



Warren Public
LIBRARY

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



Library Overview

About Us

The Warren Library Association (Warren Public Library) was founded in 1873 as a free public library under the Laws of Pennsylvania. In 1962, Warren was designated as the district library center for 17 public libraries in five counties in northwestern Pennsylvania and has been appointed by the County Commissioners as the county library for Warren County. A nine person Board of Directors appointed by the County Commissioners and representatives elected from the Association governs the Warren Library Association.

Our Mission

The mission of the Warren Library Association is to act as a community hub; a welcoming place for all people to learn, grow, and connect.

2025 Board of Directors

Cindy Price, *President*
Tom Skelton, *Vice President**
Cassandra Johnson, *Treasurer*
Colette Bonavita, *Secretary*
Tawni Betts
Joe Colosimo
Jean Denardi
Dan Glotz
Caroline Hayes
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Denise Pearson
Jeff Scutella
Andrea Stapleford
*Vice-President through March 2026

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Administration

Kelli Knapp, *Executive Director**
Sara Edmiston, *Executive Director***
Julie Miller, *Assistant Director*
Ruth Myer, *Business Manager*
*retired June 2025
**started May 2025



Our Value in 2025

81,221

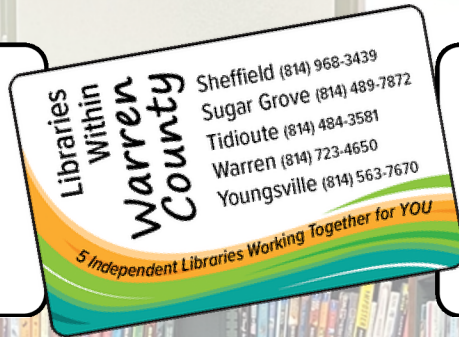
VISITORS

4,475

CARDHOLDERS

4,171

**PUBLIC COMPUTER
SESSIONS**



23,716

WIFI SESSIONS

Hours Open

59 HOURS

Per Week, Beginning December 1, 2025

2,681 HOURS

Per Year

52 WEEKS

Per Year



67,755

ITEMS IN THE CATALOG

69,467

PHYSICAL MATERIALS CIRCULATED

20,196

DIGITAL MATERIALS CIRCULATED



TOTAL CIRCULATION

Physical & Digital

89,663

Our Value in 2025

153

Programs for Children



287

Programs for Teens



165

Programs for Adults

37

Programs for All Ages

542

Total Programs



4,820

Attendance: Children



3,698

Attendance: Teens



1,679

Attendance: Adults

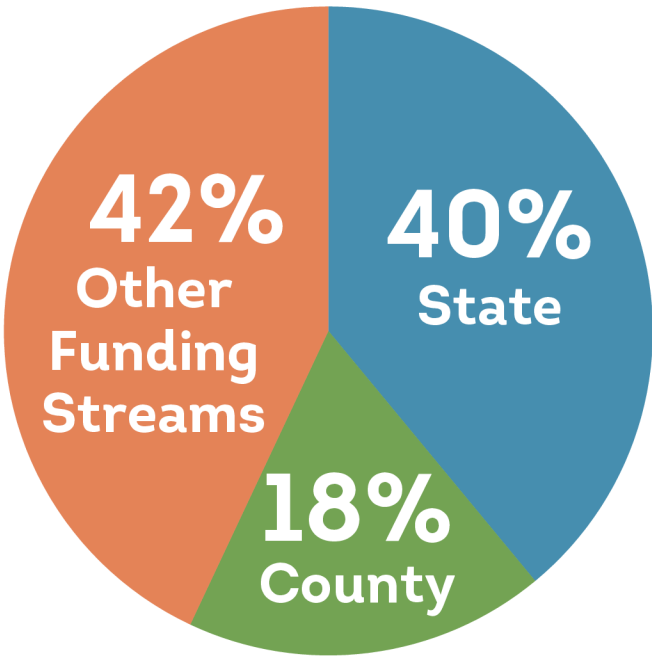
1,011

Attendance: All Ages

11,208

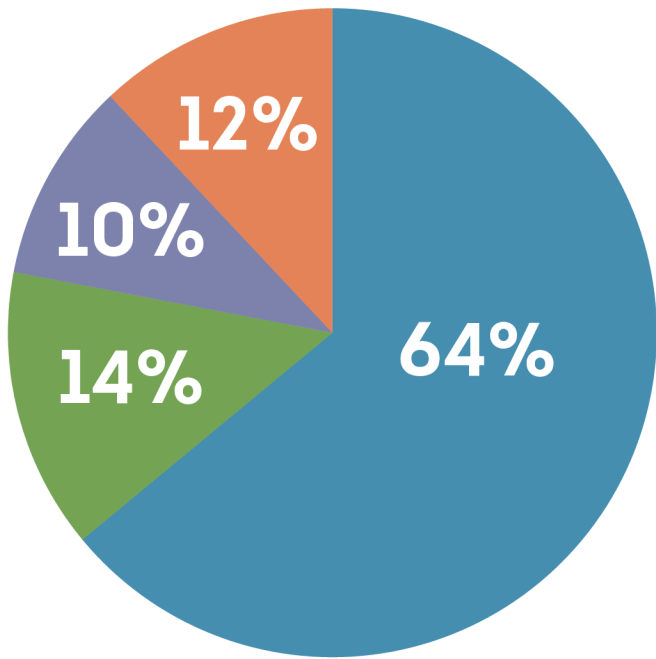
Total Program Attendance

2025 Financials



REVENUE

- 40%** comes from the Pennsylvania State Budget
- 18%** comes from the Warren County Budget
- 42%** of funds Warren Public Library must cover using other funding streams (donations, endowments, etc.)



EXPENSES

- 64%** Salaries & benefits
- 14%** Books & other collection expenses
- 10%** Supplies, programming, service support, & other operating expenses
- 12%** Building & technology expenses

2025 Operating Revenue		
Pennsylvania State Budget	\$490,728	40%
Warren County Budget	225,000	18%
Other funding streams (donations, endowments, etc.)	516,864	42%
TOTAL	\$1,232,592	100%

2025 Operating Expenses		
Salaries & benefits	\$822,686	64%
Books & other collection expenses	179,997	14%
Supplies, programming, service support, & other operating expenses	138,482	10%
Building & technology expenses	152,055	12%
TOTAL	\$1,293,220	100%

2025 Top Titles



FICTION

1. **To Die For** by David Baldacci
2. **Lies He Told Me** by James Patterson
3. **2 Sisters Murder Investigations** by James Patterson
4. **Identity Unknown** by Patricia Cornwell
5. **The Crash** by Freida McFadden



NON-FICTION

1. **How to Let Things Go** by Shunmyo Masuno
2. **The Let Them Theory** by Mel Robbins
3. **Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions** by John Grisham
4. **Half Baked Harvest Quick & Cozy** by Tieghan Gerard
5. **Ornithography: An Illustrated Guide to Bird Lore & Symbolism** by Jessica Roux



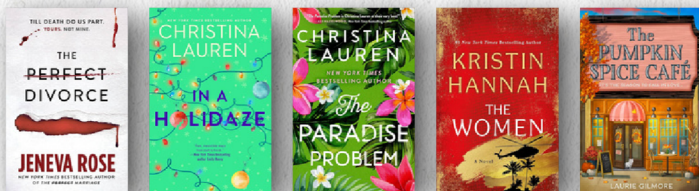
YOUNG ADULT

1. **The Fourth Closet: The Graphic Novel** by Scott Cawthon
2. **The Summer I Turned Pretty** by Jenny Han
3. **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** by John Boyne
4. **Heartstopper: Volume 5** by Alice Oseman
5. **The Silver Eyes: The Graphic Novel** by Scott Cawthon



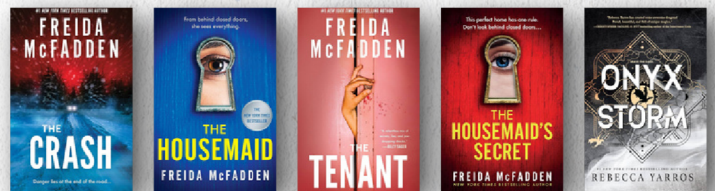
CHILDREN'S

1. **Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties** by Dav Pilkey
2. **Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild** by Dav Pilkey
3. **Big Jim Begins** by Dav Pilkey
4. **Dog Man Unleashed** by Dav Pilkey
5. **Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls** by Dav Pilkey



eBOOKS

1. **The Perfect Divorce** by Jeneva Rose
2. **In a Holidayze** by Christina Lauren
3. **The Paradise Problem** by Christina Lauren
4. **The Women** by Kristin Hannah
5. **The Pumpkin Spice Cafe** by Laurie Gilmore



eAUDIOBOOKS

1. **The Crash** by Freida McFadden
2. **The Housemaid** by Freida McFadden
3. **The Tenant** by Freida McFadden
4. **The Housemaid's Secret** by Freida McFadden
5. **Onyx Storm** by Rebecca Yarros

Key Moments of 2025

January

Books, Blues, & Brews

Books, Blues, and Brews made a strong return to the Warren Public Library, raising \$20,091. The refreshed fundraiser featured live performances by Sweet Jane Duo, Aaron Reinard, and Day Striker, giving the beloved event a lively new vibe.



April

National Library Week

The Warren County Commissioners signed a proclamation recognizing National Library Week, celebrated April 6-12, honoring the vital role libraries play in our community.



May

Warren Gives

Warren Gives returned on May 14, 2025, and the Warren Public Library had an outstanding year – raising \$45,340, finishing in the Top 10 organizations by total dollars, and receiving the highest number of individual donors at 340. The Library is deeply grateful for the generosity that makes this community event so impactful.



May

Struthers Painting Restored

During the renovation, our 1884 portrait of Thomas Struthers, painted by William A. Greaves, was removed for safekeeping and found to need restoration. Gabriel Dunn of unDunn Art Services restored the piece, which was reinstalled above the Harold Chase Putnam Reading Room with help from James Pearson of the Erie Art Museum and volunteers from the First Lutheran Church property committee. We are grateful to the donors and volunteers whose support made the restoration and installation possible.



May-June

Library Leadership Transition

In June, Kelli Knapp officially retired as Executive Director of the Warren Public Library, closing a chapter marked by dedicated service and leadership. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kelli for her years of service, most notably her guidance through our recent renovation, which led to the creation of the Teen Space and many important accessibility improvements. In May, Sara Edmiston stepped into the role, bringing strong experience, fresh energy, and a deep commitment to community-centered library service. We are delighted to welcome Sara as she leads the library into its next chapter.

Key Moments of 2025

August

20 Years: Susan Slater

On Friday, August 22, we honored our wonderful Children's Librarian, Susan Slater, for 20 years of dedication, creativity, and love for stories and young readers. Over two decades, she has inspired countless children to discover the joy of reading, nurtured curiosity through engaging programs, and created a welcoming space where families feel at home.



November

First Annual Ornament Contest

The Warren Public Library announced the sale of holiday ornaments featuring artwork by 10-year-old Emily Dysinger of Beaty-Warren Middle School. Her design was selected from 15 entries in the library's first annual "Design an Ornament" contest for children ages 8-12 and became the official library ornament.



November

Giving Tuesday

For more than a century, the library had served as a community cornerstone, but its marble and limestone exterior had begun to show wear. Thanks to Giving Tuesday donors, the library exterior will be professionally washed, preserving the building for future generations. The community raised \$13,450, and the results of the cleaning are planned for Spring 2026.

December

20 Years: Ruth Myer

In December, we honored our Business Manager, Ruth Myer, for 20 years of service to Warren Public Library. Ruth's steady leadership in budgeting, operations, and long-term planning has kept our library running smoothly for two decades. Her dedication has shaped every part of our organization.



December

New Hours

The Warren Public Library announced a change to its weekday hours, beginning December 1, 2025, opening at 9:00 am Monday through Friday. Closing times and weekend hours remained unchanged, ensuring continued evening and weekend access. The adjustment was made to better serve the community by offering earlier access to library resources and services.

December

New Traditions

The Warren Public Library remained open during the Warren Christmas Walk, offering crafts, cookies, and hot cocoa as a warm stop for visitors. Throughout December, the library also hosted the Quilters' Night Out Quilt Show. In addition, the library partnered with the Salvation Army for its first Angel Tree, and every tag was taken, marking a successful start to the new tradition.



Facility Updates

- Staff only storage areas were a focus. Some programming materials and items were transferred from one storage area to another. One storage area was thoroughly cleaned by a professional company in February.
- All carpeting was cleaned throughout the building including offices.
- Fluorescent lighting (that was not replaced during the renovation) was replaced with LED throughout the entire building. The majority of fixtures were also replaced at the same time.
- The Market Street walkway and bollard lights were also replaced with new fixtures and LED lighting.
- Repair and repointing work was completed on the Market Street stone wall.
- Extra locks were installed on four restroom doors, the elevator room door and an office.
- An additional surge protector was installed on the mini-split units (A/C-Heating backup) that were installed during the renovation as they kept blowing fuses and breakers.
- All York units (individual units that disperse heat) were serviced and cleaned for the first time in decades.
- New lease signed for staff use copier.
- Installed Area of Refuge signage.
- Discussed elevator shut down issues with our elevator company in great detail and followed their recommendation, which resolved the Library's elevator shut down issues.
- In the Book Seller a desk was removed, the display case moved to the Wetmore Gallery, shelving was rearranged and a new DVD/Media rack was purchased by the Friends of the Library.

Book Seller Update

The Book Seller, operated by the Friends of the Library had another very successful year!

\$6,170

in sales

4,277

items sold