



# Richards Library

## 2025 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

10,396  
VISITORS



Wifi



4,004

TIMES ACCESSED

eBook



2,970

DOWNLOADS

## HOW WE GOT IT DONE IN 2025

Community School Supplies Drive Warrensburg Repair Cafe  
Puzzle Corner OATS Classes  
STEM summer program series Seed Library & Gardening Workshops

Sewing w/ Sarah Red Cross Blood Drive In the Zone Sessions  
Take & Make Crafts Warrensburg Riverfront Farmer's Market Festivals

Tech Help  
Painting W/  
Patrice



Needle Felting W/ Filomena



Card Holders

1,464

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"Report from the Director"



Programs



139

PROGRAMS

994

ATTENDANCE



13,782

Items  
Borrowed

18,942

Items in the Collection



# Report from the Director

## 2025 – A YEAR OF COMMUNITY BUILDING

In 2025, we continued programming that focused on community building, had new exhibits, received grants/donations, and much more!

We hosted a variety of programming, as seen in the orange word block - on-site/off-site, and led by Staff or outside presenters. It was wonderful to host free children's crafts at the Riverfront Farmers' Markets and the STEM series with the new supplies in the summer. We added more toys and games to play with in the Children's Room!

We hosted a variety of new exhibits from outside sources and our Archive collection. We had Messages From Survivors: One Family's Holocaust Legacy travelling exhibit from The Memory Project Productions, which was brought to our Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) by a grant from NY Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. There was a Flora and Fauna exhibit by Drew Monthie which was coordinated with Warrensburgh Beautification. Staff (Marie) created multiple in-house exhibits in our various display cases showcasing items from our Archive collection - collected by the Richards Sisters and extended family members on their travels.

A new Strategic Plan (2025-2030) was drafted based upon community survey responses from 2024 and other research. This is available on our website under 'By-laws & Policies'. This plan will help guide Staff and the Board the next five years.

We were awarded a of couple grants in 2025. Through the Lake Placid Education Foundation, we received grant monies to 'Increase Archival Attention' to allow for staff to focus on organizing, accessioning, and properly storing our entire Archival collection. Through the Adirondack Architectural Heritage, we received grant monies for our 'Chimney Cap Restoration Project' to replace our chimney cap and repair the support stonework. Both of these projects will be implemented into 2026.

We are incredibly grateful to our community for all of the material and monetary donations this year. We received Great Courses, books, DVDs, puzzles, seeds, school supplies, and probably more!

**Thank you to all!**

**Shelby Burkhardt**  
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