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From the Director

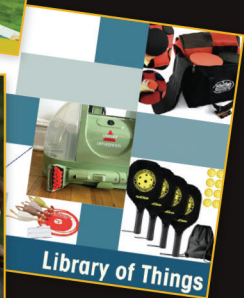
2025 has been another year of growth here at Albert Wisner Public Library.

- We opened the year with two beautiful new small study rooms to accommodate patrons who work remotely, or who need to hold small meetings. The rooms are used at least 125 times per month.
- We hosted our first-ever Home School Expo to connect home school families with community resources and with one another.
- We launched a Homebound Delivery program to ensure that patrons who lack in-person access to the Library (because of illness, infirmity or lack of transportation) have access to all the Library's materials.
- We further expanded the Museum Pass program and the Library of Things, both generously sponsored by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes.
- We brought the Library to Schervier Pavilion to connect the residents there with books and fun activities.
- We welcomed 70 authors and illustrators and countless children to connect with one another over a shared love of the printed word. Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes sponsor the Festival, which has become a beloved community event.
- We continued our efforts at sustainability, cultivating a pollinator garden and replacing the original parking lot lights with energy-efficient LED fixtures that are dark-sky compliant.

Your generous donations to the Annual Appeal enable us to expand the Library's resources, bringing the world to our doorstep and allowing patrons to explore both inside and beyond the Library's four walls. If you have enjoyed meeting, discovering, learning and connecting at the Library this year, please consider a contribution to the Annual Appeal and help the Library continue to thrive.

Thank you very much!

Lisa Laico, Director



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note from **Glenn & Susan**

Welcome to the Albert Wisner Public Library — your place to read, write, dream, and discover. Here, you can explore art and films, enjoy concerts and programs, or simply settle into a quiet corner to think or recharge. Have kids in tow? Our Children's Department is full of ways to spark their curiosity and joy. And if you can't make it in, our digital library is always open — anytime, anywhere, 24/7/365.

While the Library's budget covers the essentials, it's the **extras** that make AWPL truly special — the concerts and performances, museum and park passes, Children's Book Festival, student scholarships, local history projects, and upcoming USA 250th celebrations. These are all made possible by the AWPL Foundation — and by you.

Your generosity keeps our community thriving. Please give what you can, and together we'll keep AWPL a place where everyone feels welcome and inspired.



*Please join us.
Think hard,
reach deep,
be as generous
as you can.*

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AWPL Foundation College Scholarship 2025 Winners

Pictured left to right:
Ashley Fitzgerald, Lucia Meehan,
and Madison Desantis

The Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation is delighted to announce and congratulate the 2025 winners of its annual college scholarship essay competition. Pictured left to right :

The students met this spring with longtime sponsors Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes, who have sponsored two Foundation scholarships since 2007. A third sponsor wishes to remain anonymous. All three graduated in June from Warwick Valley High School.

Ashley Fitzgerald is attending University of Delaware for Medical Diagnostics.

Lucia Meehan is attending University of South Carolina Columbia for Dance.

Madison Desantis is attending to SUNY Plattsburgh for Nursing.

The topic for next year's college scholarship essay competition will be announced in January 2026.

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*All gift amounts are
gratefully accepted.*

Gifts to the **AWPL FOUNDATION** make the difference between a good library and a truly great one. Funds in the past have made possible our popular concert and dramatic performances, the Warwick Children's Book Festival, museum passes, outdoor furniture for the patio and of course, expanded book and digital content among many other improvements. We intend to continue with these programs and collections and are excited to **EXPAND THE POSSIBILITIES!**

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