

HOBOKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hoboken Public Library Agenda for In Person Meeting of the Board of Trustees JANUARY 28, 2025 6:30^{pm} to 8^{pm}

Option to Join on Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 814 3476 3989

1. Call to Order
2. Announcement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes of Meeting
5. Public Comments
6. Director's Report
7. Committee Report
 - a. Buildings and Grounds
 - i. Presentation by Clarke Caton Hintz
 - b. Budget and Finance
 - i. 2025 Budget
 - c. Personnel and Policy
 - i. Code of Conduct Policy update
8. President's Report
9. Hoboken Public Library Friends & Foundation Report
10. Old Business
11. Executive Session
 - a. For purposes of discussing union contract negotiations and personnel matters
12. New Business
13. Consent Agenda

Approval of checks to be paid	Finance Committee
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Minutes approval	
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14. Trustee Comments

15. Adjournment

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Director's Report for January 28, 2025 Board Meeting



Library staff and Clarke Caton Hintz at AIA-NJ Awards Gala (left) and new Tern library cards (right)

Director's Highlights

- **AIA-NJ awards:** The Library was recognized with two prestigious awards at the American Institute of Architects- New Jersey Chapter's Annual Installation and Awards Gala on January 11. The library's Third Floor Children's Library Restoration received the Built Historic Preservation Merit Award. Jennie was named AIA-NJ's Resident of the Year for her leadership and contributions to the architecture profession and the community.
- **Tern cards:** We've unveiled our new tern library cards created by Mr. Train and local photographer Juan Melli and designed to celebrate the Tern, Hoboken's city bird. The cards are now available for library customers.
- **Welcome, BOT Leslie!** We are happy to welcome our new Board member, Leslie Norwood, who will serve as Superintendent's designee. Jerome and Jennie met with Leslie on Friday, January 24 for a board orientation. We thank Malanie Cademartori for her service to the library.
- **Blood Drive:** The Library hosted our first ever a blood drive with New York Blood Center on Monday, January 13. The blood drive was a significant success with 52 units of blood collected (over a goal set at 36) resulting in 156 lives saved. Donors and NYBC expressed an interest in hosting regular blood drives at the library, and we plan to host the next one in March. The day would not have been possible without the support of our Facilities Team.
- **Friends & Foundation breakfast:** The Hoboken Public Library Friends & Foundation generously provided library staff with breakfast from Hot Bagels on December 20 as a token of appreciation for their hard work.
- **Bagels for Hoboken Police Department:** Jennie and Facilities Manager Raul Sanguinetti delivered a few trays of bagels, schmear and coffee from Hot Bagels to our friends at Hoboken PD. We thanked them for all their support - from their walk throughs to their monthly storytimes at the library.

- **Java with Jennie:** Java with Jennie sessions have restarted for the months of January and February. These are 15-minute, one-on-one listening sessions to staff in order to foster better communication and ensure that everyone has a voice at our library. These sessions will occur periodically throughout the year.
- **Union update:** We are making progress with contract negotiations. We met with the bargaining unit on January 15 and will meet again on January 27.
- **Weekend events:** We have a fantastic weekend planned at the library- an Onyx Storm release party on January 24, a cervical cancer awareness event in partnership with RWJ Barnabas Health sponsored by the Hudson County Executive office, and Board of Trustee Raakhee Mirchandani's book launch and panel discussion of *She Persisted: Kamala Harris*.

Press-

- [Hoboken Public Library Recognized with Prestigious AIA-NJ Awards \(TAPInto\)](#)
- [Hoboken Public Library gets 2 awards from American Institute of Architects-NJ \(Hudson County View\)](#)
- [NJ Spotlight News Christmas Special \(NJ Spotlight News\)](#)
- [146 Events in Hoboken + Jersey City This Weekend | December 19-22, 2024 \(The Hoboken Girl\)](#)
- [A Local Artist Brought the Magic of Fifth Avenue Lights to NJ City \(New Jersey Family\)](#)
- [Hoboken Library Director Applauds Signing of Freedom to Read Act \(TAPInto\)](#)

Department Summaries

Assistant Director

- **Security:** We're assessing our security procedures for 2025 in light of data produced in 2024. With that in mind, we're in the process of preparing a de-escalation training for staff on February 26th. The Library tested security software to track incidents more effectively. The software we're going to select is PITS (Patron Incident Tracking Software) by Quipu.
- **Social Work Interns:** The social work interns from Montclair State and Rutgers University returned in early January 2025 and several of their efforts have resumed in the new year, including Unemployment Project ID and Unemployment Insurance Assistance. The interns are also busy making community care kits and envisioning new services for our customers.

Information and Digital Services

- **Silent Book Club:** The silent book club debuted. Six people in total attended and enjoyed the experience of coffee and peaceful place to read amongst other book worms.
- **Computer Usage and Tech Usage:** Adult desktop computer use for December at the main branch was 1,024 sessions compared with November with 1,110 sessions. Computer use for all ages and branches was 1,909 in December. Scanning was up from 3 last month with 5 this month. Faxing was 30 faxes in December compared to 36 faxes in November. This month 9 chrome books were checked out. Hot Spots were checked out 10 times.
- **Database Usage/Online Learning Resources:** NY Times logins went down in the building with 178 in December compared to 210 in November; remote logins also went down slightly, with 1,069 in December compared to 1,090 in November. Overall for this year the NY Times was logged in in the building 2,056 times and had 12,022 remote logins. Valueline was up from 763 to 885 logins. Valueline had 8,492 logins this year. Newsbank was down from 25 to 18 logins. There were a total of

411 Newsbank logins this year. Mango went down with 56 logins in December compared with 68 in November. There were 901 logins for Mango this year. Pronunciator had 2 logins this month. Pronunciator, which started in May this year, had 29 total logins.

- **Reference Questions:** Reference questions at the main branch were down with 206 in November compared with 127 in December. The majority of the questions this month at the main branch were answered by phone or in person with 48 by phone and 36 in person. Additionally, there were 6 by chat and 9 by email. There were 59 total questions at the Grand Street Branch.
- **Monthly Programming**
 - **Writers Group:** The Writers Group in December had three people attending.
 - **Poetry Healing Group:** Four people attended.
 - **Films:** In January we watched Fly Me to the Moon which had 7 people attending.
 - **Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club:** The Hoboken Public Library's Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Discussion Group discussion of The Last Reindeer of the Apocalypse in December was attended by 6 people with many of the participants bringing in holiday cookies to share with other group members.
 - **Native Gardening 101:** Eight people attended.

Community Engagement

- **Programming:** American Sign Language for Beginners (virtual), Yoga is for Everyone, Chair Yoga, and Mah Jong began new sessions in January with strong attendance.

Adult Programming, December 2024

Service	Programs	Attendees
Adult Programs	47	516

Grand Street

- **Transition to Grand Street:** On January 2, the remaining members of the Community Engagement Team transitioned to working at the Grand Street Branch as dedicated branch staff members.
- **Tech needs:** Grand Street Manager Ally Blumenfeld met with the IT Department to discuss technology needs and goals for the Grand Street Branch, including the new printer/copier, enabling Princh, technology lending, and more.

Youth Services

- **Beauty that Cares:** The final session of the "Beauty that Cares Pop Up Shop" workshop was held on January 23rd and was a big success. This event marked the culmination of a six-session program designed to inspire young entrepreneurs by allowing them to create, market, and sell their own products, thanks to the Friends and Foundation's support. Throughout the workshop, participants gained hands-on experience from local small business owners, enhancing their understanding of entrepreneurship. They sold nearly all of the bath bombs, body butter lipgloss, and perfumes they created and made about \$500. The kids donated \$100 to the Friends & Foundation.
- **Robotics and Coding Class:** Youth Services has been hosting a Robotics and Coding class organized and run by teen volunteer Aaron. This engaging program takes place on Sundays and began in January, and will be concluding on February 9th. The class has been a wonderful opportunity for

participants to enhance their skills in coding and robotics through hands-on activities with Scratch programming and Lego robotics kits.

- **Weekend Story Time:** We had an eventful month with our ongoing weekend story time sessions and the expansion of our services to the Grand St branch. Our weekend story time sessions have continued to thrive. The feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, with many noting the interactive storytelling as a major highlight.
- **Grand Street:** In an effort to increase patronage at the Grand St branch, the Youth Services Department is now hosting two programs a month; assisting Jack Silbert and Bill Curran with Second Saturday Story Time and another program run exclusively by Youth Services staff on the fourth Saturday of each month.
- **Author Reads:**
 - Author Ken Schept hosted an author read for Hoboken Charter School’s K-2 students onsite in the Youth Services department.
 - Author Deepa Iyer was connected with HOLA Charter School and hosted an author read onsite at the school.
 - We’ll be hosting author Sophie Yuan a second time for a Lunar New Year story time on 1/26.
- **Math Circle:** The first Math Circle session of 2025 will begin on February 10th and will run until April 30th.
- **Pokemon Club:** Pokemon Club will be meeting monthly for a Saturday session for participants that can’t make the regular monthly meetup on the second Thursday of each month - teen volunteer Aarav will continue to host with Library Assistant Michelle Valle.
- **Teen Advisory board:**
 - Teen Advisory Board members will be hosting a Valentine’s Day celebration in Youth Services on 2/12.
 - TAB member Jaxx will host a teen program titled Stuffed with Love for Valentine’s Day on 2/10 - teens will be creating their own stuffed bears.

Children’s Programs December 2024

Event	# of Events Per Month	Participants
Story Time/Special Programs	46	1,330
School/Camp Visits	14	1,557

YA Programs December 2024

Event	# of Events Per Month	Participants
YA Events/Attendance	28	368
YA/School/Camp Visits	0	0

Information Technology/MakerSpace/Collection Development

- **Communico App update:** We received data back from the build team. It is beginning to take shape and looks great with the new library branded color scheme. We'll do some testing and hope to have test logins by the next Board meeting. We integrated our OverDrive API info into the app and will start testing that functionality as well.
- **People Counter:** The Library installed a New People Counter at the elevator lobby entrance. The product, called Open+ Count, uses anonymous people-counting technology to count those entering and leaving the library. It also provides strategic data and usage reports to help us make data-driven decisions about the future use of library space. We have intentions of installing one at the main entrance and the Grand Street location, which will eliminate the need for the security gates.
- **IT/AV Support:** We provided IT and AV Support for multiple programs throughout the month, including the Chinese Winter Festival Celebration, the weekend Pokemon Card Club, and the Public Movie Screening of Fly Me to the Moon.
- **Privacy Policy:** The new approved Hoboken Public Library Privacy Policy is now posted online under the Library Policies tab. It's posted as a searchable full text webpage with an additional link to download the policy in PDF format. All policy pages will be in that format going forward and any policy pages currently only available as PDFs are scheduled to be converted to searchable full text.
- **Spine Labels:** The Library introduced new spine label stickers for our books and media to highlight and more easily identify new releases. Next month we are going to introduce new "Staff Pick" Stickers to generate interest and let patrons know what our staff is currently reading.
- **MakerSpace:**
 - The MakerSpace has begun to host a series of Coding and Robots Basics classes held on Sundays. Students create games, animations, and build LEGO robots with guidance from our staff and teen volunteers. Early positive reviews are in, as participants are saying it's more fun than a class at school.
 - NJ Family published an [article](#) about a window display at Word Bookstore in Jersey City. The local artist fabricated the letters on our laser cutter in our Makerspace. [Here](#) is a fun reel of the artist working in our Makerspace with Senior Library Assistant Mads Sanden assisting.
 - Some other MakerSpace creation highlights of the past month include a 3D-printed Glow in the Dark Taylor Swift bust, laser engraved pet medallions and an intricately created Mardi Gras Crown

Special Collections

- **Research requests:** There were two research requests to the Special Collections over the past month. One of them was fairly straightforward. The other required interactions with the Library of Congress and took several weeks to answer.
- **Hoboken Historical Museum exhibit:** On January 27, James Cox will attend the opening of the Hoboken Historical Museum's new exhibit on the Hoboken Meadows. Many of the library's resources were utilized in the creation of the exhibit and a monograph from the Special Collections will be on display.

Director's Report Form December 2024

	December 2024	November 2024	% Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	YTD % Change
Circulation						
Main Circulation - Adult	5846	5,558	5%	70,315	56,435	25%
Main Circulation - Youth	8365	9,659	-13%	116,644	84,806	38%
Grand Circulation - Adult	124	135	-8%	2,117	1,712	24%
Grand Circulation - Youth	584	548	7%	7,053	5,997	18%
eBook Circulation	9966	9,521	5%	100,069	75,090	33%
Digital Resource Usage	2573	2,099	23%	23,249	17,678	32%
Library of Things Circulation	15	10	50%	274	n/a	
Total Door Count - Main	19,543	24,416	-20%	227,624	150,994	51%
Total Door Count - Grand	744	824	-10%	9,005	5,377	67%
Reference Questions	186	233	-20%	2,393	3,091	-23%
Total New Patrons Registered	394	324	22%	5,004	4,740	6%
Locker Use - Main	858	777	10%	6,338	3,504	81%
Locker Use - Grand	515	472	9%	4,219	2,259	87%
Locker Use - Museum	558	655	-15%	3,498	n/a	
Museum Passes	108	109	-1%	1,065	464	130%
Programming						
Total Programs - Adult	47	59	-20%	694	456	52%
Total Program Attendance - Adult	516	650	-21%	9,161	6,617	38%
Total Programs - Young Adult	28	19	47%	309	209	48%
Total Program Attendance - Young Adult	368	400	-8%	6,814	6,180	10%
Total Programs - Children	60	63	-5%	712	551	29%
Total Program Attendance - Children	2857	2597	10%	33,551	35,104	-4%
Total Outreach Events	0	8	-100%	162	215	-25%
Total Outreach Event Attendance	0	307	-100%	10,307	9,949	4%
Total Programs	135	147	-8%	1,441	1,216	19%
Total Program Attendance	3732	3954	-6%	41,700	47,901	-13%
Social Work						
Social Work Appointments	14	86	-84%	795	584	
Community Care Kits Distributed	0	182	-100%	2,304	1,407	
Computer Use						
Computer Use - Main	1829	1793	2%	22,543	10,882	
Computer Use - Grand	80	88	-9%	1,914	1,200	
Technology Lending						
Chromebooks	9	7	29%	62	23	
Wi-Fi Hotspots	10	7	43%	46	70	
Kiosk Laptops	518	660	-22%	6,434	7,680	
Kiosk Chargers	130	201	-35%	1,741	1,322	
Technology Lending Total	667	875	-24%	5,560	9,095	
Wireless Use						
Main Branch	1928	1999	-4%	24,156	18,083	34%
Annex	465	523	-11%	5,934	7,337	-19%
Grand Street	131	137	-4%	1,305	1,268	3%
Communications						
Facebook - Total Followers	6000	6,003	-3	0%		
Instagram - Adult - Total Followers	5988	5,940	48	1%		
Instagram - YA - Total Followers	1102	1,103	-1	0%		
Instagram - Children - Total Followers	1420	1,414	6	0%		
Instagram - Bookbike - Total Followers	495	492	3	1%		
eNewsletter - Total Subscribers	17,600	17,747	-147	-1%		
TikTok - Total Followers	398	375	3	1%		



New seed library seeds



Tiny book display



Suggestion Box



New spine labels



Friends & Foundation breakfast



Thriving propagation station



Blood drive



Full Art with Liz class 9



Coding class



Pokemon Club



Author read: Deepa Iyer



Weekend story time



Author Read: Ken Schept



Grand Street story time



MakerSpace creations: Mardi Gras crown, Talor Swift bust, laser cutter pups



Library staff and their spouses at the AIA-NJ Awards Gala



Beauty that Cares sale

Account	Activity	Amount	Balance
TD Checking	Balance as of 12/01/2024		\$1,841,565.19
	Fines & Fees and Other Credits	\$284,771.31	\$2,126,336.50
	Interest	\$3,683.12	\$2,130,019.62
	Municipal Minimum Library Tax	\$712,989.35	\$2,843,008.97
	Capital Reserve Funds Transfer (NJ Historic Trust Grant and FY 2024 Reserve)	-\$943,433.00	\$1,899,575.97
	Payroll Funds Transfers	-\$190,000.00	\$1,709,575.97
	Accounts Payable and Other Debits	-\$418,801.01	\$1,290,774.96
	Balance as of 12/31/2024		<u>\$1,290,774.96</u>
	TD Payroll	Balance as of 12/01/2024	
Funds Transfers		\$110,000.00	\$250,195.04
Salary & Wages		-\$119,329.82	\$130,865.22
Balance as of 12/31/2024			<u>\$130,865.22</u>
TD Payroll Agency	Balance as of 12/01/2024		\$97,480.41
	Funds Transfers	\$80,000.00	\$177,480.41
	Salary & Wages	-\$74,432.35	\$103,048.06
	Balance as of 12/31/2024		<u>\$103,048.06</u>
TD Vacation Reserve	Balance as of 12/01/2024		\$85,047.03
	2024 reserve funds transfer		\$0.00
	Balance as of 12/31/2024		<u>\$85,047.03</u>
TD Money Market	Balance as of 12/01/2024		\$252,625.91
	Balance as of 12/31/2024		<u>\$252,625.91</u>
NJ Cash Management	Balance as of 12/01/2024		\$713,020.72
	Interest	\$3,730.20	\$716,750.92
	Capital Reserve Funds Transfer (NJ Historic Trust Grant and FY 2024 Reserve)	\$943,433.00	\$1,660,183.92
	Balance as of 12/31/2024		<u>\$1,660,183.92</u>
BCB Construction	Balance as of 12/01/2024		\$388,746.22
	Interest	\$33.43	\$388,779.65
	Checks	-\$1,727.25	\$387,052.40
	Balance as of 12/31/2024		<u>\$387,052.40</u>

Income

	% of Budget	Item	Jan-Dec 2024 Actual	2024 Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
1	97.0%	Municipal Minimum Library Tax	6,326,591	6,326,591	0	100%
2	1.8%	Grants	80,867	120,000	-39,133	67%
3	0.4%	Interest	61,617	25,000	36,617	246%
5	0.4%	Donations Public Support	20,203	25,000	-4,797	81%
2	0.3%	State Aid	282,604	20,000	262,604	1413%
4	0.1%	Fees	10,409	5,000	5,409	208%
6	100%	Total	\$6,782,291	\$6,521,591	\$260,700	104%

Expenditures

	% of Budget	Item	Jan-Dec 2024 Actual	2024 Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Personnel						
7	43.4%	Salary and Wages	2,268,529	2,831,158	-562,629	80%
8	17.4%	Health Insurance	1,012,544	1,132,000	-119,456	89%
9	5.7%	Pension and DCRP	374,599	370,000	4,599	101%
10	3.5%	Payroll Taxes	183,034	229,000	-45,966	80%
11	1.2%	Overtime	89,165	75,000	14,165	119%
12	0.5%	Workers' Compensation Insurance	33,306	35,000	-1,694	95%
13	0.5%	Shared Services Agreement	29,612	30,000	-388	99%
14	0.2%	Payroll Processing	7,560	10,000	-2,440	76%
15	0.2%	Unemployment Insurance	0	10,000	-10,000	0%
16	72%	Subtotal	3,998,349	4,722,158	-723,809	85%
Physical Plant						
19	3.0%	Capital Reserve	193,433	193,433	0	100%
18	1.7%	Maintenance	118,377	110,000	8,377	108%
20	1.4%	Utilities and Phones	109,676	90,000	19,676	122%
21	1.2%	Furniture	30,047	75,000	-44,953	40%
22	0.6%	Facilities Improvement	29,513	40,000	-10,487	74%
23	0.5%	Security	9,065	30,000	-20,935	30%
17	0.4%	Flood Insurance	19,380	25,000	-5,620	78%
24	9%	Subtotal	509,491	563,433	-31,422	90%
Reading, Information & Technology						
25	2.9%	Digital Content	157,505	190,000	-32,495	83%
26	2.3%	Print Materials	89,689	150,000	-60,311	60%
27	1.4%	BCCLS	83,136	94,000	-10,864	88%
29	1.2%	Technology	77,751	75,000	2,751	104%
28	0.9%	Equipment	52,649	60,000	-7,351	88%
30	0.8%	Non-Print Materials	15,950	50,000	-34,050	32%
31	0.5%	Special Collections	39,525	33,000	6,525	120%
32	0.2%	Periodicals	11,386	15,000	-3,614	76%
33	0.0%	Inter-library Loan	1,479	1,000	479	148%
34	10%	Subtotal	529,070	668,000	-138,930	79%
Community Engagement						
35	2.3%	Community Programming	175,366	150,000	25,366	117%
36	0.8%	Marketing/Advertising	46,601	55,000	-8,399	85%
37	3%	Subtotal	221,967	205,000	16,967	108%
Administration						
38	1%	Office/Library Supplies	92,977	90,000	2,977	103%
39	0.6%	Travel and Mileage	43,015	40,000	3,015	108%
40	0.5%	Staff Development	6,922	30,000	-23,078	23%
41	0.3%	Memberships and Dues	14,382	20,000	-5,618	72%
42	0.2%	Conventions and Seminars	11,538	15,000	-3,462	77%
43	3%	Subtotal	168,834	195,000	-26,166	87%
Professional Support						
44	2%	Consultants	114,652	100,000	14,652	115%
45	0.9%	Attorney	21,819	60,000	-38,181	36%
46	0.1%	Auditor	7,500	8,000	-500	94%
47	3%	Subtotal	143,971	168,000	-24,029	86%
48	100%	Total	\$5,571,682	\$6,521,591	\$949,909	85%

	<u>Jan-Dec 2024</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income			
NJHT Grant Phase 2 & 3	-	1,500,000	0%
2024 Operating Budget Reserve	193,433	193,433	100%
TOTAL INCOME	<u>193,433</u>	<u>1,693,433</u>	11%
Expenditures			
<u>Upper Levels Renovation Project</u>			
Wayfinding and Storytelling	129,500	100,000	130%
Renovations	3,620	-	100%
Architectural Design and Planning	3,227	-	100%
Placemaking Phase II Scope	7,902	-	100%
Total Upper Levels Renovation Project:	144,249	100,000	144%
<u>1st and 2nd Floor Renovation Project</u>			
Renovations	-	3,750,000	0%
Architectural Design and Planning	216	75,000	0%
Total Upper Levels Renovation Project:	216	3,825,000	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>144,466</u>	<u>3,925,000</u>	4%
Net Capital Reserve Fund	48,967	(2,231,567)	
Capital Reserve Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 2,390,000		
Capital Reserve Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,438,967		

<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
12265	01/28/2025	53030 · Membership/Dues	American Library Association	1,166.00
12266	01/28/2025	50270 · Phones	Cablevision Lightpath LLC	1,457.16
12267	01/28/2025	66122 · Shared Services Agreement	City of Hoboken	1,855.08
12268	01/28/2025	50221 · Maintenance	City Paint	1,579.76
12269	01/28/2025	50211 · Library Processing Supplies	Demco	38.80
12270	01/28/2025	57070 · Technology	EnvisionWare Inc.	235.25
12271	01/28/2025	50224 · Contractors & Annual Contracts	Excel Pest Services	360.26
12272	01/28/2025	54011 · YS Programming	Fuxia Yuan	150.00
12273	01/28/2025	502041 · Office Supplies 50221 · Maintenance	Home Depot Credit Services	171.80 878.78 <hr/> 1,050.58
12274	01/28/2025	50321 · Online Databases	Infobase	4,578.83
12275	01/28/2025	502041 · Office Supplies 54000 · Community Programming	Inserra Supermarkets	215.97 1,132.74 <hr/> 1,348.71
12276	01/28/2025	53030 · Membership/Dues	Janus Associates Inc. dba BHS	3,000.00
12277	01/28/2025	50324 · Pay Per Use Content	Kanopy	1,501.00
12278	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Kerri Wallace	56.00
12279	01/28/2025	502041 · Office Supplies	Panera	264.26
12280	01/28/2025	502041 · Office Supplies	Pizza Republic	663.74

<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
12281	01/28/2025	66121 · Payroll Processing	Primepoint LLC	443.80
12282	01/28/2025	50262 · PSE&G	PSE&G	6,619.10
12283	01/28/2025	50250 · Security	Securitas Technology Corporation	568.77
12284	01/28/2025	50250 · Security	Sentinel Security Service	2,750.88
12285	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Stephanie Tobia	75.00
12286	01/28/2025	50210 · Furniture	The Hon Company LLC	612.17
12287	01/28/2025	50313 · Electronic Games	Thomas Klise Company	697.36
12288	01/28/2025	54011 · YS Programming	Valerie Coughlin	84.54
12289	01/28/2025	502041 · Office Supplies	W.B.Mason	1,293.56
12290	01/28/2025	50202 · Legal Fees	Weiner Law Group LLP	2,011.68
12291	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Yun H Ko	500.00
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHECKS			27	
TOTAL \$ AMOUNT OF CHECKS				34,962.29

To be processed through PayPal:

01/28/2025	502041 · Office Supplies	Audio-Visual Direct	139.99
01/28/2025	502041 · Office Supplies	Automattic Inc.	22.00
01/28/2025	56010 · Marketing	Canva US Inc.	400.50
01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	True Leaf LLC	93.35

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12292	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Aida Lolovic	600.00
12293	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Alexandria Campbell	600.00
12294	01/28/2025	57060 · Facilities Improvement	All Week Walls Inc.	2,950.00
12295	01/28/2025	50270 · Phones	Cablevision Lightpath LLC	1,457.16
12296	01/28/2025	54011 · YS Programming	Carolyn Brush	400.00
12297	01/28/2025	54012 · Family FUNday	Chinese Free Masons Athletic Club Inc.	1,800.00
12298	01/28/2025	57070 · Technology	D-Tech International USA	6,620.00
12299	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Dorothee Riehl	200.00
12300	01/28/2025	50600 · Periodicals	EBSCO	8,692.28
12301	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Elizabeth Ndoye	1,200.00
12302	01/28/2025	54012 · Family FUNday	Fuxia Yuan	150.00
12303	01/28/2025	502041 · Office Supplies 50600 · Periodicals	Hoboken General LLC	152.50 <u>253.50</u> 406.00
12304	01/28/2025	50224 · Contractors & Annual Contracts	Hoboken Lock & Supply	185.00
12305	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Jane Porges	300.00
12306	01/28/2025	57070 · Technology	Java Connections LLC	10,192.50

<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
12307	01/28/2025		Jennie Pu	
		502041 · Office Supplies		358.28
		55010 · Travel		36.72
		56010 · Marketing		477.52
		66102 · Health Insurance		468.37
				<u>1,340.89</u>
12308	01/28/2025		Leslie Rodriguez	
		54010 · Adult Programming		600.00
12309	01/28/2025		Makerbot Industries LLC	
		54013 · Makerspace		1,503.50
12310	01/28/2025		Manhattan Neon Sign Corp	
		56010 · Marketing		3,750.00
12311	01/28/2025		Museec SAS	
		50321 · Online Databases		2,122.50
12312	01/28/2025		Musicology 4 Kids	
		54011 · Youth Services		350.00
12313	01/28/2025		New Jersey Library Trustee Association	
		53030 · Membership/Dues		180.00
12314	01/28/2025		Nyah Beauty LLC	
		54011 · Youth Services		2,500.00
12315	01/28/2025		Optimum Business	
		50270 · Phones		1,297.20
12316	01/28/2025		Our Lady of Grace Church	
		50224 · Contractors & Annual Contracts		525.00
12317	01/28/2025		PressReader Inc.	
		50323 · ePeriodicals		7,928.00
12318	01/28/2025		Primepoint LLC	
		66121 · Payroll Processing		2,216.75
12319	01/28/2025		Public Storage	
		50221 · Maintenance		191.00
12320	01/28/2025		QWERT Poetry	
		54010 · Adult Programming		250.00
12321	01/28/2025		Raul Sanguinetti	
		10004.04 · Petty Cash Fund		160.00

<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
12322	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Reina Escobar	600.00
12323	01/28/2025	50224 · Contractors & Annual Contracts	Ricoh USA Inc.	805.41
12337	01/28/2025	50250 · Security	Securitas Technology Corporation	3,488.18
12324	01/28/2025	50250 · Security	Sentinel Security Service	1,495.62
12325	01/28/2025	50321 · Online Databases	Sidecar Publications LLC	516.00
12326	01/28/2025	50270 · Phones	Spectrotel	446.64
12327	01/28/2025	50321 · Online Databases	Statista	6,000.00
12328	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Stephanie Tobia	75.00
12329	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Thyson Halley	500.00
12330	01/28/2025	50263 · Internet Connection	Verizon	841.71
12331	01/28/2025	50221-4 · Maintenance Vehicle	Willow Sunoco	2,137.46
12332	01/28/2025	54010 · Adult Programming	Yun H Ko	500.00
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHECKS			42	
TOTAL \$ AMOUNT OF CHECKS				78,073.80
To be processed through PayPal:				
	01/28/2025	57070 · Technology	Adobe Inc.	9,238.32
	01/28/2025	53030 · Membership/Dues	FitOn Health	129.00

<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
12333	01/28/2025		Amazon	
		502041 · Office Supplies		430.18
		54013 · Makerspace		142.38
		54010 · Adult Programming		248.33
		54011 · YS Programming		1,252.22
		52020 · Technology Equipment		391.71
		50301 · Print Materials		46.79
		50310 · Non-Print		460.85
				<u>2,972.46</u>
12334	01/28/2025		Baker and Taylor	
		50301 · Print Materials		13,604.33
		50311 · Media (CDs & DVDs)		35.62
				<u>13,639.95</u>
12335	01/28/2025		Midwest Tape	
		50324 · Pay per use content		3,636.10
12336	01/28/2025		Overdrive	
		50322 · eBooks		2,050.03
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHECKS			4	
TOTAL \$ AMOUNT OF CHECKS				22,298.54

Hoboken Public Library of Code Conduct

Welcome to the Hoboken Public Library!

We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable experience at Hoboken Public Library. No one may disrupt or interfere with others' use or enjoyment of the library, including its facilities, services, and programs, or inhibit or interfere with the work of library staff, or create risk of harm to themselves or others or of damage to library, patron, or staff property.

Acceptable conduct within the library includes activities such as reading, studying, properly using Library materials, attending and participating in library programs, activities and services, all in a manner, which is consistent with the conduct and behavior normally deemed acceptable within a public library. The following are examples of specific behaviors that are prohibited in the Hoboken Public Library or at any library program, but are not intended to be a complete list:

- Harassing, threatening, or disturbing patrons or staff members
- Using, displaying, sharing, selling, or appearing under the influence of illegal drugs, cannabis products, or alcohol
- Smoking/use of tobacco or cannabis products, e-cigarettes, or vaping devices
- Use of electronic, digital, or cellular devices in a manner that does, or can reasonably be expected to, disturb others
- Engaging in sexual activity or lewd behavior
- Circumventing computer security, timing software, or tampering with the library's computer network
- Moving or tampering with furniture or library equipment without permission from library staff or placing feet on tables or chairs
- Plugging in devices for charging in undesignated charging areas or placing cords or wires in a place or position that does or may create a safety hazard
- Damaging or marking library materials, premises, or equipment
- Using restrooms for laundering clothes, bathing, shaving, washing hair, or anything other than their intended purposes
- Eating food in undesignated areas or drinking beverages from containers without covers (Covered beverages, like water bottles with caps, are permitted.)
- Soliciting, peddling, selling, or distributing merchandise, services, or printed materials or canvassing or interviewing patrons without written authorization from the library, except as permitted at library programs and events
- Sleeping in or on Library premises
- Entering or occupying the library without being fully clothed
- Offensive body odor.
- Entering staff-only or other unauthorized areas of the library
- Loitering, which means to remain in the library without conducting lawful library-related business or activities on the property
- Leaving personal items unattended
- Running, rollerblading, roller skating, skateboarding, or using wheeled shoes within the library
- Failure to follow the reasonable directions of a staff member

- Animals are prohibited inside the library, except for service animals trained to assist specific individuals, or animals that are part of an approved library program
- Possession of a weapon, except as permitted by law
- Violation of any library policy

Bag and Personal Item Policy for Library Patrons

Personal belongings brought into the library should not be left unattended. Unattended items may be removed from library premises. Law enforcement agencies may be called, as appropriate.

Personal belongings should not block or impede any exits, hallways, or other walkways.

The library is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or damaged on library premises.

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INCOME

	% of 2025 Budget	Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	\$ Change	% Change	Explanation of Change.
1	98.2%	Municipal Minimum Library Tax	\$6,326,591	\$6,326,591	\$6,746,549	\$419,958	7%	
2	0.4%	Grants	120,000	72,083	25,000	-\$95,000		2024 NJ DOL CARE Grant
3	0.9%	Interest	25,000	61,617	60,000	\$35,000	140%	
4	0.4%	NJ State Aid	20,000	32,604	30,000	\$10,000	50%	
5	0.1%	Fees	5,000	10,273	10,000	\$5,000	100%	
6	99%	Total	\$6,496,591	\$6,503,167	\$6,871,549	\$374,958	6%	

EXPENDITURES

	% of 2025 Budget	Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	\$ Change	% Change	Explanation of Change.
Personnel								
7	42.0%	Salary and Wages	\$2,831,158	\$2,099,767	\$2,883,252	\$52,094	2%	see salary budget explanation Table 1
8	17.0%	Health Insurance	1,132,000	1,012,075	1,170,000	\$38,000	3%	increase in State health premiums at current cost +3 family plan
9	6.2%	Pension and DCRP	370,000	374,599	425,000	\$55,000	15%	
10	3.4%	Payroll Taxes	229,000	169,561	233,000	\$4,000	2%	
11	1.2%	Overtime	75,000	83,654	85,000	\$10,000	13%	
12	0.5%	Workers' Compensation Insurance	35,000	33,306	35,000	\$0	0%	
13	0.5%	Shared Services Agreement	30,000	29,612	35,000	\$5,000	17%	
14	0.1%	Payroll Processing	10,000	7,420	10,000	\$0	0%	
15	0.1%	Unemployment Insurance	10,000	0	10,000	\$0	0%	
16	71%	Subtotal	\$4,722,158	\$3,809,994	\$4,886,252	\$164,094	3%	
Physical Plant								
17	3.6%	Capital Reserve	193,433	193,433	244,297	\$50,864	26%	reserve for capital projects
18	1.7%	Maintenance	110,000	105,803	115,000	\$5,000	5%	
19	1.7%	Utilities and Phones	90,000	101,666	115,000	\$25,000	28%	PSE&G increase (56%)
20	1.1%	Furniture	75,000	30,047	75,000	\$0	0%	
21	0.9%	Facilities Improvement	40,000	29,513	60,000	\$20,000	50%	
22	0.4%	Security	30,000	7,926	30,000	\$0	0%	
23	0.4%	Flood Insurance	25,000	19,380	25,000	\$0	0%	
24	5%	Subtotal	\$563,433	\$487,768	\$664,297	\$100,864	18%	

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EXPENDITURES (continued)

	% of 2025 Budget	Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	\$ Change	% Change	Explanation of Change.
Reading, Information, Technology								
25	2.8%	Digital Content	190,000	133,630	\$194,000	\$4,000	2%	
26	2.2%	Print Materials	150,000	78,561	150,000	\$0	0%	
27	1.5%	BCCLS	94,000	83,136	100,000	\$6,000	6%	
28	1.1%	Technology	75,000	65,575	75,000	\$0	0%	Communico 18k
29	0.9%	Equipment	60,000	50,881	65,000	\$5,000	8%	
30	0.3%	Non-Print Materials	50,000	10,769	20,000	-\$30,000	-60%	Library of Things, video games
31	0.6%	Special Collections	33,000	37,658	40,000	\$7,000	21%	
32	0.2%	Periodicals	15,000	11,048	13,000	-\$2,000	-13%	
33	0.0%	Inter-library Loan	1,000	1,135	1,000	\$0	0%	
	10%	<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$668,000</u>	<u>\$472,393</u>	<u>\$658,000</u>	<u>-\$10,000</u>	<u>-1%</u>	
Community Engagement								
34	2.5%	Community Programming	150,000	165,851	\$175,000	25,000	17%	grant programming
35	1.1%	Marketing/Advertising	55,000	46,376	75,000	\$20,000	36%	book drop/van wrapping 15k
	4%	<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$205,000</u>	<u>\$212,227</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>22%</u>	
Administration								
36	1.4%	Office Supplies	\$90,000	\$86,949	\$95,000	\$5,000	6%	
37	0.7%	Travel and Mileage	40,000	42,403	45,000	\$5,000	13%	
38	0.4%	Staff Development	30,000	6,922	30,000	\$0	0%	EverFi 3.5k, Civil Service training 2.6k, coaching
39	0.3%	Memberships and Dues	20,000	11,848	20,000	\$0	0%	NJLA Institutional membership, Urban Libraries Council 6k
40	0.2%	Conventions and Seminars	15,000	11,538	15,000	\$0	0%	
	3%	<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$195,000</u>	<u>\$159,660</u>	<u>\$205,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>5%</u>	
Professional Support								
41	2.2%	Consultants	\$100,000	\$109,027	\$150,000	\$50,000	50%	website redesign (\$75,000)
42	0.7%	Attorney	60,000	18,320	50,000	-\$10,000	-17%	contractual negotiations
43	0.1%	Auditor	8,000	7,500	8,000	\$0	0%	
	3%	<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$168,000</u>	<u>\$134,847</u>	<u>\$208,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>24%</u>	
44	96%	Total	<u>\$6,521,591</u>	<u>\$5,276,889</u>	<u>\$6,871,549</u>	<u>\$1,594,660</u>	<u>24%</u>	
45		Unspent 2024 Budget Funds		<u>\$1,226,278</u>				
46		Total + Unspent 2024 Budget Funds	<u>\$6,521,591</u>	<u>\$6,503,167</u>	<u>\$6,871,549</u>	<u>\$368,382</u>	<u>6%</u>	

Table 1 -- Salary and Wages (Line 7)

A	Staff Salaries by Department	Current Department Salaries	Department Salaries after new hires, CWA and HMEA agreements	%increase
	Administration	\$ 577,286	619,531	7%
	Access Services & Grand St.	\$ 390,870	548,532	40%
	Youth Services	\$ 412,819	531,683	29%
	IDS & Special Collections	\$ 328,494	435,990	33%
	IT, Makerspace & Technical Services	\$ 221,737	302,123	36%
	Maintenance and Security	\$ 252,870	285,957	13%
	Marketing & Development	\$ -	159,436	
	<i>Subtotal -- proposed changes</i>	\$ 2,184,076	\$ 2,883,252	

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		2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
1	Capital Reserve Fund Balance January 1	\$2,390,000	\$2,522,555	\$3,222,555

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	% of 2025 Budget	Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
2	86%	NJHT Grant Phase 2&3	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
5	14%	2025 Operating Budget Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$244,297
5	0%	2024 Operating Budget Reserve	\$193,433	\$193,433	\$0
7	100%	Total through December 31	\$1,693,433	\$193,433	\$1,744,297

EXPENDITURES (January 1 - December 31)

	% of 2024 Budget	Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
	\$1	1st Floor & Mezzanine Renovation Project			
8	95.5%	Renovations	\$3,750,000	\$0	\$3,197,622
9	4.5%	Architectural Design and Planning	\$75,000	\$216	\$150,000
14		<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>3,825,000</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>3,347,622</u>

	#DIV/0!	Upper Levels Renovation Project			
8	0.0%	Wayfinding	\$100,000	\$129,500	\$0
9	0.0%	Renovations	\$0	\$3,620	\$0
10	0.0%	Placemaking Phase II	\$0	\$7,902	\$0
11	0.0%	Architectural Design and Planning	\$0	\$3,227	\$0
14		<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>144,249</u>	<u>0</u>

18	100%	Total Expenditures through December 31	\$3,925,000	\$144,465	\$3,347,622
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		2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
19	NET CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (January 1 - December 31)	-\$2,231,567	\$48,968	-\$1,603,325
20	Capital Reserve Fund Balance December 31	\$158,433	\$2,571,523	\$1,619,230

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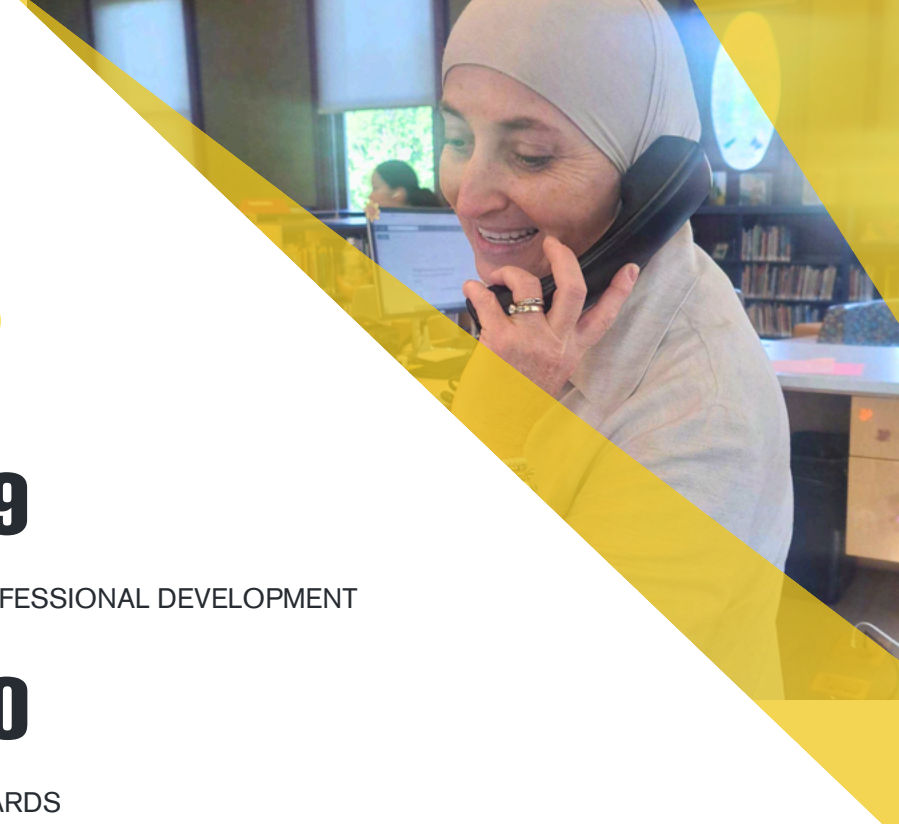
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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Readers,

Another busy year has come and gone and throughout it, Hoboken Public Library has been at the heart of the community, listening to residents' needs and responding with dedication, enthusiasm, and a genuine commitment to service. Keeping with our strategic goal to be ubiquitous throughout the city, important strides were made in that effort in the past year. I look forward to sharing the culmination of our work with you in this, our 2024 annual report.

In 2024, the library successfully opened 24/7 book lockers at the Hoboken Historical Museum to better serve our uptown friends. This effort could not have happened without the help of many, many people, and we are especially grateful to the museum for partnering with us. In addition to our uptown expansion, we increased our digital footprint by extending Wi-Fi to the entire multi-service center from our branch at 124 Grand Street. Everyone who uses the multi-service center can now enjoy free Wi-Fi- from pickleball players in the gym to bingo players in the senior center.

Speaking of pickleball, we launched our Library of Things in January 2024, and you can now check out a pickleball set from the library! From books, films, classes, and community, our library now offers things- things like tools, cookware, video game consoles, and our number one most popular item- a knife sharpener.

Our hard work in 2024 was rewarded with various awards and grants from local and national organizations, such as the American Library Association, Library of Congress, New Jersey Department of Labor, and New Jersey Library Association. These achievements are points of pride that all residents of Hoboken should celebrate, reflecting the dedication that makes Hoboken Public Library an award-winning institution.

This year, we continued to champion the right to read. We were the first book sanctuary in New Jersey and now 43 libraries and 4 municipalities have joined this designation. We were also key advocates for the statewide passing of the Freedom to Read Act, which protects New Jerseyans' right to read freely and shields library workers from harassment. Our role in this historic effort was recognized when we were invited to the bill's signing by Governor Murphy on December 9, 2024. Hoboken Public Library is your award-winning library, proudly leading the charge to protect intellectual freedom for all.

The following report is merely a highlight of our work to better serve you. The best way to experience the library is to visit first-hand, get a book delivered to a book locker, visit the bookbike, or use our online resources. Please, make some time and make use of your library this year.

Jennie Pu
Library Director





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Support Organizations

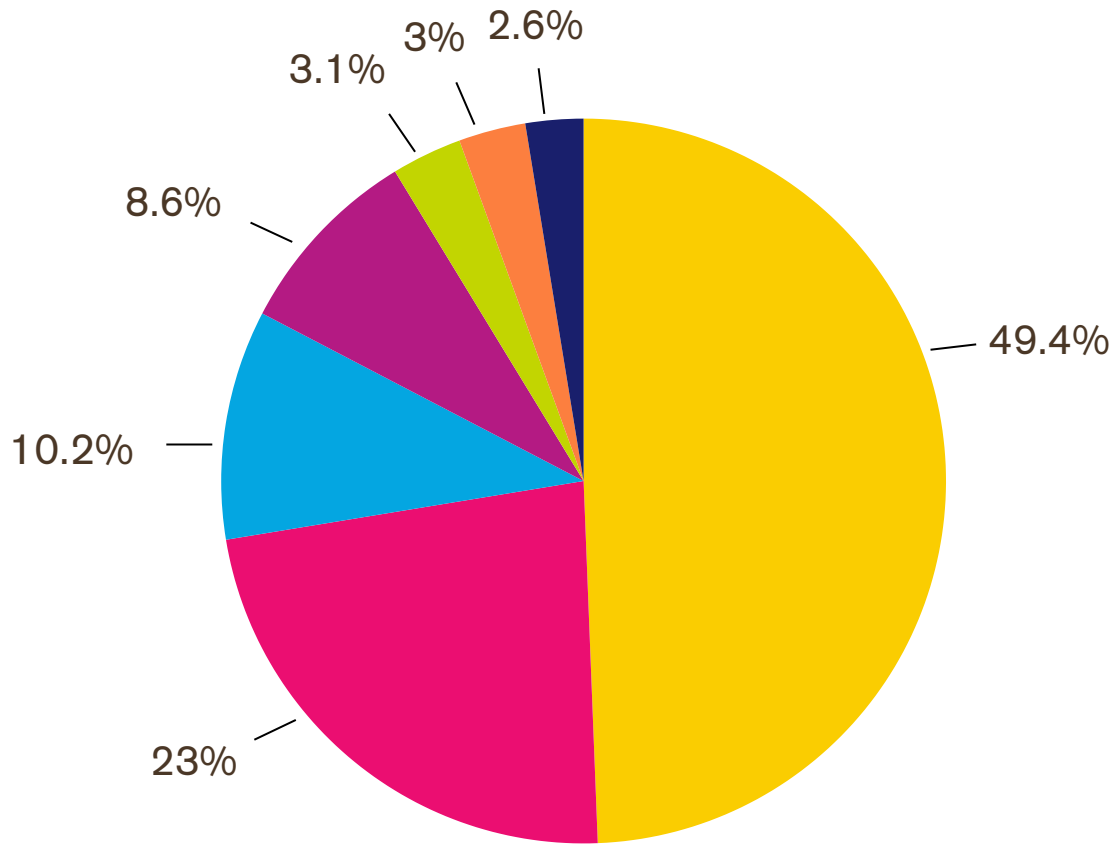
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Mission

Connecting people with each other, ideas, and opportunities to support lifelong learning, personal growth, and community development.

OPERATING BUDGET



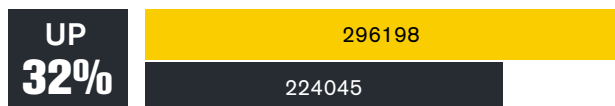
Salaries & Wages	\$3,220,158
Personnel Benefits	\$1,502,000
Reading, Information, & Technology	\$668,000
Facilities & Maintenance	\$563,433
Community Engagement	\$205,000
Library Supplies & Administration	\$195,000
Professional Services	\$168,000
TOTAL	\$6,521,591

BY THE NUMBERS

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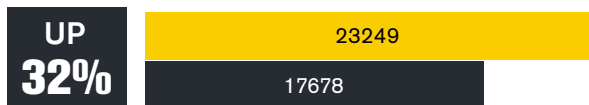
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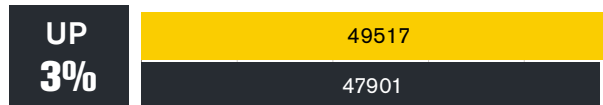
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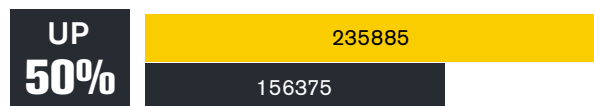
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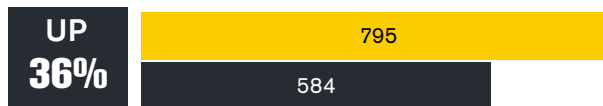
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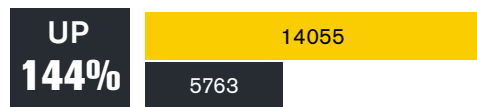
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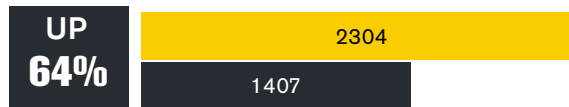
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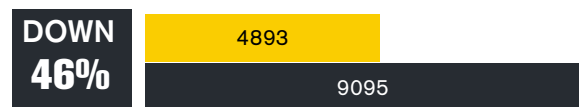
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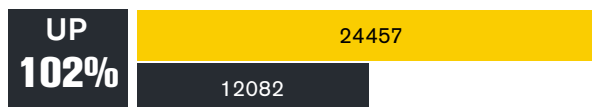
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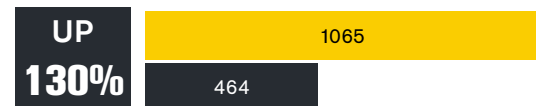
Technology Lending



Computer Usage



Museum Passes



Outreach Events



BEST OF 2024

- Our Library of Things launched on January 16th. The collection features non-book or unusual items that aren't normally featured in a library collection. The collection ranges from record players to a wet vacuum to a telescope.
- Our new uptown locker was unveiled outside the Hoboken Historical Museum. This is New Jersey's first remote library locker, a standalone library locker not located at a library branch.
- 2024 was a banner year for awards. The City of Hoboken, the Hoboken Public Library Board of Trustees, and Library Director Jennie Pu were honored with awards for Library Champion, Library Service in the Trustee category, and Librarian of the Year, respectively. This is the first time a city has ever received a library champion award from the statewide Library Association. We are so proud.
- We celebrated National Library Week by kicking off our Library Card Design contest for all ages. The winning designs were released as limited-edition cards for adults, teens, and children.



BEST OF 2024

- Our new Tai Chi classes at the Multi-Service Center have been in high demand with roughly 40 participants each week.
- The Hoboken Police department committed to a monthly story time at the Library.
- Our Teen Advisory Board grew in popularity. Fifteen teens joined the board and about 40 kids volunteered throughout the year. The teens assisted with programming and even led programs of their own. Attendance at the teen-led Crazy 8s math club and the robotics classes has skyrocketed.
- Our partnership with Community Lifestyles Camp expanded to include programming both at the library and at their site.
- Interest in the MakerSpace grew exponentially. Our Glowforge laser cutter, 3D printer, Cricut Maker, and Heat Press were especially popular among community members and local business owners.



BEST OF 2024



Our annual Library Festival took place in Church Square Park on Saturday, October 21 and was a success with over 1,000 attendees! New features included an Art Showcase featuring works by Art with Liz students, and the Maker Tent showcasing our Makerspace tools and a Maker Bar project. We also featured performances by San Simon and Kulture Kool, and talks by Penguin Random House authors.

HOBOKEN LIBRARY FESTIVAL



A WIN FOR NEW JERSEY LIBRARIES

FREEDOM TO READ ACT



The Freedom to Read Act (S2421/A3446) was signed into law by Governor Murphy on December 9, 2024. New Jersey is only the 9th state in the country to pass this kind of legislation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- American Library Association Annual Conference (San Diego, CA)
- Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (Indianapolis, IN)
- International Public Libraries Fundraising Conference (Washington, DC)
- League of Municipalities Conference (Atlantic City, NJ)
- Maryland & Delaware Library Association Conference (Cambridge, MD)
- New Jersey Library Association Small Library Unconference (Plainfield, NJ)
- New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference (Atlantic City, NJ)
- New Jersey Library Association Library Workers of Color Unconference (Princeton, NJ)
- Public Libraries Association Conference (Columbus, OH)
- ULC Annual Forum (Philadelphia, PA)
- Urban Libraries Unite Conference (Newark, NJ)



A BANNER YEAR FOR AWARDS

- **Library Champion Award (NJLA)**
 - The City of Hoboken
- **Library Service Award (NJLA)**
 - Hoboken Public Library Board of Trustees
- **Librarian of the Year (NJLA)**
 - Jennie Pu
- **Library of Congress Award**
 - For the project “The Puerto Rican Experience in Hoboken and America”
- **Preservation NJ Award**
 - For the restoration of the third floor
- **NJBIZ Education Power 50**
 - #1 spot
- **ALA Core PR Xchange Award**
 - BookBike Redesign
- **ALA Core PR Xchange Award**
 - Black History Month Program Poster
- **NJ DOL CARE Grant (NJ Department of Labor)**
- **Ernest A. DiMattia Award**
 - For Innovation and Service to Community and Profession: Jennie Pu
- **2024 Women to Watch (HobokenGirl)**
 - Jennie Pu
- **National Movers & Shakers Award (Library Journal)**
 - Jennie Pu
- **State Grant**
 - For \$250,000 from the governor's signed budget
- **Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant (ALA)**



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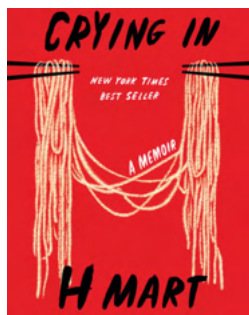
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- AARP
- Boston Globe
- MY9NJ
- Gay League
- NBC New York
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- AXIOS
- Trentonian
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- Poets & Writers Magazine



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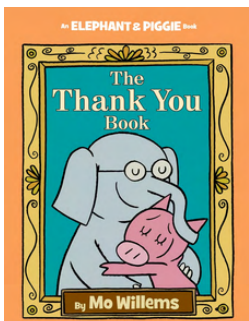
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Adult Movie



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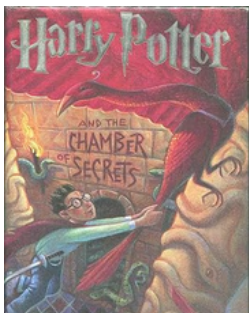
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Children's Movie



Museum Pass



YA Fiction



YA Nonfiction

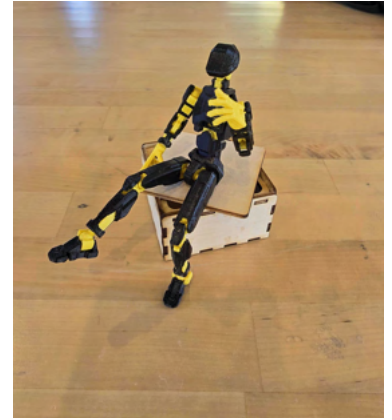


YA Video Game



**Library of Things
Item: Knife
Sharpener**

MAKERSPACE MAGIC



THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE



THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT WORTH IT

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 keychain company

My brother and I (Jack and Peter) love the Library because of all cool reading contests and classes you offer. In order to give back to the Library we started a business to raise money to donate to you guys. So far we have raised 115 dollars. Special thanks to Thrifted by J and D and Little City Books for selling our keychains. To help us raise more money please spread the news to people to stop by Thrifted by J and D or Little City books to pick up their keychains.

Thank you for helping me find books at the library. Thank you for doing that for thousands of kids. **THANK YOU!**

I just watched a news piece titled "Librarians have been fired, harassed, and threatened with arrest. Now they're fighting back." After watching this I felt compelled to write a letter expressing my gratitude for the work you do.

I grew up regularly visiting my local library but stopped around the time I started middle school. With the availability of online media and having funds to buy my own books, it no longer felt necessary.

Then flash forward to about a year ago - I had just moved to Hoboken and was looking for somewhere to designate my "third space" or location outside of home or work. I thought this would be a bar or coffee shop... until one day when I came into the library to use your printing services. ~~Struck~~ Struck by the rainbow lines of books, covered in plastic protective covering I used to know, I immediately signed up for a library card.

Between borrowing books, museum passes and a hotspots, utilizing Kanopy or Newsreader, or just coming in to enjoy the quiet there are few services I haven't been able to take advantage of. At a time when people seem to have lost all faith in public institutions, I want you to know how much I value you all and the work that you do. You all are rockstars and I'm so happy to say that because of you, the "third place" I've found is way cooler than a bar or cafe! :-)

Keep up the good work!
 -Library Lover

Thank You

Hoboken Public Library:

Thank you for making Knowledge and education accessible to all.

Everyone should be able to read and have access to books!!

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

