



REHOBOTH BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

FY 25

JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025





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OUR MISSION

The Rehoboth Beach Public Library is a nonprofit, independent library dedicated to serving the Rehoboth Beach community by providing written and technological resources that encourage reading and learning.

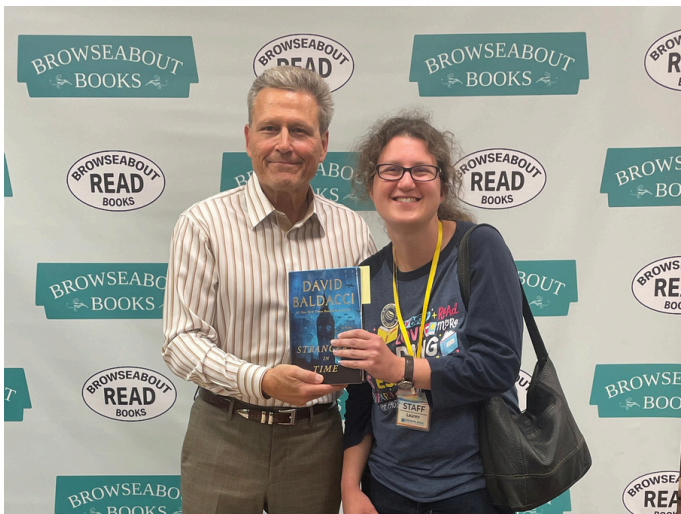
LIBRARY USAGE IN FY25

Number of Visits: 60,360

New Library Card Registrations: 1,318

Computer Sessions: 2,524

Wi-Fi Usage: 9,310



Left: David Baldacci with director Lauren McCauley at the Beachside Book Festival
Right: The finalists in our mascot competition at Rehoboth Elementary School

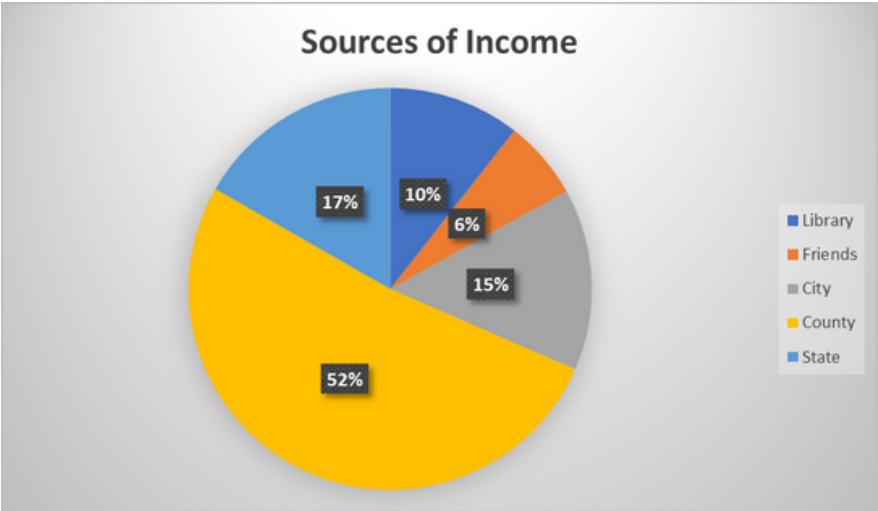


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SOURCES OF REVENUE

Our library’s main sources of funding come from Sussex County, the State of Delaware, and the City of Rehoboth Beach.

During our last fiscal year, FY24, we had spent less money on collections and programs due to a shortage in staff who could order new materials and organize programs. As a result, we had leftover funds from the Friends of the Library and put in a smaller request than previous years.



Library funds are broken down into several subcategories, including: fines/fees, income from our used book sale, library store, and parking spaces, and grants.

In FY25, we earned:

- \$20,205.69 in Fines & Fees
- \$15,417.59 in Donations
- \$9,706.00 in Grants
- \$4,258.00 in Book Sales
- \$4,200.00 in Parking Spaces
- \$434.00 in Library Store sales

Fiscal Year	2025	2024	2023
Library	\$54,221.28	\$44,124.08	\$37,264.64
Friends	\$32,662.14	\$50,000.00	\$50,726.00
City	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
County	\$265,499.81	\$305,107.59	\$279,864.78
State	\$85,790.00	\$73,484.10	\$72,951.66



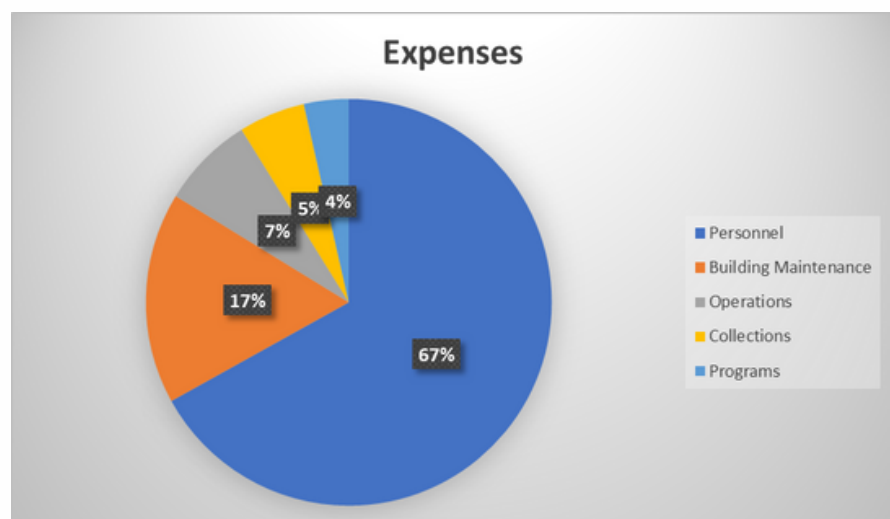
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EXPENSES

We returned to a full staff in June 2024, and as a result our personnel costs rose by almost \$80,000 compared to the previous fiscal year. This is also due to our efforts to raise all salaries by 3% each year to remain competitive with other employers and keep up with the rising cost of living.

Our maintenance costs also remain high due to the age of the building and the need to replace our HVAC system. We expect those numbers to decrease once renovations are underway.

Fiscal Year	2025	2024	2023
Personnel	\$384,544.72	\$305,169.10	\$379,499.32
Building Maintenance	\$96,606.45	\$92,294.76	\$77,299.50
Operations	\$42,446.66	\$36,843.70	\$35,562.47
Collections	\$30,420.88	\$13,936.16	\$34,857.74
Programs	\$20,492.46	\$13,327.49	\$15,722.56





COLLECTIONS



**Number of Physical Items
Circulated: 48,232**

**Number of eMedia Circulated:
43,192**

**New Items Added to Collection:
2,453**

As reflected in our budget, our Collections costs more than doubled compared to the previous fiscal year as our staff was able to return to regular monthly orders.

We added some new items to our collection this year. On Earth Day, we launched our new Seed Library! Patrons could check out up to four packets of seeds per day on select days of the week from April to August. By the end of the summer, we had distributed 650 packets! We look forward to continuing the program next spring.



In addition to the Seed Library, we ordered five new hotspots from T-Mobile to keep up with the high demand in the summer. We also introduced puzzles to our collection, which patrons can check out and try at home.



PROGRAMS



We offered over 600 programs for youth & adults with over 8,000 people in attendance throughout FY25.

Events pictured include: live music provided by the Brigands during Sea Witch (left), our Oscar Trivia Night, a jazz concert by Fostina Dixon & Winds of Change, our Touch-a-Truck with the Rehoboth Beach Fire Company, a Minecraft gingerbread house program, and our annual Oscars Previews Party.





SPECIAL THANKS



The Friends of the Rehoboth Beach Public Library raise money every year to support our collection development and programs for all ages. In FY25, they donated \$30,000 to the Library.



We received generous donations from the following local businesses as prizes for our Summer Reading Challenge in FY25:

- Charm City Run
- Clear Space Theater
- Cultured Pearl
- Funland
- Game On! VGM
- Gidget's Gadgets
- Jungle Jim's
- Midway Speedway Park
- Nick's Mini Golf
- The Point
- Shell We Bounce
- SoDel Concepts



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OFF-SEASON HOURS:

Mon - Wed: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thu - Fri: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sat: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sun: CLOSED

SUMMER HOURS*:

Mon - Wed: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thu - Fri: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sat - Sun: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

***Early openings start May 15; Sunday hours start after Memorial Day Weekend.**

