



Blue Hill Public Library



2025
ANNUAL REPORT



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Kneisel Hall Summer Concert Series.





Patrons having fun at the Groundhog's Day Ball.

Our Mission

The Blue Hill Public Library opens doors to information, culture, community, and the world.

Statement of Purpose and Core Values

The Blue Hill Public Library serves all people on the Blue Hill Peninsula whose varied backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives enrich our library and community. It is a dynamic cultural center committed to the pleasures of reading, preserving the past, and exploring the future by integrating new technologies with traditional collections. In addition to the resources it provides, the library hosts and sponsors lectures, discussion groups, community meetings, art exhibits, workshops, and family programs. The library believes in the transformative power of knowledge and that unbound access to ideas and information is indispensable to an informed, educated citizenry.

Vision

The Blue Hill Public Library will be the welcoming heart of the community.

- People of all backgrounds will feel a sense of belonging, shared stewardship, and engagement with the library.
- With an outdoor space to complement its interior, the library will be a campus of opportunities and a community gathering place.
- The library will be financially and operationally strong and resilient.

-Adopted by the Board of Directors August, 2024

Bea Filippo reading in the children's room.



Welcome

Whoosh! Well, what do you know, another year has passed in the life of our beloved library.

Although BHPL is no spring chicken, it took some amazing “growth steps” toward the future in 2025.

Last year, we reported that we would be working in earnest on planning the integration of 13 Parker Point Rd. into our current property. I am happy to report that we are much closer to unveiling that project and look forward to sharing it with you.

Then, in December of 2025, Northern Light Blue Hill Hospital approached the library about purchasing 10 Parker Point Rd., known as the Woodward House. We have since completed the purchase and are in the early planning stages. We are excited about the possibilities this acquisition creates.

The library ended the year with the same wonderful staff members that we started the year with. Additionally, thanks to generous donations, we added our Early Childhood Outreach Librarian, Jen Rosenthal. This position allowed us to expand the library’s offerings for young children, such as weekly music-themed storytimes and activities at the library, and extend some services beyond the BHPL walls, including storytimes at the Blue Hill YMCA and local daycares around the peninsula. We are thrilled to have the ability to increase services for this very important age group to promote early literacy and school readiness.



Left: Nina Fleming (left) and Ann Pladson (right), Friends of the Library volunteers.
Right: 10 Parker Point Rd.





Music and Movement Storytime outside.



Michael Townsend explaining tape art skills.

Use of digital services remained strong in 2025 and got a further boost with the addition of a popular new streaming movie service, Kanopy.

We broadened the scope of the Slaven Lecture Series, now known as the Slaven Event Series. This has brought many unique offerings in the form of lectures, workshops, documentary screenings, and more. We kicked it off in a big way in 2025 with internationally-known artist Michael Townsend guiding students from around the peninsula in a Tape Art workshop, using the walls of the library for art made only from masking tape. It was a great experience that we hope to repeat in 2026.

2025 was a dynamic year for library services. As you will read in the following pages, support for the library remains strong and staff provided more events and programs than ever before, setting a new record with more than 12,000 patrons in attendance. Whether book groups, teen activities, lectures, movies, storytimes, playgroups, art instruction, chess, or knitting groups there was something for everyone at BHPL.

Providing you with robust library services is our honor. Whether you seek books to read, videos to watch, activities to attend, research support, or just somewhere to spend time, we hope you will take advantage of the many things BHPL has to offer.

Sincerely,
Rich Boulet
Library Director

Library Staff, Board of Directors, and Friends of the Library

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Sorting books for the Book Nook in the library's basement.



The Sustainable Libraries Initiative

Sustainability has been a focus for the Blue Hill Public Library for many years.

We aim to be an integral part of the community, provide a space where everyone feels welcome, offer events that bring people together, and provide services that meet community needs, all while keeping environmental, social, and financial considerations in mind—the “triple bottom line.”

In keeping with these values, the library has previously taken steps to be environmentally conscious to ensure a long lasting and sustainable future. Sustainability efforts in recent years include:

- Adoption of a Green Maintenance and Renovation Policy in 2007.
- In 2010, the library converted its heating system to wood pellet boilers, which are fueled by regionally-sourced wood products.
- Significantly improved the library’s insulation and air sealing in 2012.
- In 2014, the library was awarded “Grants to Green” funding from the Maine Community Foundation. This grant funded a full ASHRAE Level II energy audit. We subsequently implemented the recommendations in that audit during 2015 and 2016, upgrading the HVAC and lighting systems and saving 35% in annual electricity costs.
- Added EV Charging in 2023 through a grant from A Climate to Thrive.
- Began purchasing community solar power in 2025.

As of November 2025, BHPL took its next step towards sustainability by joining the Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI), an organization that supports libraries in being environmentally sound through support and education. The library is currently enrolled in SLI’s certification program and aims to join the growing number of Maine libraries that are certified sustainable by evaluating our footprint and implementing new sustainable practices.

This goal is in keeping with the American Library Association’s determination that sustainability is a core component of library service and our own strategic plan. BHPL is committed to continuing this initiative and making changes that promote sustainability for the good of the library and the community it serves.



Library Shelver Emily checking out the free books.

Friends of the Library - An Overview

BHPL is so fortunate to have a vibrant Friends of the Library (FOL) group who raise funds for materials, events, and many other things beyond the scope of the library's operating budget.

Most of the Friends' revenue is earned in the Book Nook, the always-open during library hours bookstore, from the sale of donated books, DVDs, and CDs that the Friends sort and organize. The Book Nook was renovated in 2022 and has since become a regular stop for many in our community, in addition to the wonderful "Fair Weather Books" Kiosk that's filled with special items during the warmer months.

The Friends are guided by a board of directors who provide grants in response to various requests from the staff. 2025 was an active and successful year for the Friends: they raised just over \$33,000 and spent just under \$30,000 in support of library activities.

As for expenditures, the vast majority of the FOL's gifts support BHPL materials and programs, which includes all of the children and teen programming, the annual clothing swap, and our museum pass offerings. They are also very generous to the staff during the holidays, underwriting gifts for every employee. The Friends are a treasured part of BHPL and it's hard to imagine the library without them.

Interested in getting involved? The Friends always welcome new members! Send an email to FOLvolunteers@bhpl.net and the volunteer coordinator will discuss opportunities with you.

Ms. Jen hosting a colorful storytime at a local daycare.





Friends of the Library Regina Reid, Sandy Baroodly, Kate O'Dell, and Bonnie Copper (left to right) in the Book Nook.

FOL PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT	
January-December 2025	
Friends Revenue	
Book Nook	24,820.29
Amazon Books	3,887.45
Kiosk Sales	1,830.03
TOTAL FRIENDS BOOK SALES	\$ 30,537.77
Book Bags	681.00
Membership Donations	1,080.00
General Donations	\$ 233.09
Event Sales	\$ 509.38
TOTAL FRIENDS REVENUE	\$ 33,044.79

FOL PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT	
January-December 2025	
Friends Expenditures	
Materials & Programs	\$ 24,101.15
Communications	595.76
Online Book Sales	\$ 250.44
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,085.09
Staff Gifts	\$ 4,450.13
TOTAL FRIENDS EXPENDITURES	\$ 30,482.57
Net Revenue	2,562.22
AVAILABLE FUNDS AS OF 12/31/2025	\$36,580.50



Kaia Torre showing off her summer reading passport in front of the library.

Blue Hill Public Library 2025 Financials

Balance Sheet

The library ended 2025 on a good financial footing. Assets were up nearly \$960k, or 9%, due to investment gains in the board-designated endowment. With these sources providing funding for nearly 50% of operations, sustained long-term growth in this fund is key to the library's ability to provide public services.

ASSETS	AS OF DEC 31, 2025	AS OF DEC 31, 2024 (PY)	% CHANGE
CURRENT ASSETS			
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 293,172.24	\$ 278,145.65	5.40%
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,393.86	\$ 0.00	
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 9,383,262.13	\$ 8,431,620.35	11.29%
Total Current Assets	\$ 9,677,828.23	\$ 8,709,766.00	11.11%
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 2,389,943.33	\$ 2,389,943.33	0.00%
Total Other Assets	\$ 125,163.63	\$ 125,163.63	0.00%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 12,192,935.19	\$ 11,224,872.96	8.62%
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Total Liabilities	\$ 56,588.52	\$ 32,178.81	75.86%
Total Equity	\$ 12,136,346.67	\$ 11,192,694.15	8.43%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 12,192,935.19	\$ 11,224,872.96	8.62%

Annual visit from the BHCS second grade class.





Panorama of the Britton Gallery during Student Art Month.

Financial Activity for 2025

Thanks primarily to annual fundraising exceeding expectations, the library closed out 2025 7% ahead of the income budget. Expenditures were kept in check, ending the year just under budget, resulting in \$57k transferred to reserve funds.



Artist Richard Keen at the abstract artist panel.

	TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET
REVENUE		
4000 Government Grants	116,332.84	116,333.52
4020 Donations - Unrestricted	370,752.37	322,200.00
4030 Early Childhood Outreach Librarian Donations	5,393.18	
4100 Operating Revenue	389,392.27	387,260.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 881,870.66	\$ 825,793.52
EXPENDITURES		
5000 Library Materials/Programs	49,054.60	51,025.50
5100 Technical Services	31,524.65	31,186.00
5200 Building/Grounds	82,214.17	80,434.00
5300 Utilities	40,037.50	37,787.00
5400 Library Operations	15,835.35	14,782.00
5500 Payroll	568,924.40	575,219.02
5600 Development	23,194.07	19,900.00
6000 General Administrative	13,868.00	15,460.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 824,652.74	\$ 825,793.52
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 57,217.92	\$ 0.00

Thanks to our Donors!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Blue Hill Public Library in 2025.

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Library patron Kristen Rickert enjoying the sun on the library lawn.

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Art teacher Penny Ricker from Blue Hill Consolidated School.

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Library volunteer Arlee Morris (left) teaching Corwin Allen how to knit in our teen fiber arts group, Skin Stitches.

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Programs & Services: A Summary



Youth Services Librarian Claire Malina leading Pre-School Storytime.

In 2025, the library offered over 600 unique community events for people of all ages.

These included a variety of weekly and monthly children's programs that delighted kids and caregivers alike. From visits with Dash the Therapy Dog, Youth Chess Club to Music and Movement Storytime with Ms. Jen and the Coastal Science Series with 4-H, there was something to appeal to everyone. Thanks to our new "free-range" librarian Ms. Jen, BHPL connected with even more preschool children through a traveling storytime, where Ms. Jen visited local childcare centers on the peninsula bringing them stories, songs, and dance.

In addition to our weekly and monthly offerings, Anna Wind from Magic Food Bus joined Youth Services Librarian Claire Malina for a number of special storytimes and tea parties, Magician Steve Corning brought his "Human Variety Show," and the ever popular Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers performed two hilarious puppet shows, much to the delight of our young patrons (and adults!). Family Place Workshops also returned in the spring and fall, giving toddlers and their caregivers the chance to learn through play, interact with community resource professionals, and connect with other local families.

There was just as much excitement for teens and tweens as Teen Services Librarian Kendall Chapman offered numerous weekly and monthly programs with returning favorites like the Magic the Gathering card game group, the Y.A. Cafe, and Teen Anime Club, while new offerings of Dungeons and Dragons and a teen fiber group, Skein Stitchers, brought new faces and activities to the library. Kendall also hosted several crafting programs for teens, including button pin design, cyanotype printing, and DIY terrariums, along with a day-long Tape Art Workshop with visiting artist Michael Townsend. Teens were actually allowed to stick tape on the walls in a stunning display, with the Britton Gallery and Howard Room walls decorated with unicorns, koalas, jellyfish, and more.



Left: Teens hanging out after school. Right: The library's Thursday night Knitting group.

The Summer Reading and Pokemon Reading Challenges returned, inviting kids and teens to complete creative reading prompts to earn prizes. Both challenges were highly popular, with participants excited to fill up their Summer Reading Passports with stamps or complete the Pokemon challenges to earn a Pokemon badge.

Ultimately, 2025 was another full year for children and teens with over 250 events offered to them that brought 5,390 attendees into the library.

Adults also had an event-filled year at the library, with over 280 programs to entertain, educate, and enrich lives. There were opportunities to join weekly discussion groups focusing on current issues in Beyond Labels, while Kairos used contemporary and classic writings to examine today's world. Salut! and French Roast, our French language groups, flourished with more people joining to converse in French than ever before.

Author visits were also plentiful in 2025, with 28 different events spread through the year, including journalist and author Tom Ricks, photographer Robert Nickelsberg, and first time novelist Libby Buck. Lectures were offered on topics like rapid political changes, bees of Maine, and female landscape architects, while activities and workshops like Asian calligraphy with Frederica Marshall, Memory Kit Workshop with Healthy Peninsula, Art History and Hands-on with Margret Baldwin, and an herbalism plant walk gave everyone something to enjoy.

Damn, Girls! in concert at the library.





Storytime and Open Gym with Ms. Jen at the Blue Hill YMCA.

The library was able to offer varied cultural experiences, such as the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, the Damn, Girls! Concert, the Swingmatism Jazz Band Performance, and an interactive program with Wabanaki Reach. The Adelaide Pearson Arts Festival returned for another successful year with more than 500 people in attendance, bringing local artists and their crafts to the library, with live demonstrations and opportunities for children and adults to participate. The Community Clothing Swap brought over 300 people to the library to swap gently used clothing.

The library is home to two meeting rooms and a large event venue. We utilize our outdoor spaces as much as possible, and we regularly provide outreach services at other locations, including visits to schools and daycares. Many of the events in 2025 were held in the library's Adelaide Pearson Room, with 114 adult, 11 teen, and 3 children's programs held in the space. The library also held programs at local beaches, parks, and the Blue Hill YMCA.

As ever, the library will continue to offer programs for all ages to the community while finding ways to educate, entertain, and enrich the lives of everyone in the community.

"Four Artists of Abstract Art: A Panel Discussion." From left to right: Marc Swartzbaugh, Pamela Elias, Buzz Masters, Richard Keen. Marget Baldwin is on right side moderating.



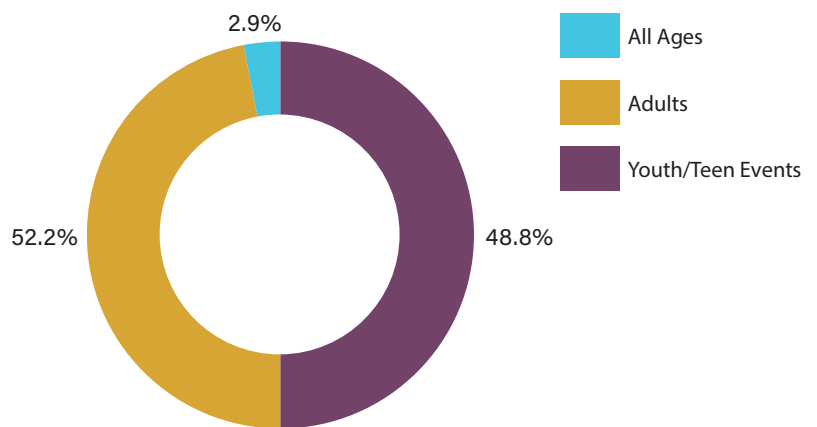
Programs & Services: BHPL At a Glance

Over the 300 service days in 2025 the library:

- Loaned 107,301 physical and digital items. Circulation grew by 0.4% for physical items and 74.7% for digital items.
- Answered 6,330 reference questions, 2,322 more than 2024, and provided 5,914 technology help sessions to patrons. Questions are answered in person, by phone, and via email.
- Welcomed 95,797 visitors to the library and 655 were registered for library cards.
- Hosted 24,238 WiFi sessions and 4,255 computer sessions.
- Sponsored 714 events that attracted 12,453 attendees. This historic attendance marks the first time that the library hosted more than 12,000 participants in a year and is driven largely by the popularity of youth programming.
- 589 community-sponsored events took place in the library's meeting rooms.
- 3,929 Inter-Library Loans were borrowed, while 1,581 were loaned.
- Circulated 79,565 physical items.
- Added 2,941 items to the collection and removed 3,603.

Events Hosted

320 Adults events,
373 Youth and Teen Events,
21 All-Ages Events,
with **12,453** attendees

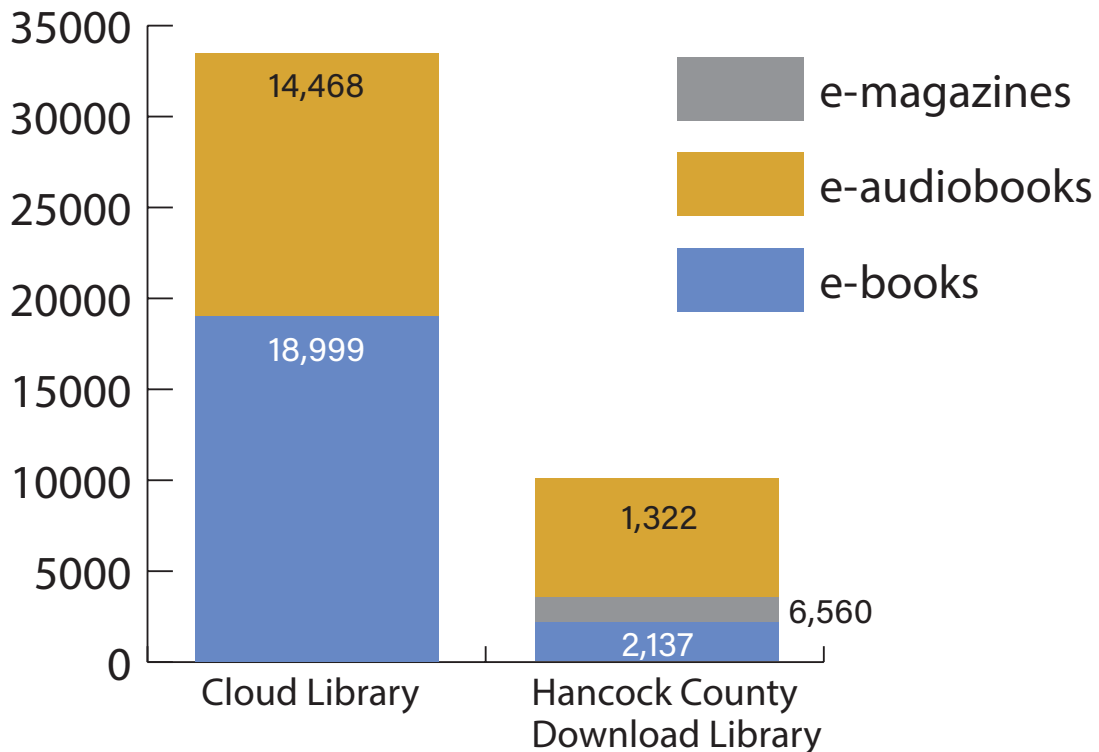


Left: Olivia at the circulation desk helping a young patron. Right: The second annual Adelaide Pearson Arts Festival.



- **Circulating Collection Acquisitions and Withdrawals:** In 2025, including magazines, the library added 2,941 items and removed 3,603 items, yielding a net decrease of 662 items. Within a two-to three-year timespan, the number of material acquired is on par, or close to, the number of materials removed.
- **Digital Holdings:** BHPL offers digital services through various third party platforms to provide e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines. The subscription to CloudLibrary provides access to over **18,999 e-books**, and over **14,468 e-audiobooks** that includes titles for adults and youth. In 2025, e-book titles decreased by 942; however, e-audiobook titles increased by 5,450. Through our membership to the Hancock County Download Library, BHPL provided access to 2,137 e-books, 1,322 e-audiobooks, and 6,560 e-magazines, thanks to the entirety of the consortium. The library will continue to evaluate existing and new digital services while stretching the budget to cover both digital and physical content to meet the interests of our patrons.

Digital Holdings



Top Left: The Blue Hill Fire Department putting up our Paint the Peninsula sign. Right: The Blue Hill Fire Department visiting the library for storytime. Middle: Library patron Kate Tomkins reading a story to her little one in the children's room. Bottom Left: Folks working in the library's quiet Blue Hill Room. Bottom Right: Anna Wind with Kaia Torre at Stone Soup Storytime.



Fun Facts

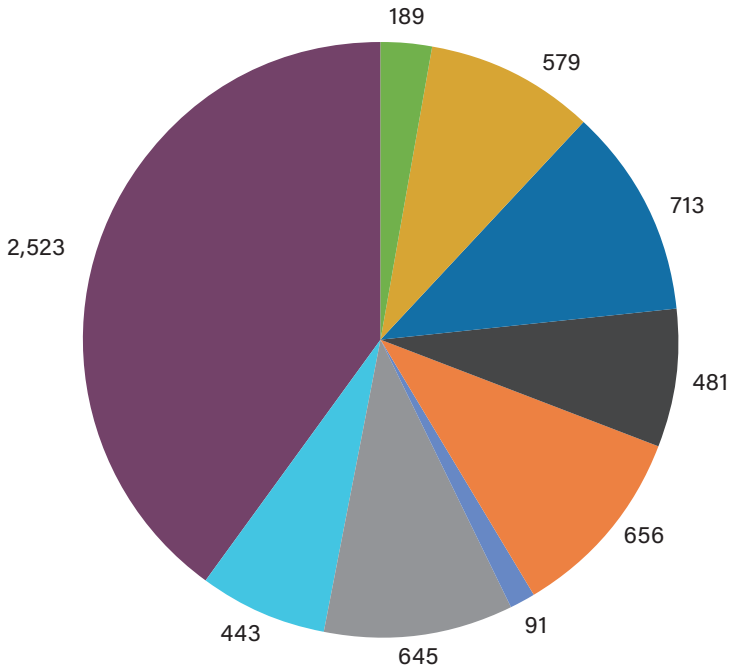
- BHPL is home to over **40,000** circulating items—from books, CDs & DVDs to telescopes, projectors, and museum passes!
- Kanopy Movie Service offers over **36,000** titles!
- Mango Language Service provides lessons for **73** languages!



Who Uses the Library?

These pages tell you a bit more about our library cardholders. Because Blue Hill is the primary service center for the nine towns of the Blue Hill Peninsula, and because anyone can join the library for free, many of our patrons live outside of Blue Hill. In many ways, BHPL is a regional library for the western part of Hancock County, while also working cooperatively with other full-service libraries in nearby Castine (Witherle Memorial), Brooklin (Friend Memorial), Brooksville, Deer Isle (Chase Emerson), and Stonington.

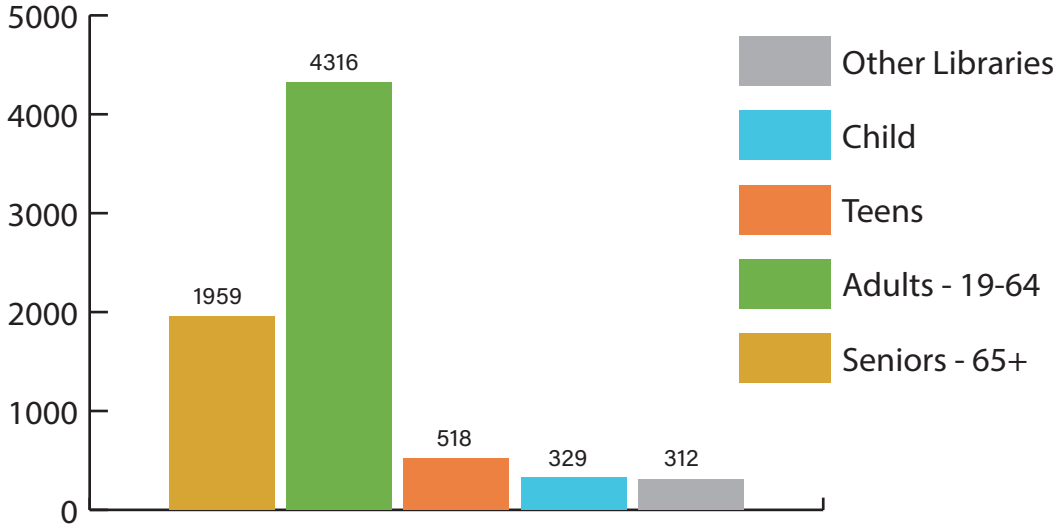
The majority of BHPL patrons are year-round residents.



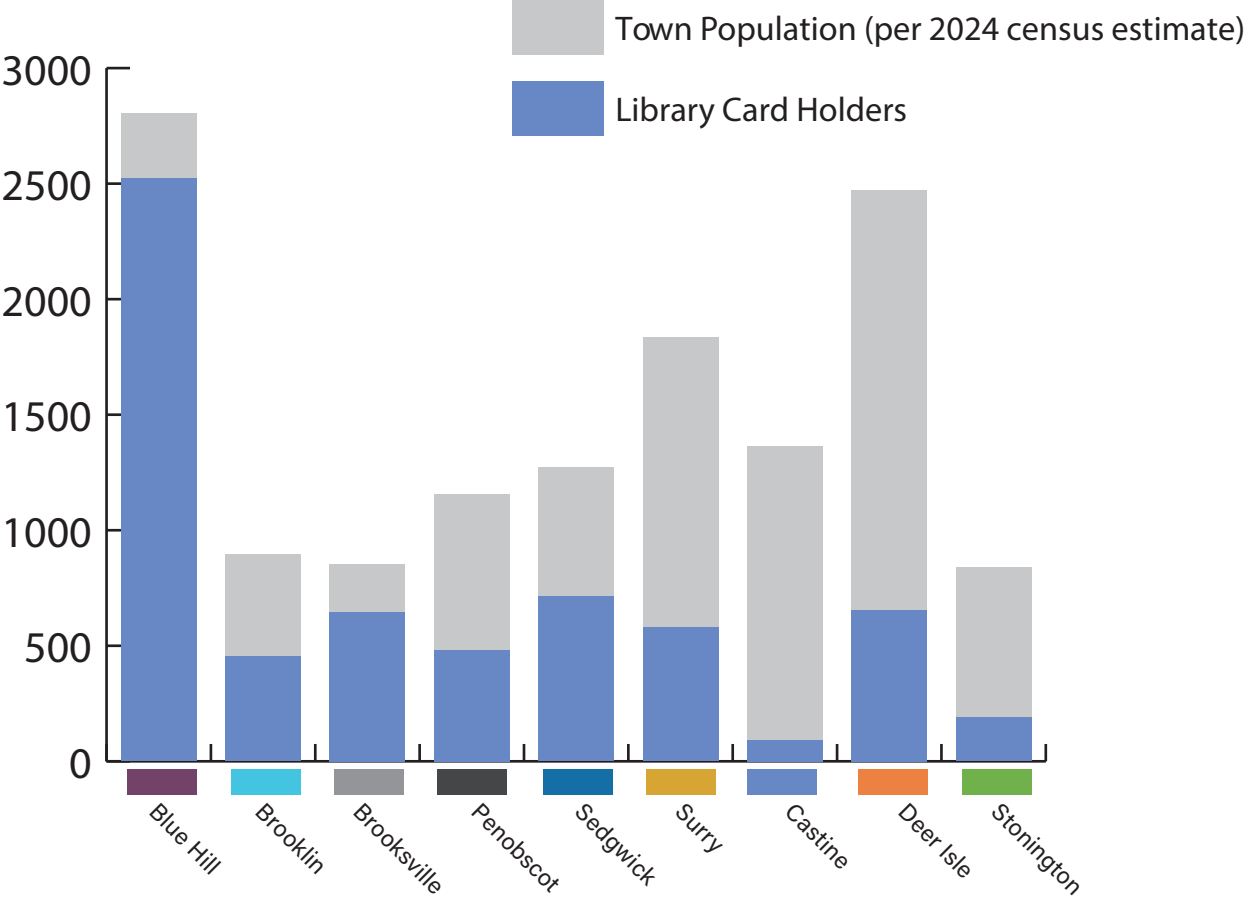
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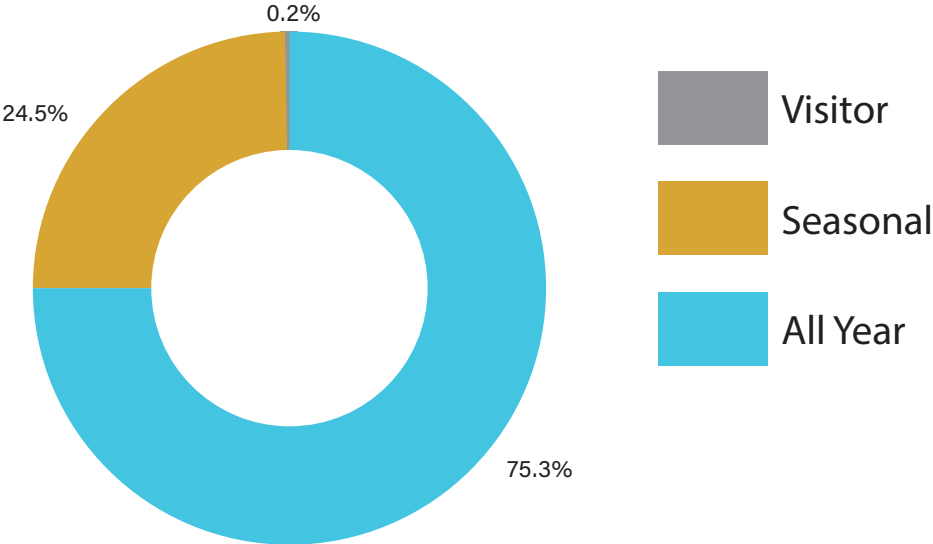
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Patrons by Population

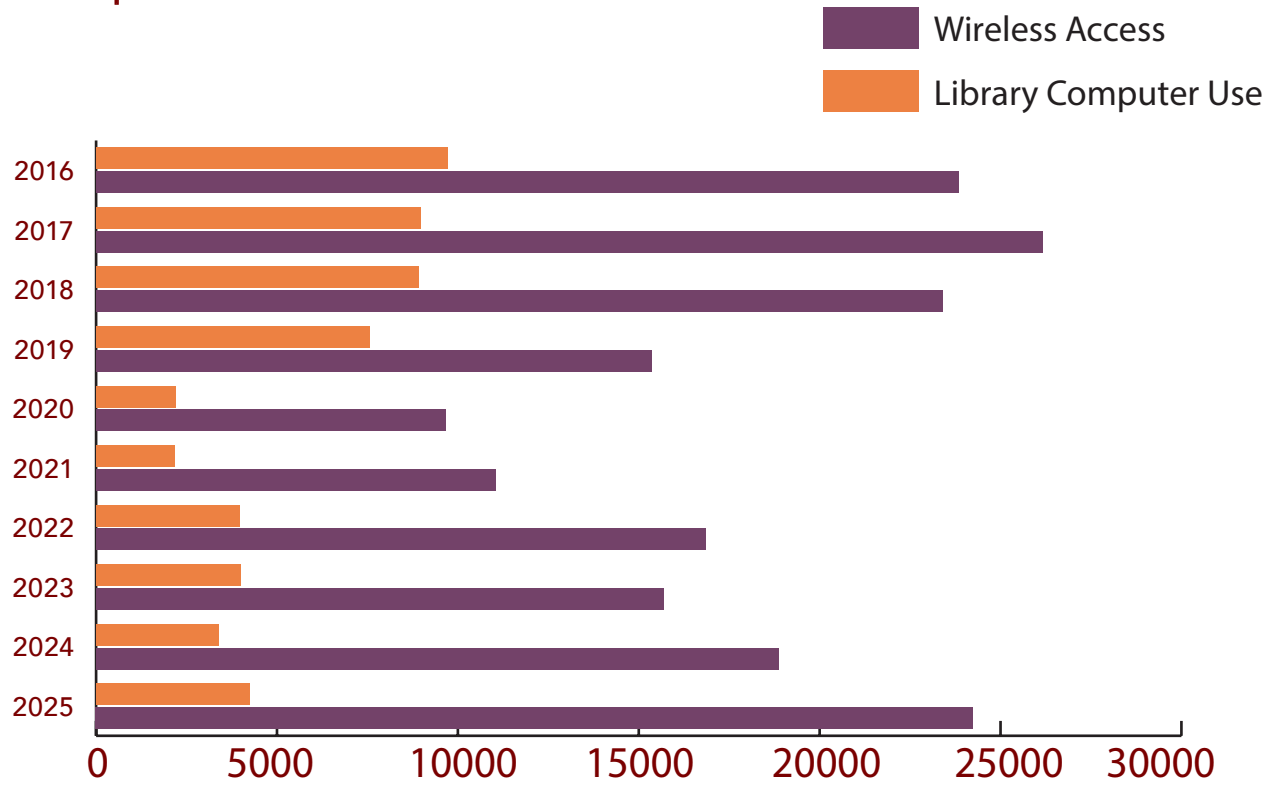


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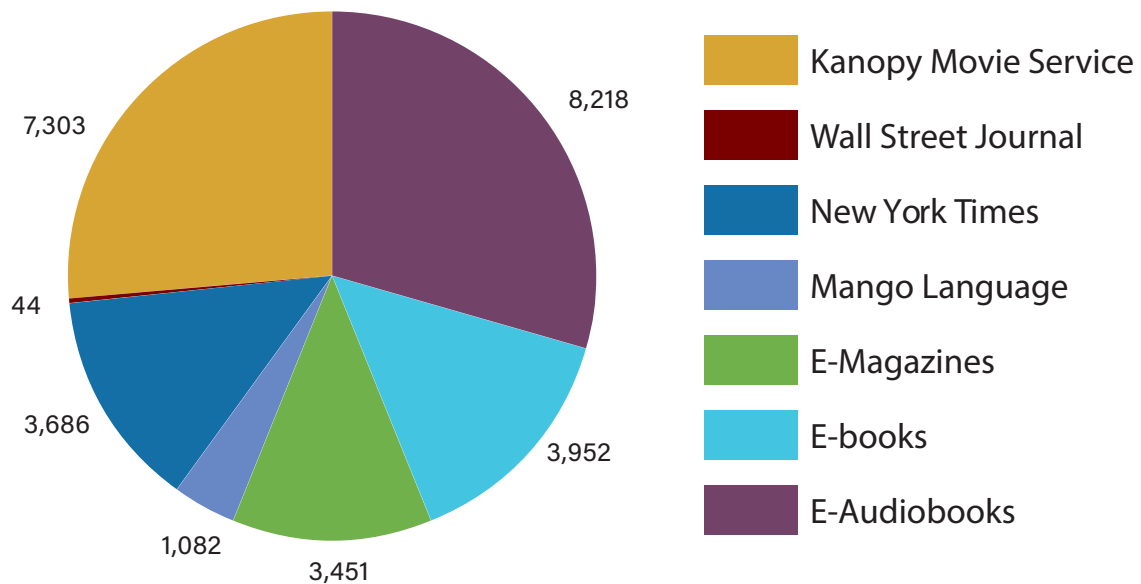


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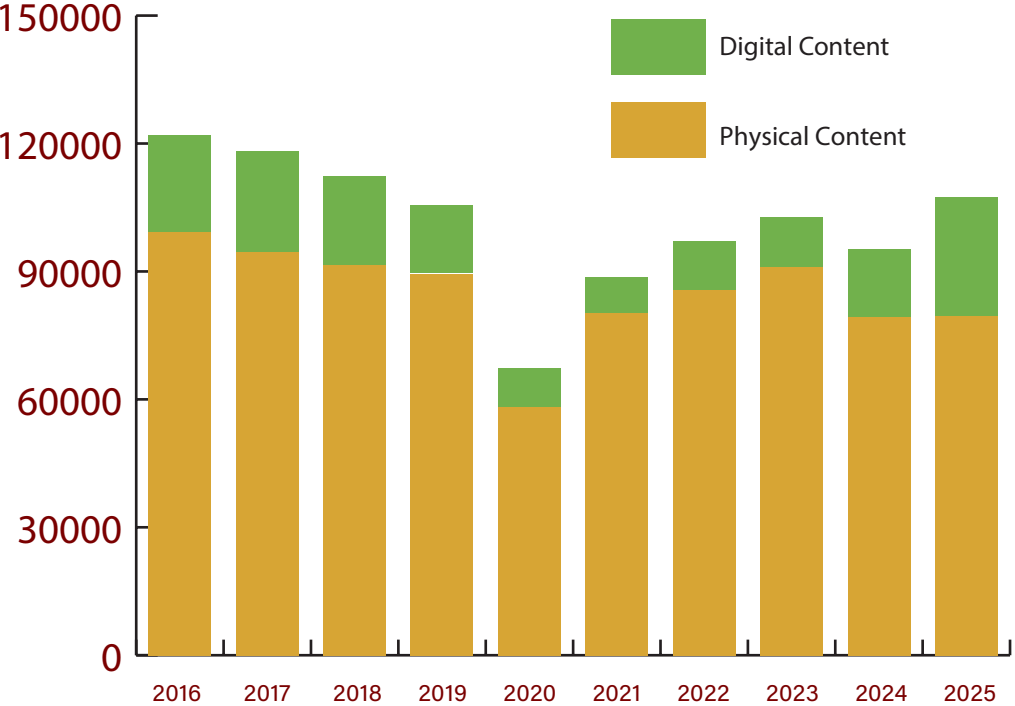


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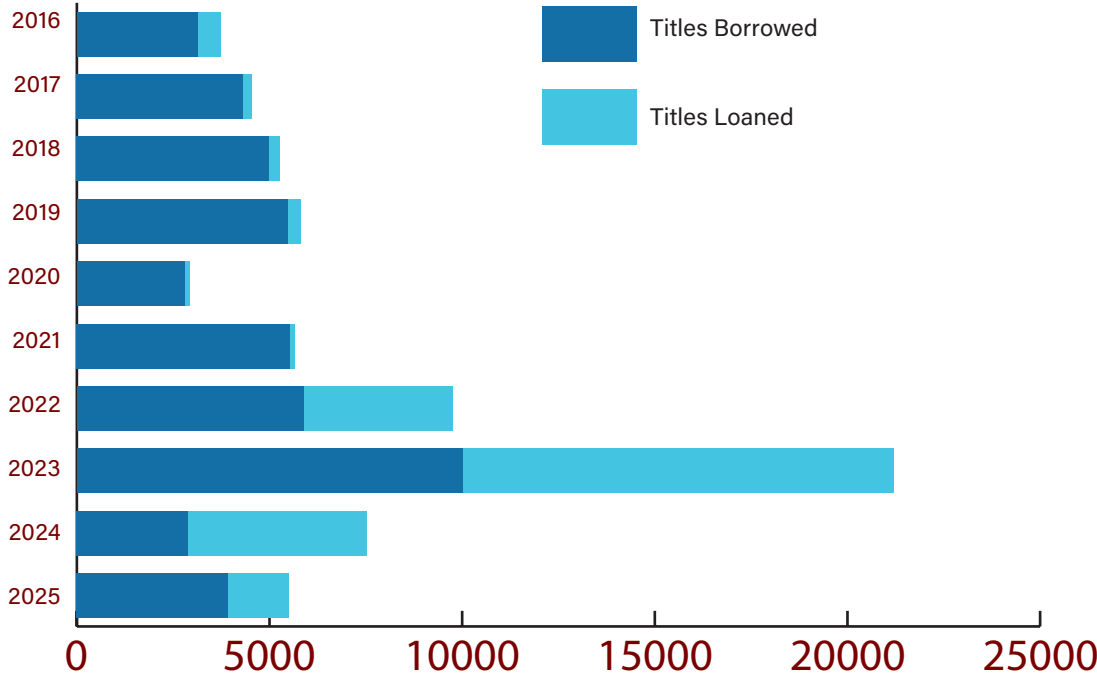


Loans of books and other materials remain the most popular library service, though digital items and interlibrary loans (ILLs) have been increasing since they dipped in 2020 during the pandemic. ILLs were impacted in 2025 due to a change in delivery service, but have since increased.

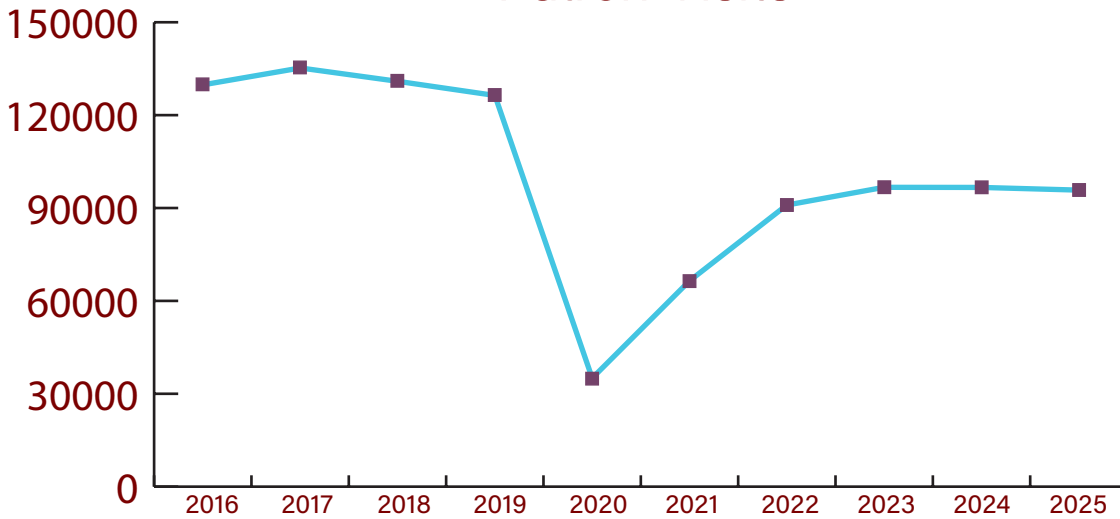
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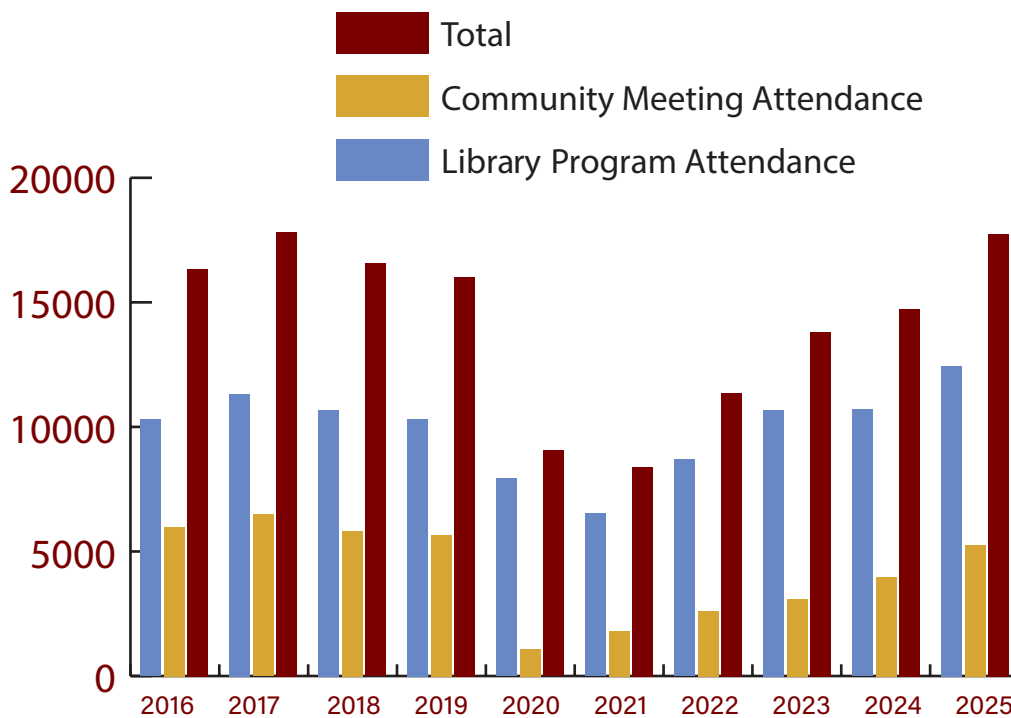


Patron Visits



As you can see, the library is a busy community hub, with just under 100,000 annual visits post-pandemic. We also offer many services off-site, such as a weekly toddler playgroup in the town park, Storytime and Open Gym at the Blue Hill YMCA, and Storytimes hosted at local daycares, as well as use of library services outside on our grounds.

Library Event and Community Event Attendance



Library-sponsored events and use of the two meeting rooms remain a big part of overall library activities. In 2025, BHPL provided just over 714 library-sponsored events, 320 for adults, 373 for children and teens, and 21 for all ages. Coincidentally, the library also provided space for 589 community meetings with reported attendance at these events up 32% from 2024.

Thank You!

Thank you for reading our Annual Report. The Blue Hill Public Library is a vibrant community resource because of YOU. Simply put, nothing would take place here without library patrons, donors, and supporters, and we thank you for your interest.

All of us who serve the library, whether on the staff, board, Friends, or volunteers, are but brief stewards of a community treasure, building upon the contributions of those who served before us. Leafing through these pages, you learned about who we are and what we do, who supports the library, and some of the people from many walks of life we serve. We also hope that you saw evidence of the many ways that we invite the community in, of the partnerships that we are a part of, and of the community's response to those efforts. These are special things that we do not take for granted.

A core value of our library is a desire that everyone feels welcome at BHPL. We want everyone in the community — from babies to centenarians, people from all backgrounds and cultures, those who have lived here their whole lives and those who just arrived — to look at the library and know that it's theirs to explore and enjoy.

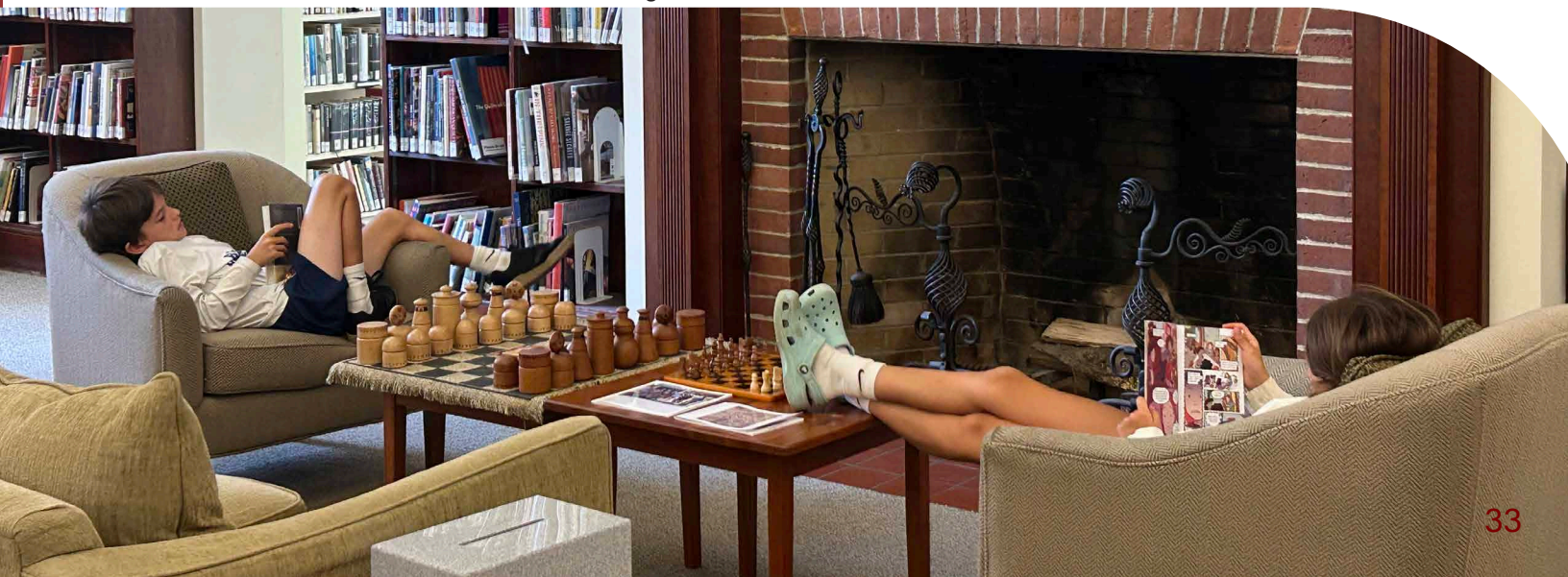
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The library staff, board and Friends



Exploring the children's room desk sculpture.

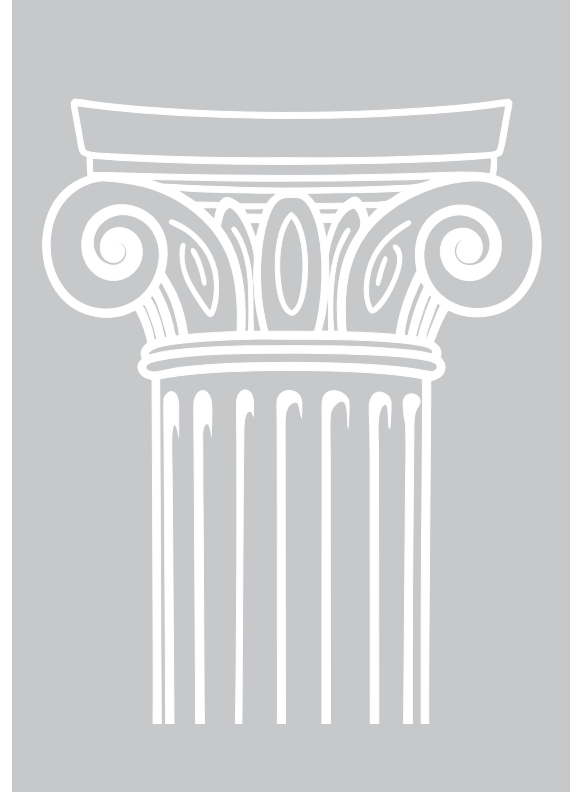
Reading in the Adelaide Pearson Room.





Teen participating in a cyanotype printing workshop.

2025



In 2021, BHPL purchased 13 Parker Point Rd with the goal of eventually integrating the property into an expanded campus. After going through an architectural programming process with Bruce Stahnke and Sam Coplon, the community identified green space, outdoor amenities and parking as priorities.

More recently the library acquired property across the street at 10 Parker Point Rd, the "Woodward House." The goal for that property is to further expand with an auxiliary parking lot while trying to maintain the existing house.

We made a lot of planning progress in 2025 and look forward to sharing the final results with you in 2026.

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