

ANNUAL REPORT 2025 : 2026

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library

Enriching Minds.
Enhancing Community.



vision

To be the model for a vibrant and vital 21st century community library

mission

The Ridgefield Library anticipates and meets the evolving needs of our community. We are an essential partner and the place where people discover, question, learn and connect.

values

The Ridgefield Library is guided by these principles:

- : To be a trusted community leader and partner, woven into the fabric of Ridgefield
- : To be an accessible and inclusive resource for all
- : To respect and value one another in a safe and welcoming environment

from our library director & board chair



Brenda McKinley
Library Director

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Gary R. Rapp
Board Chair

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This Annual Report celebrates the Ridgefield Library's 2025-2026 fiscal year and the community we love.

At the Ridgefield Library, we live our Values: to be a trusted community leader and partner, to be an accessible and inclusive resource for all and to respect and value one another in a safe and welcoming environment. The Ridgefield Library is able to serve our community Because of You!

The Library brings babies and their grown-ups together for socialization and stories, planting the seeds of early literacy. We celebrate the emerging reader who has read “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.” We encourage remote learners by proctoring exams and providing study spaces. We gather teens for STEAM activities, hangouts, tech sessions and volunteer opportunities. We are a safe space for parents to gain a deeper understanding of their child’s development.

We enlighten curious lifelong learners with lectures, classes and discussions. We serve all with tailored programs such as our Next Chapter Book Club for older adolescents and adults with developmental challenges. We support those experiencing cognitive change and their caregivers with resources and gatherings. We welcome seniors for conversation and learning, combating social isolation and bridging the digital divide. We take the Library out to those who can’t get to us with our Homebound Delivery Service. The Library is here for the people of Ridgefield, the town that we love, in all ways — for laughter, for learning and for support, in good times and especially in hard times. All of this is possible because of you, our donors.

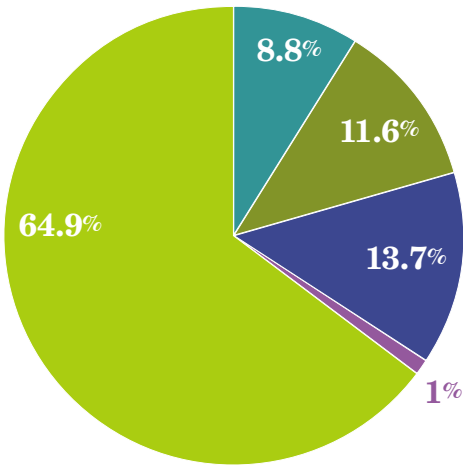
We are grateful to the Town of Ridgefield for supporting our vital mission with an annual grant that funded 65% of our operating expenses last year. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit association library, we rely on our many donors — you, your neighbors and friends, as well as many businesses large and small — who make a difference through their support. It is because of your engagement and generosity that the Ridgefield Library has a long history, a vibrant present and a bright future serving our community. **Thank you!**

The Town of Ridgefield is our single largest source of funding, providing a grant of approximately 65% of our operating budget in Fiscal Year 2025-2026. However, it would not be possible to deliver all the services we provide without the generous support of our donors.

INCOME

\$3,766,370

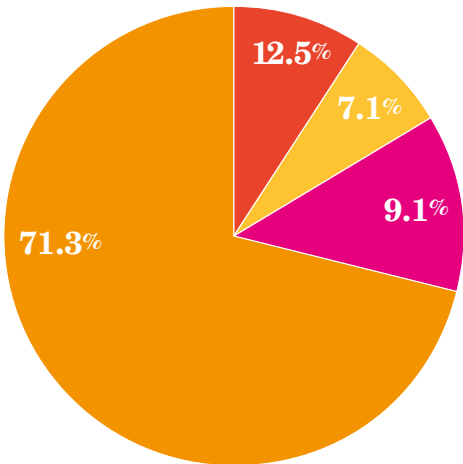
- Town/State Grants
- Events, Tributes, Other Donations & Grants
- Annual Appeal
- Investments
- Operating Income



EXPENDITURES

\$3,375,277

- Salaries & Benefits
- Building Maintenance & Utilities
- Library Operations & Supplies
- Collections, Programming & Technology



* **2025-2026 Financials** on this page are based on unaudited financial information. A copy of the Ridgefield Library Association's full audited financial statements may be requested by contacting Library Director Brenda McKinley at 203.438.2282.

supporting early literacy





Serving the Growing Needs of Ridgefield

The Ridgefield Library remains one of the busiest places in town, **averaging close to 700 visits per day!**

1,400	Community Programs
7,300	Study Room Sessions
40,000	Program Attendance
69,000	Digital Checkouts
132,000	WiFi Sessions
230,000	Library Visits
311,000	Checkouts



This year's **Paccadolmi Awards** were given to **Carrie Wells**, who served six years on the Board of Directors, including two years as Chair and to Ridgefield Poet Laureate Emerita **Barb Jennes**, who has offered her volunteer support to the Library's poetry programming initiatives over the course of many years. The Paccadolmi Awards recognize outstanding community members' contributions to the success of the Library.

The Library's **2026 Great Expectations Gala** honored **Tizzie and Tom Mantione** with the Hope H. Swenson Visionary Award for their many contributions to Ridgefield and their longstanding support of and service to the Library, including Tizzie's six-year term on the Board of Directors. Suni and Woody Harford were the Gala co-chairs, alongside Catherine and Chris Desmarais.

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