



# GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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**+8%**

**Visitors**  
94,166



**Library Card Sign-ups**  
672  
+3%

An icon of an open book with a minus sign, indicating a decrease in sign-ups.

**Questions Answered**  
16,711

An icon of three question marks in a thought bubble, representing customer service or inquiries.

## Programs

**Children**  
302 programs  
5720 attendance

**Teens**  
113 programs  
1355 attendance

**Adults**  
203 programs  
2431 attendance

# Circulation

+3%

## Checkouts

132,624

100,979 physical -1%

31,663 digital +20%

## Museum Passes

12 Passes

146 Checkouts

## Library of Things

75 Things

452 Checkouts

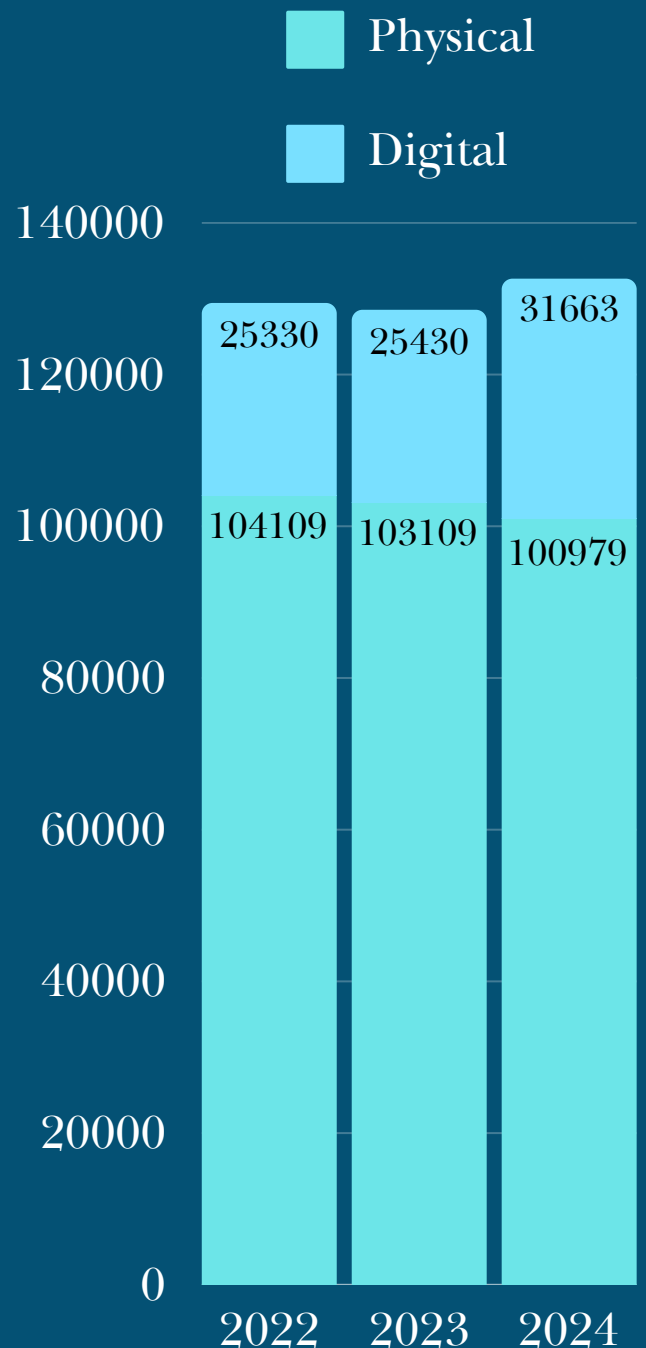
## Rooms

*Study Rooms*

1859

*Meeting Rooms*

761



## Proposed 2025-2026

### Operating Budget

#### OPERATION

Books, Print & e-Resources \$ 118,100

Programs 69,000

Building & Maintenance 72,400

Technology 71,000

Other Operations 47,301

Insurance 42,000

Utilities 53,000

Professional Fees 43,500

Library Supplies 11,340

Total 527,641

#### PERSONNEL

Professional 1,175,791

Pension & Benefits 508,448

Total 1,684,239

Gross Budget 2,211,880

Less: Other Revenue (179,700)

Net Budget-Tax Levy \$ 2,032,180

## Current Library Board Members

**Tina Fortugno** – President, **Emily Collado**

– Vice President, **Heather LaBruna**–

Secretary, **Michael Panzer** – Auditor of

the Bills, **Jim Langlois & Robert**

**Karchawer** – Trustees

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society is to provide and promote open and equal access to ideas and to the resources and services of the Library in order to meet the informational, educational, and cultural needs of the community. The Library strives to enrich reading and the use of technology for lifelong learning and the enhancement of the individual's quality of life.

In 2024, The Goshen Public Library & Historical Society continued to serve with distinction not only as traditional place for access to information and resources, but also as a welcoming hub, community connector, and the heart of the village of Goshen. The robust support and use of the library is evidenced by the 8 percent increase in visitors and the 3 percent increase in new library card holders in 2024. Be sure to check out our new Year in Review Infographic, crafted by our talented Adult Services Manager, Ruth Mallard. Visitors to the library may have noticed our new collaborative, thematic approach to programming across youth services, young adult, and adult services that we launched in the last quarter of 2024. The benefits of this approach allow time and space for staff to collaborate across departments and help to minimize the likelihood of redundant programming. It also provides a cohesive marketing foundation for us to layer with all of the good things we love about the resources and learning opportunities libraries provide which keep our patrons coming for more: in 2024, the Goshen Public Library hosted 302 Children's programs for 5720 attendees, 113 programs for Teens, with 1355 attendees and 203 Adult Programs for 2431 attendees. The library teams are hard at work on our next library wide program theme, Meet Your Peeps @the Library, with the annual summer reading program to follow. While you wait in anticipation for the next library program theme drop, don't forget to use your card and take advantage of the Museum Passes and Library of Things collection of games and puzzles. In 2024, 146 patrons checked out the Museum Passes, saving hundreds of dollars in entry fees to popular museums and historic sites across the state. Special shout out to and thank our Friends of the Library for underwriting the purchase of the passes for the library, and for all that they do to support the library. Be sure to stop by the Friends' Bookstore in the library lobby and please do consider becoming a member. The Local History Department closed out 2024 with the publication launch of the incredible History Journal, Vol. 1. For a donation of \$15, so many Greater Goshen residents snagged their own personal copy of this historic tome or brought them as gifts, the library entered its second printing round! Copies are still available at the Friends bookstore. Vol. 2 is in the works, stay tuned... Lastly, I feel privileged to have served here during my extended tenure, navigating the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society through this period of transition on the road to pass the baton to the next director. Thank you to the library board, library staff, and Goshen community for the heartfelt welcome, encouragement and support. I wish you all the best in 2025 and beyond.

In Service,

Joslyn Bowling Dixon

Interim Director

Goshen Public Library and Historical Society

