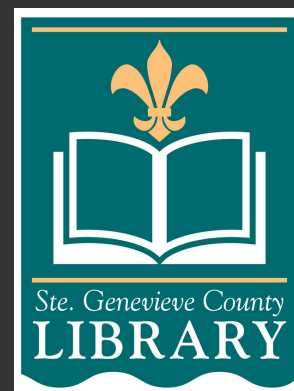


Ste. Genevieve County Library ✱

Annual Report



Tested by adversity, strengthened by commitment to community



Where
Imagination
Meets
Impact



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Letter from the Director

2025 was a year of both challenge and resolve for the Ste. Genevieve County Library. We began the year energized by the adoption of a new Strategic Plan, with a clear vision for enhancing services and strengthening our impact in the community. To support those goals, we placed a proposal before voters to increase the library tax levy from 4.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to 15 cents per \$100—an investment intended to secure our financial future and bring the strategic plan to life.

While the ballot measure did not pass in April, our commitment to serving the community did not waver. Difficult decisions followed, including the discontinuation of Hoopla in August due to budget uncertainty and the resignation of our Programming Librarian in September, which required us to pause several popular programs. These changes were not easy, but they were made thoughtfully to ensure long-term stability.

Though some enhancements and facility improvements must wait, our core services remain strong and dependable. We have shifted focus toward strengthening community partnerships and sustaining essential offerings while we regroup and plan responsibly for the future.

As you read this annual report, know that while 2025 presented obstacles, it also reaffirmed our resilience. We remain optimistic, strategic, and dedicated to providing a library our residents can rely on—and proudly call their own.



Shawn Long
Library
Director

Look to the Future



This year has brought both meaningful accomplishments and significant challenges. In moments of uncertainty, we have been reminded of just how essential our library is to the community we serve. Through thoughtful stewardship and steady leadership, the Board has worked to ensure that our mission remains clear: to provide equitable access to information, foster lifelong learning, and create welcoming spaces where individuals and families can grow and connect.



Jean Johnson
Board President

Adversity does not define us—how we respond to it does. Throughout the year, we have embraced adaptability and collaboration, working closely with staff and community partners to make careful, responsible decisions. Even when faced with difficult realities, we have remained focused on sustaining core services, protecting the integrity of our operations, and preserving the trust placed in us by the public.

Looking ahead, we see a future filled with opportunity. We envision a library that continues to evolve—expanding outreach, strengthening partnerships, and exploring innovative ways to deliver services that meet the changing needs of our County.

With strategic planning, community engagement, and unwavering dedication, we are laying the groundwork for long-term stability and growth. The Board remains optimistic and confident that, together, we will not only persevere but emerge stronger, ensuring that our library remains a cornerstone of this community for generations to come.

Mission:

Guided by the past and focused on the future. Its mission is to enrich the lives of the community by empowering its citizen's personal, educational and professional growth. The Library is committed to advancing literacy and nurturing life-long learning.



Physical Checkouts

				
Adult	2,602	48	9,453	2,851
Young Adult		2	461	WonderBook
Juvenile	919	52	3,503	27
Children			4,797	112
Totals:	3,521	102	17,764	2,990

**Total
physical
checkouts
for 2025 are
24,377**

Digital Collection Review



263



7,243



6,239



4,389
checkouts *

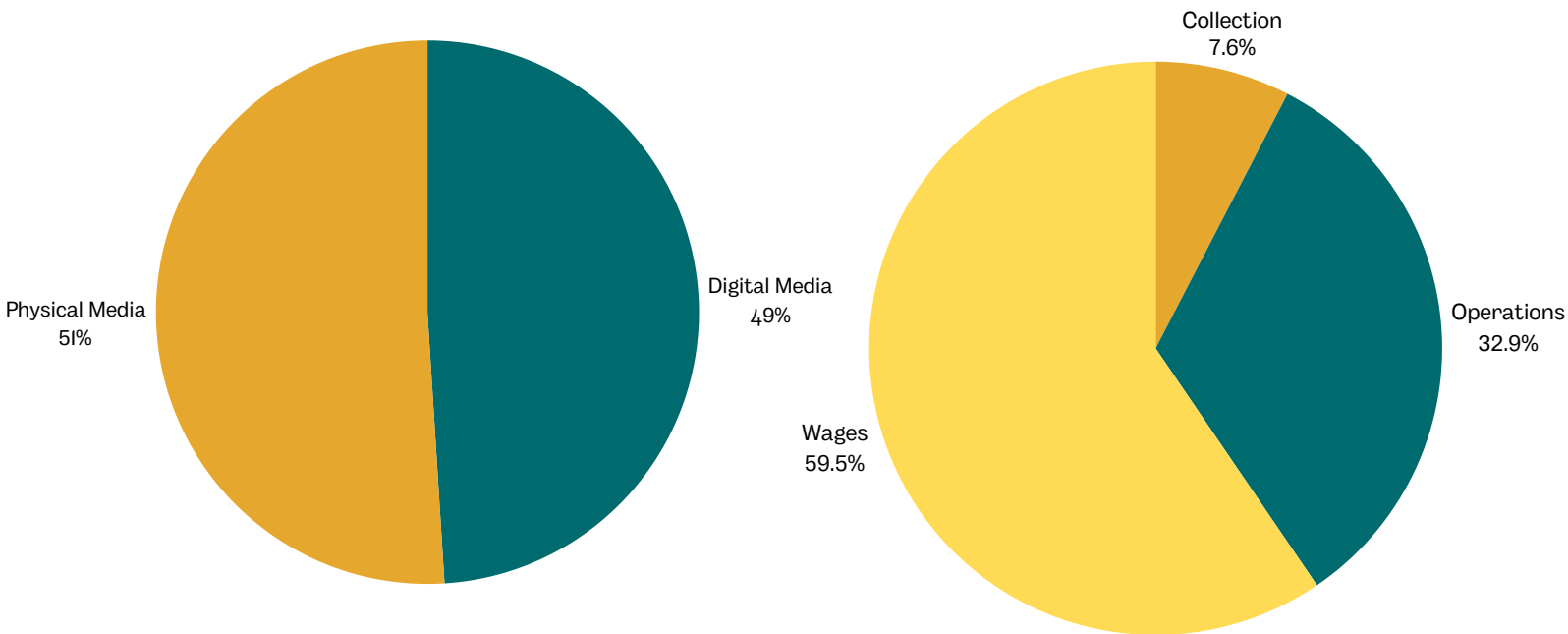


7,878
checkouts

**Total digital
checkouts
for
2025
are 12,267!**

*In August 2025, due to the increasing cost associated with Hoopla's growing popularity, we were forced to discontinue this valued service. We remain hopeful that we will be able to restore access to Hoopla once our budget allows.

FISCAL YEAR 2025



Revenue

Cash Available December 31, 24"	\$173,893.62
Property Tax	\$324,783.62
Patron Services	\$6450.47
Grants	\$3,000.00
Gifts and Contributions	\$1,746.08
Interest & Investment	\$10,873.92
Surtax District	\$8,910.05
Transfer from County	\$47,102.80
Financial Institution	\$4.13
Misc Income	\$2,181.05
	\$578,944.71

Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$239,850.68
Library Operations	\$132,313.72
Library Materials	\$31,065.49
Total Expenditures:	\$403,229.89
Cash Available	\$175,714.82
December 31 st 2025	



Meet Our Board



Cindy Nugent
Member-At-Large



Bob Bach
Secretary



Robin Reynolds
Treasurer



Melissa Otto
Board Vice President



Jean Johnson
President



Comprised of dedicated individuals our board provides oversight, planning & advocacy for library services, programs, and future growth. Their leadership helps us ensure access to resources, technology and evolution in our services is always front of mind.

The Ste. Genevieve County Library Board plays a vital role in guiding our mission and ensuring the library meets the needs of our community.

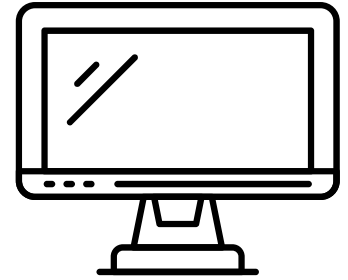
We invite you to connect with our board at meetings, share your ideas, and be part of the conversation about the library's future. Thank you to our board members for their commitment to making our library a cornerstone of the community.





Technology Highlights

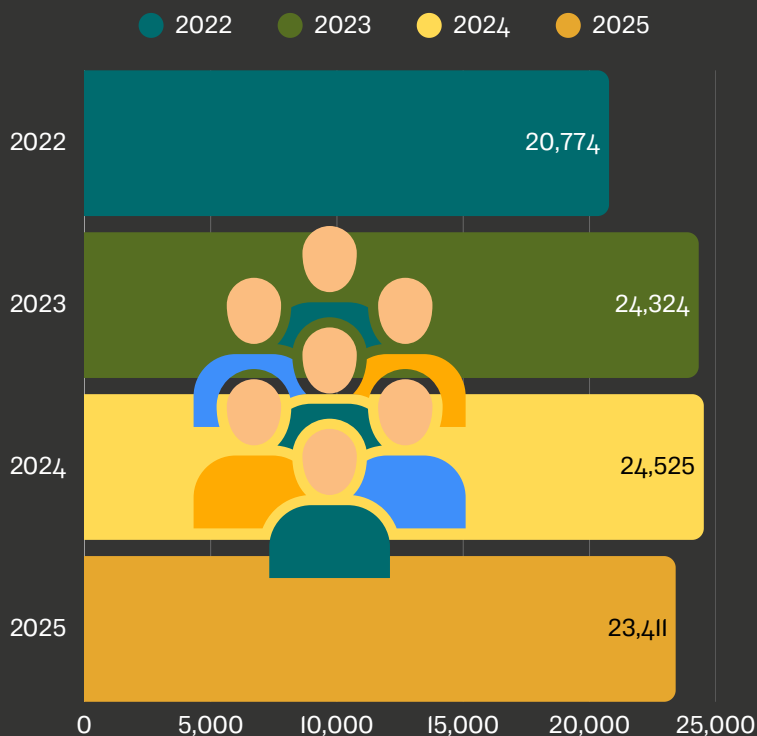
Tech Assistance Visits: 115
 Guest Computer Sessions: 248
 Website Views: 19494
 Website Unique Visits: 13,321



Core Services Programs & Outreach

In 2025, our outreach team conducted 86 visits throughout the community, connecting with more than 2,500 individuals over the course of the year.

2025 Visitor Comparisons



53 Total In-Person Programs for 2025
 1,910 Program attendees

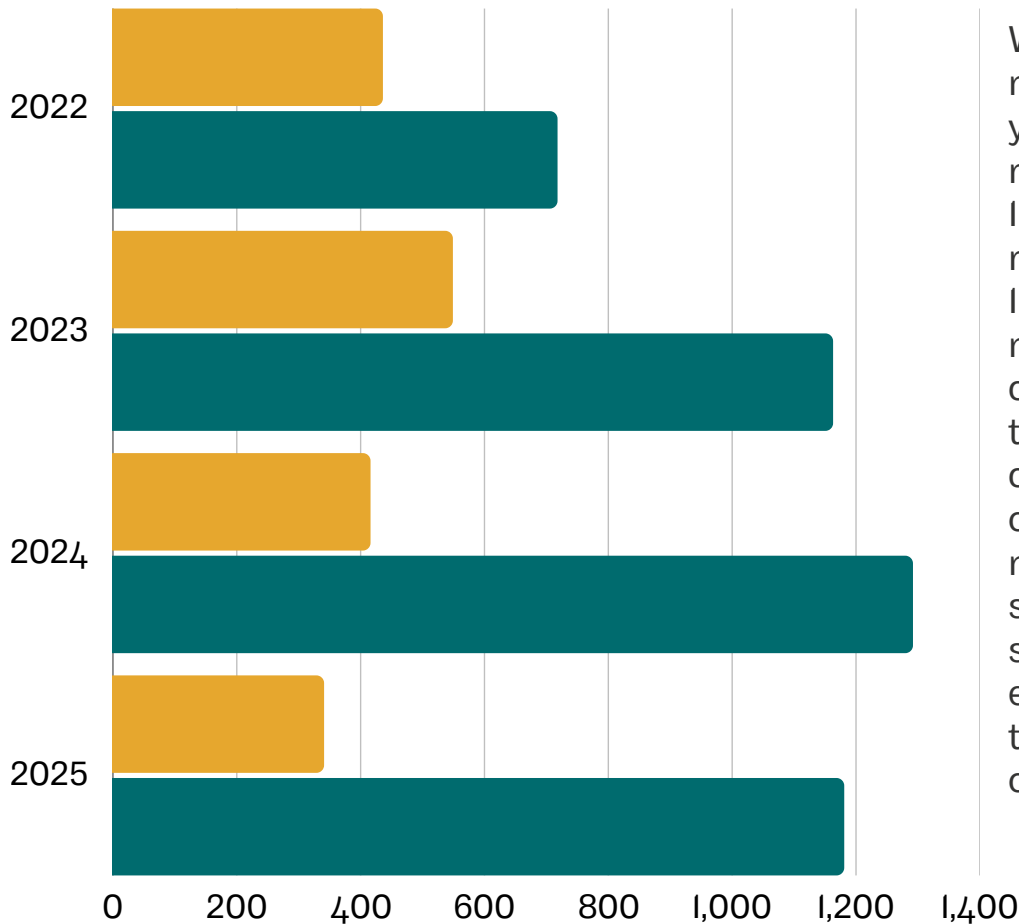
2025 Summer Reading



317 Participants read 4,295 hours this past summer over 5,218 books!

Library Card Renewals & New Cards

● New Cards ● Renewals

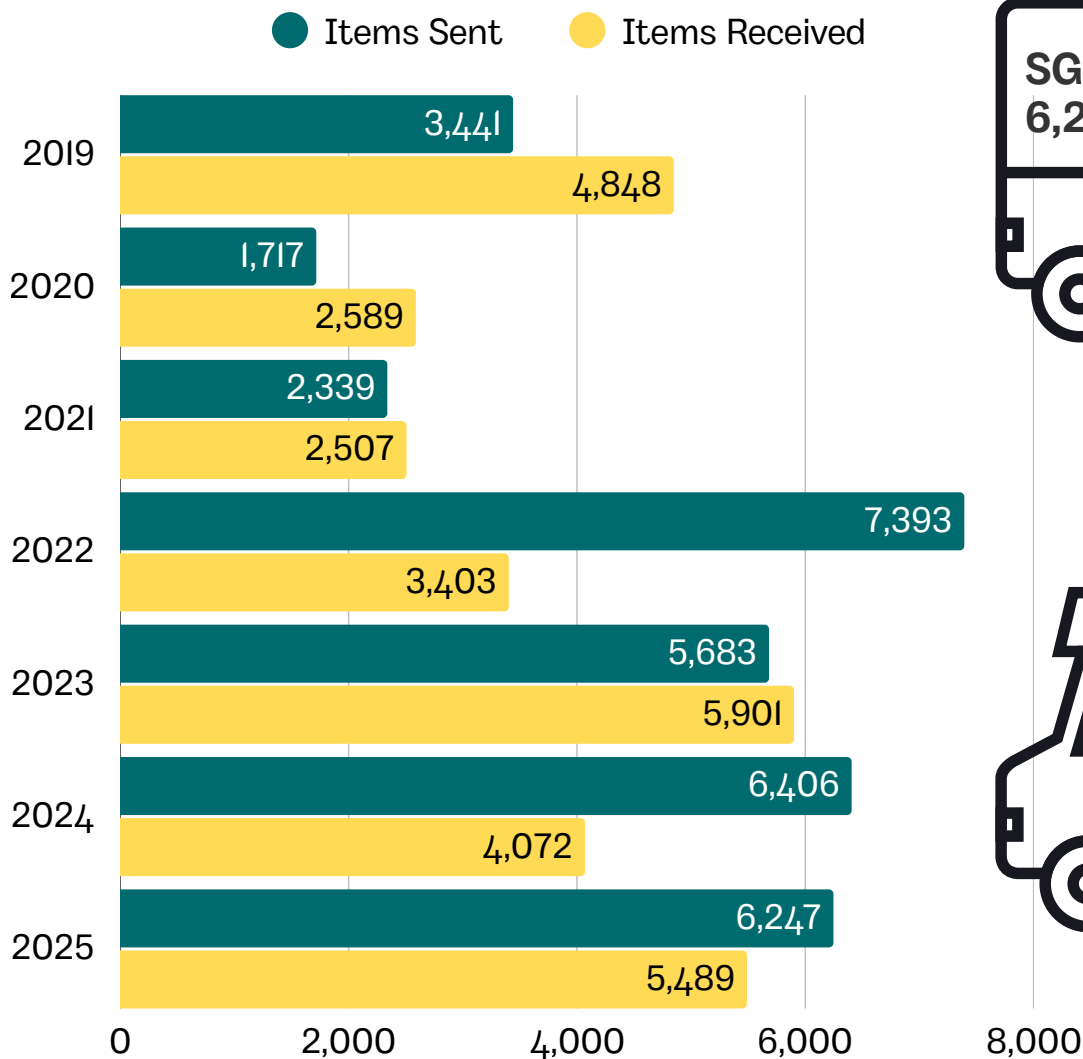


While new library cards saw a modest decrease from 416 last year to 341 this year, and renewals shifted from 1,292 to 1,181, overall engagement remains strong. More than 1,500 patrons actively chose to maintain or begin their connection with the library this year, demonstrating continued community reliance on our services. Renewal numbers in particular reflect sustained loyalty and satisfaction, showing that existing cardholders continue to see value in what the library offers.



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Let's create the future together.



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