

## 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>2024 Operational Revenue</b>	<b>\$249,425</b>
Investment Income	\$72,243
Public/Government funding	\$127,342
Fundraising/gifts	\$19,100
Gifts & Donations	\$22,848
Materials Recovery	\$2,648
Miscellaneous	\$5,244

<b>2024 Operational Expense</b>	<b>\$249,425</b>
Personnel	\$161,250
Support Services	\$6,625
Library materials	\$13,706
Supplies	\$5,250
Building Operations & Maintenance	\$43,302
Equipment & computers	\$3,802
Programs	\$1,200
Investment expense	\$10,315
miscellaneous	\$3,975

We recognize the memorial donations made in 2024-2025 in honor of Sarah Dovi, Aiden Payne, Dee Greville, Jan Hollenbeck, Gordon Campbell, Jane Bailey, Marilyn Baurle, Gwen Sandsted, Ann Balducci, Barbara Palmer, David Haney and Lois Stafford.

These gifts provide a lasting memorial for your loved ones and help us to continue to provide essential services. Thank you for including us in your giving.

Over \$40,000 was received in grant funding in 2024 for programs, events and materials.

Thanks to the following for their support:

- The Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County
- United Way of Tompkins County
- Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund
- American Library Association
- Grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County
- Humanities New York Adult Reading & Discussion Program grants
- PLA Digital Literacy Grants program

### LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Diane Pamel (retiring July 2025)

Laura Lusk (July 2025)

director@southworthlibrary.org

### SENIOR LIBRARIAN:

Allison Payne

### LIBRARY STAFF:

Stephanie Ortolano, Jessica Thirionet, Asher Faben-Wade

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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The Board of Trustees meets every other month to administer the library budget and policies. Contact the library for the dates and agendas.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Many thanks to all of our volunteers for their time and efforts assisting us with programs and library functions. We appreciate you!

Myrna Brown, Bea Busch, Anne Culp, Sheena Dwyer-McNulty, Asher Faben-Wade, Melissa Hafer, Kelly Horrocks, Yuriy Hallock, Barbara Lang, Sue Milewski, Sally Neuhauser, Laurie Schutt, Anne Weaver, Dave Williams, Susan Yanoff

This July we welcome Laura Lusk as our new Library Director. Lusk received her Master of Library Science degree from the University at Buffalo and her bachelor's degree from SUNY Fredonia.

"I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to serve the village and town of Dryden and surrounding areas," Lusk said. "I will continue to partner with our amazing community, growing a love of learning and reading and provide quality service for all."



## Southworth Library Report to the Community 2025



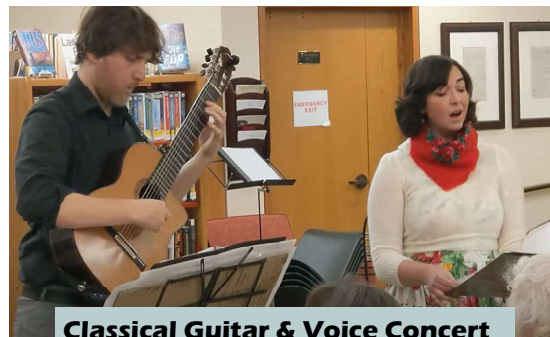
**Connect. Explore. Learn.**

The Southworth Library is one of the top performing libraries in our system. We have provided materials, services and programming to meet the diverse educational, recreational and cultural needs of the Dryden area since 1883. We support access to information, inspire the love of reading and promote literacy and lifelong learning, and are a comfortable, friendly gathering place. We are proud to be a cornerstone in our community for social connections, information resources, and programs and events for all ages. As we look to the future we are dedicated to providing greater access to our collection for all, increased digital materials and technology and innovations that reflect the changing times.

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Monday—Friday 10 am—6pm  
Saturday 10 am—2 pm



**Lunch & Learn program**



**Classical Guitar & Voice Concert**



**Paws to Read**



**Santa & Bluey**

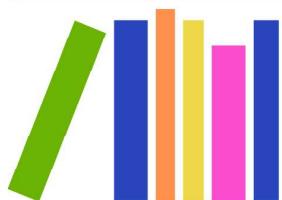
# The Southworth Library Association

Visitors to the library

**35,700**



**2024  
BY THE NUMBERS**



**91,315**

Physical Items **CHECKED OUT**

**272**

PROGRAMS

Registered Library Cards

**8,116**

with

**4,418**

ATTENDEES



**over 35,000 DIGITAL ITEMS AVAILABLE**

**8,828**

E-BOOKS AND E-AUDIO CHECKED OUT

**2,609**

COMPUTER SESSIONS



**578**



KIDS IN THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM



INTERLIBRARY  
LOANS

**19,404**

## 2024 programs and events

461 adults came to 16 Lunchtime Learning at the library programs

47 preschool storytime programs with 1,995 attendees

Over 70 kids participated in 6 different book clubs

386 teens attended library programs

343 people attended Wednesday Wildlife in the Park programs

79 attendees learned basic computer & tablet skills

344 attendees for the adult book clubs

553 dolls, microscopes, games and more checked out from the Library of Things

211 people read to dogs in Paws to Read programs

## FAREWELL FROM DIANE PAMEL

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Dryden community, the Library Board of Trustees, and the Finger Lakes Library System for an incredible 20 years in what has truly been the best job anyone could hope for. During my time at the library, I had the honor of witnessing remarkable growth and change—from the construction of the Lincoln Center Addition to a more than 300% increase in circulation and library usage. Together, we navigated the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with innovative services, and we embraced the expansion of digital resources that continue to benefit our patrons. One of the greatest joys of this role has been watching children who once attended story time grow into adults—many of whom now bring their own children through our doors. It has been a privilege to be part of your lives in this way. I will miss the many wonderful people I've had the pleasure to meet over the years. As I move on, I do so with confidence, knowing that the library is in excellent hands with incoming director, Laura Lusk.