



Annual Director's Report
2024-25



Smithfield at a Glance

(Source: 2020 census)

The Greenville Public Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides public library services to the Town of Smithfield and Greater Rhode Island community.

The library was founded in 1882 and originally located in what is now the parking lot of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. A new facility on the present site was built in 1956, with additions added in 1966 and 1991.

The library is a member of Ocean State Libraries Consortium (OSL). Founded in 1982, OSL is a consortium of Rhode Island's 48 public libraries that coordinates a statewide catalog of library materials, digital content, and technology services for its member libraries so they may better serve their patrons and communities. A library card from the Greenville Public Library entitles you to borrowing privileges at all Rhode Island public libraries.

Population: 22,118
 Median Age: 43.7 years
 Median Household income: \$101,653

Population by age:
 Under age 18: 16.4%
 18-24: 18.1%
 25-44: 17.7%
 45-64: 26.6%
 65+: 21.3%

Educational Attainment:
 High School graduate or higher: 92.4%
 Bachelor's Degree or higher: 38.1%

Race and ethnic composition:
 White: 84.8%
 Asian: 7.4%
 African American: 1.25%
 Hispanic or Latino: 3.73%
 Two or more races: 4.33%





Community Partners

Smithfield Public Schools
Bryant University
Smithfield Parks & Rec Department
Rhode Island Genealogical Society
RI Department of Labor & Training
RI Department of Environmental Management
Rhode Island SPCA
Tomaquag Museum


Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council
RIPTA/Safe Streets for All Public Safety Forum
Rhode Island State Archives
Gentian Garden Club
Apple Blossom Garden Club
Woodland Whispers Committee
Historical Society of Smithfield
Smithfield Special Education Local Advisory Committee (SSELAC)


Thank You


Sandi Brenner
Christian DeFrancesco
Dan Roy
Rory Marcaccio Schaffer
Sally Kane
Catherin Lawton


Friends Fundraising

- December: Raffle \$640
- June: Chelo's Fundraiser \$200
- April & September: Book Sales \$877.14

 **17,017**
Library WiFi Sessions


 **9**
Public Computers


 **5,519**
Public Computer Uses





 **4,892**
Cardholders





 **69,499**
Library Visitors

 **9,267**
Reference Transactions

 **20,663**
Items Borrowed via ILL






 **22,673**
Items Loaned via ILL


| Physical Materials | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Collection | | Circulations |
| 58,605 |  Print Materials | 87,203 |
| 1,782 |  Audio | 2,450 |
| 6,945 |  Video | 11,174 |
| 633 |  Other Physical Materials | 2,331 |

| Electronic Materials Circulation | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Local Materials | | Shared Materials |
| 908 |  eBooks | 14,141 |
| 317 |  eSerials | 99 |
| 3,653 |  eAudio | 12,388 |
| 981 |  eVideo | 0 |



Library Programming

| |  Preschool |  School Age |  Young Adult |  Adult |  General Interest (Family & All Ages) |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sessions | 212 | 83 | 115 | 116 | 9 |
| Attendees | 2,550 | 773 | 656 | 1,062 | 402 |



Self-Directed Activities

Total Activities
22

Total Participants
439

Total Collection Expenditures
\$111,330

Total Programming Expenditures
\$17,869



Total Operating Revenue*
\$1,208,105

Total Operating Expenditures*
\$1,171,063

* Total figures include Revenue and Expenditure amounts not shown here.

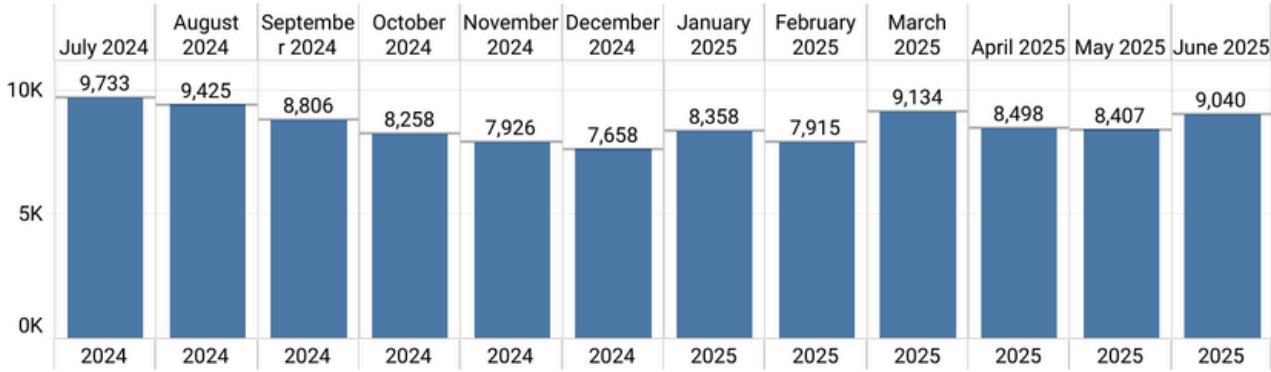
Federal Government Revenue
\$900

State Government Revenue
\$199,329

Local Government Revenue
\$941,850

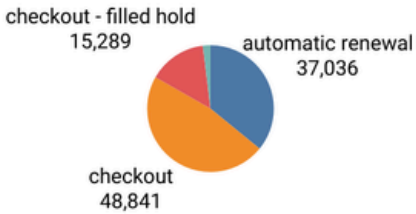


Monthly Transactions

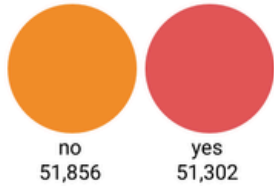


- Day: All values
- Circulating Library: GVL
- Circulating Branch: All
- Owning Library: All
- Owning Branch: All
- Collection Code: All
- Transaction Type:
 - automatic renewal
 - checkout
 - checkout - filled h..
 - manual renewal
- Audience:
 - Adult
 - Juvenile
 - YA
- Format Group:
 - Print
 - Nonprint Video
 - Serial
 - Nonprint Audio

Transaction Type



Self Check



You Saved



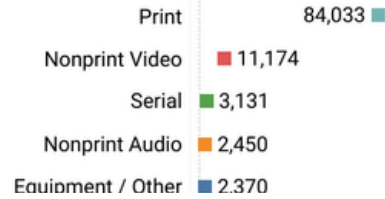
Borrowers



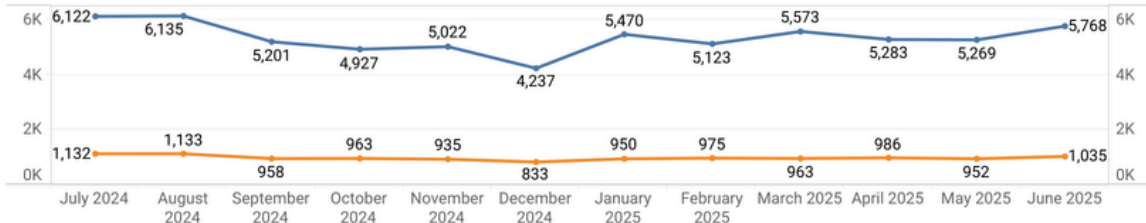
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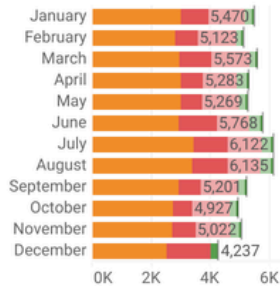
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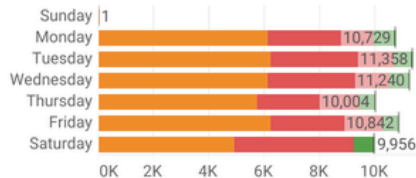
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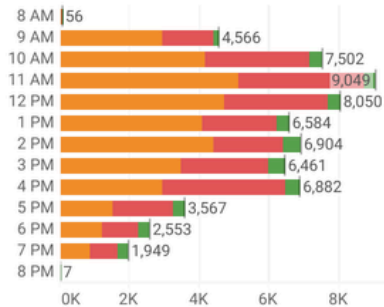
Month



Weekday



Hour



- Day: All values
- Transaction Type: Multiple values
- Circulating Library: GVL
- Circulating Branch: All
- Audience:
 - YA
 - Juvenile
 - Adult
- Checkouts and Borrowers:
 - Borrowers
 - Checkouts



Introducing our Pollinator Garden

A native plant garden and wildlife habitat has recently materialized in our backyard. Envisioned by the the Woodland Whispers Poetry Committee, the garden's purpose is to attract pollinators like bees, butterflies, and other insects. Stones inscribed with poems written by local poetry enthusiasts dot the landscape in a nod to the committee's mission to spread poetry into the community.



The project was spearheaded by Renée and Dennis Finlay, who brought the garden to life over the course of the spring and summer. The result is a quiet, contemplative outdoor environment that will educate and inspire visitors to incorporate native plants into their own gardens.

Future plans for the garden include educational programs, workshops, and presentations promoting sustainable gardening practices and native plantings.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."





The library received a \$2000 RI Senate Legislative grant from Senator Tikoian that was used to purchase a Lego Table for the children's room and media conversion equipment for the reference department.



Greenville Public Library Association

Memberships: 162

Total Donations Received: \$15, 576.50

Community Outreach



Staff attended the Smithfield Community Night and SSELAC Color Run at Deerfield Park.



Kids & Teens

39,396 Children's items circulated
7,348 Teen items circulated





Johnson & Wales instructor Valeria Molinelli presented *Peru at Different Altitudes* and prepared and shared some traditional Peruvian foods.

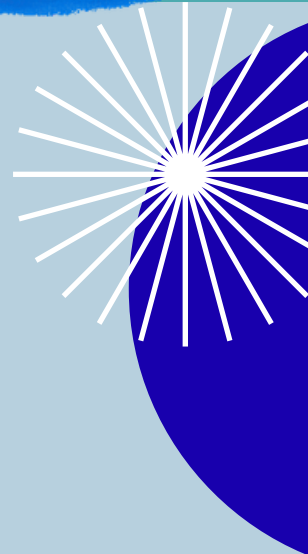


The Badmaash Dance Troup performed a fusion of traditional and modern Southeast Asian dances.

Heritage



The library displayed *Laboring for Freedom: African Americans in the Blackstone River Valley* in June. The exhibit was on loan from the National Park Service and was created in collaboration with the Stages of Freedom organization. It was complemented by a presentation by Stages of Freedom Executive Director Ray Rickman about African American history hosted by the Heritage Committee on June 14.





The trim around the building was powerwashed, painted, and repaired in July.



Venture Windows installed new windows in the children's room. The windows they replaced were from the original 1956 building. This project was paid for using funds raised at the Symphony of Sweets fundraiser.



Kousa berries on a dogwood tree...they're edible!



Beware the dreaded poison ivy



Summer Kickoff in Sequoia Square

Fundraising

The fundraising committee's May fundraiser, "A Symphony of Sweets" raised \$5,125. Attendees bid on raffle items and sampled desserts donated by local bakeries. The event was sponsored by Coastal1 and many other local businesses and donors.



SHS Music students provided entertainment at the Symphony of Sweets fundraiser in May





ART



The Art Committee continued to provide quality artwork from a variety of artists during 2024 - 2025. Rory Marcaccio Schaffer continues to search for and book various artists. Artists are currently booked through September 2026. Don Chabot, Carolyn Hansen, and Renée Finlay also served on the Art Committee during the 2024 - 2025 year. Carolyn Hansen and Renée Finlay stepped down from their roles on the Committee, however, they continue to support the library's artistic endeavors, teaching and assisting with classes, and supporting the artists' events.



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Dorothy Swain retired as Library Director after 36 years of employment at the Greenville Public Library. She began working at the library in 1988 as a reference assistant. She was appointed assistant director in 2001 and director in January 2015. She is working part-time at the Cranston Public Library in retirement and continues to volunteer at the Greenville Public Library.

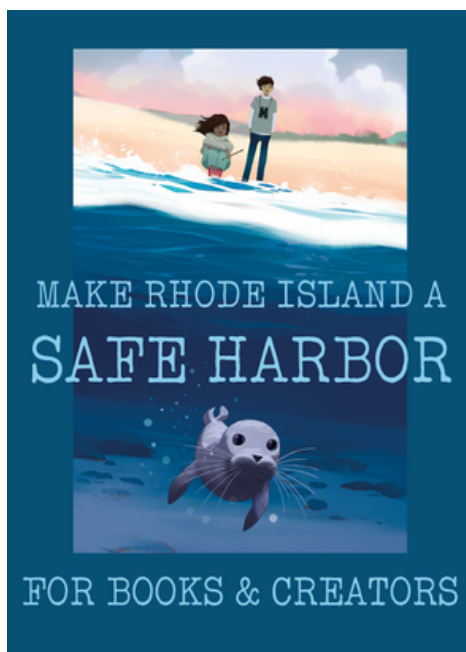


The Greenville Public Library Board of Trustees and staff wish to express their gratitude to Stephen Cicilline for 21 years of dedicated service on the library board. Mr. Cicilline is stepping down from the board following the Annual Meeting in November. He served as Board President for 16 of his 21 years of service. We are extremely grateful for his service and wish him all the best in his next chapter!



Rhode Island's "Freedom to Read Act" (H 5726 / S 0238) was signed into law on July 2, 2025, by Governor Dan McKee. It prohibits censorship of library materials in both public and school libraries by providing legal protections for librarians and ensuring a formal review process for challenged books.

Greenville Public Library joined libraries around the state in supporting the bill by distributing pre-stamped postcards for supporters to mail to their elected officials.



Greenville Public Library Staff

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