

IMPACT REPORT

For the Chester County Library &
Henrietta Hankin Branch

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2025

CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY
& DISTRICT CENTER
AND HENRIETTA HANKIN BRANCH



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Welcome from the Leadership



We are very happy to present the 2025 Impact Report for the Chester County Library and Henrietta Hankin Branch. We are proud to serve the residents of Chester County by providing new services and resources as well as expanding existing resources.

READ

We introduced our Tonie Box and Tonies set collections in 2025 to allow parents, caregivers, and children to try this fun alternative to audiobooks at home. In May 2025, we introduced OverDrive digital magazines. We now offer over 6,000 titles available in the Libby app for instant reading; you can subscribe and get notified whenever a new issue is released.

CONNECT

We offered over 2,700 programs last year at both libraries. We are especially proud of offering programs that allow for community connections such as our Craft and Chat; Creative Escape; Story Times; English as a Second Language Conversation Groups; Play and Learn Parent-Child Workshops; Home-school Exploratorium; Teen Library Crew; Mah Jongg and Bridge Clubs; and more than 10 book groups.

DISCOVER

Chester County Library expanded its Library of Things offerings in 2025. Our Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional library items available for borrowing, and it includes tools, gadgets, and electronics designed to meet the diverse needs of our community. We also introduced Citizen Science kits to the Henrietta Hankin Branch and expanded our collection at Chester County Library. These kits contain all the tools needed for projects like Exploring Biodiversity, Observing Pollinators, Measuring Light in the Night, Tracking Tree Height and Circumference, and studying Tree Squirrel Ecology. Citizen Science offers a fun, meaningful way to learn together, support environmental stewardship, and contribute to real research happening across the country.

We appreciate everyone who visited the library to attend a program or check out material as well as those who visited us at a community event or used one of our online databases or Libby. We thank all of our volunteers, partners, and supporters, who help us provide informational, educational, and cultural services to the residents of Chester County. We look forward to continuing to serve our community and hope to see you in the libraries soon.

JENNA PERSICK & CAREY BRESLER
LIBRARY DIRECTOR & BRANCH MANAGER

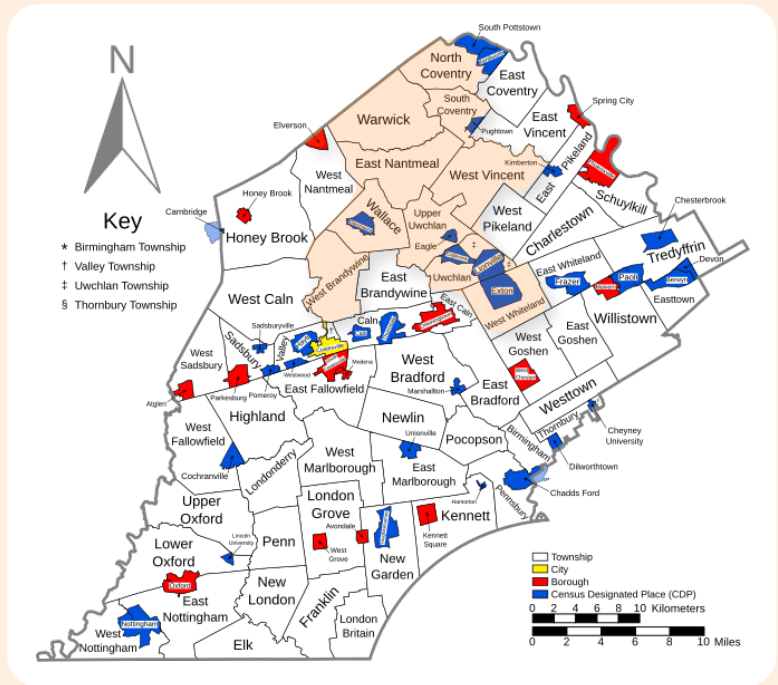
Our Mission

The mission of the Chester County and Henrietta Hankin Branch Libraries is to provide informational, educational, and cultural services to the residents of Chester County so that they may be lifelong learners.

Our Vision

Chester County libraries are nationally recognized centers of knowledge, inspiration, and opportunity, welcoming all residents and contributing to healthy, safe, and economically vibrant communities.

TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREAS FOR CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY AND HENRIETTA HANKIN BRANCH



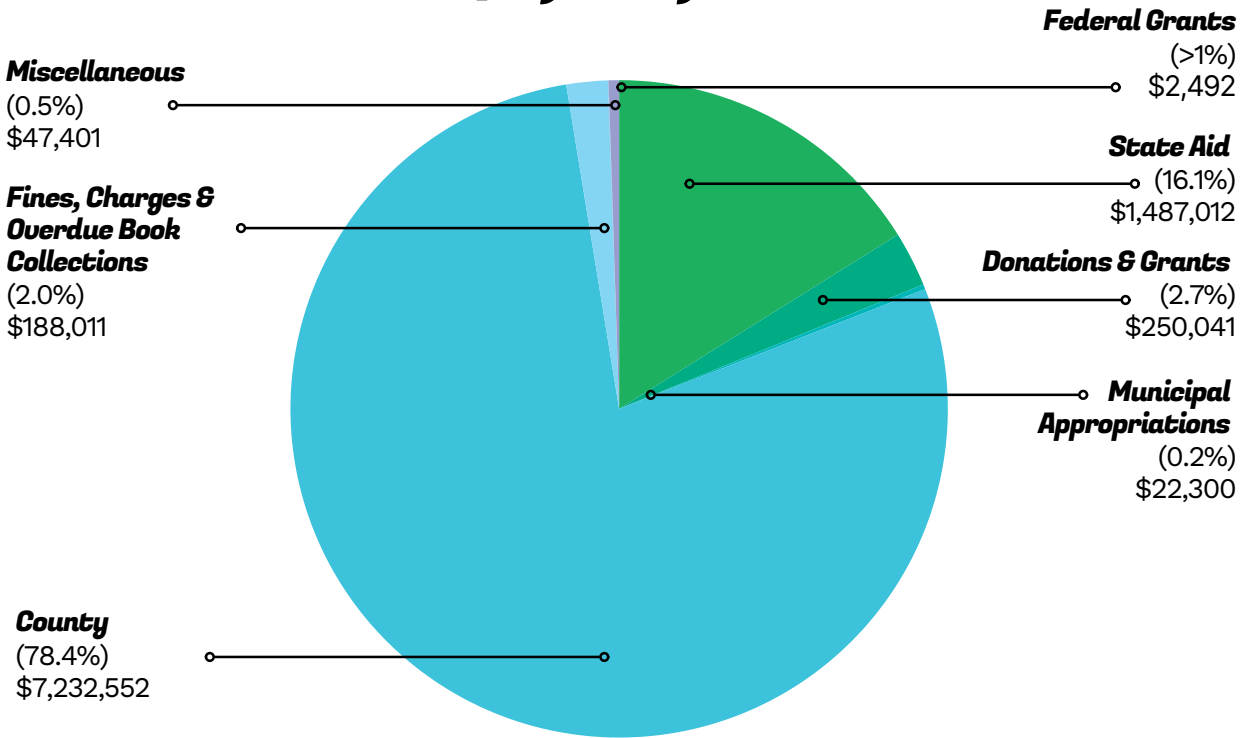
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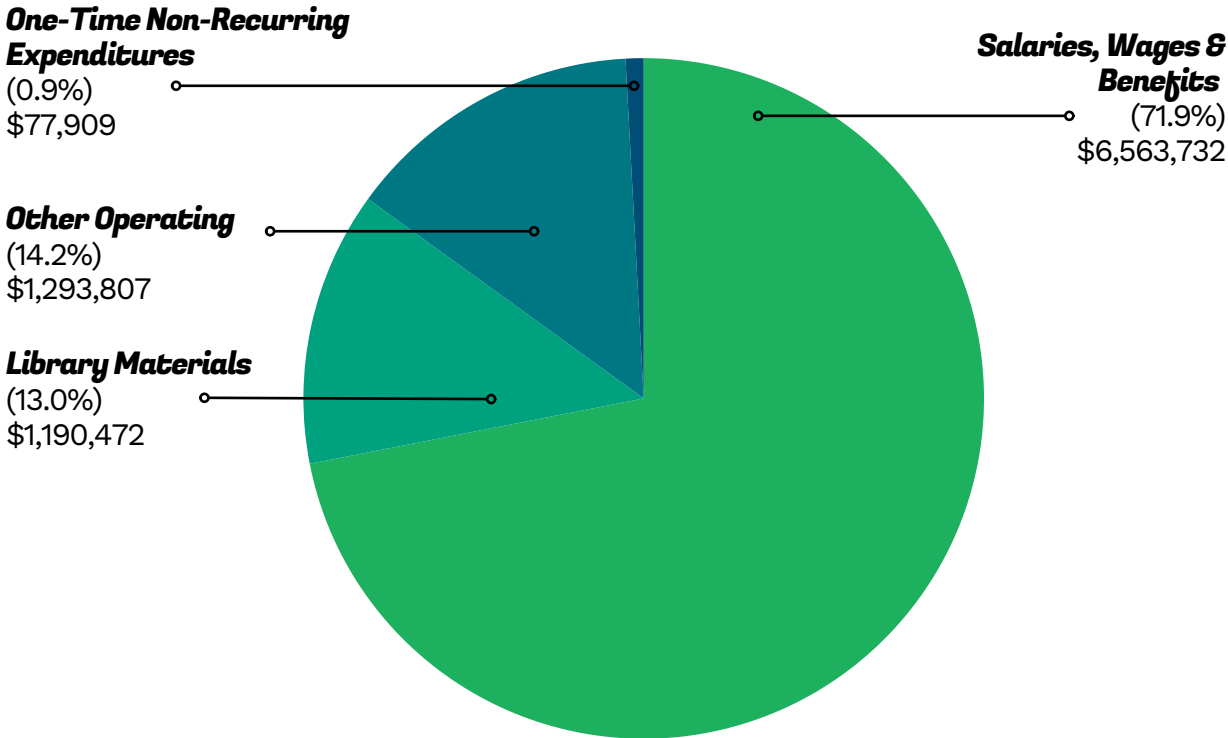


Chester County Commissioners Eric Roe, Josh Maxwell, and Marian Moskowitz presented a National Library Week proclamation to Chester County Library System Executive Director Joe Sherwood, Library Board Member Andy Dinniman, and a longtime (20+ years) volunteer, Carol Oksala. The Chester County Library and its Henrietta Hankin Branch are a department of the County of Chester.

Revenue \$9,229,809



Expenditures \$9,125,920



2025

by the Numbers

Library Use & Access



Total Circulation
1,564,891



Physical Items
Checked Out
1,132,622



Patron Visits
424,411



eBooks & Digital Items
425,743



Website & Blog Visits
218,678



Social Media &
eNewsletter Subscribers
51,562

Community Impact



Population Served
107,556



Number of Programs
2,711



Attendance at Programs
41,863



Active Volunteers
117



Teen Volunteers
29



Number of Volunteer Hours
9,869



Meeting Rooms used
4,868 times for
11,844 hours

Special Services & Support



Library Card Holders
63,158



Museum Passes
6,115



Hot Spots
411



Reference Questions Answered
63,492



Chester County Library &
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Friends Donations
*(including lobby books, donation box,
membership, tributes/memorials)*

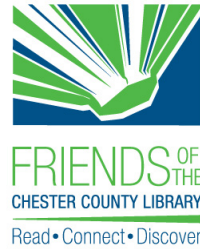
\$74,696

Total CCL Trust Support
\$128,885



The TRUST and the FRIENDS

CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY TRUST
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The Chester County Library Trust, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established to aid, assist, and promote the development of the Chester County Library (CCL), its Henrietta Hankin Branch, and the services CCL provides as the District Center Library. The Chester County Library Trust helps bridge the ever-widening gap between traditional funding sources and community needs.

The Trust serves as a long-term endowment for the Library's future and supports projects that the Library could not otherwise afford through its operating budget.

Funding approved by the Chester County Library Trust Board to the Chester County Library and the Henrietta Hankin Branch in 2025 included:

- eMaterials
- Museum Passes
- Programming
- StoryWalk®
- Library Speakers Consortium
- English Literacy
- Library of Things
- Citizen Science Kits
- Outdoor Furniture at Chester County Library
- Hearing Accessibility Loop at Henrietta Hankin Branch

The Friends of the Chester County Library and the Friends of the Henrietta Hankin Branch are dedicated volunteers whose year-round work and successful book sales directly strengthen library services across the county.

Chester County Library – 2025 Support Highlights:

- Volunteer & staff appreciation
- Library programs and movie license
- Aquarium care
- Professional development & LinkedIn classes
- Adult Reading prizes
- CNC mill for Makerspace
- Struble Room folding tables
- Story Time Room TV
- ScanPro 2500 microfilm reader
- Portable whiteboard
- First-floor furniture refresh

Henrietta Hankin Branch – 2025 Support Highlights:

- Book locker software license
- Programs for all ages
- Card tables for Mah Jongg & Bridge
- Staff conference support
- Makerspace supplies
- Summer reading sponsorship
- Aquarium maintenance & free Pilates classes
- Books for story time and book clubs



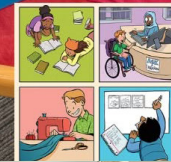


Reading the pop-up StoryWalk® during Library Card Sign Up Fest at Chester County Library

Read



Storytime Kits at Henrietta Hankin Branch



Drawn to the Library
National Library Week April 6-12, 2025

Connect



Jane Austen NovelTea at Chester County Library



Sustainability Clothing Swap at Henrietta Hankin Branch

Discover



Puzzling for Preschoolers at Chester County Library



Adult Show & Tell at Henrietta Hankin Branch



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