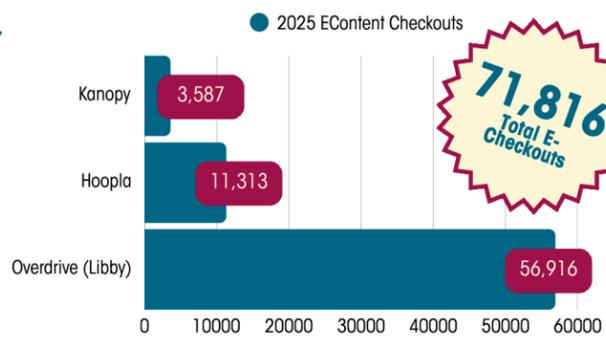
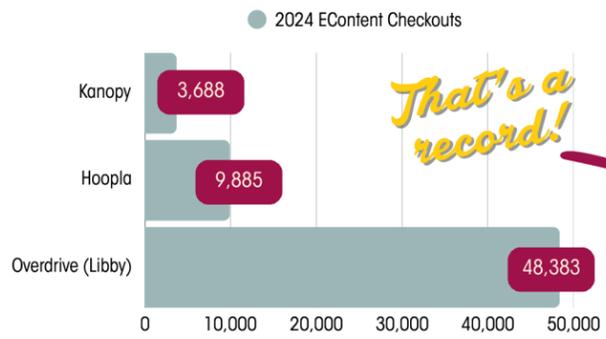


2025 Year in Review

 **1,159**
New Library Cards Issued



Digital on the rise:
EContent Checkouts
were up 15% this year!



JANUARY

Algonkians of the Revolution

FEBRUARY

The Secret Language of Flowers

MARCH

History of Witchcraft in Ireland & Scotland

APRIL

Stories, Science & History of Trees

MAY

Music on McFarland presents:
From Italy with Love

JUNE

The Hudson River School: America's First Landscape Tradition

JULY

Wild Wreath Workshop

AUGUST

Summer Reading Foamy Finale

SEPTEMBER

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Life of Genius

OCTOBER

Performing Arts on McFarland presents:
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

NOVEMBER

Warwick Homecoming: Visiting 1902

DECEMBER

Jane Austen "Spills the Tea"

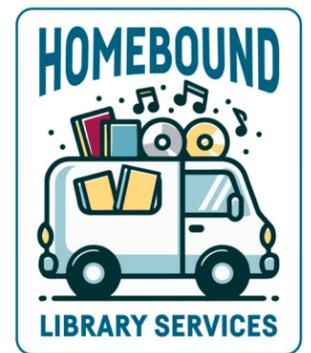
Going ^{more} Digital & Growing Collections

In 2025, the Children's Department added Yoto Players and Yoto cards to the collection, empowering the Library's youngest patrons to explore audiobooks independently. With a focus on imagination, Yoto Players offer a safe, kid-friendly, screen-free gateway to stories, music, learning, and adventure. The department also added Playaway Launchpads to its growing collection. The devices offer pre-loaded, easy-to-use content without the need for wi-fi!



 **22,732** Patrons Attended Programs
That's an 8% increase over last year!

meet • discover • learn • connect



Did you know you can get library materials delivered to your door? In 2025, we launched our Homebound Delivery Services program. If you are an Albert Wisner Public Library cardholder who is unable to visit the library due to disability, long-term or chronic illness, lack of transportation, or other difficulty, we'll bring the library to you! Call the library or email awploutreach@rcls.org for more information.

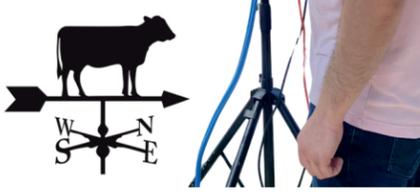
AWPL Foundation Support



We had another extraordinary year of support from the AWPL Foundation, including: 12 *Music on McFarland* concerts; the expanding Library of Things and Museum Pass collection (sponsored by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes); the annual College Scholarship competition (sponsored by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes and one anonymous donor); **and** a \$30,000 contribution to the Library's operating budget. Private donations from community members amounted to \$38,518!

Glenn P. & Susan D. Dickes

Throughout the year, AWPL partnered with other local community organizations, including but not limited to: Wickham Works, We the People Warwick, Sustainable Warwick, Warwick Valley Gardeners, Jewish Family Service of Orange County, Friends of Hathorn House, Warwick Center for the Performing Arts, Warwick Historical Society, Warwick Valley Farmers' Market, Schervier Pavilion, Four Seasons Kids, the Warwick Valley School District, and a very active art community.



(from top, clockwise) Jeff Straub operates the foam cannon at the Library's end-of-Summer Reading foam party; children "Read to the Cats"; story time attendees march in the Library's "Balloons Over Broadway" Thanksgiving Day-syle parade.

From the Director

2025 at Albert Wisner Public Library was another active year of meeting, discovering, learning and connecting. I'd like to share some highlights that speak to the vitality of this community.

We welcomed 1,159 new cardholders, many of them our youngest readers. We love helping our youngest patrons discover all that the Library has to offer them – and as you know, it's not just books. In the fall, the Park Avenue School Kindergarten class and all WVCSD fifth graders came for tours discovery. The Park Avenue School second grade then visited in the spring with grandparents and "grandfriends" to collaborate on a special project and learn about the upcoming summer reading program. Even several preschools brought children to visit and enjoy special programs created for them. Over the summer, children's programs like reading clubs, music, art, reading to the dogs and cats, all shaped by the New York State summer reading theme Color Our World, kept this place buzzing with energy.

We also focused on patrons who are unable to come in person to the Library because of infirmity or other circumstances by launching the homebound delivery services program in 2025. Warwick residents in need of delivery and pickup of Library materials, or who would like to receive materials through the U.S. Mail, need only call the Library or send an email to awploutreach@rcls.org. Every member of this community is entitled to the Library's resources and services, and our goal is to make that easy.

On a related note, the Library expanded its outreach to homeschool families in 2025 with the first annual Homeschool Expo in March. This event connected local companies and merchants with families who homeschool their children, and the Children's department offered Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead, a 6-week program just for homeschooled children. We look for opportunities to serve all the Library's constituencies and encourage you to bring suggestions to us anytime.

Around and inside the building, we made several improvements. We upgraded the parking lot lighting with dark-sky compliant, energy-efficient LED fixtures that are much brighter and make the parking lot safer. Several Friends of the Library and Trustees tended and beautified our grounds and further developed the pollinator garden. We replaced the Community Room chairs which, after sixteen years of heavy use, were breaking down. The Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation provided funds to replace our 3-D printer with one that is much faster, quieter and able to build larger projects and another RCLS library gratefully accepted our old printer, to expand their own offerings. The Foundation also underwrote a new PC-based microfilm scanner that brings searching microfilm into the 21st century; this is a huge step forward for local history research.

Thank you for being part of the Library community, sharing your knowledge, talents, and energy, by offering ideas, presenting programs, displaying your art, and volunteering your time. We are honored to serve this community, and look forward to a vibrant year ahead.

Sincerely,
Lisa Laico
Library Director

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2025 Highlights



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Albert Wisner Public Library attended Warwick's National Night Out at Veterans Memorial Park for the first time, connecting with local families through children's crafts, a reading corner, and promotion of the upcoming Warwick Children's Book Festival.



LOU MARQUET REMEMBERED

Family, friends, and colleagues gathered at the Library to dedicate a granite marker honoring Lou Marquet, whose donation of the Library's land made the current building possible. His family and colleagues also donated a digital book collection in his honor.

Families Flocked To 13th Book Festival



mark your calendars!

The Warwick Children's Book Festival brought hundreds of book lovers to Warwick Valley Middle School on October 12, 2025, with nearly 70 authors and illustrators signing books. This year's festival returns on Sunday, October 11 – please help spread the word!



DARK-SKY COMPLIANCE

This past fall, we replaced all of our parking lot lights with "dark sky-compliant" fixtures. These downward-directed, warm-toned LED lights reduce light pollution and energy use while improving safety and protecting nocturnal environments.



HISTORY GOES DIGITAL

Albert Wisner Public Library invested in local history by purchasing a ViewScan4, an innovative microfilm scanner designed to safely digitize fragile materials. This investment enhances our ability to preserve, share, and provide access to historic collections.



"Friends" Generosity Continues



The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit volunteer organization that has been providing time, energy, ideas and financial support to the Library since 1973. In 2025, the group contributed \$10,000 toward the library's operating budget through Friends and Bookends, bridge tournaments, raffle baskets and annual book sales. Are you interested in becoming a friend of the library?

Scan here for an application:



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