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FY25 Annual Report

Patron Visits
13,977

Programs
200 Programs

3,924 Attendees

Library Cards ↑
- 126 new library cards were issued
- 1265 city residents have a current library card!
- Anyone from Iowa is eligible
- Residents of West Branch and Cedar County get ebook access too

Circulation
Physical
16,628 ↓
FY24: 18,876

Digital
10,863 ↑
10,000

Amount Saved ↑
$644,783 $37,602

Interlibrary Loan ↑
- 629 items we don't own were borrowed from other libraries
- 375 lent out
- Delivery to other public libraries is FREE thanks to a delivery system sponsored by the State Library

$370
The amount the average library user saved this year by using the library instead of buying media themselves.

Collection
Physical items

Digital items

923 269 16,982 ↑ 154,339

827 ↑
Questions Answered

Including research, book/movie recommendations, technology help

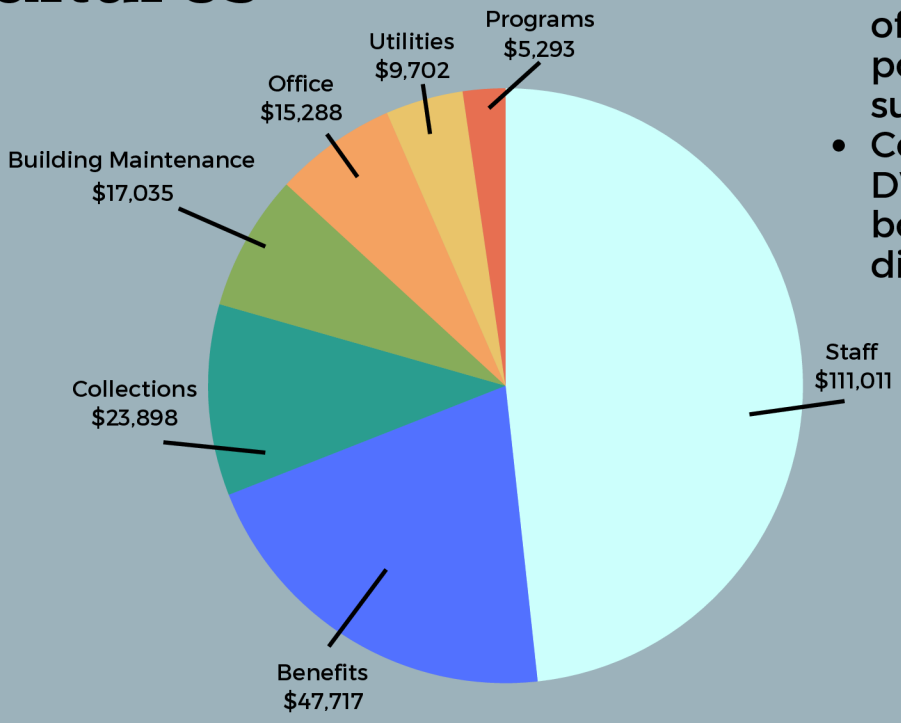
- The library received an anonymous grant to digitize the complete run of the West Branch Times
- Issues from 1878-2023
- Newspapers are searchable by keyword, including names & places
- Check it out: wbpl.org/times

Computer Use
3,339 users ↑

Wifi Use
1,430 users ↓

- The library has 12 computers for public use
- In-library computer use increased in FY25 while WiFi use dropped
- More people used the library's computers instead of bringing their own devices

Expenditures



- Office: technology, office equipment, postage, office supplies
- Collections: books, DVDs, games, digital books, audiobooks, digital video

Condition of the Library

Recent projects:

- Permanent drainage tile in back of library to improve integrity of foundation and grounds
- Native Iowa plants for landscaping
- 2 new desktop computers for patrons
- Interior repainted
- Updated fire alarm system
- Updated security camera system
- Replaced door to community room with WiFi door lock

Upcoming projects:

- Platforms for picnic tables
- Repair east side sidewalks
- Repair interior tile

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