



NYACK  LIBRARY



# Annual Report to the Community



2025



# Welcome Message



## A message from the Library Board President

The Annual Report is an opportunity to reflect on Nyack Library’s major accomplishments during the year. Of particular note, the Board appointed a new Library Director. Tracy Dunstan, the Assistant Director and Adult Services Department Head, as well as a Nyack Library veteran was promoted to Director. Her advancement opened a position filled by Molly Camera.



**Steve Cea**

In 2025, the Board reported its findings regarding the Depew House and conducted two forums to get community input on how to move forward with the property. Members of the community, interested in maintaining the building as a historical resource, organized to assist in finding ways to make the property more financially viable.

With many changes on the national level, stable local resources are more important than ever. Nyack Library seeks to offer reliable, trusted, and well-supported materials and programs to help enrich the lives of our patrons. I want to thank my fellow trustees for contributing their experience, perspectives, and hard work to continually improve our beloved library.

## A message from the Library Director



**Tracy Dunstan**

I was honored to be promoted to Director of the Nyack Library in September 2025. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our previous director, Eric McCarthy, for his dedicated service and the foundation he left for us to continue to build on for the library and our community.

This past year has been full of exciting developments. In 2025, the library received a grant from the Ramapo Catskill Library System to offer computer classes for senior citizens, helping expand digital literacy and access to technology. Our Teen Services team also introduced a wonderful new initiative called a Prom Dress “Pop-Up Shop” in the Teen Room. Through generous community donations, students can borrow dresses, shoes, and accessories to attend prom with confidence.

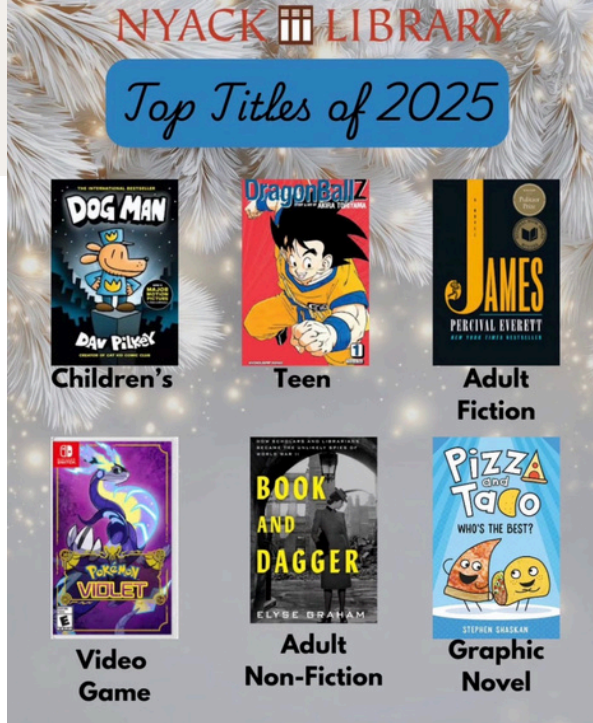
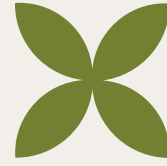
Youth Services added VOX Books to the collection—books with built-in audio that help bring stories to life for young readers. We also launched a Bike Share program in partnership with the Valley Cottage Library, offering residents a new way to explore our community.

Last September’s Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses event, presented by Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries, was honored with the RCLS Adult Services Program of the Year Award.

Behind the scenes, our staff worked hard to improve library services by transitioning to new collection vendors and implementing a new library system. We are also preparing exciting local history programming for the nation’s 250th anniversary in 2026.



# Most Borrowed Titles



## Most Borrowed YA Title



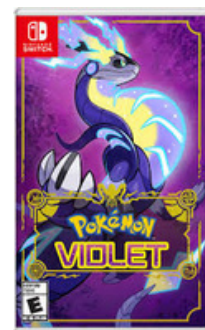
## Most Borrowed DVD Title



## Most Borrowed Juvenile Title



## Most Borrowed Video Game



# Meet Our Team



## Who We Are



Esther Schwartz, Business Manager  
 Minerva Parker, Executive Assistant  
 Kat Sullivan, Librarian, Local History & Archivist  
 Briana Moore, Librarian, Programs & Community Engagement  
 Kristine M. Kumpf, Programs Specialist  
 Brendan Grella, Technical Services Specialist

Mady, Jada, Dan, Khalil, Jean, Rachele, Paula, Michael R., Sharon, Georgia, Carol, Marlie, Madavena, Tania, Belinda, Gabbie, Sydnie, Dee, Kim, Aurora, Cheryl, Janice & Diana

Amanda Thurston, Senior Access Services Clerk  
 Morgan Strand, Teen Services Coordinator  
 Carlos Rosario, Children's Librarian  
 Lou Moreno, IT Administrator  
 Mike Grella, Librarian, Collections & Digital Services



**Aldona Pilmanis**  
 Head of Youth & Teen Services



**Terri Evans**  
 Head of Access Services

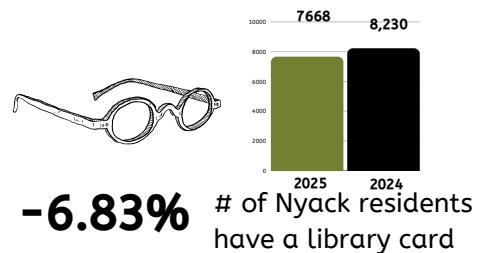
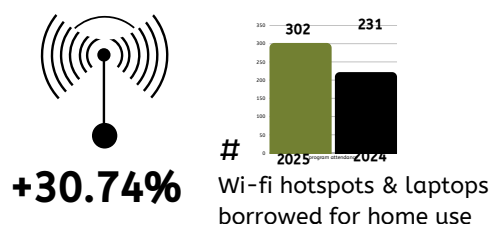
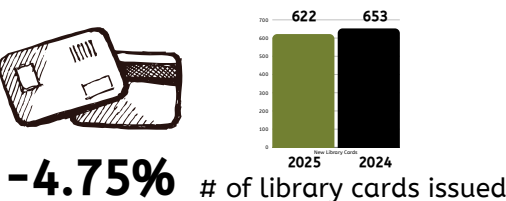
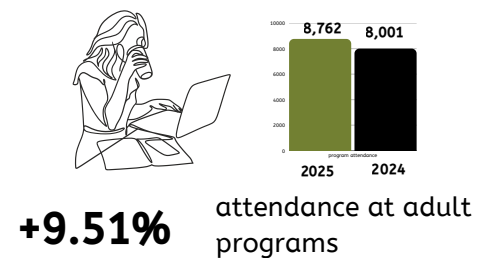
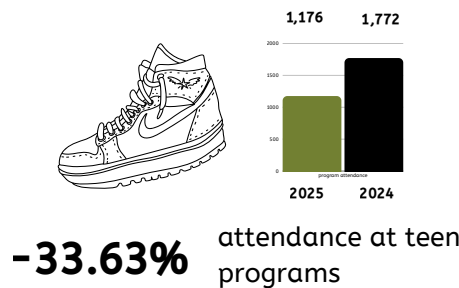
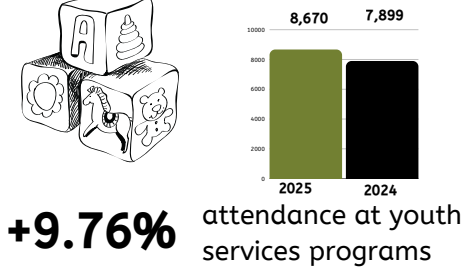
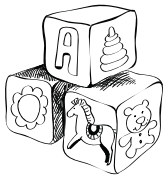
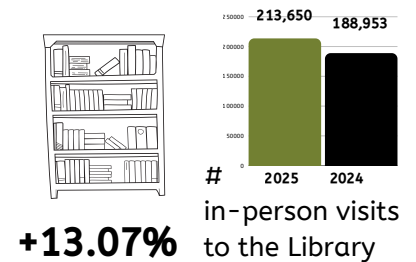
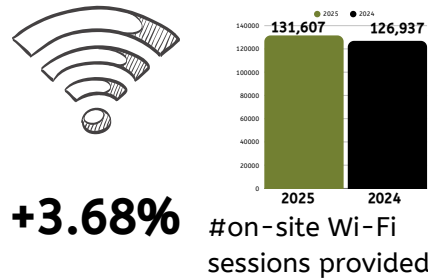
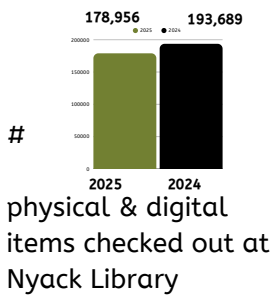
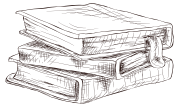


**Molly Camera**  
 Assistant Director & Head of Adult Services

# 2025 by the numbers

40,136 **+2.43%**  
 questions answered

## 2025: Gifts & Grants: \$ 91,558





# Renovations & Repairs

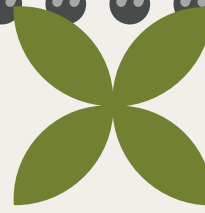


In the past year, the Library secured the grants necessary to move forward with a heat pump project that will improve the building's energy efficiency and sustainability. We also created a new "Community Nook," a welcoming space designed to give patrons additional areas to meet, read, and spend time in the library. These improvements reflect our continued commitment to maintaining a comfortable, environmentally responsible, and community-centered library space.





# Programming



## Youth Services & Teens

The Nyack Library Youth Services Department had a very busy and productive year in 2025! Our Children’s Staff attended the NYLA Youth Services Division’s annual conference in Mount Kisco, which was both informative and enjoyable, and a great opportunity to network with our peers. Major projects included weeding the entire picture book collection and shifting books down from the highest shelves to improve accessibility and safety. We visited all three elementary schools in June to promote our 2025 Summer Reading Program, Color Your World, presenting to nearly 1,500 students and teachers. We were proud to once again have about 500 active participants in the program. We introduced VOX books to the collection, which have been extremely popular and rarely stay on the shelves. Also, we solidified our Saturday program offerings while welcoming new musicians to lead drumming, singing, and dancing programs for toddlers. One goal that remains unfinished is the creation of a “Comfort Corner” for neurodivergent children—a quiet, cozy space with items such as fidget toys and noise-canceling headphones for children who may feel overstimulated during their visit to the library. With your support, we hope to move forward with this project in 2026.

**2,542 Room Reservations**

**ROOMS**

Teen services also had a highly successful year, with numerous programs and initiatives that strengthened engagement, supported academic success, and fostered community partnerships. A new partnership with the nonprofit Food Not Bombs allowed us to provide after-school snacks such as fruit, yogurt, snack bars, and fruit cups, which teens have embraced while maintaining a respectful and tidy space. Additional highlights included coordinating a successful prom dress drive that collected 62 dresses, shoes, bags, and a wide range of accessories for our local teens to use for Prom; We collaborated on several programs with the Rockland County Pride Center and continue to plan for expanded partnership opportunities.

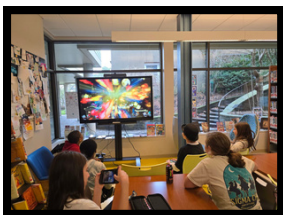
## Adult Services

In 2025, the Library continued to expand programming that reflects the diversity, creativity, and intellectual life of the Nyack community. Last September’s Community Spotlight: BIPOC Businesses event, presented in partnership with Valley Cottage Library, was honored with the RCLS Adult Services Program of the Year Award. The BIPOC Business Fair continued to grow in popularity, increasing from 500 attendees in its first year to 663 attendees this year – a 32% increase in participation.

The Library also launched Lit by the River, its first week-long literary festival, which welcomed 165 attendees across multiple programs. The festival concluded with the Library’s first large-scale author event featuring Eric Armstrong Dunbar, which drew 92 attendees and was widely praised for its impact and accessibility.

We also received a RCLS grant for senior computer classes and continued to provide varied and interesting programs. We said goodbye to Nanor Pagosian, our Programs & Community Engagement Librarian, and welcomed Briana Moore as our new librarian in that role.

These initiatives reflect the Library’s ongoing commitment to creating engaging cultural and educational programming for the community.





# Thank You!



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