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SHENANDOAH
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report 2024-2025



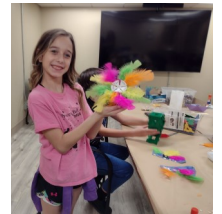
Highlights from 2024-2025

July 2024: The Library hit the streets in July with a tent at the ShenDig BBQ contest and a game tent at the Star Spangled Shenandoah celebration. Carole hosted the school's summer reading camp and she did storytime over lunches at Wabash Arts Camp. We hosted our first Puzzle Contest, and had a Bubble Show. We received the After School Access Grant from US Cellular to provide 25 hotspots for home-work help.



August 2024: We hosted a meet and greet for the new school staff and the community. It was fun to introduce the teachers to the library and all we offer along with the opportunity to meet the community. The kids enjoyed the end of Summer Reading Program party with the debut of our newest yard game Extreme Throw Throw Burrito. Trying to reach all parts of the community, we had a Virtual Reality Game Truck for two hours which gave the community a chance to try out different VR games and simulators. Along with all the programs, we conducted inventory and had the preconstruction meeting for the Amphitheater Sunshade project.

September 2024: We participated in Shenfest with games and prizes for the kids. The Teen Time early out program started with a bang and has a very steady following. Carole hosted a two hour makerspace with Emily's Experiments for her early out program and we had the groundbreaking for the Amphitheater Sunshade project.



October 2024: Joy and Bevin attended the Iowa Library Association's annual conference in Des Moines. Bevin had two high school students job shadow her to learn more about being a librarian. The teens painted pumpkins during Teen Time. Carrie hosted a popular sourdough starter class and the Friend's annual book sale was a rousing success. We also provided books and bookmarks to Page County Public Health's Homemaker services for Christmas gifts for the clients they serve.

November 2024: The Library was humbled to receive the Friend of Youth Award from the Optimist Club. In that same week the Kindergartners came for a tour of the library and stories. We had four classes with a total of 75 kids in less than two hours. Anchor Homes visited us for a crafting afternoon. We did some building maintenance, installing new security cameras around the outside of the building and cleaning the carpets.



December 2024: Bevin unveiled the new and improved monthly events calendar. We hosted a present wrapping party and a class to make Star Bread as we got ready for the holidays. Bevin hosted the annual Christmas Tea and we had our second puzzle contest during winter break. We made ornaments and the Friends of the Library hosted a sweater sale. A dear patron

donated many sweaters to the Friends with the proceeds to be used to help the library. This was a surprise gift and we have enjoyed the opportunity to provide many extra services and programs thanks to their generosity.



January 2025 Thanks to the popularity of the first sale in December the Friends organized two more sweater sales. They raised more funds for the library. We put on our second annual puzzle and game swap which has become a fixture on our events calendar. The Essex Library hosted our annual Legislative visit and Carrie weeded the Fiction section so we have room for new titles.

February 2025: Due to community requests, we added a color copier which is available for the public to use. We partnered with Page County Extension and the Page County Libraries to provide Book Bags to Babies. We sent out a community survey as we prepared to write our next five year strategic plan. Carole hosted the Great Potato race with help from Miller Building Supply in creating an amazing racetrack for us. Bevin created our very popular Trending Section in the reference area, repurposing some of our unused magazine shelving. For many patrons that is their first stop when looking for new titles to read. We enjoyed playing life-sized Sorry! with our friends from M.A.Y. Mentoring.



March 2025: We made Pi banners and ate homemade pie to celebrate Pi Day. Our trustees attended a training session in Red Oak with other area library trustees. We had our first in a series of Renaissance Art programs with Professor Mike Kemling. The Friends hosted an extra book sale thanks to a collection provided by a private donor. Bevin hosted our Spring Tea with over 20 in attendance. We added a new service through Blackstone Audio which provides another resource for downloadable audio-books.

April 2025: We hosted two author visits during the month of April. Both live in Iowa, although one hails from Uganda, and we learned so much from both authors. Carole's Create a Book program was very popular and we were impressed with the creativity of our young authors. After the consolidation of the county's newspapers and the ceasing of the Weekly Times a new publication stepped in called the Page County Post which is delivered to every mailbox in Page County weekly for free. We started putting our monthly activities calendar in the Post, and we hope to reach a wider audience and see more people using the library as they become aware of what we have to offer.



May 2025: We prepared for the end of school and the beginning of the Summer Reading Program. The annual Art Walk with the school was the first weekend in May, and as always we were blown away by the art projects on display. The following week saw the steel for the amphitheater sunshade project being erected.

June 2025: Carole started the summer off with a great slate of programs for Summer Reading. We had programs including Mushing the Iditarod and Jason the Juggler. June saw the start of the summer lunch program with the school which has seen a steady stream of the community's youth using the service. Bevin started working on a joint community calendar with SCIA. She also hosted the first in a monthly Dungeons and Dragons campaign with a very enthusiastic group of participants. We made Jenga keychains and enjoyed many summer activities and programs.



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Children's Librarian

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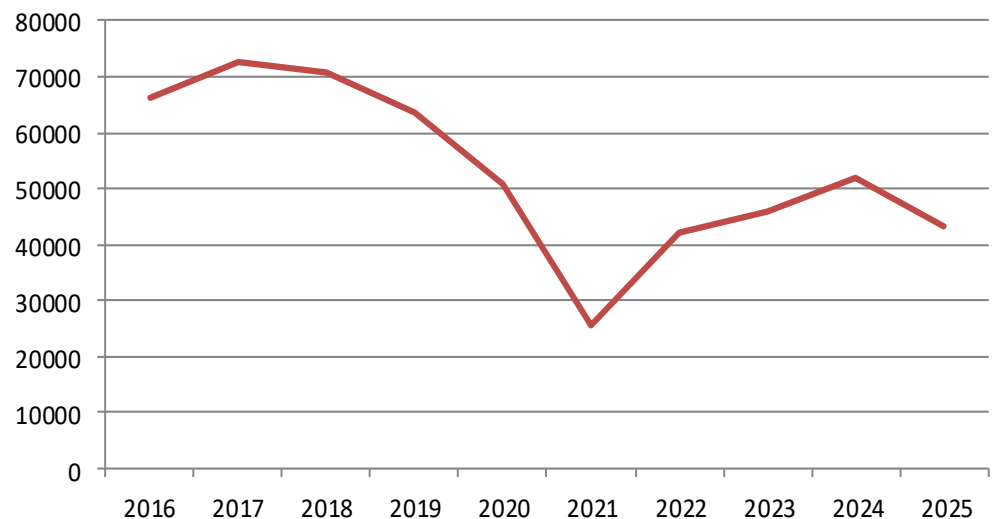
Adam Wright

Statistics 2025

Wi-Fi Usage	16,410
Computer Use	1,940
Number of Attendance at Library Programs	3,892
Curbside to Go	81
Homebound Delivery	203
Public Meeting Rooms	Programs—593 Attendees—4,915
Volunteers	Volunteers—91 Hours—1,047
Storytime	Programs—50 Attendees—776

	2024	2025
Total Circulation including digital items	67,030	66,928
Books/Magazines/Audiobook Circulation	41,571	43,355
eBook/eAudio Book/eMagazine Circulation	7,741	11,925
Other Digital Items / Databases	17,516	12,648
Video Circulation	8,931	6,825
Items Added	3,327	3,125

Library Visitors



Revenues and Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2024)

Revenues

City of Shenandoah Appropriation	\$316,362
Trust & Agency Accounts	\$84,187
Library Foundation	\$31,343
Page County Appropriation	\$18,340
State Funding	\$4,954
Other Income	\$4,218
Fines & Fees Collected	\$1,118
Total	\$460,583

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	\$337,205
Operating Expenses	\$68,176
Books & Materials	\$55,202
Special Projects (Foundation Annual Letter)	\$32,397
Total	\$460,583

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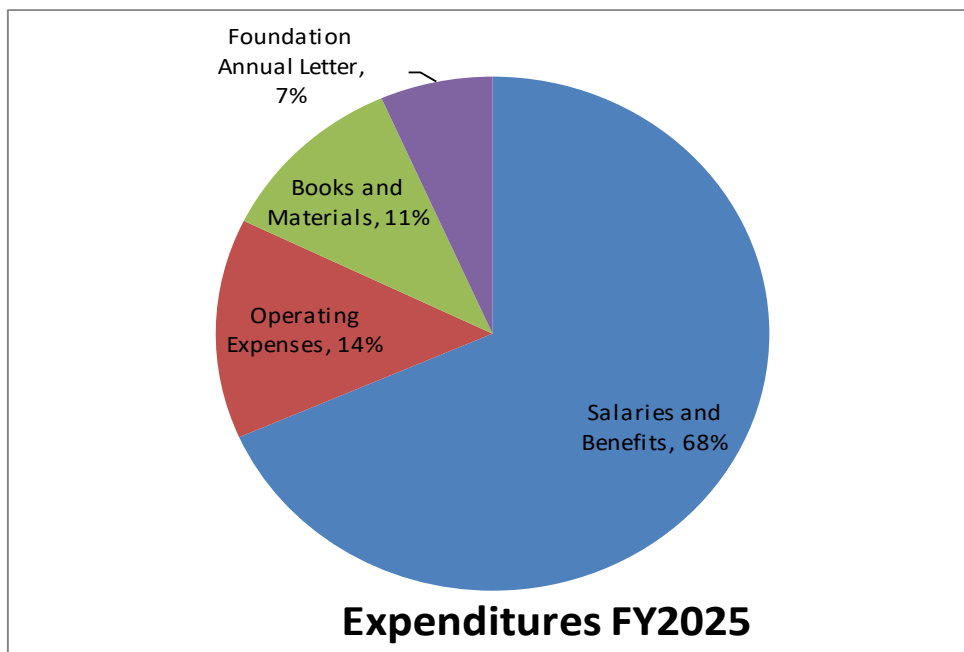
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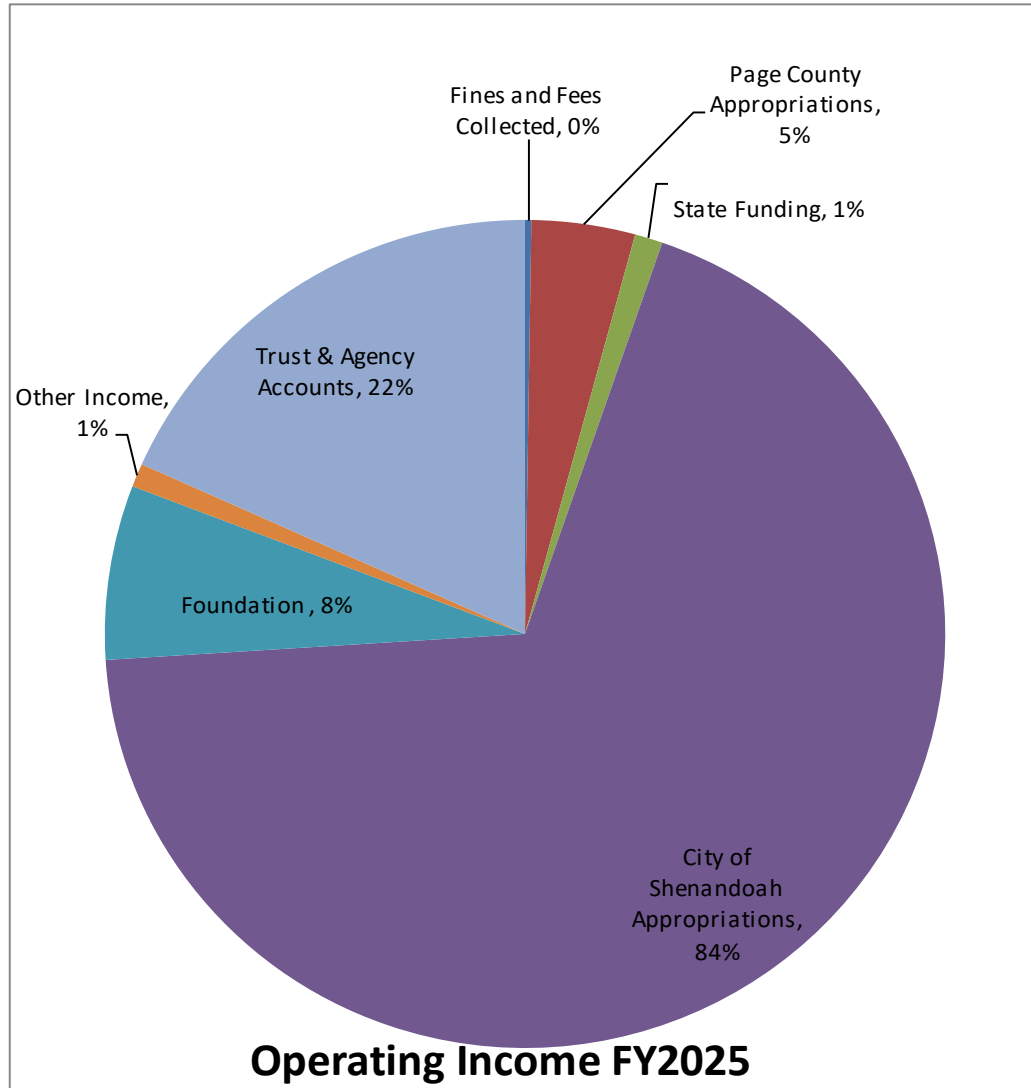


Our patrons saved **\$908,662.49** this year by checking out materials instead of purchasing them.

Mission Statement

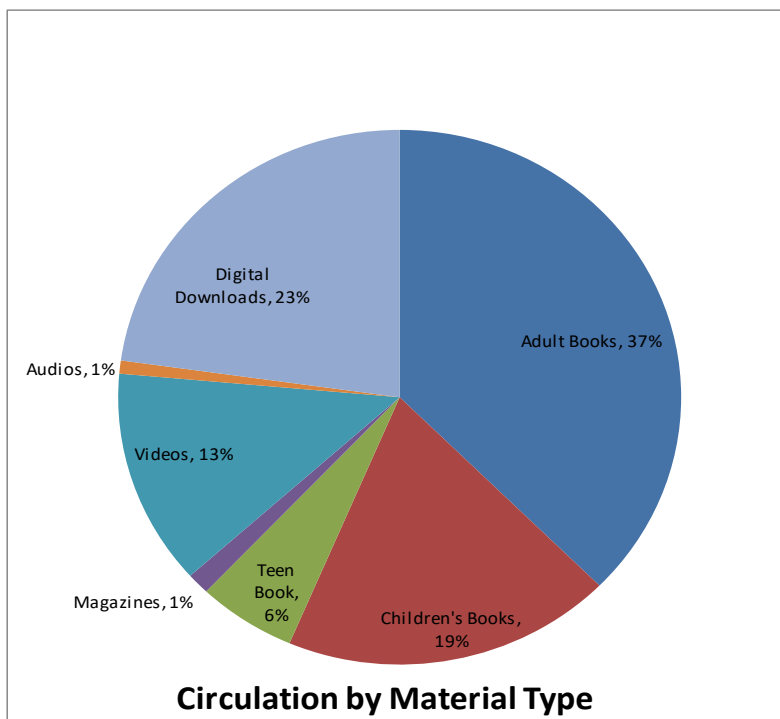
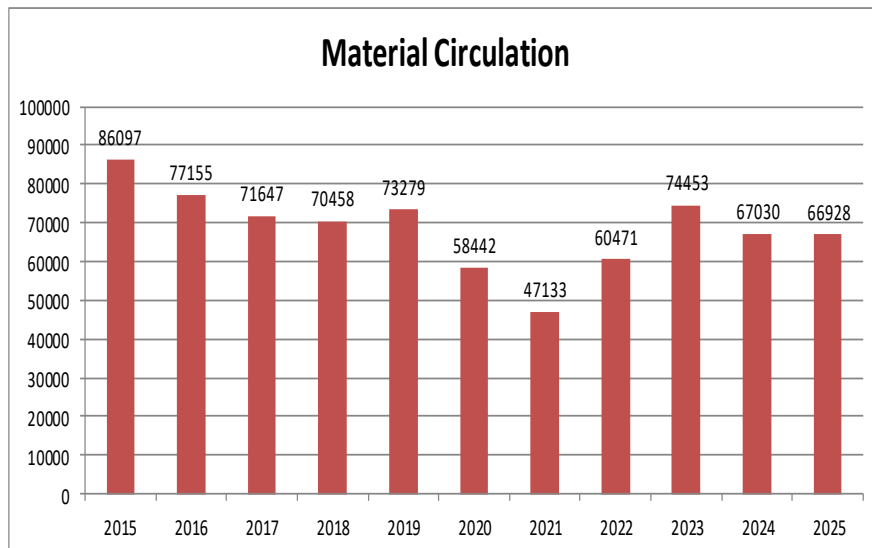
The Shenandoah Public Library

- ◆ Connects you with literature, information and the world.
- ◆ Provides you with a place to learn, to innovate and to gather



"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man."

— *T.S. Eliot*



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- Copies—B&W, Color
 - Fax
 - Digital Scanning
 - Notary
 - 3D Printing
 - Laser Cutting / GlowForge
 - Slides to Digital Conversion
 - Craft Kits
 - Reader's Concierge Service
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Story Walk
 - Nursing Home Delivery
 - Homebound Delivery
 - Meeting Space

Hours of Operation

Monday-Saturday

10:00 to 6:00

Thursday

10:00 to 8:00

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2025 Memorials

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Loretta Beck

Donald Beneke

Doug Flummerfelt

Marlin Green

Joan Hamilton

Robert Holmes

Joyce McLaren

Peter Weber