

Annual Report

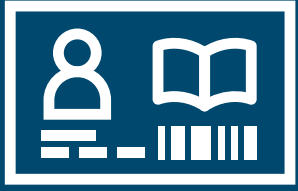
2024



Swarthmore Public Library

READ MEET DISCOVER GROW

2024 BY THE NUMBERS



3,126
Swarthmore
card holders



254
New cardholders
in 2024



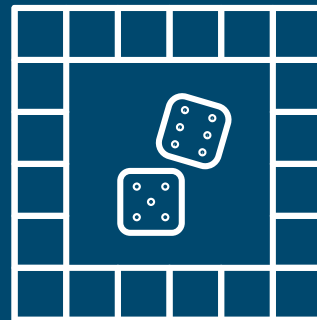
77,367
Physical
Checkouts



26,452
Digital
Checkouts



3,520
Public
computer
sessions



904
Library of
Things
Checkouts



70,985
Visitors



750
Volunteer
Hours

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees was instrumental in the library's success throughout 2024. Their leadership continues to be a cornerstone of the Swarthmore Public Library's growth and impact.

David Murphy, Board President

Elizabeth Brown, Board President Elect

Jennifer Prevoznik-McNamara, Vice President

Tom Melvin, Secretary

Martin Micklin, Treasurer

Samina Iqbal, Trustee

Jessica Massey, Trustee

Maura Cullen, Trustee

David Langdon, Trustee

LIBRARY STAFF

This year, the Swarthmore Public Library staff delivered exceptional service and innovative programs that engaged and supported our community. Their dedication, professionalism, and passion for learning ensured that the library remained a vibrant and vital resource for all.

Alec Staley, Director

Carol Mackin, Circulation and Technical Services Manager

Scott Schumacher, Youth Services Coordinator

Jenifer Phillips, Adult Services Coordinator

Kerry Doyle, Public Relations Coordinator

Mae Vachon, Library Associate

Marnie Berkowitz, Library Associate

FRIENDS OF THE SWARTHMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year, the Friends of the Swarthmore Public Library made an invaluable impact through their ongoing support and dedication.

Beth Fitzsimons, President

Barb Weir, Vice President

Anne Papa, Treasurer

Terry Heinrichs, Secretary

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

This year, our library volunteers played a crucial role, contributing their time and energy. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and support helped make the library an even more welcoming and valuable resource for the community.

Anne Papa

Karen Robinson

Carol Kennedy

Carol Savery

Beth Soch

Mimi Nenno

Sarah Rehberg

Bern Rehberg

Meredith Flower

Helene VanHoeven

Maria Mooney

EDUCATING AND INSPIRING

Children's Programs

368 programs
7,670 attendees

Storytime! STEAM! Clubs! From diving into summer reading to busting out lab coats on STEAM Saturdays, young minds explored and grew through a whole host of educational programs!



Adult Programs

220 programs **2,493** attendees

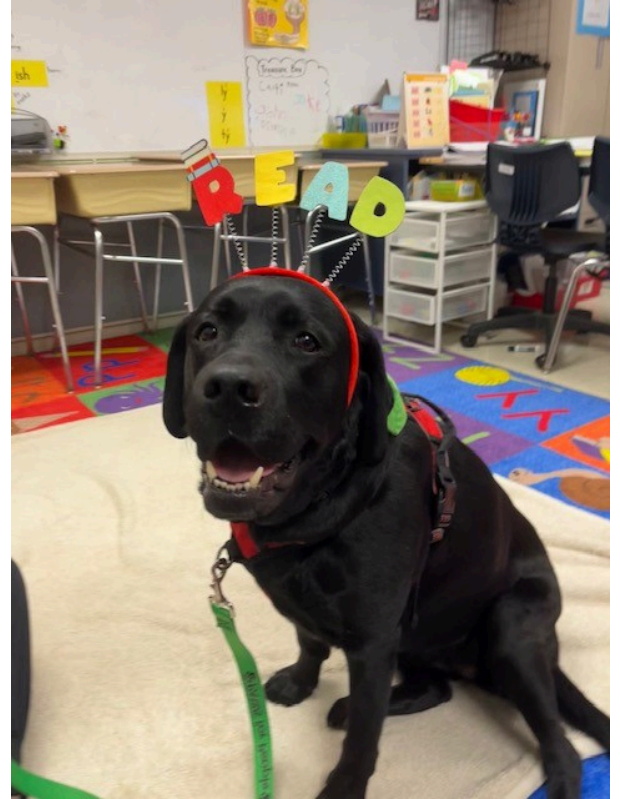
The library is more than just a building stacked with books; it's a hub for exploration and discovery! From watching Oscar-winning films to diving into history, our 2024 programs have taken us on exciting journeys. We've explored everything from the Beatles' influence to the untold stories of Black Cowboys, and even ventured into children's gardens with Lolly Tai. Each experience has sparked curiosity, inspiration, and learning!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

Children's Program: PAWS

This year we had 78 kids read to our four legged friends. On the first and third Thursday's of each month, we host our PAWS program where kids ages 5 and up can read to the best listener, a dog!

This program has been great for readers of all levels, in particular those who are a bit more reluctant. We are looking forward to continuing this program into the next year!



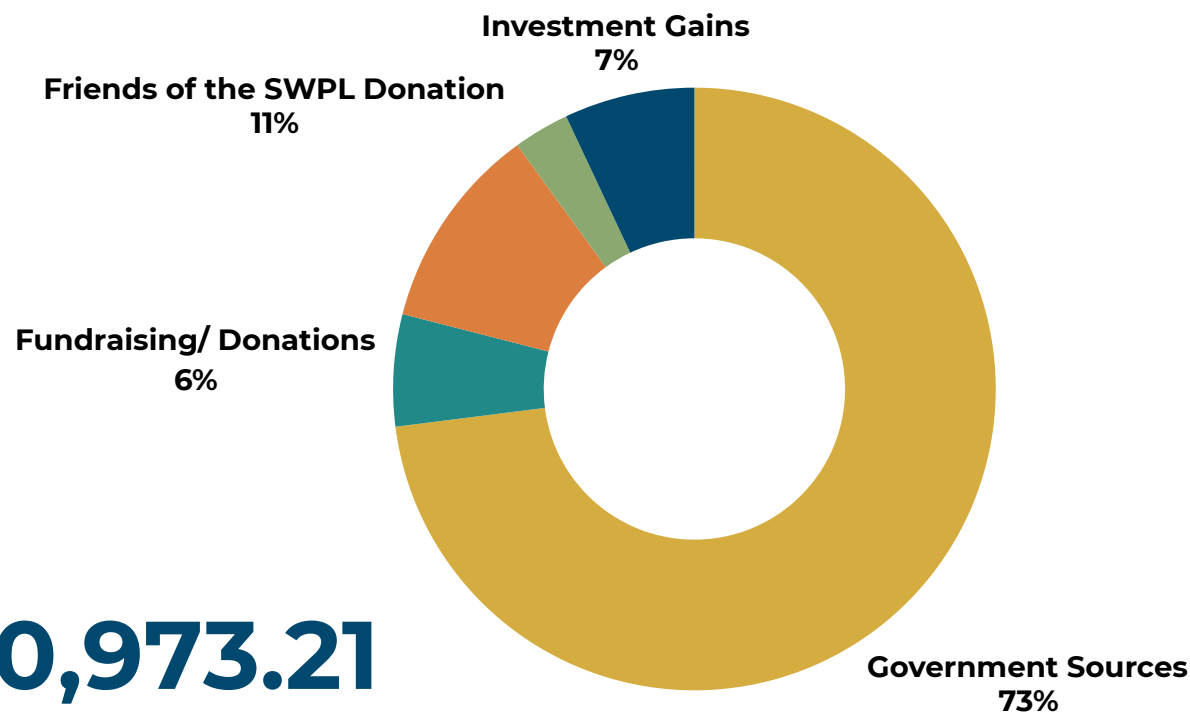
Adult Program: Card Making

Mary Lou Kolowitz and Anna Loro led a class on how to make intricate and beautiful cards for the holiday season. Creating your own cards communicates care and a personalized touch.

The program resulted in a perfect blend of creativity and relaxation—crafting cards for every occasion.



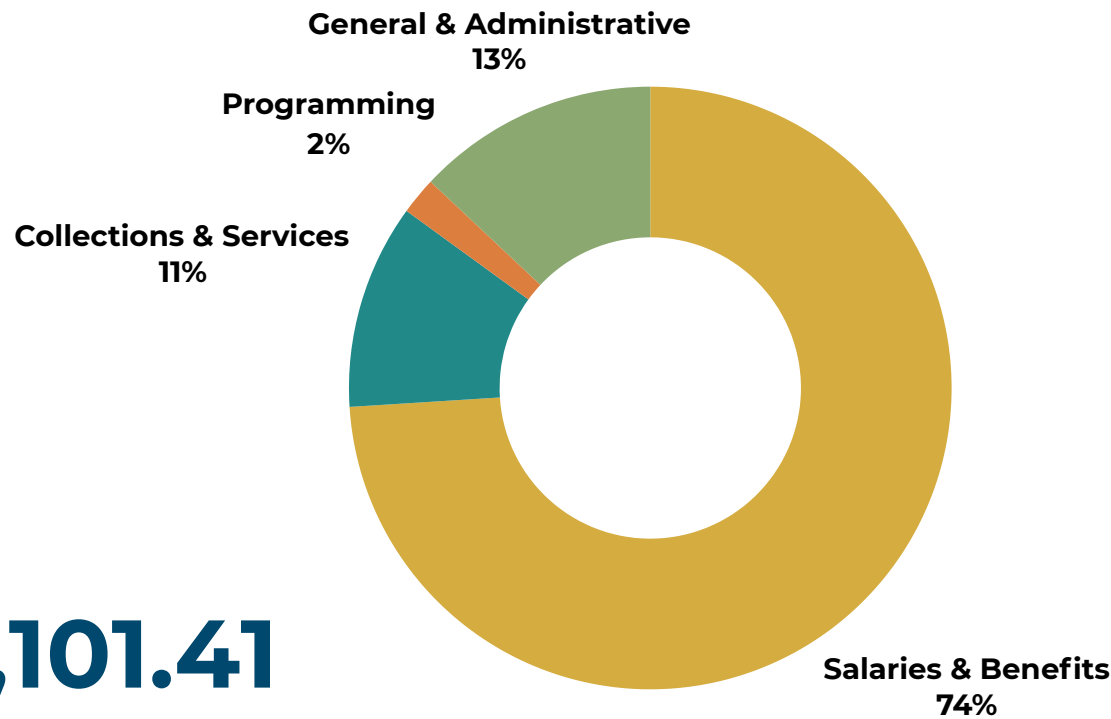
2024 SUPPORT & REVENUE



\$350,973.21

Government Sources \$257,431.94	Fundraising/ Donations \$21,869.86	SWPL Friends Donation \$38,193.00	Library Generated Revenue \$8,812.00	Investment Gains \$24,066.41
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2024 OPERATING EXPENSES



\$332,101.41

Salaries & Benefits \$245,492.30	Collections & Services \$37,020.13	Programming \$5,421.90	General & Administrative \$44,167.08
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SWPL ACTUAL WORTH

How much would library services cost if you had to pay for them directly in 2024?

\$2,072,898.85

Adult Books Borrowed	\$474,912.00
YA Books Borrowed	\$21,696.00
Children's Books Borrowed	\$687,956.00
Audiobooks Borrowed	\$5,377.00
Interlibrary Loan Requests	\$286,775.00
eBooks/ eAudiobooks Downloaded	\$396,780.00
Magazines Read	\$2,485
Newspapers Read	\$14,250
Movies Borrowed	\$17,364.00
CDs Borrowed	\$3,213.85
Adult Program Attendance	\$37,395.00
Childrens Program Attendance	\$53,683.00
Museum Passes Borrowed	\$10,480.00
Computer Use (per hour)	\$43,032.00
Reference Assistance	\$17,500.00



Source: <https://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/services/library-use-value-calculator/>