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ANNUAL REPORT

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# Message from our director

2025 was a year of meaningful transformation at the library.

With the completion of our interior renovations and the launch of our new integrated library system, we didn't just update our building and technology—we strengthened the way we serve our community. The refreshed spaces are updated, more welcoming, and better designed to support connection, learning, and discovery. Our new ILS is already helping us work more efficiently behind the scenes, so we can spend more time doing what matters most: supporting the people who walk through our doors.

These projects were not without challenges. Change rarely is. But thanks to the patience of our patrons, the resilience of our staff, and the support of our partners, we emerged better prepared, more flexible, and more focused. Every decision was guided by care—care for access, for experience, and for the vital role the library plays in daily life.

As we look ahead, we are excited to build on this momentum. Our renewed spaces and systems give us a stronger foundation to listen, to respond, and to grow alongside our community. Thank you for trusting us with that responsibility. We care deeply about this library and the people it serves, and we are proud to continue this work together.

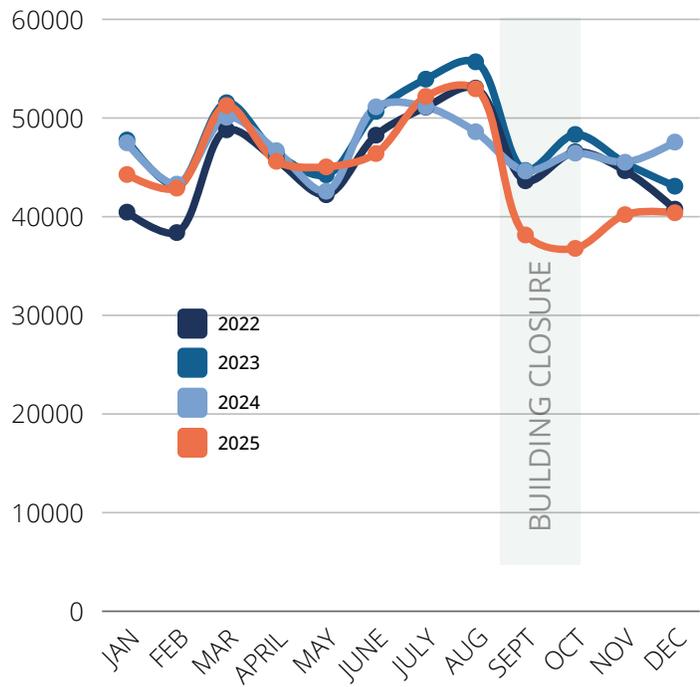


**Shauna Anderson**  
Library Director



# Circulation

Circulation of physical materials dipped with the closure of our building due to our interior renovation, as noted in the chart (right). Digital reading continues to grow, accounting for **30%** of our overall checkouts.



**536,205** Physical Checkouts

**175,440** Digital Checkouts

**62,459** Database Uses

## ILS MIGRATION

Migrating to a new Integrated Library System this year was not without its challenges. Patrons endured a significant outage in May while we transitioned systems, and staff continued to troubleshoot data issues after launching the new system. We are hopeful that the open source ILS we selected, Evergreen, will provide us greater flexibility, more consistent technology development, and a better business model than previous vendors.

## REORGANIZED COLLECTIONS

With the interior updates this year, we took the opportunity to reconfigure the physical placement of our collections to align with publishing trends and public usage. This allows us to grow more popular collections and showcase more topical displays.

2025 **Top Titles**

*My Friends* by Fredrik Backman  
*Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry  
*Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid  
*Nightshade* by Michael Connelly

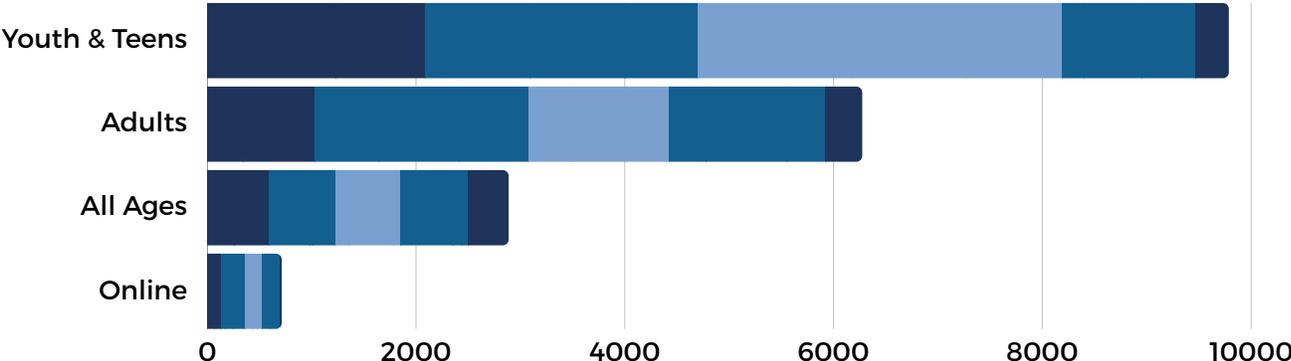


# Participation

## A focus on intergenerational opportunities

From book clubs to storytimes to big name author visits, PDL celebrated a culture of reading and learning throughout the year. The library continues to expand on its mission of sharing resources to create even broader opportunities for connection and growth-- including through our popular makerspace and STEM programs in the Lab, our growing community swap programs that encourage sharing with neighbors, and our gaming events that help community members connect with each other on a personal level-- demonstrating our dedication to enriching lives, building connections, and fostering lifelong learning across a wide spectrum of topics and interests.

### PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



## Volunteers

From behind-the-scenes support to direct service with the public, our volunteers extend the library's reach in countless ways. Their dedication strengthens our programs, enhances our spaces, and helps us better meet community needs. We sincerely thank each volunteer for the difference they make.

**3,158**  
Hours Volunteered



# Community Engagement

Over the past year, our list of community partners has more than doubled—clear evidence of how the library is becoming increasingly connected, collaborative, and responsive to local needs. These partnerships extend the library's reach far beyond our walls, allowing us to support a wider range of programs, services, and community initiatives than ever before. We are grateful to the organizations, schools, and local groups who have chosen to work alongside us, and we look forward to continuing to build relationships that strengthen our community and reflect the evolving interests and priorities of the people we serve.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

88.1 The Park WSDP Radio	InterFaith Leadership Council	Plymouth Chamber of
AARP	of Metropolitan Detroit	Commerce
Academic Gardens Preschool	Ivywood Academy	Plymouth Council on Aging
American Red Cross	KinderCare Preschool	Plymouth United Way
Arbor Brewing Plymouth	Kiwanis Club of Colonial	Plymouth DDA
Taphouse	Plymouth	Plymouth Foster Closet
ARC Northwest Wayne County	League of Women Voters	Plymouth Goodfellows
Autism Alliance of Michigan	Living & Learning Enrichment	Plymouth Pollinators
Cards for Hospitalized Kids	Center	Plymouth-Canton Literacy
Charter Township of Plymouth	MSU Extension	Council
ChildTime Preschool	MI Alliance for Families	Plymouth Township
City of Plymouth	MI Bureau of Services for	Rank MI Vote
CFCU Relentless Care Foundation	Blind Persons	Recovery Action Network of
Community Living Services	MI Department of Civil Rights	Michigan
Compass Community	MI Medicare Assistance	Sun and Snow, Plymouth
Collaborative	Program/The Senior Alliance	State of Comics
Detroit Disability Power	Michigan Philharmonic	Veterans Resource Network
Disability Network, Wayne	Michigan Statewide	of Southeast Michigan
County	Independent Living Council	Vitrine at the Baker House
Disability Rights Michigan	Miracle League of Plymouth	Wayne County Dept of
Early On Michigan	Northville HS Heart Club	Health, Human and
Eastern Michigan University,	Old Village Association	Veterans Services
School of Social Work	OLGC School	Wayne County Parks &
Elephant Ear Books	PARCLife	Recreation
Friends of PDL	Friends of the Penn Theatre	Wayne State University,
Gleaners	Plymouth/Canton PFLAG	Center for Behavioral
Greater Detroit Agency for the	Plymouth Canton Community	Health and Justice
Blind	Schools	

# Service Highlights



## INTERIOR RENOVATION

This year marked a major milestone in the life of our building. With fresh paint and new carpet throughout, added study rooms, and thoughtfully selected new furniture, the library is better than ever. These improvements have already changed how people use our spaces, creating better areas for collaboration, quiet study, and community connection.

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## CHECK OUT AN EXPERT

This year, we launched a program to connect community members with knowledgeable volunteers for one-on-one conversations and learning experiences. From practical guidance to personal interests, these sessions have created meaningful exchanges that reflect the strengths and generosity of our community.

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## BOOK DISPLAYS & MERCHANDISING

We experimented with new approaches to displays this year, emphasizing a more intentional presentation. Projects such as the *Civic Zone*, *Holiday Boutique*, and *Most Popular* collection invited patrons to discover materials in fresh, engaging ways. These efforts taught us a great deal about how people browse and what draws attention which we will expand on in the year ahead.

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## INTRODUCING *THE PLYMOUTH EXPRESS*

This year also saw the launch of a new community newspaper, created to highlight positive local stories and amplify voices from around town. The paper has provided a platform for connection, creativity, and civic pride, extending the library's role as a hub for local storytelling. We are proud of the enthusiasm it has generated and excited to help this project grow.

# Next Steps

We continue to celebrate a culture of reading while investing in community aspirations.

Our strategic planning process identified three areas of we will be investing our attention over the next four years. These goals are outlined below along with specific activities that the library will undertake next year.

## 01 — Foster connections between residents

In the coming year, we will be prototyping new ways to bring neighbors together for civic conversations on topics that matter to our community.

## 02 — Enhance communication and information sharing

We plan to spend the next year building internal tools that support better communication and preparedness at our public service points, particularly through an enhanced staff intranet.

## 03 — Contribute to the character of our community

We plan to celebrate the full reopening of our spaces once the Lower Level construction is completed. This event will commemorate the investment made by our community and acknowledge the work that went in to making our refreshed spaces possible.

# Financials

This year, we made intentional, forward-looking investments in our physical spaces—improvements designed to ensure our building continues to meet the evolving needs of the community.

The interior renovations completed in 2025 were funded through the strategic use of the library's capital funds—savings reserved specifically for major projects and long-term improvements. Utilizing these funds allowed the library to move forward with essential updates while protecting the stability of our annual operating budget and day-to-day services.

We approached these projects with careful planning and fiscal responsibility, prioritizing improvements that will have lasting impact: safer and more welcoming spaces, more functional layouts, and infrastructure that better supports both patrons and staff.

This same approach will continue into the coming year as capital funds are again used to complete renovations to the lower level children's area. This next phase reflects our ongoing commitment to stewardship, transparency, and thoughtful investment in the shared public space our community trusts us to maintain.





# Revenues

\$4,201,078	Tax Levy
\$101,485	Delinquent Taxes
\$25,838	Grants
\$44,504	State Aid
\$0	Penal Fines
\$3,999	Book Fines & Fees
\$8,342	Copier/Printing Fees
\$88,073	Donations & Contributions
\$165,428	Interest on Investments
<u>\$162,514</u>	<u>Other</u>
<b>\$4,801,264</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

# Expenditures

\$2,501,592	Salaries/Wages + Taxes
\$259,329	Medical/Dental/Vision Insurance
\$17,695	Life & Disability
\$287,169	Retirement
\$44,842	Operating Supplies
\$29,495	Building Supplies
\$237,715	Books & Materials
\$50,203	Databases
\$175,271	eResources
\$253,271	Contractual Services
\$20,019	Communications
\$75	Transportation
\$26,217	Conferences & Training
\$63,886	Community Promotions
\$37,688	Events (Sponsored by Friends)
\$72,515	Insurance/Bonds/Worker's Comp
\$140,119	Utilities
\$120,084	Repairs & Maintenance
\$1,287,428	Building Renovation
\$278,228	Furniture
\$127,813	Technology
<u>\$1,888</u>	<u>Prior Year Tax Refunds</u>
<b>\$6,033,059</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

# Acknowledgements

We would be remiss if we failed to recognize the contributions of the people who work tirelessly to make the projects mentioned within possible.

The dedicated **staff** who are our library's greatest resource.

Our committed **volunteers** who make this institution possible.

The generous support of **individual donors** across the community.

**Jean Walsh**, Library Board President  
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Friends of Plymouth District Library  
BOSCH Community Fund  
Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth  
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Basket Kreations  
Bigalora  
Dairy King  
Dairy Queen  
Goldfish Swim School  
Jimmy John's  
Jungle Java

Kilwin's  
McDonald's  
P.S. Nutrition  
Phoenix Theaters  
Pita Way (adult)  
Plymouth Dept of  
Recreation

Radiant Fine Jewelry  
Savvy Sliders  
Scooter's Coffee  
Skatin' Station  
Tim Hortons  
Westborn Market  
Zap Zone/Glow Golf

**We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to serve the community.**



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