

Rehoboth Beach Public Library Announces Budget Plan for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year August 26 2025 – Rehoboth Beach Public Library

The Rehoboth Beach Public Library has released their annual budget plan for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Due to the library's nonprofit status, their new budget includes about \$543,100 in both funds and expenses. The majority of the library's annual funding is received from Sussex County, the State of Delaware, and the City of Rehoboth Beach. Additional funds for the library's programs and collections are provided through the generous support of the Friends of the Rehoboth Beach Public Library.

Most of the library's funding, about \$386,940, is reserved for employing its team of professional librarians and staff members. Another \$78,820 has been dedicated towards building expenses not covered by the upcoming renovation costs. Expenses for library operations, which include fees for accessing databases, permits, staff development programs, advertising, and supplies, are expected to total around \$37,540 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. The library anticipates spending around \$39,800 on books, resources, and programs for all ages.

The Rehoboth Beach Public Library has welcomed an increasing number of patrons since the COVID-19 pandemic, growing from under 46,000 to over 60,000 annual visitors in just three years. The number of adult and youth programs offered by the library has also increased year after year, as has the amount of library materials in circulation. The increased usage of the library's services, study spaces, and programs has empowered its staff to tailor their collection and calendar of events to better support the needs of the Rehoboth Beach community.