

Pleasant Valley Library

2024



Annual Report to the Community

from our Director

We're so pleased to share this Annual Report to the Community. It's hard to believe this month marks the two year anniversary of being open in our expanded and renovated space. It's even more amazing that this year's numbers top last year's, and yet the community keeps finding more and more ways to love the library. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all our donors and to the residents of Pleasant Valley for passing our budget referendum. Everything you see in these pages is thanks to your support and the help of our fabulous Friends of the Library. On a personal note, I enjoyed meeting so many of you during our Community Conversations. This library is a symbol of what a community can accomplish when everyone works together to build something amazing!

Daniela Pulice, MLS

Director, Pleasant Valley Library

Did You Know We Have...

Health & Wellness Classes!

Chair Yoga
3rd Tuesday @ 1pm

Face & Lymphatic Yoga
1st Friday @ 1pm &
2nd Monday @ 6:30pm

Gentle Flow Yoga
4th Wednesday @ 6pm

Meditation
Last Tuesday @
1:30pm & 6:30pm

Pilates
3rd Tuesday @ 6pm &
4th Saturday @ 11am

Senior Programs!

Brain Games
Tuesdays @ 10:45am

Senior Exercise
Tuesdays & Thursdays
@ 10am

Senior Movie Mornings
2nd Wednesday @ 11:30am

Adult Crafts!

monthly Take & Make
crafts

monthly Crafterday
programs

seasonal Paint & Sip
classes

Teen Exclusives!

dedicated Teen Room
with computers, study
space, and lounge chairs

seasonal Book Boxes
filled with treats and gifts to keep

drop-in crafts during
school breaks

year-round volunteer
opportunities

Kids Programming!

Storytimes
for toddlers & pre-k

Seasonal & Holiday
Craft Days

LEGO activities

Summer Reading
programs, events,
and performers

Presenters, Performers, and Special Events!

We offer several special interest programs each month on a wide variety of topics! Sign up for our eNewsletter and check our Calendar page regularly so you never miss out on something fun!

Past programs include & are not limited to:

Gardening - Paranormal Investigator - Candle Making -
Local Author visits - Line Dancing - Composting -
Interactive Movies - Poetry Workshops - Concert Events

And More!

- 2 WiFi HotSpots
- 3 Explorer backpacks
- 1 : 1 Tech Help
- STEAM Lab
- 10 Museum Passes
- 3 bookable meeting spaces
- Job Search & Health Insurance assistance

Check out all of the programs listed here, plus tons more, on our website!
Registration is required for most programs.

Books for Sale!

We have a daily, ongoing Book Sale in the Quiet Reading Room every day we're open.



SAVE THE DATE:

Big Spring Book Sale!



April 19th - 12pm to 6pm | April 20th - 10am to 3pm
April 21st - 10am to 3pm *Name Your Price Day!*

These sales and more are all because of our dedicated Friends group. They are always looking for new volunteers who want to make a difference. Want to join? Email FriendsofthePVLlibrary@gmail.com for more info!

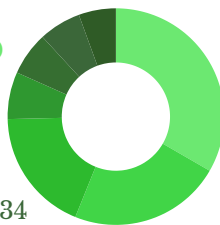
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Best Attended Adult Programs

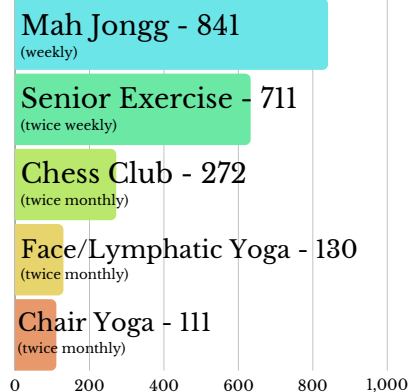


Best Attended Family Events:

- Summer Reading Kickoff Party - 180
- Polar Express Readings - 123
- Blacklight Bubble Bus - 100
- Rubik's Cube & How to Solve It - 38
- NYE Countdown Party - 35
- Escape the Library! Escape Rooms - 34
- Hocus Pocus 2 Interactive Movie - 30



Best Attended Recurring Adult Programs



Top Ten Fiction Authors

ADULT:

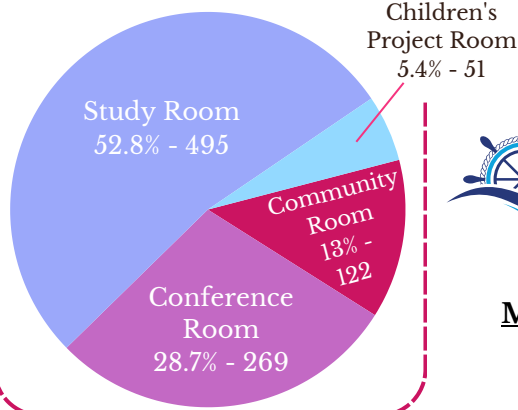
- James Patterson
- Colleen Hoover
- Danielle Steel
- David Baldacci
- Brad Meltzer
- Debbie Macomber
- Nora Roberts
- Stuart Woods
- Stephen King
- John Grisham

KIDS:

- Mo Willems
- Dav Pilkey
- Mary Pope Osborn
- Jeff Kinney
- Paul Tobin
- Ted Arnold
- Rick Riordan
- Dan Gutman
- Tui Sutherland
- Ryan Higgins

Public Meeting & Study Room Bookings

Total Bookings: 937



Most Popular Museum Pass:
Mystic Seaport Museum

Most Popular Explorer Backpack:



Insects

Most Popular Teen Program:
Teen Paint & Sip w/ Sarah



MOST POPULAR

Most Popular eBooks:

- Lessons in Chemistry*
Bonnie Garmus
- Happy Place*
Emily Henry
- Demon Copperhead*
Barbara Kingsolver

ADULT

Fiction:

- Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus
- Mad Honey*, by Jodi Picoult
- Desert Star*, by Michael Connelly

Non-Fiction:

- The Wager*, by David Grann
- Guinness Book of World Records*

Biography:

- Spare*, by Prince Harry
- I'm Glad My Mom Died*, by Jennette McCurdy

Magazine:

- People*
- Consumer Reports*
- Food Network*

DVD:

- Banshees of Inisherin*
- Black Adam*

TEEN

Fiction:

- A Court of Thorns & Roses*, by Sarah J. Maas
- A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, by Holly Jackson
- Family of Liars*, by E. Lockhart

Graphic Novel: *My Hero Academia*

Magazine: *PC Gamer*

KIDS

Book: *I Will Take a Nap*, by Mo Willems

Graphic Novel: *Plants vs Zombies*



Top Adult Nonfiction Topics:

- Cookbooks
- Self-Help
- Medical



Top Teen Nonfiction Topics:

- World Wars I & II
- Social Issues
- Animals



Top Kids Nonfiction Topics:

- Videogames & Movies
- Animals
- World Wars I & II

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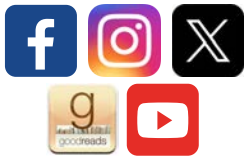
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Tuesday	10a - 8p
Wednesday	10a - 8p
Thursday	10a - 8p
Friday	12p - 6p
Saturday	10a - 2p
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Find us on:



2023
at a glance

total physical items in our collection: 44,600



Physical Items:
adult books: 26,000
kids books: 12,000
audio books : 1,600
DVDs: 5,000



total digital items available to download or stream: 40,000+

Digital Checkouts:
Libby/OverDrive: 10,976
Hoopla: 2,881
Kanopy: 1,093

+ 5,500
items added to our collection



103,000 items borrowed

more items checked out than in 2022



74,000 people visited the library

in total, nearly 700 programs were attended by 10,000 people



Programs:
277 for kids
415 for adults



41,040 visits to our website

Digital Services used:
JobNow: 20+
Language learning: 430+
Universal Class: 550+



over 75 exams proctored



over 20 adult volunteers worked 1300+ hours and raised \$31,000 to offset programming costs

200+ documents notarized



44 teens volunteered over 225 hours of service

busiest month - over 10,000 items circulated



Other Items:
2 HotSpots
3 Explorer Backpacks
10 Museum Passes

950 non-library meeting room bookings

Summer Reading:
Kids: 274
Teens: 44
Adults: 49
Volunteers: 19 | 138 hours