

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Montclair Public Library is a vibrant cultural and educational institution where ideas come to life, fostering artistic enrichment, cultural exploration, and lifelong learning. The library strives to connect people of all ages and backgrounds by offering inclusive access to knowledge, creativity, and community through dynamic programming, collaborative spaces, and joyful engagement. Its vision is to provide unlimited opportunities for lifelong learning, discovery, and community engagement.

The Montclair Public Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that develops philanthropic support for the Montclair Public Library. Established in 2002, the MPL Foundation raises funds for library programs, collection enhancement, staff development, special projects, and other critical needs that exceed municipal funding. The Foundation has raised over \$6 million to support Library programs and services including technology improvements, museum passes, summer reading programs for children, and programs like the signature Open Book / Open Mind series and the Little Read.

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Dear Friends,

As we look back on 2025, we are filled with gratitude and pride. This past year affirmed what is possible when a community believes deeply in its public library. Thanks to your generosity and engagement, the Montclair Public Library offered nearly 2,000 programs serving over 30,000 participants. Almost 200,000 visits were made to our two library branches!

The Montclair Public Library continues to be one of the most heavily-used resources in our community, serving all ages from all over Montclair seven days a week. With dynamic cultural events, thoughtfully curated collections, and programs that speak to diverse interests, there is truly something for everyone.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and partners. Every contribution—at every level—made a meaningful difference, helping the Library respond to evolving community needs while maintaining high-quality service.

As we look ahead, we do so with optimism and momentum. With your continued partnership, the Montclair Public Library will remain a place where curiosity is sparked, voices are valued, and everyone belongs.

With Sincere Thanks,

Radwa Ali, MLIS
 Director,
 Montclair Public Library

Mary Packer, M.Ed., CFRE
 Executive Director,
 Montclair Public Library Foundation



2025 BY THE NUMBERS

196,238

visits made to our two library branches



3,287

library cards issued



70,902

questions answered

196,907

visits to the Library's website



21,301

on-site Wi-Fi sessions



322

Wi-Fi hotspots borrowed

1,974

total programs

9,712

adult program attendance

15,225

children and teen program attendance

7,660

adult school class registrations



289,998

loans of MPL physical media



133,615

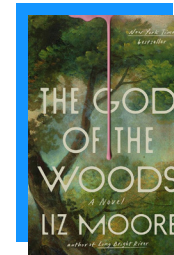
loans of MPL digital media



1,617

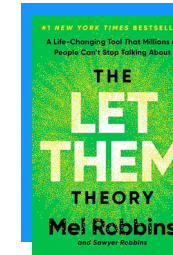
loans of objects, kits, and passes

MOST BORROWED TITLES



ADULT FICTION

"The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore



ADULT NONFICTION

"The Let Them Theory" by Mel Robbins



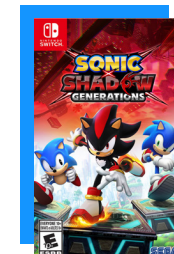
YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas



YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION

"Dungeon Master's Guide" (Wizards of the Coast)



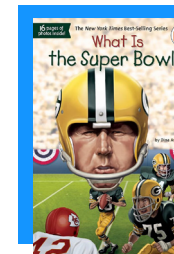
ADULT MEDIA

"Sonic X Shadow Generations" (Nintendo Switch)



JUVENILE FICTION

"Dog Man: Big Jim Begins" by Dav Pilkey



JUVENILE NONFICTION

"What Is The Super Bowl?" by Dina Anastasio



JUVENILE MEDIA

"Dog Man: Mission Impawsible" (Nintendo Switch)

MOST BORROWED ITEMS FROM THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

1

Carpet and Uphostery Cleaner

2

Pressure Washer

3

Speaker and Microphones

The Lit Gala

More than 230 people gathered at **The Grove** on May 8th to raise awareness and funds for the Montclair Public Library! With contributions coming in from sponsors, ticket holders, local businesses, auction bidders, and tribute donations, more than \$125,000 was raised above event expenses.

We were proud to honor both Margot Sage-EL of Watchung Booksellers and Mountainside Medical Center for their tireless work within this community, particularly their dedication to the Montclair Public Library and its patrons. We were thrilled to see our co-hosts Dagmara Domińczyk and George Oliphant charm the audience with their auctioneer skills. And we'd like to give special shout-outs to local pianist Aaron Gardner for setting the tone of the evening and Joel Franklin for his heartwarming video showcasing the Foundation's work.

On behalf of the MPL Foundation Board of Directors and the 2025 Lit Gala committee, we are incredibly humbled by the success of this event and overwhelmed by the generosity of our donor family. **THANK YOU** for your contributions!



Clockwise from top left: Radwa Ali, George Oliphant, Mary Packer, Dagmara Domińczyk, and Sheila Boyd; Guests browsing the Silent Auction tables; A lively Live Auction; Gala Chair Elizabeth Rich; Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center honoree Tim O'Brien and spouse. Center: Watchung Booksellers honoree Margot Sage-EL and spouse.

Open Book / Open Mind

The Montclair Public Library's signature author series, **Open Book / Open Mind**, enjoyed a banner season of literary prestige and deep civic engagement, hosting **15 events** that drew **1,228 in-person attendees** and **1,105 YouTube views**. Our stage welcomed world-class talent, including **12 New York Times bestselling authors** (representing five of last year's bestsellers), **one National Book Award longlisted fiction author**, a **Pulitzer Prize winner**, a **Prix Goncourt recipient**, and top editors from the *NYT Book Review* and *The Boston Globe*. True to our mission of local connection, we collaborated with **11 community partners**—including four new relationships with the Sharron Miller Academy for the Performing Arts, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, 1in6 Support, and The Jersey Bee. A major highlight was our community read of *Just Action*, which mobilized **14 local book clubs** and distributed **130 complimentary books** to residents, thanks to the generous support of the Partners for Health Foundation.



Special thanks to the Open Book / Open Mind Advisory Committee: Co-chairs Alice Elliott Dark and Kate Tuttle; Jonathan Alter, Reagan Arthur, Neal Carruth, Catherine Chung, Jennifer Dorr, Elisabeth Egan, David Folkenflik, Dionne Ford, Jon Fortt, Gabrielle Glaser, David Jones, DT Max, Cleyvis Natera, Dale Russakoff, Juan Milà, Margot Sage-EL, Rachel Swarns, Susan Weinberg, and Kate Zernike.



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Joyce Michaelson

This program series is sponsored by an Anonymous donor and Dr. Alex and Doris Malaspina.

Supporting Montclair's Literacy Goals



The Little Read Hit the Road for Its 17th Birthday!

A dedicated group of volunteers dressed up as caped superheroes to bring our signature program directly into local schools, eliminating logistical hurdles and transportation costs for the district and ensuring that more students than ever could participate without leaving their buildings. The results of this new “on-the-road” model were remarkable! Together, we shared stories with over 900 children across 14 schools. We visited 31 individual classrooms and hosted 8 on-site storytimes at MPL. Plus more than 200 guests arrived at our festive Big Jamboree pajama party to wrap up the week! This massive undertaking was made possible by 13 team leaders, 63 volunteer readers, and our dedicated staff; together, they didn't just deliver a program—they built a bridge between the library and the classroom.



Check Out Our Science-Backed Tools That Unlock Reading Success

Thanks to a generous grant from the Montclair Foundation, MPL's Reading Specialist upgraded some of our youth literacy resources to align with modern reading science. We've expanded our K-6 Decodable Collection and reimagined our Book Club Bags into interactive Lit Kits in order to provide young readers with the phonetic tools and high-interest titles they need to fall in love with reading. The upgraded Lit Kits are now ready to be borrowed in groups of up to five for DIY Kids Book Clubs. They feature current, high-interest titles paired with comprehension games and are as durable and dynamic as the students who use them!



Summer Reading Was A Masterpiece In Community Engagement

From local parks to our library stacks, the 2025 Summer Reading program painted a bright future for our youngest patrons. With nearly 350 participants and 11,500 days of reading logged, “Color Our World” successfully sustained student literacy through the summer gap. We are deeply grateful to the William H. and Judith C. Turner Family Foundation for funding the enriching performances and learning experiences that made this record-breaking summer possible.



Making Room for the Community to Gather

More than just a home for books, the library serves as a gathering spot for our community—a shared living room where connection happens every day. It is a versatile stage for local life, hosting everything from intimate book clubs and grassroots organizational meetings to sold-out performances in our auditorium. Whether it's a quiet classroom session or a high-energy community event, we are proud to provide the space where neighbors become collaborators and ideas come to life.

757 community-hosted events took place at the library in 2025

Spotlight Event: Natsu Pop Con

The library's space was put to new use for our community for our first ever anime and pop culture convention, Natsu Pop Con. Taking place in July, this event was a celebration of all things nerdy for all ages. Starting with a week of preconvention programming coordinated by the Adult School, Natsu Pop Con culminated in an all-day interactive series of events that took over the entire library. Over 250 attendees had the opportunity to listen in on panel discussions, engage with each other in gaming sessions, visit the Artist Alley to view and purchase art from over 20 local artists, view live Star Wars cosplayers, and enjoy food and drinks from local vendors.



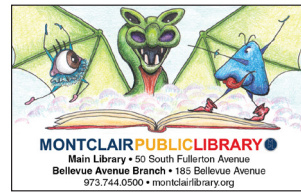
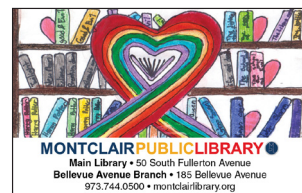
Engaging With The Community In Creative Ways



From left to right: Board Members Theodore Graham and JoAnn McCullough, card design contest winners H el ene F., Linda Larkin, and Arya S., and library director Radwa Ali.

A Library Card Design Contest for the Books

For National Library Card Sign Up Month in September, patrons were invited to showcase their creativity with a Library Card Design Contest. From over 180 entries, three artists were selected to have their work featured on new cards. Patrons across Montclair now have the opportunity to carry a piece of the community's creativity wherever they go.



Championing The Freedom to Read During Banned Books Week

To celebrate Banned Books week from October 5–11, the library partnered with local business Java Love to create an engaging week of events and programming for our community. Library staff kicked off Banned Books Week by tabling outside of Java Love's Church Street location, where those who signed up for a library card received a discount on their coffee. Throughout the week, the library was able to offer an online lecture, a banned books storytime for children, a 1984 book club and multiple giveaways for library patrons due to Java Love's generous donations, reaching all new audiences in Montclair.



Teen Librarian Ruby Williamson and Library Director Radwa Ali tabling outside of Java Love.

All-New Jazz Library Strikes a Chord

After a donation of approximately 600 jazz books from local educator and artist Peter Bodge, Montclair Public Library partnered with Seed Artists to establish the Peter Bodge & Seed Artists Jazz Library, a landmark cultural resource for the community. The Jazz Library launched to a full auditorium with an opening reception and live performance on October 12, and has since served as a platform for future programming, offering monthly listening sessions, jazz film screenings and more to our patrons.

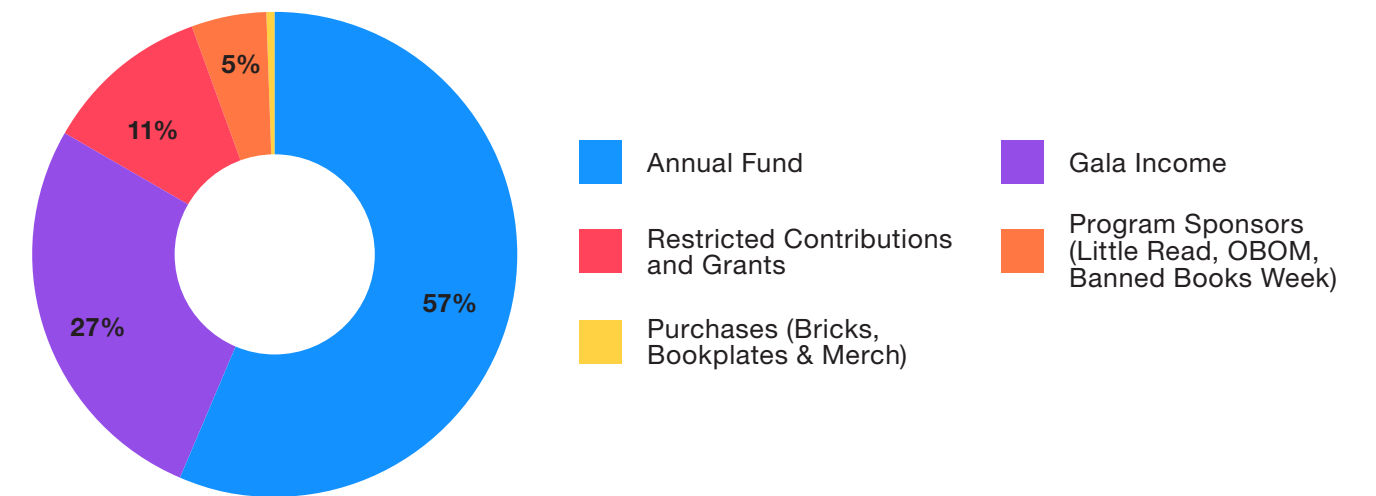


Audience enjoying the Jazz Library's opening performance and reception.

The Foundation at a Glance

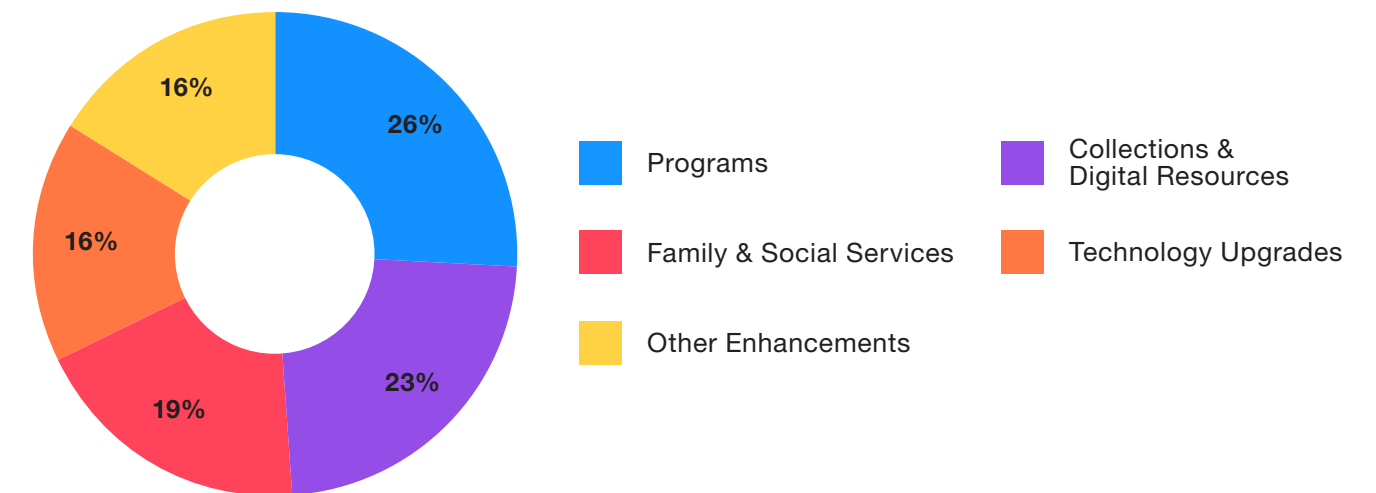
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The Foundation is committed to offering a wide range of giving opportunities, ensuring that every donor can support the Library in a way that feels personal, meaningful, and aligned with their passions.



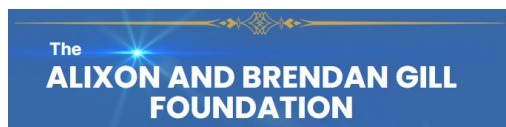
ADVANCING LIBRARY EXCELLENCE

During the year, the Foundation provided \$288,655 in distributions and direct investment to the Library. By pooling individual contributions, the Foundation harnesses the collective generosity of our community—transforming essential library services into extraordinary experiences and supporting programs, materials, and enhancements that enrich the lives of all who use the Library.



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Thank you to all of the businesses that sponsor our events and programs.



Grants that Power Our Library

A Cool New Chapter Thanks to PSE&G



From top to bottom: PSE&G VP of Clean Energy Solutions Lauren Thomas presents check to Library Director Radwa Ali; updated cooling unit.

In May 2025, Montclair Public Library partnered with Public Service Electric and Gas Company to begin essential upgrades that addressed the building's extensive HVAC and climate control challenges. Enrolling the library in three energy efficiency programs, PSE&G was able to offer a tailored package of solutions to help modernize outdated systems, improve building comfort and support the library's sustainability goals. 40% of the combined \$1.9 million project costs were covered through program incentives. Ultimately, this partnership allowed a complete overhaul of the library's HVAC system, replacing aging chillers and antiquated boilers with new high-efficiency units that not only keep the library cool, but will allow for a projected \$125,000 a year in energy cost savings.

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Patrons learn floral arranging as part of an Adult School class.

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Ann-Marie Nazzaro
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Martha Nowycky
John H. O'Connell
Mary O'Crowley and David Wholley
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Harvey and Jeanette Oliver
Sarah Olson and Paul Swanson
Liz Oneil
Karen Palatella
Jessica Palmieri
Marilyn Papayanis
Rachel Perten and Adam Stone
Andrea Peyser
Luis and Nancy Pi-Sunyer
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Betsy and Jim Poris

Myra Quigley and Edward Unger
Elizabeth Riggs
Brigeth Rivera
Deborah Rivers
Linwood Ladell Robbins
Andrea A. Rodriguez
Catherine Roe
Cynthia and John Rogers
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Kathy Rosenberg
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Nicholas Stern and Barbara Samuels
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Tom Larson
Michael Laser and Jennifer Prost
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Tanya Leslie
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Jay Lindell
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Maribel Martinez and Samuel Shaffer
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The Nagy Family



Library staff member Liana Vazquez and patrons pose with wreath craft.

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 Kathryn Patterson
 Karen Pennington
 Maxine Pittman
 Mark and Cynthia Porter
 Denise Powell
 Crystal Proenza-Ponte
 Judith Przybylski
 Melanie and Kevin Rattigan
 Heidi Reifenberg

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 Lynne Robbins
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 Marcia Rogers
 Marian Rothenberg
 Gary and Jodi Rudoren
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 Margaret Schmidt
 Luis and Vivian Schuchinski
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 Natalie Siemaszko
 Michael and Allison Silverstein
 Kenneth Silvestri
 Jordan Sklar
 Kate Sonnenberg and Thomas Zaubler
 Per Sorensson
 Paula Span

Karen Speth
 Mary M. Sullivan
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 Christina Tokar
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 Edzel Ubas
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 Ariel Zeitlin and Laszlo Kiss
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Library staff members Ariel Zeitlin and Alma Stone on Halloween.

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Library Director Radwa Ali and library staff members Matilda Williams, Gina Chung Fortt, Kaitlyn Flannagan, Enola Romano, and Maurice Boyer at the 2025 Imani Gala.

