



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2024—JUNE 30, 2025

The Cornwall Library's Mission: The Cornwall Library is a welcoming community resource for all, promoting lifelong learning and the free exchange of ideas.

Highlights of 2024-2025

The past year was an exciting and impactful one for the Cornwall Library. Key milestones illustrating our role in the community include:

- 246 programs and events offered to the Cornwall community
- 20,000 visits to the library
- Over 10,000 books circulated
- 51 new patrons

Collection: The Cornwall Library offers a robust collection of 29,000 volumes, plus thousands of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks available through Overdrive and Hoopla. Magazines have been added to our digital collection, with thousands of titles available instantly and at no cost to the patron. The Library has three ways to request books through interlibrary loan, enabling patrons to access virtually any book in the Connecticut library system.

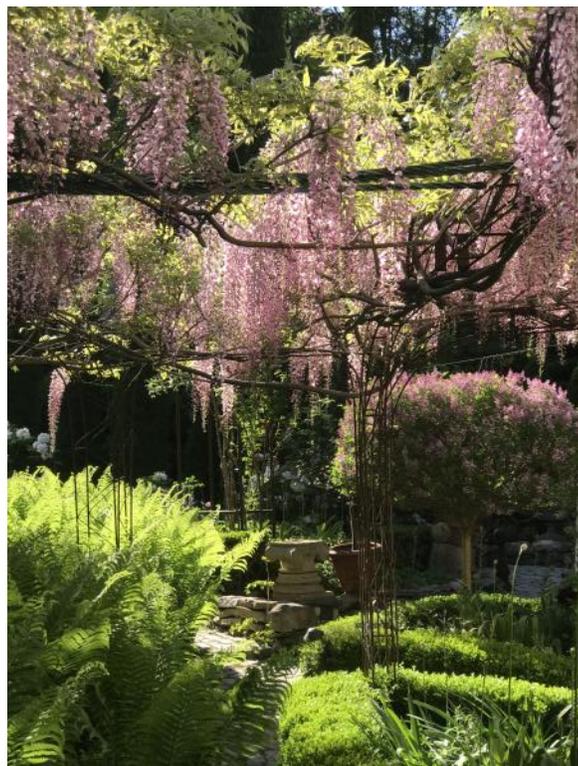
Circulation: Circulation dropped slightly from last year by about 700 circulations. However, non-fiction books increased in circulation.

New Patrons: We added 51 new patrons in the past year.

Programs: The Library offers a rich and diverse set of programs for all ages and

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interests. We offer three weekly children's events and one monthly event on Saturday. In the past year the Library hosted eight literary events plus an eight-week series on Eudora Welty, six art shows, and two full weeks of summer camp for local children. We held three family events including a jack-o-lantern carving contest, a gingerbread house contest, and the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot Fun Run. The Library hosted three poetry events, four nature/environmental events, twenty-seven art classes, a Jane Austen film series, and two single film showings. In addition, the Library organized three community service events, plus two recurring and beloved annual events: Cornwall Reads Cornwall, and the Boxing Day Reading.



*The Trapp garden open for Books & Blooms
2025 garden tours.*

The Library continues to host a weekly Zumba class and a weekly bridge class. Seventy-two town meetings were held at the Library, along with eight outside groups, two political groups, four private book groups, and ten tutoring sessions. Altogether, the Library received approximately 20,000 visits during the past fiscal year.

We held three major fundraisers, the Labor Day Art Sale, the Book Sale, and Books & Blooms. All were successful financially and were wonderful community events.



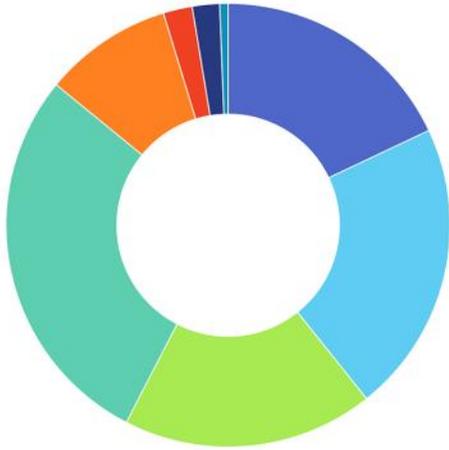
Ellen Moon artwork on exhibit.

Building and Grounds: The Library building is 23 years old and well-maintained. The children's area has been renovated with new paint, carpeting and fun furniture donated by West Elm. It is now a bright, inviting space. Security has been enhanced via cameras that were installed at the Library entrance and in the office. The front of the Library was improved with a new walkway and landscaping. The Library offers fundamental

business services to visitors, including copying, printing, faxing, and meeting spaces.

Finances: Expanded services require an expanded budget, and the Library's financial status remains solid. The annual town grant supplies about 22% of our funding. The remainder comes from contributions, fundraising, and a planned draw on income from endowment funds.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025



Source of Funds

Annual Appeal	\$50,583	18%
Town of Cornwall	\$60,000	21%
Endowment Draw	\$51,464	18%
Fundraising Events and Art Sales	\$79,772	28%
Grants and Gifts	\$26,389	9%
Event Contributions	\$5,945	2%
Interest Income	\$5,594	2%
Fees	\$1,709	1%
Total	\$281,456	100%



Use of Funds

Personnel	\$153,213	52%
Administrative	\$45,487	15%
Total Fundraising	\$17,583	6%
Programs, Books and Media	\$29,184	10%
Utilities	\$15,562	5%
Capital Expenses	\$24,820	8%
Repairs and Maintenance	\$9,472	3%
Total	\$295,321	100%

The Cornwall Library

BY THE NUMBERS



21,694

VISITORS TO OUR
WEBSITE



1,364

ACTIVE
CARDHOLDERS



6,257

TOTAL REGISTRATION
FOR EVENTS



10,067

BOOK
CIRCULATION



246

NUMBER OF
PROGRAM EVENTS

Library Board

Rebecca (Becky) Hurlburt, President

Alison Schweizer, Vice-President and Treasurer

Mary Kay Elwell, Secretary

Robert Becker, Gillian Blake, Opal Cavalier, Anne Christensen, Anne Coffin, Carl D'Alvia, Jane Garmey, Ed Greene, Ex-officio, Blake Hubbard, Robinson (Rob) Lacy, Jaimee (Marano) Lunderborg, Doc Simont

Library Staff and Administrative Service

Margaret Haske, Director

Lynn Curtis, Raymonde Burke, Bronwyn O'Shaughnessy, Library Assistants

Stacey Marcin, Bookkeeper

Ben Lesch, CRM Software Tech

Eiseley Kotchoubey, Children's & YA Programming

Kirk Van Tassel, Publicity

Cara Weigold, Webmistress/Graphic Designer

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Cornwall Library is a committee formed of community members who support the efforts of the library staff and trustees. Friends' projects help the Board's fundraising efforts. Friends care deeply about the Library and are a reservoir of strength and talent for the trustees, staff and the larger Cornwall community.

If you are a Cornwall resident (full time or part-time) who would like to be involved with the Library and learn more about the Friends, contact the Library Director.

Our current list of Friends includes Jane Bevans, Dara Burke, Raymonde Burke, Terry Burke, Lynn Carano, Barbara Ellis, Sandy Fiebelkorn, Mary Ann Fox, Mary Ellen Geisser, Ali Lesch, Marina Muñoz, Mary Louise Rubin, Franny Taliaferro, Jane Worthington-Roth, and Margaret Haske, director of the Library.

Thanks to our Community

The Cornwall Library benefits from the efforts of our community and volunteers who provide support on an occasional basis. We are grateful to them for their generous help.

Special gratitude is offered to two treasured Friends who we lost this year, Karen Beattie and Priscilla Pavel.

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