

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

We recognize the memorial donations made in 2025 in honor of Sarah Dovi, Aiden Payne, Mary Kirkwyland, Kay Ross, Mary Ellen Rumsey and Ruth Ellen Hastman. Donations were also made in honor of Diane Pamel and Kay Cleland. Twenty one anonymous donors also gave financial support.

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

\$48,269 total given in 2025

Thank you!

Memorials/Donations	Annual Campaign
\$38,144	\$10,125



\$17,768 was received in grant funding for programs, events and materials.

Thank you to the following for their support:

- Community Foundation of Tompkins County Rosen Fund
- Dryden Youth Opportunity Fund
- United Way of Tompkins County
- Finger Lakes Library System
- Community Arts Partnership
- New York Council for the Humanities



MISSION STATEMENT:
The Southworth Library provides materials, services and programming to meet the diverse educational, informational, recreational and cultural needs of the Dryden community, supporting access to information, promoting the love of reading and furthering literacy and lifelong learning.

It is a comfortable, friendly gathering place which reaches out to community members of all ages. It is an educational and cultural center which provides free printed, electronic and audiovisual resources for the general public to inform, enlighten and entertain.



In September of 2026, our Board Room was Dedicated to Mary Ellen Rumsey, Trustee Emeritus



Scheduled Closings:
January 1 (New Year's Day)
May 25 (Memorial Day)
July 4 (Independence Day)
September 7 (Labor Day)
November 26 & 27
December 24, 25, 31

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Southworth Library Report to the Community 2026

Dear friends,

2025 was a busy year full of transitions. I am grateful to be part of this amazing community and that our vibrant library continues to bloom and grow. Our beloved library thrives because of our dear patrons and partners in the community. We are stronger together. We strive to serve you by providing access to information, books, movies and other materials, resources and programs that everyone can enjoy.

We hope that everyone feels welcome here and to see you soon.

Best,
Laura Lusk
Director



2025 FINANCES

Actual Operating Sources

• Investment Income	\$113,876
• Income from Rentals	\$33,000
• Dryden Village	\$11,000
• Town of Dryden	\$16,500
• Tompkins County	\$41,225
• Freeville Village	\$100
• Finger Lakes Library System	\$3,376
• School Ballot Tax Income	\$50,000
• Legislative Bullet Aid	\$3,000
• Donations & Fund Drive*	\$48,269
• Misc	\$8,030
Total	\$328,376

Actual Operating Uses

• Staff Salaries	\$149,290
• Employee Benefits	\$15,668
• Building Maintenance	\$51,752
• Library Materials & Supplies	\$23,198
• Equipment (Computers)	\$1,163
• Misc	\$4,741
• Transfer to Reserves	\$82,564
Total	\$ 328,376

In 2025, Southworth Library was staffed by 2 FTEs, 3 PTEs and 4 Teens (Summer Interns)



**Open 44
hours per
week**



*www.maine.gov/msl/services/calculator.htm

Check Out Receipt

Dryden-Southworth Library

You have saved

\$2,123,387*

**in 2025 by using your library
to borrow materials, use services
and attend programs.**

Staff

Laura Lusk
Library Director (as of July 2025)
Diane Pamel
Library Director (retired July 2025)
Allison Payne, Senior Librarian
Library Aides: Laura Daly, Catherine
Durand, Asher Faben-Wade, Timothy Lamey,
Stephanie Ortolano, and Jessica Thironet
Teen Library Aides: Ky Dejesus, Jonah
Elkins, Cala Enslow, Jessica Lawrence

Board of Trustees

Michael Lane, President
Randall Stewart, Vice President
Paul Streeter, Treasurer
Bambi Avery, Secretary
Clinton Brooks
Brenda Carpenter
Charles Dardia

Volunteers

Myrna Brown, Bea Busch, Anne Culp,
Marion Ferrer, Melissa Hafer, Allison
Hillenbrandt, Kelly Horrocks, Barbara Lang,
Tim Lavis, Karen Lorenzen, Tad Merchant,
Sue Milewski, Sally Neuhauser, Amy
Newman, Laura Reynolds, Laurie Schutt,
Anne Weaver, Hannah Wernham,
and Susan Yanoff.

2025 FAST FACTS

31,496 Library Visits

42,121 Items owned



90,803 Items Checked Out

10,138 e-Books and

Audiobooks checked out

243 Programs and 5,752 attendees!

**103 Sessions for
Kids and 3,488
people attended
them!**



**4,637 Southworth
Library Card Holders**

**11,414
Interlibrary
Loans (ILL) were
satisfied**



**265 people
registered for
the Summer
Reading
Challenge
56 programs
took place and
1,651 people
attended them**

