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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.



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with deep gratitude for your unwavering generosity and commitment to our mission. Thanks to your support, more than 186,000 visitors walked through our doors in 2024—each one welcomed into a space where curiosity is nurtured, knowledge is shared, and community is built. Together, we celebrated the power of access, lending over 387,000 items, from books and digital resources to unique items from our ever-expanding Library of Things.

One of the year's most inspiring accomplishments was our community-wide reading of *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui, a moving exploration of identity, migration, and family. This extraordinary initiative, made possible through a prestigious "Big Read" grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, brought together over a dozen partner organizations and offered more than 30 engaging events for all ages. It was a true testament to the strength and heart of Montclair—how a book can spark conversation, empathy, and connection across our diverse town.

We simply could not do this without you. Your support makes it possible for the Montclair Public Library to serve as a cornerstone of learning, creativity, and inclusion. From all of us—staff, volunteers, and the many community members whose lives are enriched by your generosity—thank you for believing in the transformative power of your library.

With sincere appreciation,

Radwa Ali, MLIS
Director, Montclair Public Library

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

Introducing Radwa Ali, the new Library Director

She is Making Magic Happen!

In July 2024, Radwa Ali was appointed Executive Director of the Montclair Public Library, bringing with her a bold vision for what a 21st-century library can and must be. With over two decades of experience in the field—and a track record of revitalizing institutions through innovation, community engagement, and fiscal strategy—Radwa has quickly set the tone for a new chapter in MPL's long and storied history.

She arrived at a time of transition, with a new mayor, a new town council, and renewed community conversations about what kind of library Montclair deserves. Just weeks into her tenure, the Library faced a major facilities crisis when its aging HVAC system failed during a record-setting heat wave in August 2024, forcing unexpected closures and limited public access. The incident underscored the urgent need for capital reinvestment and became a galvanizing moment that brought Library leadership, the Township, and community stakeholders together with a shared sense of purpose.

In the months that followed, the Library has since undertaken extensive planning to reimagine its Main Library and historic Bellevue Avenue Branch, with input from staff, patrons, and key community stakeholders. The vision includes reconfiguring spaces to better serve today's needs: digital learning, workforce development, lifelong education, youth and teen creativity, arts programming, and civic dialogue.

Internally, the organization has taken steps to improve coordination, modernize and streamline processes, and continue to build a culture of shared purpose and public service. This foundational work ensures that the Library is not only positioned to grow, but to grow responsibly—with programs and services that reflect the needs and aspirations of the community it serves.

Radwa extends deep gratitude to the Township of Montclair and the Town Council for their vision and partnership; to the Montclair Public Library Foundation for its steadfast support; to the Board of Trustees for their leadership, the Friends of Montclair Library Steering Committee, and the Friends of Bellevue Avenue Library for their ongoing advocacy; to the hardworking staff and dedicated volunteers who pour their hearts into their work every day; and, most importantly, to the Montclair community—for whom everything we do is rooted in service, access, and connection. With the strength of these partners and countless others, the Library is building on a proud legacy to grow into an even more innovative, well-used, and beloved resource for all who call Montclair home.



MPL Patrons Maximize Our Services

In 2024, MPL circulated nearly **390,000 items**, saw over **185,000 visitors** walk through the doors, and had more than **170,000 website views**.

An abundance of programming for children, teens, and adults alike was planned, accounting for 28,000 of those visitors. The total library budget to support these services was **\$4.6 million—88%** of which was funded by the Township.



TECHNOLOGY



171,390
visits made to the
Library's website



22,042
on-site Wi-Fi
sessions provided



890
Wi-Fi hotspots borrowed
for home use

PROGRAMS



6,919
attendance at
adult programs



18,802
attendance at children's
and teen programs



3,005
registrations in
adult school classes

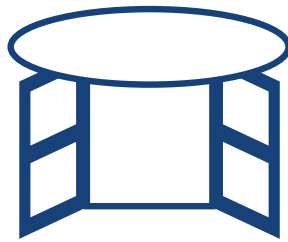


2024 Circulation Spotlight



270,308

loans of MPL's physical media,
incl. books and DVDs



186,902

in-person visits
to the Library



2,888

library cards issued



55,050

questions answered



114,738

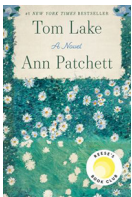
loans of digital media, incl.
eBooks and streaming movies

2,056

loans of objects, kits, and passes



MOST BORROWED TITLES



ADULT FICTION
"Tom Lake"
by Ann Patchett



ADULT NONFICTION
"Crying in H Mart"
by Michelle Zauner



ADULT MEDIA
"Oppenheimer"
(Universal)



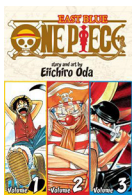
JUVENILE FICTION
"Dog Man: Fetch-22"
by Dav Pilkey



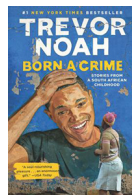
JUVENILE NONFICTION
"What is the Super Bowl?"
by Dina Anastasio



JUVENILE MEDIA
"Super Mario RPG"
(Nintendo Switch)



YOUNG ADULT FICTION
"One Piece:
Volumes 1-2-3"
by Eiichiro Oda



YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION
"Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah
"Dungeon Master's Guide"
(Wizards of the Coast)

MOST BORROWED ITEMS FROM THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

1

Knife sharpener

2

Giant Jenga

3

Carpet cleaner

An Eventful Year...

The Big Read Embraced Community Through Art and Storytelling

From February through May, more than 30 events—book discussions, classes, storytelling, movies, and more—inspired by Thi Bui’s “The Best We Could Do” were held throughout town. An American Book Award winner, Bui’s memoir traces her family’s daring escape after the fall of South Vietnam in the 1970s and their effort to build new lives for themselves in America. This project was co-organized by the Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence, Montclair High School, and MPL. Partners included AAPI Montclair, Dumpling Diplomacy, East Side Mags, MILL, MKA Montclair Art Museum, Montclair Film, Montclair History Center, MPL Foundation, MSU, Out Montclair, Succeed2gether, The Vietnamese Boat People, and Watchung Booksellers.

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



and 215 adults participating. Anyone who logged their reading was eligible for prize drawings throughout the summer, which included gift cards to various Montclair businesses. Children & teens logged a total of 11,764 days while adults logged a total of 1,006 books, earning 2,433 and 852 rewards, respectively. These numbers surged well above the four-year average from 2020 to 2023. Thank you to the William and Judith Turner Family Foundation who, in 2024, acknowledged this reading surge by funding the 2025 Summer Reading program.

Introducing Our New Reading Specialist

MPL now has a full-time Reading Specialist in Youth Services! Gina Chung Fortt, a certified Reading Specialist with a Masters in Education, was hired in September 2024 to help empower parents and caregivers in their child(ren)'s literacy journey. Gina runs regular storytimes, hosts programs promoting reading/writing/phonics, and personally visits Montclair schools. Most recently, she launched a new (and very popular!) service: Book a Reading Specialist. This service, similar to MPL's “Book a Librarian,” is free to anyone with an MPL card. Parents, caregivers, and educators are encouraged to sign up for a 30-minute consultation to learn about books and resources available to borrow from the library, to discover creative ways to support children in reading at home, to review a child’s reading assessment, and so much more.



An Eventful Year Continued

Partners for Health Foundation Wins National Recognition for MPL Partnership

The Partners for Health Foundation was among 11 winners named in the international “I Partner with My Public Library” awards. Created by the non-profit organization Let’s Move in Libraries, this award celebrates the crucial work of community collaborators to the work of public libraries across the United States and Canada. Partners for Health was the only winner from New Jersey. The MPL Foundation nominated Partners for Health for their steadfast support and partnership, specifically for the Library’s summer lunch program, social services pilot program, and “Poverty, by America” author talk and discussions.



Local author Henry Neff at the Little Read.

The Little Read Celebrates Its Sweet Sixteen

In October, the Library invited the community to attend the 16th annual “Little Read,” a series of events in which guest readers—including Mayor Renee Baskerville—climbed into the iconic big red chair and read stories aloud to schoolchildren and families. This celebration of literacy encourages sharing stories, building community, and cultivating a love of reading. Funds raised through sponsorships support children’s programming at the Library throughout the year. The Little Read began with visits to the Library by local schoolchildren and culminated in “Little Read & Treat” on October 26, which featured a haunted house, Halloween bingo, and spooky stories. All in all, fourteen schools visited the library in a week’s time, and more than 1,057 children sat for a storytime either at the library, in a park, or at the YMCA. Thank you to the many readers, sponsors (included on page 13), and volunteers who helped to make this year super sweet!

A New StoryWalk Was Unveiled in the Parks

From August 1 to September 15, families enjoyed Walk + Read Montclair, a NEW literacy-boosting initiative consisting of storybook pages lining walking paths in three local parks. Families encountered an unfolding children’s story, page by page as lawn signage, until they reached the end of the path. The three children’s books selected were “The Fab Cab” by Jill Lauren, installed in Glenfield Park; “In the Tall, Tall Grass” by Denise Fleming, installed in Nishuane Park; and “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, installed in Watchung Park. This initiative was accomplished in partnership with the Judy Weston Garden.

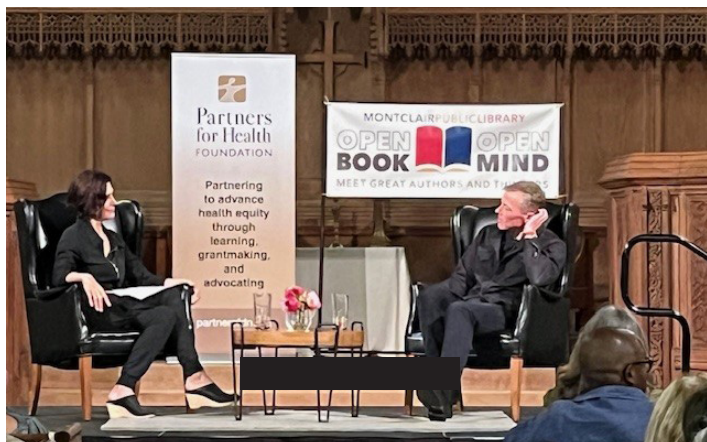


An Eventful Year Continued

Open Book / Open Mind

MPL's live conversation series continued to feature great authors and thinkers discussing their new books and important topics. In 2024, hosted authors included:

- **Kate Manne**, "Unshrinking: How to Face Fatphobia." In conversation with Kate Tuttle, of the Boston Globe.
- **Ayana Mathis** "The Unsettled." In conversation with Emily Raboteau, ("Lessons for Survival").
- **James B. Stewart and Rachel Abrams**, "Unscripted: The Epic Battle for a Media Empire and the Redstone Family Legacy." In conversation with Tom Hall, of Montclair Film.
- **Howell Raines**, "Silent Cavalry: How Union Soldiers from Alabama Helped Sherman Burn Atlanta—and Then Got Written Out of History." In conversation with Edward Ball, ("Slaves in the Family").
- **Rigoberto González** (editor of the upcoming "Latino Poetry: Places We Call Home"), **Alexis Romy**, and **C.E. Wallace**
- **Ray Isle**, "The World in a Wineglass: The Insider's Guide to Artisanal, Sustainable, Extraordinary Wines to Drink Now." In conversation with Sharon Sevens, of Amanti Vino.
- **Nell Irvin Painter**, "I Just Keep Talking: A Life in Essays." In conversation with Ira Wagner, of MAM.
- **Leslie Jamison**, "Splinters: Another Kind of Love Story" and **Emily Raboteau**, "Lessons for Survival: Mothering Against 'The Apocalypse'" In conversation with Kate Tuttle.
- **Claudia Cravens**, "Lucky Red." In conversation with Laurie Lico Albanese ("Hester").
- **Matthew Desmond**, "Poverty, by America." In conversation with Andrea Elliott ("Invisible Child").
- **Nicholas Kristof**, "Chasing Hope: A Journalist's Life." In conversation with Stephen Engelberg of ProPublica.
- **Tracy O'Neill**, "A Woman of Interest: A Memoir." In conversation with Catherine Chung ("The Tenth Muse").
- **Bruce Jackson**, "Never Far from Home: My Journey from Brooklyn to Hip Hop, Microsoft, and the Law." In conversation with Jon Fortt of CNBC.
- **Jonathan Alter**, "American Reckoning: Inside Trump's Trial—And My Own." In conversation with Dale Russakoff, ("The Prize").
- **Liana Finck**, "How to Baby: A No-Advice-Given Guide to Motherhood, with Drawings." In conversation with filmmaker Leah Wolchok (Very Semi-Serious: A Partially Thorough Portrait of New Yorker Cartoonists and Judy Blume Forever).



Pulitzer Prize winners Matt Desmond and Andrea Elliott discuss poverty in America thanks to event co-sponsor Partners for Health Foundation.

Special thanks to the Open Book / Open Mind Advisory Committee:

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Leaving a Lasting Impact

Brick Dedication & Bookplates

A Very Special Ceremony

In December, the Montclair Public Library was deeply moved by the fond memories shared by friends and family members of both Cheryl M. McCoy and Ronald Murphy, two former librarians, at a dedication ceremony that included brick installations.

Cheryl McCoy served the community for more than 40 years as a librarian at Montclair Public Library and became our first African American Director- a position she held for four years. She was deeply committed to helping others. Ronald Murphy started the library's first African American book discussion group and distinguished himself during his long service, participating in local, state, national and international organizations such as the New Jersey Library Association, Black Librarians of New Jersey, Public Library Association, American Library Association, Black Caucus of the American Library Association and People-to-People.

Tribute Bookplates Leave an Impression

Another way to leave a lasting mark at the library is through circulation! Our bookplate dedication program offers a meaningful way to recognize or remember someone special in your life by adding their name to a new book within our collection. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the Albert Terhune Foundation for their generous donations over the past two years to add new titles to special collections for young children and teens.

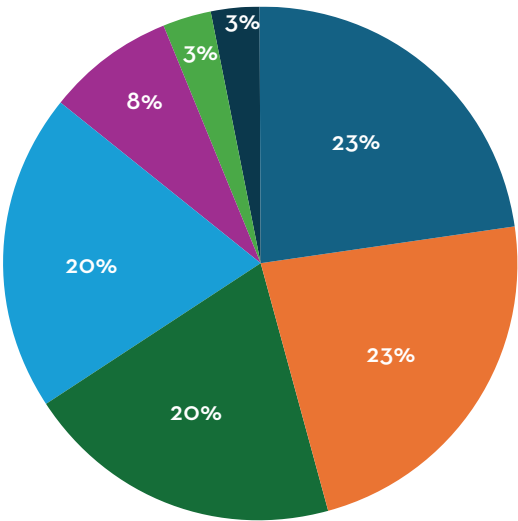


For more information about how you can purchase a brick or bookplate, please visit www.montclairplf.org.

Foundation at a Glance

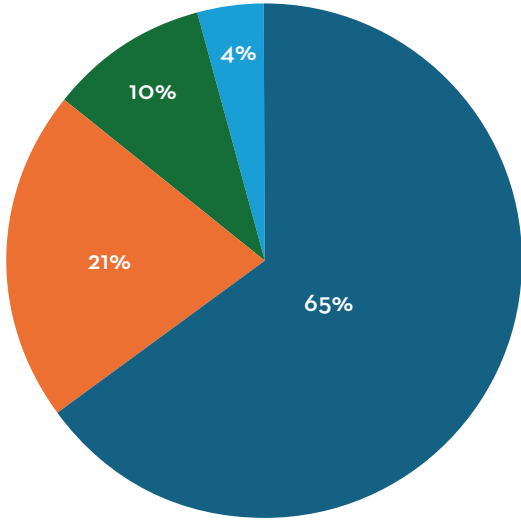
Thanks to special events, grant awards, and generous donors like you, the Foundation raised more than \$575,000 in 2024!

Supporting the Library
Which Library resources and activities received Foundation support in 2024?



- Special Collections & Materials
- Digital Resources
- Social Services Pilot Program
- Beautification & Facilities Enhancement
- Programs
- Community Outreach
- Adult School

Funding Sources
Where did Foundation funding come from in 2024?



- Individual Giving and Matching Gifts
- Grants and Program Sponsors
- Restricted Gifts
- Events

Awarded Grants

- Grantor**
- Partners for Health Foundation**
 - Hyde & Watson Foundation**
 - Essex County History Program**
 - Whitehill Foundation**
 - Essex County Local Arts Program**
 - William & Judy Turner Family Foundation**
 - Montclair Foundation**
 - The Albert Payson Terhune Foundation**
 - Investors Foundation**

- Impact**
- To launch a part-time social services pilot program
 - To purchase new audio/visual equipment for the Auditorium
 - Supports the continued digitization of property deed books
 - Expands the Hoopla subscription to offer more content
 - Makes several 2025 art classes tuition-free within the Adult School
 - Fully funds the 2025 Children's Summer Reading program
 - Supports the Children's Spanish Lapsit storytime
 - To purchase new titles for the Teen Graphic Novel Collection
 - Assists in covering the cost of the Adult School registration system

The Joy of Giving

The Foundation hosted a series of fundraising events throughout the year that created some fantastic memories! In 2024, we held a Trivia Night, Wine Tasting, and Karaoke Party. Thank you to everyone who participated in these events. We hope you had a blast!



Gina Chung Fortt was **PITCH PERFECT** belting the lyrics to "Stay" by Lisa Loeb at the Karaoke Party!

A Very Vine Affair



Amanti Vino owner Sharon Sevrens and author Ray Isle co-hosted a **DELECTABLE** wine tasting at A Very Vine Affair!

Karaoke Party



These Karaoke Party Winners hit **ALL THE RIGHT NOTES!**



Mike Cocco and Liz Rich got the Karaoke **PARTY STARTED!**

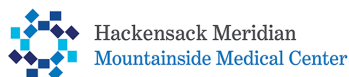
Trivia Night



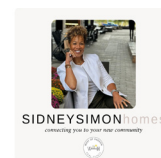
"Game, Set, Match" took home the **TROPHY** at Trivia Night!

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Stew Leonard's Clifton
Studio de Mel
The Tutor Shack
Tia's Food of Love
The Printer's Place
White Rabbit Black Heart
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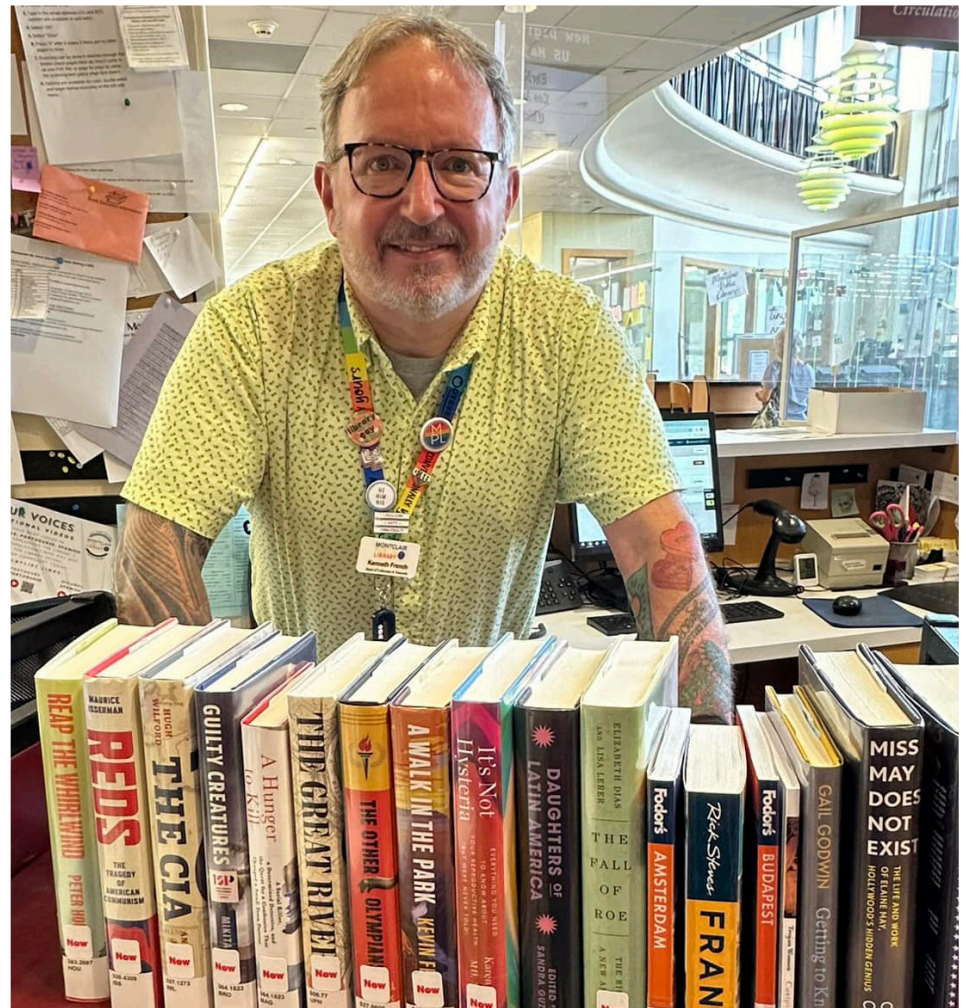


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