

"TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER", W. FUSSELMAN

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Stanford Free Library Annual Report

6035 Route 82, Stanfordville, NY 12581



We are pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report to the Community.

Here's a peek at some of the highlights of 2024 at your library:

Our physical materials are still in high demand: patrons borrowed 10,287 Adult Fiction & Non-fiction books, 15,569 Juvenile Fiction & Non-fiction books, 3,650 books on CD and DVDs, and 478 print magazines. This is in addition to the many digital items that patrons took advantage of. Demand for these **DOWNLOADABLES** is always increasing:

1

AUDIOBOOKS

3,235 were borrowed via Libby or hoopla; people love listening to them while driving & doing chores.

2

E-BOOKS

Handy to read on your smart phone, Kindle, laptop, or tablet; 2,827 e-books were enjoyed via Libby or hoopla.

3

MUSIC, MOVIES, TV, AND MAGAZINES

Libby, Kanopy, & hoopla offer so many options! A whopping 2,282 digital items were downloaded to patrons' devices in 2024.



Children's Programs:

191 events with 2,564 attendees.



Adults' Programs:

418 programs (online or in-person) with a total of 2,871 attendees.



Membership:

We have a total of 1,905 patrons. 156 of them are new in 2024!

The Stanford Free Library remains the center of our community and we are delighted to serve our neighbors in this way. During 2024, 25,587 people visited the Library & we circulated 38,351 items to our patrons and loaned another 5,181 to other Mid-Hudson Library System patrons! Of course, we are more than just books! You can also borrow ukuleles, pickleball paddles and balls, tennis rackets, board games, museum passes, and even a device that converts old slides and negatives to digital! Your library card might just be the most valuable thing in your wallet. It is good for your budget AND for the planet. We are happy to offer recycling service for used batteries and small electronics like old cell phones and tablets. Our quarterly "Repair Cafes" also help prevent waste. Bring your broken treasures to the next one (July 12th) and one of our talented volunteers will save them from the landfill! We held four Repair Cafes last year where 116 things were fixed for 87 patrons.

Your Stanford Free Library card gives you access to a vast array of online resources instantly, as well as our entire physical collection. But that's not all! Because we are part of the magnificent Mid-Hudson Library System, our patrons can request books and other materials from any of the 66 libraries in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, Putnam, and Ulster counties that make up the MHLS. If you don't already have a library card you can now sign up for one by visiting us at stanfordlibrary.org. When you visit us online you have full access to ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and magazines from four different library systems (thanks to reciprocal lending agreements with these library systems) via the Libby app, movies and documentaries using Kanopy, language learning via Transparent Language, or books, audiobooks, music, movies, tv shows, and comics through hoopla. To sign up with your library card simply download the app or go to hoopladigital.com. **Check us out today!**



2024 OPERATING BUDGET

Budgeted Income for 2024

Book & Copier Donation, Fines	1,600
Town Grant	170,400
Other Grants	4,800
Annual Appeal	25,000
Miscellaneous	1,200
Total	\$203,000

Budgeted Expenses for 2024

Collection Expenditures	18,000
Programs	6,000
Mid-Hudson/Professional Fees	4,409
Personnel	137,241
Utilities/Insurance/Maintenance	25,150
Travel/Miscellaneous	9,000
Office/Copier/Supplies/Furniture	3,200
Total	\$203,000

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am-7:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm

Do you want to know more? Check out the website (<http://stanfordlibrary.org>).

Do you have additional questions about how the Library functions?

Contact the Library at **845-868-1341** or e-mail **stanfordlibrary@optonline.net**

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