



LaGrange
Association
Library

2025

Annual Report

From the Director

2025 was another year of transformation and change for the LaGrange Association Library. We said a bittersweet goodbye to Library Director Mary De Bellis, who retired at the close of 2025. We all wish to thank Mary for her efforts and wish her well in her retirement!

For me, taking over the role of Library Director is a bit like coming home. I grew up not too far away, in Westchester County. After getting my Master's in Library and Information Science at Pratt Institute I worked in libraries in NY, CT, Illinois and finally South Dakota. I'm glad to have now landed here, with one of the most kind and professional staffs I've ever worked with, including our new Youth Services Coordinator, Linda Tedesco, and new Adult/Teen Services Librarian, Samantha Brandal. Both are committed to finding new and interesting opportunities for our patrons.

Looking forward, 2026 should be another exciting year as we plan to start the last phase of our renovations, which would expand the adult areas by over 2,000 square feet. It will include a larger Community Room, additional seating and study areas, more efficient staff areas, and shelving for the remaining collection of adult books which are currently inaccessible for browsing.

For me, I'm not just excited to see the library grow physically, but I look forward to seeing participation and visits from our patrons growing! It's important for any public library to engage with the community it serves, so I'm already looking to formulate ways of not only drawing people into the library, but bringing the library into the community through collaborations and partnerships.

Thank you of all our wonderful patrons and visitors, our selfless volunteers and donors, and of course LaGrange's Town Government, which has always been supportive of the library and its mission. Together we can continue to make the LaGrange Association Library a tremendous center for this community!

- Anna Lillian Moser

Entertainment, connection, and inspiration
— all without stretching your budget?

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

From engaging programs and community events to books, movies, and more, there's always something happening here
— and it's all waiting for you.



Library Director Mary De Bellis being presented with a proclamation from Senator Rob Rolison during her retirement party



Pictured from l. to r.: MHLS Executive Director Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, patron Carol Gray, Director Mary De Bellis and Head of Circulation Lisa Sassi



Storytime Yoga with Robin's Yoga Nest is always a treat for our littlest yogis!



With a grant from Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, we were able to present an eight-program series with author, historian, and musician Alex Prizgintas.

2025 AT A GLANCE

9,941
LaGrange Library
Cardholders

32,381
Visitors



6,599
Reference
Questions
Answered

64,240
Physical Items
Borrowed

23,093
eBooks &
Audiobooks
Borrowed

5,290
eMagazines
Borrowed

1,362
eVideos
Borrowed

81,870
Material
Holdings



4,732
Items Added
to the Collection

48,249
Website
Visits

1,481
Public Computer
Sessions

3,576
Wi-Fi Sessions

321
Adult
Programs

276
Youth
Programs



655
Passports
Processed

591
New Library
Cardholders

SERVICES

- Books, eBooks, Large Print, Audiobooks, Movies, Music & Magazines
- Notary Public Service
- One-on-One Technology Assistance
- Museum Passes to Local Venues with Online Reservation System
- Fax/Copier/Printer/Scanner Services available in B/W & Color
- Hoopla: eBooks, Audiobooks, Movies, Music, TV, and Comics
- Kanopy: Award Winning Films and Documentaries
- Transparent Language Learning Courses
- Early Literacy Programs for Babies & Pre-Schoolers
- Engaging and Informational Programs
- Community Food Pantry
- Library of Things
- Homebound Delivery Service for LaGrange patrons and more!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Added the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum pass
- Enriched the children's audiobook collection by adding Playaways
- Established an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program & Policy
- Installed a NaloxBox for public access to Narcan
- Redesigned the library website and improved our online form content
- Introduced a spice library

FINANCES

Revenue | \$1,003,466 *

Town of LaGrange	\$916,907
Grants & Misc Income	\$48,789
Gifts	\$34,740
Fines	\$3,030

Expenditures | \$935,524 *

Salaries & Benefits	\$494,884
Rent & Building Operations	\$249,806
Acquisitions	\$103,617
Administrative	\$83,892
Capital Equip & Tech	\$3,325

* Fund balance of \$67,942

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Board Trustee Melanie Wargo (l) with staff members Lisa Sassi (c) and Jenny Thompson (r) at LaGrange Community Day



Our Holiday Book Sale was a festive sight and brought in over \$900!

Fundraisers, like our book sales, are run almost entirely by volunteers, with proceeds helping the library to continue providing materials and resources for our patrons.



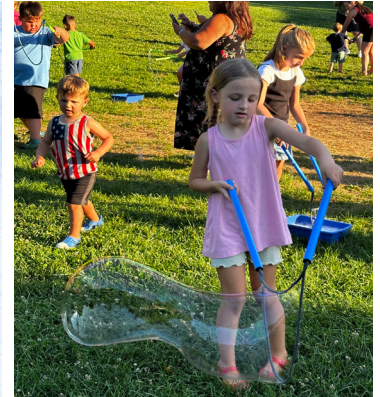
Families visiting the library can expect some of the best art programming in the area, and all for free!



Our Spice Library, the brainchild of Library Clerk Melissa Orland, introduces patrons to new and unique flavors each month



Hudson Valley farmer and food preserver Rebecca Echevarria shares her passion for fermentation during her pickling program



Our Summer Reading Program concluded with a party at Freedom Park that included ice cream and bubbles!



Board Trustee Melanie Wargo (l) and Head Library Clerk Roseann Weiss (r) welcome you to the library!

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