

# the Phoebe

OLD LYME LIBRARY



## Annual REPORT

2024–2025

+ *Summer 2025*

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## ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Dedicated in 1898, the Old Lyme–Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library is a private, independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It is owned by the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Association, Inc., and governed by its Board of Trustees. The day-to-day operations of the Library are managed by the Library director and 13 staff (total FTE 8.6).

As the Town of Old Lyme's designated public library, the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library receives some funding from the municipality (46% of budgeted FY24-25 income). This municipal funding combines with income from the Association's Endowment, the proceeds of the Library's annual fund drive, income from the Friends of the Library, income from special events like the Bookworm Bash, and various grants to fund the Library's annual operating budget. The Library is a long-standing member of the Libraries Online, Inc. Consortium (LION).

From developing fun, interactive story times for infants and toddlers to hand-delivering books to homebound patrons, the Library continues to provide opportunities for residents of all ages to learn and grow. Our core services include providing access to a variety of print and digital books, audio-visual media, and research tools; assisting with technology and encouraging the development of information literacy; supporting the public school curriculum; conducting early literacy training and fostering an enduring interest in learning and reading among our youngest patrons; and offering programming that informs and engages the community.



## OUR MISSION

is to inspire lifelong learning and discovery in a welcoming place with exceptional resources, programs, and services.

## OUR VISION

is to be the community's vibrant hub for engagement, discovery, and creativity.

## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Promote literacy and a love of learning
- Support intellectual freedom
- Protect patron privacy
- Advance racial, gender, and social equity
- Support civil discourse and democracy
- Model kindness and compassion
- Strive for excellence

## OUR 2024–2025 TEAM

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### VOLUNTEERS

The Library depends on countless volunteers throughout the year—too many to name here. Friends of the Library operate the BookCellar, help maintain the gardens, and assist with hospitality, while many others help shelve, assist with programs, and clean. We're tremendously grateful for the many helping hands that help keep The Phoebe bustling!



pictured, above: Library staff gather for a holiday lunch and celebration in late 2024; pictured, left: adult workshop participants practice newly-learned calligraphy skills

"I'm just so grateful for this library! You all do such wonderful things. Not only do the staff know how to catalog the books & whatnot, but they have so many other talents that they're willing to share with us. We're so happy to support the library!"

### LIBRARY STAFF

Katie Huffman	<i>Director</i>
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Nike Desis	<i>Teen Librarian</i>
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Jessica Steding	<i>Information &amp; Technology Librarian</i>
Mary Talbot	<i>Administrative &amp; Patron Services Assistant</i>

### STAFF NOTES

Hayley Ault and Margarita Maxson joined the library team in the summer of 2024. Both work part-time maintaining the collections and helping patrons check out at the service desk.

Chris Gibbons and Tessa Grethel also joined the staff in the summer of 2024. Both work part-time shelving items.

## LETTER from the PRESIDENT of the BOARD

What a privilege it is to write to you from these colorful, action-packed pages—and thank you! You're receiving this report because of your interest in (and perhaps support of) The Phoebe and all that she represents.

As you look through this Annual Report, I think you'll agree: there's a lot happening here. For a library of our size and budget, it would be hard to find another as busy, creative, and deeply engaged with its community as ours.

Why is that? I can't say for certain, but I have a few guesses.

My first guess is the clarity of our **Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles**. You'll find them on the inside front cover of this report. They're simple, strong, and—at least to me—echo the enduring ideals set forth in Philadelphia in 1787. These principles are our constant companions. They feel right, even if they're not always easy to live by.

Or perhaps it's the **staff**. Stop by the library and talk with any one of them—you'll see they're not just doing their jobs, they're pursuing their calling. They're true librarians who don't just know the Mission—they embody it. That spirit translates into the extra ounce of effort visible throughout these pages.

Then again, maybe it's **you**—our patrons, friends, and supporters—who understand that a library is so much more than a place to borrow books. Your belief in that idea, and your continued support, sustain us.

These are challenging times, but I firmly believe no library is better prepared than the Phoebe—with its guiding principles, its dedicated staff, and its loyal community—to meet whatever challenges lie ahead.

With gratitude,



Wil Bradford

## 2023–2027 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

### BUILDING CURIOSITY

We focused on delivering relevant, diverse, and fun programming for all age groups and communities with a particular focus on hands-on, active learning and interpersonal communication.

### BUILDING COMMUNITY

We focused on improving community outreach and support by developing new, and strengthening established, partnerships and collaborations with local organizations.

### BUILDING ACCESS

We focused on improving patron access to technology, services, and collections while streamlining behind-the-scenes workflows.

### DEVELOPING THE ORGANIZATION

We focused on improving financial stability and maintaining and developing sound policies, procedures, and operations.

# BUILDING CURIOSITY

Children's Services

### WEDNESDAY CLUBS, TINKER TUESDAYS, & MORE

Elementary-aged children gathered to celebrate common interests each Wednesday after school. Pokémon, LEGO, chess, and reading with chocolate were all featured in rotation.

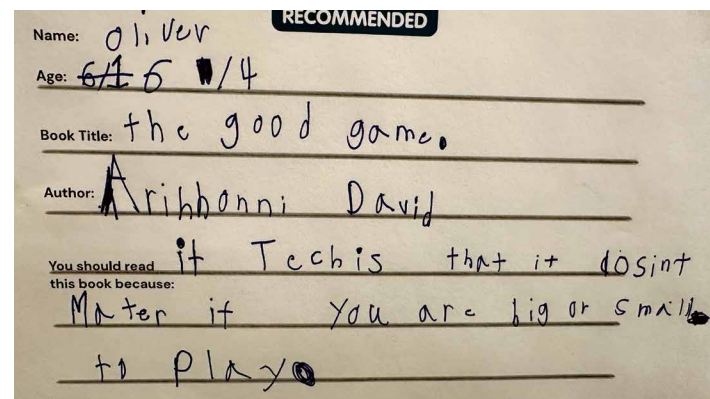
Children were challenged each week to engage with different materials to tinker and create.

Monthly scavenger hunts were a welcome addition to other hands-on room activities like the craft corner featuring monthly crafts. All told, children participated in over 2,500 hands-on activities this year.

### LET'S READ!

This June, the Library unveiled a new collection of Wonderbooks! Wonderbooks allow readers to follow the words and pictures of the story while hearing it read aloud to them. This is an engaging way to provide an all-in-one sensory experience for young readers. This new collection was made possible thanks to grant support from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation.

Young readers began contributing personal book reviews in late spring. These reviews are displayed in the Children's Room to inspire other readers and will be used to craft a new Kids' Picks display.



### LEARNING TOGETHER

Special events included art workshops with Shell & Bee Studio and Doodle Art Lab; a family concert in partnership with Musical Masterworks' Ensemble-in-Residence, Decoda; Harry Potter Day; a wand workshop with Little Small & Co.; and a farm yard petting zoo with Xen's Critters.



pictured, left, clockwise: Chocolate & Chapters participants take a break to read, Sienna and her mom cuddle with a visiting bunny, 6 1/4 y.o. Oliver's book review pictured, left: families enjoy the farmyard petting zoo

# BUILDING CURIOSITY

Teen  
Services

## FUN ACTIVITIES & MORE

Opportunities to learn new skills, socialize, and learn from one another—both peer-to-peer and cross-generational—were plentiful. Highlights include:

Jackbox Game Night, QTZ Zine Fest, M.I.C. Night, teen movie nights, craft workshops (loop yarn, ornament making, figurine painting, and needle felting), and Dungeons and Dragons meet-ups.

Several college admissions workshops were offered in addition to a talk on motivating unmotivated students.

TAB (Teen Advisory Board) continued to meet throughout the year to create a teen newsletter, plan future events, and support Teen Room activities.

The Library partnered with SE/CT Traveling Queer Movie Night and OutCT to offer two movie nights this year. These showings both served to inspire meaningful inter-generational conversations.

“Without this place, I’m sure so many people would fall through the cracks. Instead of sitting home alone, they are here socializing.”

## EXPERT GUESTS & MULTI-GENERATIONAL AUDIENCES

### AUTHOR RHONA ROUMANI

Teens and adults welcomed Syrian American author Rhona Roumani for a chat about her chapter book, *Tagging Freedom*. Informed by her time as a journalist, the book explores the intersection between art and activism as well as the impact of war on children.

### ARTIST/ILLUSTRATOR KAH YANGNI

Thanks to a collaboration with PARJE (Public Art for Racial Justice), teens and adults welcomed visiting artist/illustrator Kah Yangni for a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to illustrate award winning books, create a 2,000+ foot mural, and how to get started as a professional illustrator. The following day, teens were invited to return for a special hands-on stenciling watercolor workshop led by Kah.

### KENT STATE WITH MIKE ALEWITZ

Teens and adults gathered for an oral history presentation from Mike Alewitz on the 1970 experience at Kent State followed by a Q&A. This event fostered a great multi-generational community conversation with many viewpoints.



# BUILDING CURIOSITY

Adult  
Services

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

The Library continues to develop small group opportunities for community members to meet and get to know one another—both to foster connection and to broaden perspectives and understanding.

This year, we rolled out 2 new groups for adults. These new groups complement our already well-established book groups, *Contemporary Classics Book Discussion* and *Phoebe’s Morning Book Chat*, and our relatively new *Faraway Fiction Book Chat* and *Dark Nonfiction Book Club*.

### VEGAN COOKBOOK CLUB

Embark on a culinary adventure with amazing company! Participants gathered quarterly for an evening of tasty food and lively conversation centered around a selected vegan cookbook.

### POETRY HOUR

Do you love poetry!? We do too! Participants met quarterly to share poems they loved or crafted while engaging in interesting and inspiring conversation.

“I wanted to mention how enthusiastic I am about the creative & worthwhile activities you are offering to the community. It’s wonderful! A great gift to us all.”



## HANDS-ON!

Learn a new skill, practice an old one, and meet new people! This year, the Library expanded its offerings of hands-on adult workshops. A wide variety of opportunities were provided, including: Flower Arranging, Tea Tasting, Paper Quilling, Calligraphy, Cake Decorating, and Wreath and Ornament Making.



pictured, top: workshop participants are excited to quill; pictured, bottom: participants gathering to learn the art of tea tasting; pictured, left: youth and families play games in the Teen Room

# BUILDING COMMUNITY

"This library is like no other!!"

## LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Preschoolers and their grown-ups joined us for a dance party to meet Miss Meg and learn about their monthly field trips to the Library in early fall.

The Library kicked off its first Winter Reading Challenge in 2025 with classroom visits to share all the details with Lyme Consolidated and Mile Creek students.

Traditional collaborations continued—the annual Mile Creek Pep Rally to kick off the Summer Challenges, 7th Grade Year-End Class Visits, and the amazing Annual Bookies Awards.

## AMERICA 250

The Library is honored to participate in the Town of Old Lyme's planning committee for next year's celebratory events.

## OPEN OFFICE

In March, Director Katie began hosting monthly office hours for community members to ask questions and share ideas.



## OLD LYME WITNESS STONES

The Library has continued to participate in this partnership to commemorate the lives of enslaved persons in historic Lyme-Old Lyme. On May 30, more than 80 people gathered on the lawn to mark the culmination of the Witness Stones Old Lyme project, now in its fifth and final year. Twelve new bronze plaques were installed in 2025, bringing the town totals to 60.



## 3RD ANNUAL MINI GOLF CELEBRATION!

In March 2025, the Library hosted its 3rd Annual Mini Golf Event! Members of the community were invited to gather at the Library for a day of play and festivities. Over 250 community members joined in on the fun made possible by the generous support of 17 local businesses and sponsors.

## STORYWALK®

The Library continued strengthening this partnership with the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center with new book installations each quarter. The StoryWalk® promotes early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in nature.

## OLD LYME ARTS DISTRICT

The Library continues to participate in this wonderful community partnership! Events of note include *Make Music Day* in June and the *Annual Midsummer Festival* in July, and *Light Up Old Lyme* in December.

# BUILDING ACCESS



## THE RIGHT BOOK FOR THE RIGHT READER

The Children's Chapter Books were evaluated, modified, and recategorized to better support emerging and beginning chapter book readers.

In partnership with the CT State Library, the adult Large Print collection was significantly expanded with the addition of a new, quarterly rotating collection.



## DIGITAL LITERACY

The Library, in partnership with the CT State Library, unveiled the Northstar Digital Literacy tool in September. This tool measures and teaches digital literacy skills. The modules focus on three main areas: essential computer skills, essential software skills, and technology in daily life.



## FINALLY!—A LIBRARY APP

In May, the Library, in partnership with LION, rolled out a long-awaited library app. Patrons can now search the catalog, sign up for events, and access other online library services in a mobile-friendly way (not to mention digital library cards)!



## IMPROVING COLLECTIONS

After completing the full-library inventory begun last year, staff have turned their attention to analyzing the collections with an aim to improve the collections' relevancy and currency. To assist in this endeavor, the Library is using LibraryIQ—a robust collection management tool.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

The Library installed a new VOIP phone system. This new system provides significant cost savings in addition to improving staff access.

Staff also continued attending workshops geared to improving accessibility and expanding the use of technology.

*pictured, left, top: community members gather on the Library Lawn for the 5th Witness Stones Ceremony; left, bottom: youth decorate the Library grounds in preparation for the Haunted BookCellar on Halloween night.*

# DEVELOPING THE ORGANIZATION

## ALABAMA STORY

In October, 60 Library supporters gathered for a special "Celebrate Your Librarian" cocktail reception at the Ivoryton Library. Following the reception, participants journeyed to the Ivoryton Playhouse for a special performance of *Alabama Story* by Kenneth Jones, a powerful and entertaining look at censorship, librarians, race, and the American character.



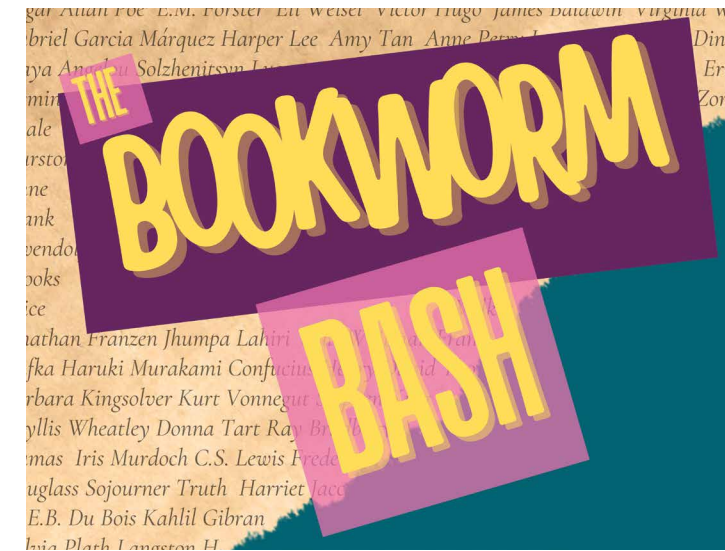
## MUSICAL BINGO

In January, a sold-out crowd gathered for a night of musical bingo fun. Participants had a fabulous time singing along to DJ Allie's selections and, of course, winning awesome prizes!



pictured, above: Library supporters mingle at the Ivoryton Library; pictured, right, top: Barbara Hack, Mary Dangremond, and Joan Overfield pass hors d'oeuvres; pictured, right, bottom: community members gather for a fun night of musical bingo; pictured, opposite: party-goers celebrate *The Phoebe* at the 20225 Bookworm Bash

"So proud of all my Old Lyme Librarians for your courage & dedication to all of us. You are Top Shelf. Thanks."



The weather? *Gorgeous.*  
The food? *Delicious.*  
The vibe? *Joyful!*

The Bookworm Ball from years ago re-emerged as the Bookworm Bash on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. More than 100 people, from all walks of life, gathered for the fun.

The wonderfully reimagined event saw people wearing costumes of their favorite literary characters, from *Where's Waldo* to *Harry Potter*. The silent auction tables were busy with eager buyers, and the *Read Between the Wines* wine grab thrilled oenophiles.

Dancing quickly ensued, thanks to DJ Aaron and his wife Michelle of *Music in Motion Entertainment* playing just the right tunes at just the right volume for a sound that was enjoyed by both young and old.

Board and committee members, as well as staff, worked tirelessly and gave generously to make the Bookworm Bash live up to its name and by all accounts, it most certainly did.

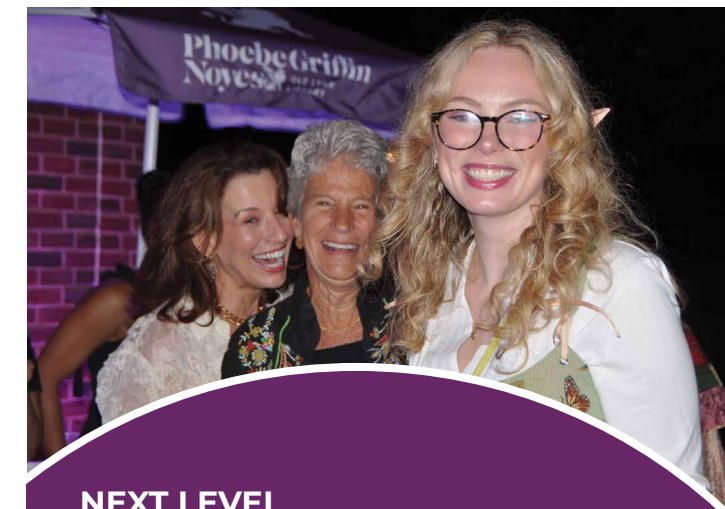
A bash unlike any other!

Thank you to all who attended and made it such a success, and for those who missed it, be sure to get your tickets early for next year. It's a party you don't want to miss.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Bookworm Bash 2026:  
Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>



## NEXT LEVEL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

This year, the Library focused on increasing opportunities to generate financial support for the Library's operations while raising awareness for our mission. The resulting events were fun, lively celebrations that nurtured community engagement and strengthened the relationship between the Library and its supporters.



“Libraries are so undervalued but so important to all of us, especially now. Keep up the good work!”



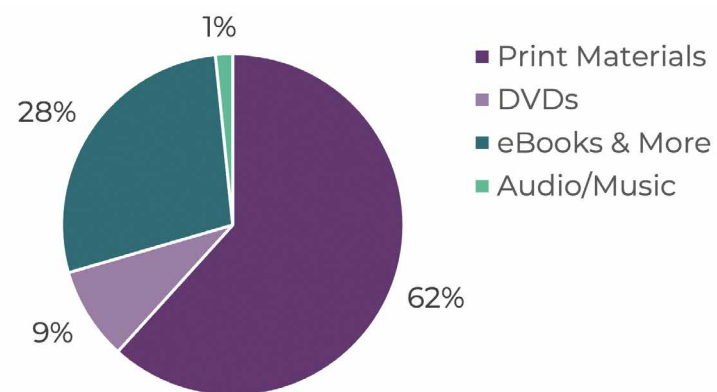
## OUR COLLECTIONS & SERVICES

The Library's Collections contain 37,000+ physical items and 30,000+ digital items. In addition, our membership in Libraries Online, Inc. (LION) grants patrons access to nearly 2 million physical titles across the region. LION delivered nearly 6,000 items to Old Lyme patrons for local use this year.

### USE OF COLLECTIONS

72,000+ items were checked out by patrons.

### % USE OF COLLECTION BY FORMAT



More than 3,400 residents have active library cards plus an additional 267 out-of-town patrons. The Library issued over 400 new cards.



The Library's 8 public computers were used 2,360 times for a total of 1,864 hours of use.



Library staff assisted patrons over 2,000 times with research assistance and hands-on technology help. Staff placed over 2,500 holds for patrons.



The Library's three study rooms were booked 2,233 times, and local groups gathered in the community room for meetings 128 times.

*pictured: The BirdWatchers perform at the Adult End-of-Summer Patio Party*

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

### CHILDREN

2,200+ patrons attended  
137 events.

In-person crafts, take-and-makes, and scavenger hunts were completed nearly 4,500 times.

### TEENS

1,200+ patrons attended  
78 events.

Teens completed nearly 400 volunteer shifts.

TAB met 14 times.

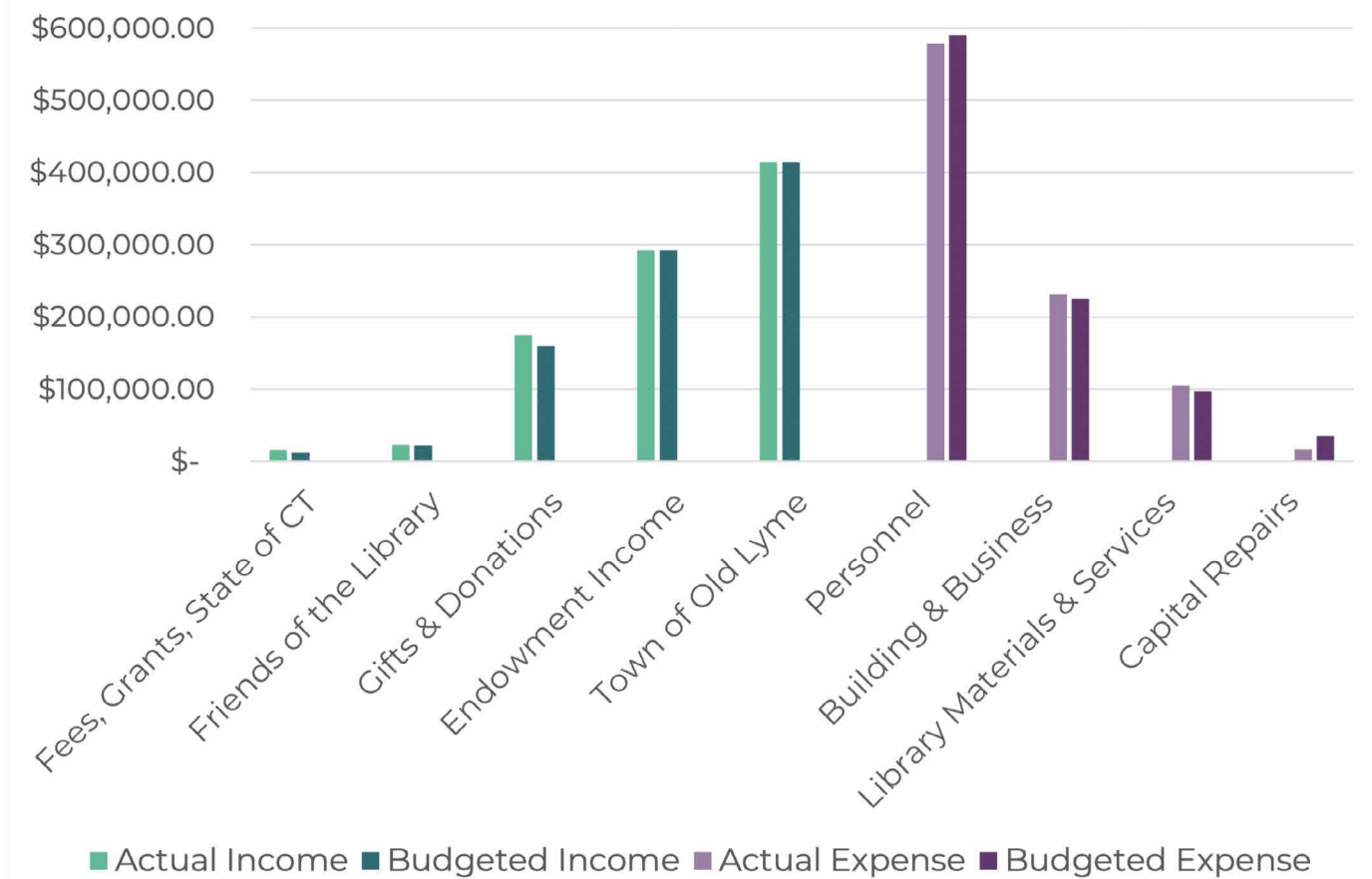
### ADULTS

1,700+ patrons attended  
237 events.

### ALL AGES

2,500+ patrons attended events designed for a general audience.

## OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSES 2024-2025: BUDGETED VS. ACTUAL



### ENDOWED FUNDS REPORT

The Library Endowment was established in 1899 with \$10,000 in gifts from the Ludington and Noyes families. Over the next 125 years, additional funds were contributed by Old Lyme residents committed to supporting the long-term success of the Library. Today, the funds comprise a variety of investments; some are restricted funds, designated to be spent on particular categories of books, materials, and services, while some are unrestricted and are used to cover a portion of annual personnel and building expenses.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, withdrawals from the Endowment represented 32% of the Library's total operating actual income. Contributions from the Town of Old Lyme accounted for 45% of the actual operating income, and donations and gifts represented 22%. During the fiscal year, the Endowment investments portfolio returned 10.98%.

# LEVEL UP! AT YOUR LIBRARY 2025 SUMMER PROGRAMS

BONUS  
CONTENT!

## FOR CHILDREN

Summer offers time to explore and have fun! This year's program featured a variety of special events and challenges, including:

### KICK-OFF PARTY!

Over 130 kids and their grown-ups gathered to celebrate the beginning of summer and learn about the game card challenge!

### GAME CARDS!

198 Game Cards were distributed to eager readers! The boards challenged kids to read, explore, and create. 74 kids completed over 600 challenges on their cards!

### STEAM STORY TIMES & MORE

Kids engaged in weekly, hands-on steam story times and special events like a puppetry workshop, pirate treasure hunt, and cooking challenge.



## FOR TEENS

### BLOCK BLAST!

27 teens participated in the Book Blast Challenge inspired by Tetris & 230 activities were completed for a chance to win awesome prizes.

### LEVEL UP YOUR ARTS & CRAFTS!

Weekly, hands-on craft activities included crochet, faux stained glass, origami, sewing, printmaking, charcuterie landscape art, & reclaimed materials basket weaving.

### BOAT BUILDING WORKSHOP

Participants used plywood & simple hand tools to create a life-size, traditionally shaped, & seaworthy boat!

## FOR ADULTS

Over 123 adults participated in our Summer 2025 challenges. Participants submitted 81 book reviews and earned 234 raffle tickets toward some amazing prizes.

Special events included a talk with local author Amy Gamerman, Turkish Coffee Tasting, and Red Sox vs. Yankees.

*pictured, above: party-goers celebrate at the kick-off and end-of-summer parties; pictured, right, clockwise from top: teens construct a wooden boat; it floats!; Adriana and Callie share their sewing creations; 750 ice cream crafts were made by kids; the Library Cow; teen volunteers work on the library's FloGris Cow Tails submission; Miss Meg reads at a steam story time; Connor shares his construction;*



# THANK YOU!

We are grateful to acknowledge all those who supported the Library from July 2024–June 2025

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