

2025

ANNUAL REPORT

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GLENCOE
PUBLIC
LIBRARY



2025 BY THE NUMBERS



104,321 patron visits

160,996 physical checkouts

52,128 digital checkouts
(up 12% from 2024)

19,651 questions answered

7,552 uses of public computers *(up 31%)*

56,609 books

5,181 audio recordings

7,203 DVDs

119 print magazines & newspapers

57 premium database subscriptions

12 annual library visits per resident

72% of eligible households have library cards

12 annual library visits per resident

YEAR IN REVIEW

The library welcomed over **100,000 visitors** in 2025, a number not reached since before the pandemic. Our summer and winter reading clubs drew nearly 1,500 participants this year. Library programming continued to enlighten, amuse and engage patrons of all ages. Kids enjoyed performances by Kerfuffle Theatre, Improv Playhouse, and Pocket Circus as well as puzzle races, fort building at Writers Theatre, modular trains and a visit from a sloth! For adults, there were author programs with Marisa Silver and Monique Parsons, bird watching, and programs ranging from artificial intelligence to the history of American home architecture. The Big Books group read Proust, Balzac, Austen and Rushdie and our monthly series Monday at the Movies marked 23 years of screening independent and documentary films. The library's video game collection was launched and our many swaps made many patrons happy. Checkouts of digital materials kept climbing; while in 2021 checkouts of physical materials were still clearly dominant (about 70% versus 30% digital), in 2025 physical checkouts declined to 57% while digital materials surged to 43%.

589 in-person and virtual programs

21,300 program participants

91,486 video views

1,601 YouTube subscribers

3,289 eNewsletter subscribers

16,951 Facebook post views

32,804 Instagram post views



The proposed renovation and expansion of the library building moved substantially forward in 2025. An architectural firm created an exciting plan to blend old and new into an airy, bright, adaptable, and above all welcoming community cornerstone. The Board of Trustees worked hard to line up private financing and to prepare for a March 2026 bond referendum that, if passed, will enable us to start construction in early 2027. For more information, please see www.RenewGPL.org.

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