best of...

Our young adults are concerned about and committed to consent, which we admire. They're also learning about classism and politics with Suzanne Collins.



Children's Fiction

There are so many to choose from! Who could possibly decide? Though Dr. Seuss certainly takes the cake!



Children's Nonfiction

The "Who Was...?" series of biographies remains on top, but the nonfiction dinosaurs aren't far behind!



Children's Media

Zoobooks reigns supreme as the kids' magazine of choice, but don't count The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie out! Dispicable Me 3: Memory Match Game and Hungry Hungry Hippos share the top spot for Board Games!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FY24/25

	Income
Northampton Area School District	\$270, 000
Allen Township	\$5,000
Bath Borough	\$0
Chapman Borough	\$234
East Allen Township	\$0
Lehigh Township	\$4,000
Moore Township	\$1,000
Northampton Borough	\$18,000
State Aid	\$138,437
Other Local Revenue	\$89,004
Other Federal Revenue	\$0
Total	\$525,675

For complete financial information, please see our IRS Form 990 on our website, northamptonapl.org. Type our web address into your favorite search engine, click “Who We Are” in the top menu, then click “Financials” in the drop down menu.

	Expenses
Salaries & Benefits	\$352,940
Library Collection & Materials	\$89,872
Programming	\$7,249
Operating Expenses	\$62,926
Endowment Donation	\$13,867
Total	\$526,849

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FY25/26

	Income
Northampton Area School District	\$270, 000
Allen Township	\$5,000
Bath Borough	\$0
Chapman Borough	\$262
East Allen Township	\$15,750
Lehigh Township	\$4,000
Moore Township	\$1,000
Northampton Borough	\$20,000
State Aid	\$148,259.24
Other Local Revenue (Fees, Fundraising, Grants, etc.)	\$92,842.56
Other Federal Revenue (E-Rate, Grants, etc.)	\$835.20
Total	\$557,949

Note: FY 25/26 has not yet been audited, so a 990 is not yet available. Please see the following page for our year-end Financial Statement.

	Expenses
Salaries & Benefits	\$344,552.34
Library Collection & Materials	\$86,189.34
Programming	\$7,291.94
Operating Expenses	\$107,840.77
Endowment Donation	\$7,000
Total	\$552,874.39
For FY 26/27	\$5,074.61

Northampton Area Public Library

Statement of Financial Position

As of Jun 30, 2026

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10.0101 Cash	67,107.63
10.0102 PayPal	0.00
10.0105 Petty Cash	250.00
TotalforBankAccounts	\$67,357.63
Other Current Assets	
10.0111 Investments	868,066.79
Total for Other Current Assets	\$868,066.79
Total for Current Assets	\$935,424.42
Total for Assets	\$935,424.42
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
10.0470.103 State Income Tax	0.00
10.0470.105 Employee 403B Withholding	1,315.00
10.0470.107 EE Unemployment	0.00
10.0470.110 AFLAC - Pre-Tax	0.00
10.0470.111 AFLAC - After-Tax	0.00
Total for Other CurrentLiabilities	\$1,315.00
Total for Current Liabilities	\$1,315.00
Total for Liabilities	
Equity	
10.0770 Fund Balance	884,784.18
Retained Earnings	44,250.63
Net Revenue	5,074.61
Total for Equity	\$934,109.42
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$935,424.42

THANK YOU DONORS!

Thank you to the following for your donations, grants, sponsorships, baskets, and memorials! We could not do it without you!

Business Donors

1760 Pub N' Grille
1812 Productions
A&A Limousine Service
AACA Museum
Aardvark Sports Shop
Act I/ Desales University
Allentown Art Museum
Allentown Fairgrounds
Farmer's Market
Amaryllis Tattoo
American Fence & Flag
American Helicopter Museum
& Education Center
Amish Farm & House
Anvil Forge & Hammer Iron
Works Inc.
Bar-Don Lanes
BarkBox
Barre3
Battleship New Jersey
Beachhead Comics
Becky's Drive In
Bluebird Distillery
Boyertown Museum of
Historic Vehicles
Bucks County Playhouse
Cards Against Humanity
Chanticleer Gardens

The Chicken Lounge
Chipotle: Community Roots
City Theatre
Civic Theatre of Allentown
Crayola Experience
Daku's Auto Body Shop
DaVinci Science Center
Dean C. Berg Law Offices
Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage
Corridor
DelGrosso's Park/ Laguna Splash
Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom
Dude Wipes
East Penn Diner
Eastern State Penitentiary
Edgemont Park Roller Rink
Electric City Aquarium & Reptile Den
Foster Jewelers
Frantz Brothers Inc.
Gettysburg Nature Alliance
Giant Food Stores
Glencairn Museum
gorjana
GourmetGiftBaskets.com
Grandpa Joe's Candy Shop -
Bethlehem
Green Pond Country Club
Hands-on House Children's Museum

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Hawk Mountain Sanctuary
Heinz History Museums
Helium Comedy Club
Historic Bethlehem Museum & Sites
Historic Ephrata Cloister
Historic Rock Ford
Home Chef
Hon. Zachary Mako
Horwith Trucks Inc.
Jade Management
Jim Thorpe Trolley Company
Just Born Quality Confections
Kendra Scott
Kent Pet Group
Keystone Snacks
King Kone
Kopper Penny Koncessions
Lake Tobias Wildlife Park
Landis Valley Village & Farm
Museum
Lehigh Valley Dental Solutions
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
Longley Insurance Agency
Longwood Gardens
Lost River Caverns
Lucy the Elephant

Marblehead Chowder House
Marc's Auto
Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle
Michener Art Museum
Miller Supply/ACE Hardware
Miller Symphony Hall
Mission BBQ
Museum of Modern Art
Museum of the American Revolution
Museum of the City of New York
National Civil War Museum
National Comedy Center & Lucille
Ball Desi Arnaz Museum
New York Hall of Science
New York Red Bulls
North Summit Climbing Gym
Northampton County Historical &
Genealogical Society
Northampton Area Historical Society
Northampton Self-Serve Car Wash
Nothing Bundt Cakes
The Old Jail Museum
Oriental Trading
Other World Philadelphia
Owowcow Creamery
Pass the Brush Painting
Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival

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Philadelphia Museum of Art	Shawnee Playhouse
Philadelphia Phillies (Phillies	Sheepish Creations
Community Outreach - Donations)	Sheetz
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical	Six Flags Great Adventure
Gardens	Sky Zone Trampoline Park
Pinetree Garden Seeds	Sts. Peter & Paul Society
Pittsburgh Steelers	Tanczos Beverages - Northampton
Playland's Castaway Cove	Thomson's Meat Market
Putt U Miniature Golf	Tiny Town
Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm	Touchstone Theatre
Reading Fightin Phils	Turning Point Restaurants
Redner's Markets	Twisted Escapes
Reichel Funeral Home	Two T's Family Entertainment
Rick & Kim's Crafts	Uline
Rose Group/Applebee's Grill & Bar	Unangst Tree Farm
Rutgers University	Urban Air Adventure Park
Samuel Adams	Wawa
Seminary Ridge Museum and	Wegman's
Education Center	Weis Markets
Shake Shack	Winterthur
Shankweiler's Drive In	WonderWorks Orlando

Individual Donors

Rhonda Anderson	Sandra Beani
June Arnold	Susan Bednar
Christine Bauder	David & Paula Behler

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Eileen Laufik
Susan Martucci
Barbara Miller
Kathryn Samuels
Maryanne Steinert
Janey Swinburne
Bonnie Trump
The Urbans
Henry Stoess Trust

Memorial & Honor Books

Martin Fella
Janet Ifkovits
Lynne Rose Malchiodi
Sally Jane Payson
Melissa Santos
Ben Steinert

Be an Angle Campaign

Dennit & Donna Golden, Pen Argyl, PA
\$50.00 Barnes & Noble gift cards
Value of donation = \$100.00
LeeAnn Chandler, Northampton, PA
\$100.00 Amazon Gift Card
Value of donation = \$100.00
Joan Miller, Northampton, PA
\$35.00 cash
Value of donation = \$35.00

We would also like to thank all 278 families and individuals who donated through our Annual Drive campaign, those who participate in our fundraisers, those who assist during the Autumn Online Auction & Basket Social, and those who donate through our Amazon Wishlists!

OUR TEAM



Veronica
Library Director



Rachel
Director of Operations



Karla
Senior Outreach &
Children's Assistant



Mayzi
Teen Coordinator



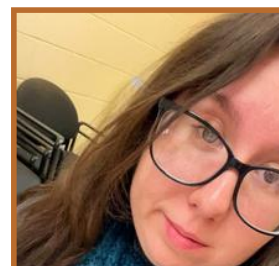
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Communications &
Marketing



Collin
Cataloger



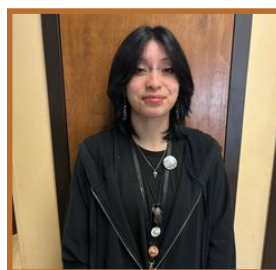
Lily
Head of Circulation
& Tech Services



Bonnie
Tech Services
Assistant



Amaya
Library Assistant



Soren
Children's
Assistant



Karen
IT Services



Chris
Library Assistant



Jul
Teen & Interlibrary
Loans Assistant



Sadie
Adult Programming
Assistant



Gabby
Library Assistant

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A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Whether you are a library novice or a veteran user, it should come as no surprise that our library is special. Each year, we take what we have and make the most of our resources at Northampton Public Library. Simply put, we are a bargain.

The staff at the library is truly top-notch. Each staff member interacts with patrons with genuine care, concern, and kindness. They take the time to help patrons find books and resources, answer questions, navigate technology, and discover all that the library has to offer. The thoughtful time and attention our staff gives to each patron is incredibly valuable and priceless to our community.

Our library may be small, but it is mighty. Though it occupies just one floor, it serves our community in countless ways. Patrons can use the computers to search for jobs, communicate with loved ones, complete personal business, and access important information. Our staff is always available to assist with technology questions and concerns.

Meanwhile, our collection continues to grow. We use our funds wisely to stock the shelves with current and relevant adult, teen, and children's books, DVDs, cookbooks, and other resources. The incredible amount of content available through the library saves our patrons a great deal of money each year.

Our programs are another tremendous value. Teens, adults, and children all have opportunities to participate in programs such as

Teen Time, adult book clubs, and children's storytime. These programs provide opportunities to learn, connect, and build relationships within our community. And for patrons who are homebound, our staff brings requested materials directly to their homes. Talk about service.

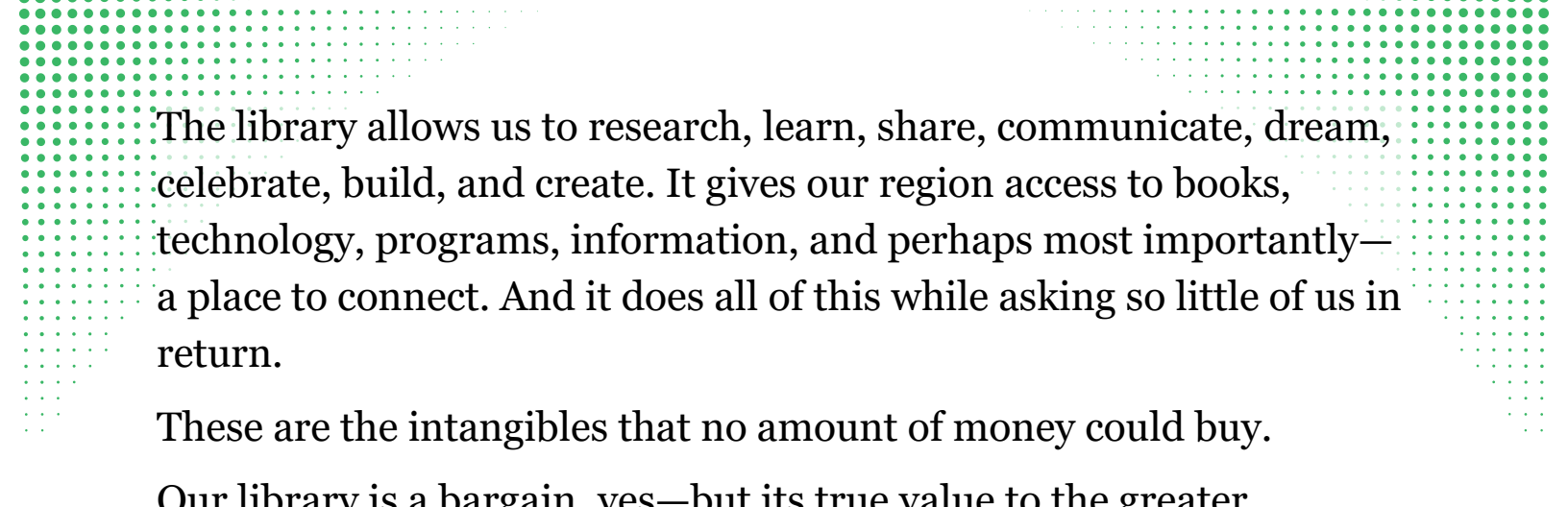
The library building itself has undergone a number of important improvements this year, continuing our commitment to maintaining a safe, welcoming, useful, and accessible space for our community. We added a new outdoor access point, pressure washed the building, changed our trash services, addressed plumbing issues, updated our server rack and shelving, and explored sustainability projects that could improve the building for years to come. These may not always be the most visible changes to our patrons, but they are essential investments in the long-term health of our library.

Our technology infrastructure has also received significant attention. We installed a new server, network switch, two new UPS systems, a new firewall, and three new computers for staff use—one for circulation, one for the director, and one for cataloging. These upgrades help ensure that the technology our staff relies on every day remains dependable, secure, and capable of supporting the services our patrons expect.

As our year comes to a close and we prepare for the basket raffle, book sales, fundraisers, and all the wonderful ways our community can support the library, one word comes to mind: **value**.

The library, like so many cornerstones of a community, is steadfast. It quietly and consistently supports us as municipalities, providing resources and opportunities to people of all ages. Yet, like many constants in our lives, the library can sometimes be easy to take for granted.

It deserves the credit where it is due.



The library allows us to research, learn, share, communicate, dream, celebrate, build, and create. It gives our region access to books, technology, programs, information, and perhaps most importantly—a place to connect. And it does all of this while asking so little of us in return.

These are the intangibles that no amount of money could buy.

Our library is a bargain, yes—but its true value to the greater Northampton region is immeasurable.

Respectfully Submitted,
On behalf of the Board of Trustees,
Crista Billowitch,
President

STRATEGIC PLAN FY26/27-FY28/29



SUSTAINABILITY



Build the financial, staffing, and operational strength needed to reliably serve our community.

VISIBILITY



Make NAPL more visible, understandable, and accessible across our full service area.

FACILITIES



Improve the current building while preparing responsibly for future space needs.

Mission

We encourage connection, inspire discovery, and advance growth through responsive programs and equal access to information and technology.

Vision

We strive to be the heart of our region where we connect, discover, and grow in friendship and lifelong learning.

Goals

Stable Funding

Strengthen municipal, district, state, donor, grant, and fundraising support to protect core services and plan responsibly.

Stable Staffing

Create role clarity, cross-training, written procedures, and succession planning so operations remain steady through staff changes.

Energy Reduction

Reduce utility costs and environmental impact through practical efficiency improvements such as lighting upgrades, controls, energy tracking, and future sustainability planning.

Measures of Progress

- Increased funding reliability
- Documented key procedures
- Cross-trained staff coverage
- Reduced energy use and operating costs

Goals

Responsive Programming

Develop programs that reflect community needs, patron interests, age-group demand, and changing demographics.

Sustainable Outreach

Build a realistic outreach model that reaches schools, seniors, families, municipalities, and residents who do not regularly visit the building.

Diversified Communications

Use print, digital, social media, website, email, partner networks, and municipal channels to consistently communicate the library's value.

Measures of Progress

- Increased program attendance
- Broader outreach contacts
- Stronger municipal and community partnerships
- Improved awareness of services

Goals

Update Current Space Through Reconfiguration and Space Management

Make better use of existing space for collections, programs, study, technology, staff workflow, and patron comfort.

Assess Building and Grounds for Possible Future Expansion

Evaluate the building, site, infrastructure, accessibility, parking, energy systems, and grounds to understand realistic future options.

Measures of Progress

- Improved layout
- Better collection and program space
- Documented facilities assessments
- Clear future facility options for board decision-making.

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Income			
Browsing Bags	\$24.00	Membership Dues	\$555.00
Candy Bars	\$1,813.00	Boscov's Friends Helping Friends	\$135.00
NAPL Zipper Totes	\$15.00	Big Belly Banks	\$118.00
Flash Drives	\$5.00	Spring Basket Raffle	\$166.00
Winter Basket Raffle	\$239.00	Earbuds	\$3.00
Redner's Save-a-Tape	\$389.88	Sip 'n' Shop	\$530.00
Cement Books	\$100.00	Donations	\$145.00
Hoagie Fundraiser	\$640.00	February Lottery Calendar	\$465.00
November Lottery Calendar	\$460.00		
Total			\$5,802.88

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Expenses			
<u>Fundraising Expenses</u>		<u>Assistance to Library</u>	
Candy Bars	\$1,000.40	Janway Co.-Supplies for giveaway	\$1,039.00
Hoagie Costs	\$358.30	Amazon-Snacks for Family Fun Day	\$40.60
Sip 'n' Shop Ads	\$60.26	Universal Class	\$1,200.00
Sip 'n' Shop License	\$30.00	Amazon-Items for Basket Social	\$219.07
Lottery Costs	\$175.00	Prizes for Adult Summer Reading	\$750.00
<i>Total Fundraising Expenses</i>	<i>\$1,623.96</i>	Donation to the Book Endowment Fund	\$250.00
		Amazon-Server rack	\$118.99
		Amazon-Storage shelves	\$173.98
		<i>Total Assistance to the Library</i>	<i>\$3,791.64</i>

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Expenses			
<u>Friends' Expenses</u>			
PCLB Membership	\$150.00	Check Charge	\$34.95
Stamps for Membership Letters	\$41.40	Square-Credit card hardware	\$62.54
Square Fees	\$10.13	<i>Total Friends Expenses</i>	\$299.02
Total Expenses		\$5,714.62	

Ending Bank Balance 2024	\$4,171.36
Total Income 2025	+\$5,802.88
Total Expenses 2025	-\$5,714.62
Ending Bank Balance 2025	\$4,259.62