



WHITE LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

2025 Annual Report

Director's Message

2025 was a great year for grants! The library was awarded more than \$830,000 in partnership with White Lake Area Community Education to fund school-aged childcare programs in our area. We also received \$10,000 to improve accessibility at the library, most of which is being used for adaptive furniture and sensory items for patrons.

In addition to the highlights listed below, we spent the year celebrating our 25th anniversary, building community connections, and growing our Library of Things. Late in the year we joined the Sustainable Library Initiative and we are eager to begin working on our sustainable library certification.

Looking ahead, the library will be getting a bit of a face-lift this summer. We'll be adding a canopy over the front doors and taking care of exterior maintenance items. The canopy was part of the original plan 25 years ago, but was cut due to budget constraints. We are so grateful for the millage dollars and community support that make this possible now, and we are looking forward to the added safety it will provide by reducing icy patches near the doors and protecting patrons from snow and ice falling from the tower.

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Mission

We empower our community by providing experiences, opportunities and resources to inspire connection, exploration, and learning.

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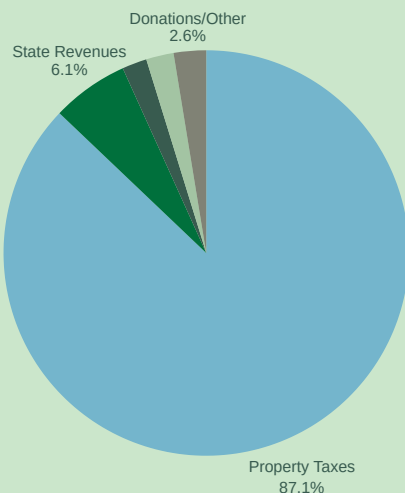
2025 Highlights

Solar Panel Project!! We are thrilled to share that the grant-funded rooftop solar project was successfully installed in late October and produced more than 8 megawatt hours from November through March, despite the long and snowy winter. Summer production will significantly offset our cooling costs this year.

Online Room Reservations: We introduced a new online tool for reserving rooms at the library, and it has not only streamlined the process and reduced the workload for staff, it has also dramatically increased room usage at the library. New groups and clubs are now making the library their home base, which lines up perfectly with our mission statement to inspire connection, exploration, and learning.

Streaming Music Service: Freegal Music+ was added to our digital collection late in the year, and is already enjoying good usage. Cardholders can stream music for up to 8 hours per day and download 3 songs a week to keep forever. Best of all, there are no ads!

2025 Major Revenue Sources



Property Taxes
\$608,200

State Revenues
\$42,808

Patron Services
\$13,798

Interest
\$15,353

Donations/Other
\$18,043

Financial Information

- In 2025, the Library received \$781,609 in revenues and incurred \$657,245 in expenses, resulting in an increase in net position of \$124,364.
- At the end of the year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$206,107 or 31% of the general fund's total annual expenditures, and 27.5% of expenditures and transfers to other funds. This is in line with the recommended emergency fund equal to 3 to 4 months of operating expenses.
- The Capital Projects fund ended the year with a balance of \$175,170, which will be used primarily for the front entrance repairs and updates that were not completed as planned in 2025. If funding allows, we will also be installing a self-checkout station and adding the necessary RFID tags to the entire collection.



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By the Numbers: 2025 at the Library

The library is a busy place! Check out this data about members, visits, and programs. It only tells part of the story, though. True to our mission to inspire connection, exploration, and learning, we have been busy facilitating several new clubs that meet at the library and working hard to make our space safer and more welcoming for every member of our community.

49,738 people came through our doors from January thru December. That's more than **166 visitors a day**, an increase of more than **7%** over 2024.



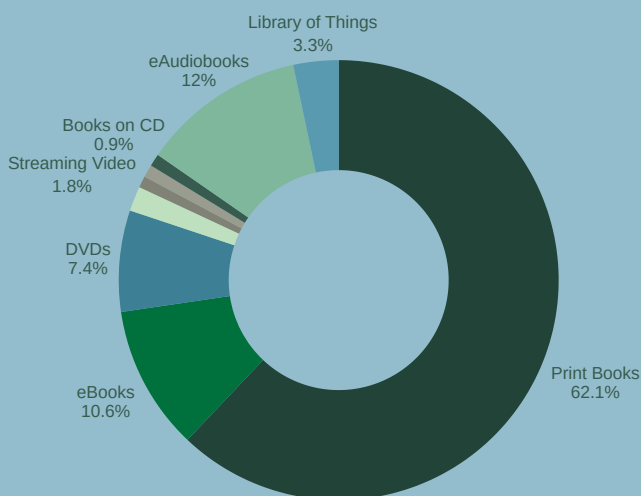
3,413 people have an active account at the library, up **7%**
492 new borrowers registered in 2025, an average of **41** new registrations per month.



17,707 internet sessions were utilized by visitors to the library in 2025. This includes **13,668 wireless sessions** serving an average of **540** unique patrons each month, an increase of more than **30%**

What Gets Borrowed?

Mostly books! But the digital collection is catching up. It now accounts for 1 of every 4 checkouts, and digital audiobooks are 13 times more popular than books on CD.



296 programs

were offered for adults, teens, and children in 2025. Total attendance at all events was more than **6,810**



There are **43,758** items on our shelves, plus **MILLIONS** of downloadable items available online.

97,760 items were borrowed in 2025. That's **1880** checkouts per week!

Our most-borrowed item for the year was a hotspot.

