



STARR LIBRARY

2024 Year in Review



**Where you
engage,
connect, and
get inspired**

**At Starr Library There's
Something for Everyone**
When you asked for more, we delivered!

Our Mission

We inspire curiosity and foster community engagement by providing a welcoming space for learning, exploration and connection. Through free and open access to ideas, creativity, discovery and technology, we empower individuals and strengthen our community.

Our Vision

We envision a library that goes beyond books—offering dynamic resources, flexible spaces and enriching experiences that support lifelong learning and meaningful connections. A modern, accessible library will ensure everyone in our community has the opportunity to grow, create and thrive.

Help Build a Bright Tomorrow for Your Library

Starr Library is at the heart of Rhinebeck because of our friends, donors, volunteers, staff—and everyone who enjoys our accessible resources and programs. Keep the momentum going with a donation today!

With sincerest gratitude,
Jaclyn Savolainen, Starr Library Director

**Donate
Today!**



Growth of Knowledge, Ideas and Creativity

Our community continues to break records by borrowing more books and ebooks and by attending more programs than ever before. In 2024, we had 15 book events with local authors & 9 musical performances—a total of 796 programs with over 12,600 attendees!

Increases from 2019 to 2024

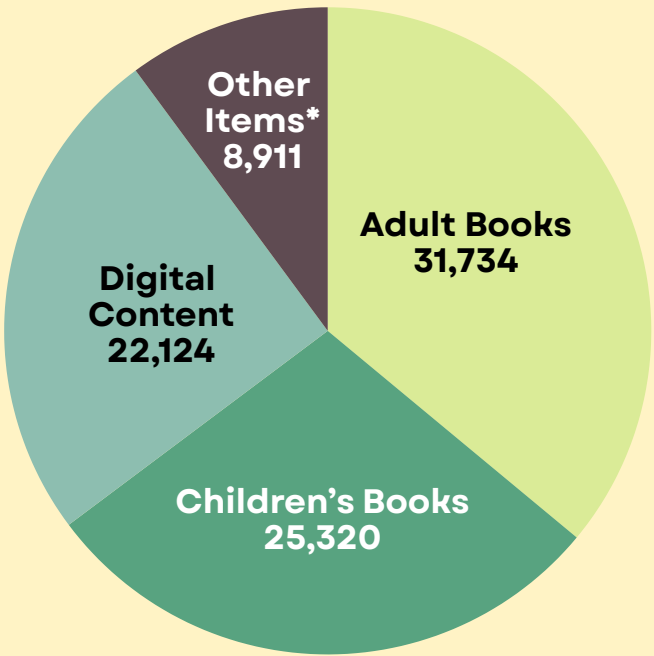
- 55% more programs offered
- 46% higher program attendance
- 11% rise in borrowing



Top 10 Library Services for You to Explore

1. Books, ebooks, videos & audio
2. Programs for all ages
3. Wifi, print, copy, scan
4. Fine-free borrowing
5. Museum passes
6. Starr@Home delivery
7. Meeting spaces
8. Community partnerships
9. Local history
10. Open flexible space

Borrowing



*DVDs, CDs, magazines, museum passes, etc.

2024 Starr Facts

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| 2.2 million | Borrowable titles |
| \$210,347 | Donations & bequests |
| 89,508 | Website visits |
| 43,500 | Owned books, DVDs, CDs, etc. |
| 7,596 | Chartered population served |
| 6,228 | Cardholders (332 new!) |
| 4,820 | Newsletter subscribers |
| 3,500 | Facebook followers |
| 1,871 | Instagram followers |
| 329 | Donor households & businesses |



FRIENDS OF STARR

Our Friends group hosted three book sales and contributed **\$27,500** to books, ebooks, large-print, summer reading programs, museum passes, computers and drinking water. We are so lucky to have you!



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



LOCAL AUTHOR EVENTS

- **Alex Hannaford**
- **Alexis Coe**
- **Alyssa Mastromonaco**
- **Amy Wu**
- **Daniel Lavery**
- **Jess Brier**
- **Lowell Handler**
- **Mary-Kay Lombino**
- **Mindell Dubansky**
- **Molly Prentiss**
- **Pieter Estersohn**
- **Rachel Ephraim**
- **Rebecca Rego Barry**
- **Richard Cahn**
- **Sarah Stern**
- **Stephen Weinberg**



LIBRARY ADVENTURES

Literary

- Author talks
- Book clubs
- Writing workshops
- Supporting local authors & our local bookstore

Children

- Storytimes
- Music & Movement
- Connect & Play
- Legos
- Family yoga
- Slime party
- Thrift2Fight clothing swap
- Drag Story Hour
- Journaling party
- Cookie decorating
- Alpaca visit
- Robinson's Wildlife
- Traveling Lantern Theater
- Paper Heart Puppets
- Improv workshop

Fun & Education

- Gardening
- Brain games
- Mahjong & Scrabble
- Computer skills series
- Houseplant swap
- Nerds at Nite
- Lunar New Year
- Knitting
- Birdwatching walk
- Smart driver courses
- Rhinebeck@Home series
- Filmmaking 101
- Silkscreening
- All Abilities story & craft

Health & Wellness

- Chair yoga & Qigong
- Sound meditation
- Cooking club
- Death Cafe
- Navigating Medicare
- Pickleball instruction

Artists & Instructors

- Rhinebeck Legion Band
- HV Chamber Musicians
- West African Drumming
- HV Brazilian & Jazz
- Andrew Baffi
- Linda Chase & Tom Blackwell
- Mimi Graminski
- Gina Palmer
- Mike Lawrie
- Mira the Therapy Dog
- Jay Ungar & Molly Mason
- Bard Chamber Music Trio
- Hudson Organ Trio
- East River Blues Band
- Sass & Brass

Community

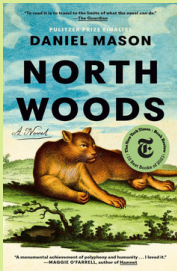
- Affordable housing series
- Movies Under the Starrs
- Farmers' Market
- Earth Day Eco Expo
- Historical Society talks
- Eclipse watch party
- Climate action planning
- Pride Little Free Library
- RCSD events
- BeckHook Pride
- Thriving in Rhinebeck

2024 BUDGET

Income: \$616,800
Expenses: \$611,731

TOP TITLES

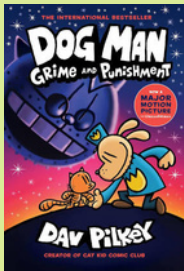
#1 Adult Book



#1 Museum Pass



#1 Kids' book



Thank you to our ongoing program stars:

Anna Kaselis, Barbara Eichen, Chris Guiney, Debbie Hecht, Jane Korn, Nina Lynch, Roberta Puglisi, Robert Strickstein, Stephen Pague, Terry Watson, the Roger Phillips Concert Committee and all of the dedicated local history volunteers!



TRUSTEES

Eve Wood, *President*
Al Ragucci, *Vice President*
Andrew Schulkind, *Treasurer*
Valerie Jacob, *Secretary*
Jay Burgess, *Trustee*
Laura Charles, *Trustee*
Erin Humbaugh, *Trustee*
Mimi Joh-Carnella, *Trustee*
Jim Ruderman, *Trustee*
Laura Selicar, *Trustee*
Stephen Frost, *President of the Friends of Starr Library*

HOURS

Monday 10 - 5
Tuesday 10 - 7
Wednesday 10 - 7
Thursday 10 - 7
Friday 10 - 5
Saturday 10 - 4
Sunday 1 - 4

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Friends,
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