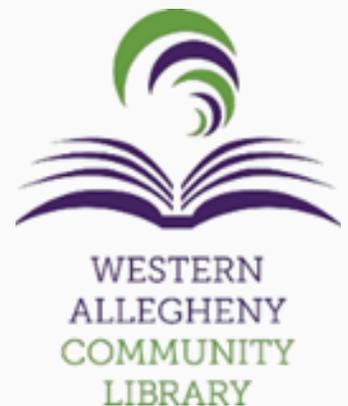




# 2025

## ANNUAL REPORT



# A Letter From Our Board

Dear Community Members,

We are thrilled to share Western Allegheny Community Library's Annual Report for 2025. Inside, you'll find highlights of our expanded programs and services, as well as the incredible dedication of our staff and volunteers. Their hard work helps make WACL a **welcoming, inclusive, and accessible place** for everyone, empowering residents' personal, educational, and professional growth through our collections, programs, and services.

In 2025, the library continued to grow and adapt to meet the needs of our community, **circulating over 217,000 items** and offering programs that brought people together, inspired learning, and fostered connection. These achievements reflect the passion and commitment of everyone who makes our library such a special place.

We are also deeply grateful to our generous donors, whose support makes all of this possible. From government agencies and foundations to local businesses and individual contributors, your investment in WACL strengthens our ability to serve the communities of Findlay Township, North Fayette Township, and Oakdale Borough. Your trust and generosity mean so much to us.

**Thank you for being part of the WACL family.**

Together, we continue to make our library a vibrant, welcoming, and inspiring place for everyone.

With gratitude,  
The Board of Directors



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# Western Allegheny Community Library

Western Allegheny Community Library, a proud member of the Allegheny County Library Association, serves the residents of Findlay Township, North Fayette Township, and Oakdale Borough. With a dedicated staff of sixteen employees, the library supports more than 24,000 individuals by providing a broad selection of programs, services, and resources, all offered free of charge to the community.

## Our Mission

The mission of Western Allegheny Community Library is to provide a safe, inclusive, and accessible community-centered library that is free to the public and empowers its residents' personal, educational, and professional growth through our collection, programs, and services.

## Our Values

- Community Partnership
- Equity and Inclusion
- Excellence and Integrity
- Intellectual Freedom
- Literacy and Lifelong Learning
- Respect



# Our Library Team



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Our staff is the foundation of the library, welcoming visitors each day and providing helpful, reliable support to everyone who walks through our doors.

Our volunteers continue to play an important role, generously giving their time to assist with daily operations and special projects.

The Board of Directors remains actively involved, dedicating their time to meetings, legislative advocacy, and ongoing communication with the Library Director.

We are also grateful for the dedication of our Friends of the Library. Through partnerships, donation processing, and multiple book sales, they raise nearly \$10,000 annually to help fund library programs and services.



# 2025 CIRCULATION & USAGE STATISTICS

**217,289**

Total circulation  
(including physical and  
digital format)

**71,533**

Annual visits



**63,991**

Electronic circulation  
(e-books, video download,  
audio files)

**153,298**

Physical items  
circulated

**84,077**

Circulation of  
children's materials



# LIBRARY SERVICES

## Community Impact by the Numbers

In 2025, your library continued to be a welcoming place where neighbors found support, connection, and trusted resources for everyday needs, lifelong learning, and life's important moments.

**1,701**

*Reference questions answered by library staff — from quick lookups to deep research help*

**3,171**

*Public computer sessions supporting work, school, and daily life*

**7,871**

*Wi-Fi connections were made, keeping our community online*

**237**

*Personalized support services provided, including notary, technology assistance, exam proctoring, and more*



**900+**

*Tax returns prepared for community members — free of charge*

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, Western Allegheny Community Library was buzzing with activity!

**743 programs**

**16,722 attendees**

**1,395 STEM participants**

**66 teen programs (814 teens)**

**140 outreach programs (3,306 participants)**



## ***STORYTIME MAGIC***

Across approximately 130 storytimes, nearly 1,600 children gathered at the library to read, sing, and explore together while building foundational literacy skills.



# OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

## **Book Bus Outreach**

Thanks to our ongoing partnership with **Monark Student Transportation** and **West Allegheny School District**, the Book Bus continues to deliver stories and smiles throughout our community. Each year, it makes **115 visits** to 8 preschools, connects with 16 classrooms monthly, engages over **400 children**, and facilitated more than 1,800 book checkouts, putting books directly into the hands of young readers.



## **Story Strolls**

Beyond the Book Bus, our Story Strolls at **Donaldson Park** and **Clinton Park** invite families to get outside, explore together, and enjoy a story along the way. These interactive outdoor reading experiences combine literacy and movement, encouraging families to connect with nature, their community, and the joy of reading.

# NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded the commonwealth's **PA Forward Gold Star status for the ninth year in a row**.

Fall for Your Library was yet again a success, **raising over \$60,000** during the month of September, all contributing toward's Love Your Library Month.

Renewed our designation as an Educational Improvement Organization through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development and was **awarded \$13,000 in funding** via First Commonwealth Bank's Educational Improvement Tax Credits, as well as the Friends of Education.

The Friends of the Library placed **two new Little Free Libraries** throughout the community, which they restock and rotate on a regular basis. The libraries were created by students at the High School.

Replaced concrete at entrances, replaced interior doors and windows, and installed a lockdown feature on our front door to **maintain a safe and reliable space** for members of the community.

Hosted field trips for the High School Life Skills Program and Resurrection Preschool.

**Partnered with over 40 local businesses and organizations** for program offerings (including Conti Law, NovaCare, Northwest Mutual, The Frick Pittsburgh Museums and Gardens, Raccoon Creek State Park, Marie Exotics Reptile Rescue, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Mad Science and more).



# Patron Voices

We invited patrons to share what the library means to them. Their thoughtful responses reflected deep appreciation for our resources, staff, and sense of community. Here are a few highlights:

*"The library is the best place to grow and come together as a community! I love coming here."*

*"I know every time I enter I'm greeted with a smile and the staff is super helpful and kind."*

*"The library means a lot to me because when the power was out for a long time, we came every day—and it made things so much less boring. It was way better than being stuck at home with no power!"*

*"The library is like a second home to me."*

*"It's awesome to have somewhere to take my daughter to storytime and to play with no cost."*

*"I have lived in several states, but have never had such a great library!"*



# Patron Voices

## Continued

*"I love all of the resources and programs provided for the community, as well as the lovely staff!"*

*"In a world of chaos, the library is a consistent presence in our community."*

*"The library is our favorite place. The dedicated play area, friendly and helpful staff. We love all the library of things. And don't forget the experience passes! Lifesaver!  
- Mom of 4 kids"*

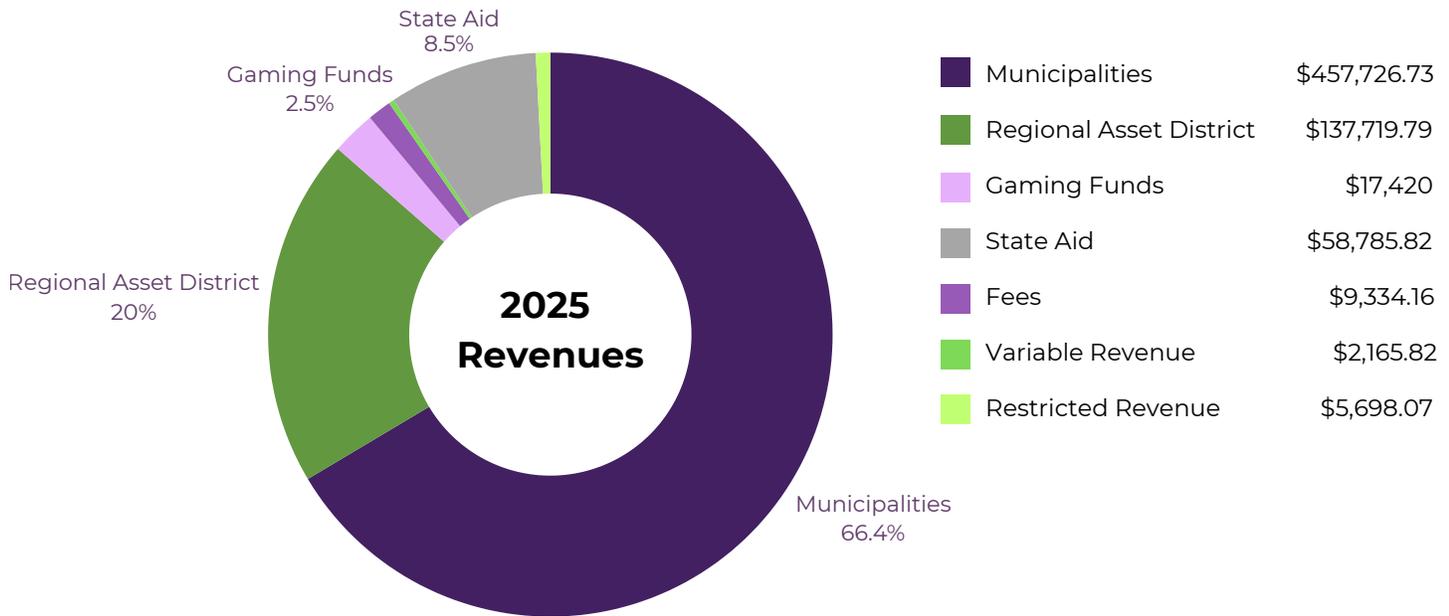
*"I love the library because it has wonderful summer programs for my kids!"*

*"As a retired person, it helps me save money by being able to order books to read. The library is simply an important community hub for persons of all ages. Please keep funding this important educational and social resource!"*

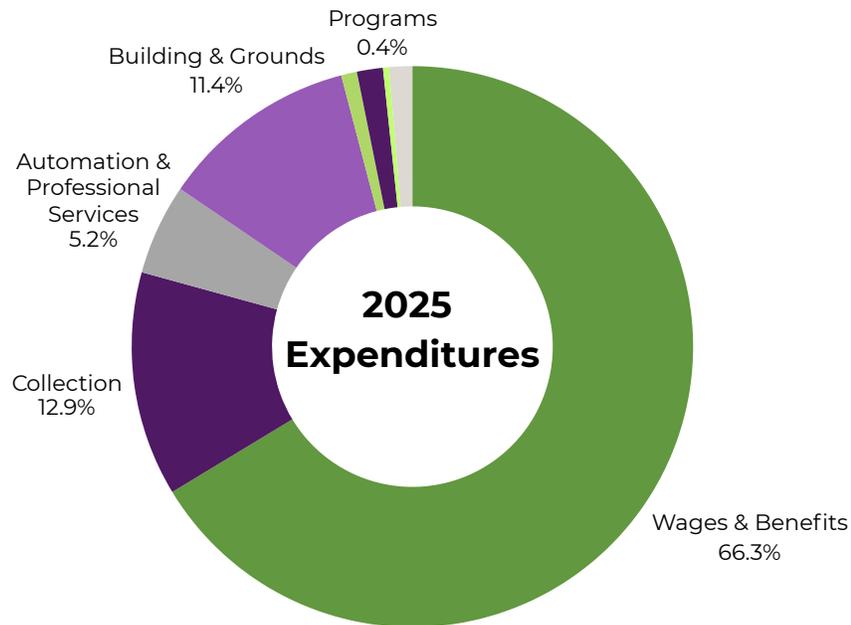
*"Access to excellent programs, endless books and activities! I especially love the Library of Things."*

# 2025 Financials

Western Allegheny Community Library is supported in part by the taxpayers of Findlay Township, North Fayette Township, and Oakdale Borough. Additionally, residents of Allegheny County provide support through a public grant from the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD). RAD works here.



Wages and Benefits	\$435,752.79
Collection	\$85,021.68
Automation & Prof. Services	\$34,369.05
Building and Grounds	\$74,972.49
Office and Supplies	\$5,972.82
Insurance	\$9,835.22
Marketing/Advertising	\$2,309.91
Programs	\$8,696.63



**Revenue** Total Revenue: \$688,851

**Expenses** Total Expenses: \$656,931

**Net Profit** Profit: \$31,920



# Library Donors



The library opens the door to so many new opportunities for the residents of our community, and it is with immense gratitude that we extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous supporters. Your contributions enable us to continue our mission of enriching lives through access to knowledge, education, and community engagement.

We are pleased to acknowledge the following financial donors for their exceptional generosity and unwavering support throughout 2025:

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