



158,927

People visited the Library. That's about 395 people a day.

9,078

New items were added to our collection.

2,243

Patrons got their very first Kent Free Library card.

586,772

Items were borrowed, including digital materials.

91,398

Questions were answered by staff.

Community Engagement



AI Lease Park StoryWalk®



Summer Lunch Program



Electronics Recycling Day



Hiram College Community Read



Back-to-School Kits

What's Being Borrowed?

64%
of total circulation

373,772 Physical Items

Includes print & AV materials, Library of Things, museum passes, board games, hotspots, laptops, and kits.

213,000 Digital Items

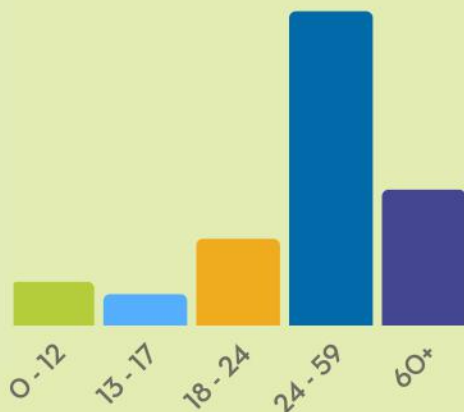
Includes digital audiobooks, ebooks, video streaming, music, and magazines.

36%
of total circulation



Who Uses the Library?

By Age



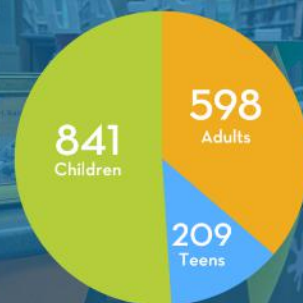
65% of active cardholders live in Kent.

48%* of Kent residents have an active Kent Free Library Card.

*Based on US Census projected population for 2024

38,407 People have an active Kent Free Library card

Summer Read Participants

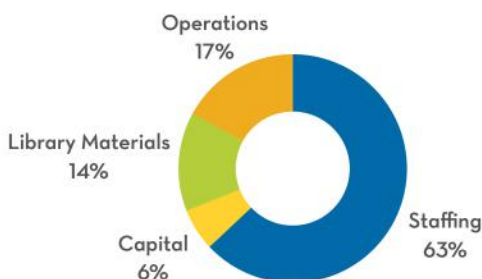


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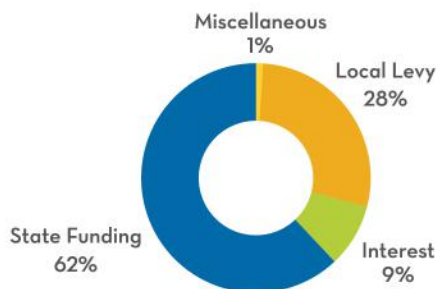
Lunches served during the Summer Lunch Program

Revenue & Expenditures

Expenditures
\$2,758,456



Revenue
\$3,064,252



New at the Library



PLAYCarts



Roku



Health & Wellness Equipment



Youth Board Game Collection

Director's Message



Stacey Richardson

This past year was one of continued growth, ongoing connection, and meaningful progress—made possible by the collective efforts of this extraordinary community and our library staff.

Throughout 2025, the library continued to be a welcoming place where curiosity is encouraged, stories are shared, and people of all ages are welcome to learn,

gather, and connect. These meaningful accomplishments reflect the dedication and creativity of our talented library staff, whose commitment to service brings our mission to life every day.

Our volunteers play an essential role in the library's success, and I extend heartfelt thanks to the Board of Trustees, Friends of Kent Free Library, and Kent Free Library Foundation. Their generosity, support, and service help ensure our continued excellence.

Most importantly, everything we do is for you—our patrons, neighbors, and community members. This is your library. Your continued support, participation, and belief in the power of libraries inspire us as we look toward the future with optimism.

Thank you for being part of our story. Together, we are building a library—and a community—that will continue to thrive for generations to come.

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Fri 9 AM - 6 PM
Sat 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun 1 PM - 5 PM

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