

"TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER", W. FUSSELMAN

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# Stanford Free Library Annual Report

6035 Route 82, Stanfordville, N.Y. 12581



## We are pleased to present our 2023 Annual Report to the Community.

We're closing the book on 2023 and in the process we're looking back at another very successful year.

Our physical materials are still in high demand: patrons borrowed 9,925 Adult Fiction & Non-fiction books, 14,695 Juvenile Fiction & Non-fiction books, 3,432 books on CD and DVDs, and 543 print magazines. This is in addition to the many digital items that patrons took advantage of.

Demand for these **DOWNLOADABLES** is always increasing:

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### AUDIOBOOKS

2,940 were borrowed; people love listening to them while driving & doing chores.

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### E-BOOKS

Handy to read on your smart phone, Kindle, laptop, or tablet; 2,818 e-books were enjoyed.

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### MUSIC, MOVIES, TV, AND MAGAZINES

So many options! A whopping 1,221 digital items were downloaded to patrons' devices.



### Children's Programs:

151 events with **2,164** attendees.



### Adults' Programs:

443 programs (online or in-person) with a total of **3,076** attendees.



### Membership:

We have a total of **1,867** patrons. **144** of them are **new in 2023!**

**The Stanford Free Library remains the center of our community** and we are delighted to serve our neighbors in this way. During 2023, 25,251 people visited the Library & we circulated 35,604 items to our patrons and loaned another 5,162 to other Mid-Hudson Library System patrons! Of course, we are more than just books! You can also borrow ukuleles, pickleball paddles and balls, tennis rackets, board games, museum passes, and even a device that converts old slides and negatives to digital! Your library card might just be the most valuable thing in your wallet. It is good for your budget AND for the planet. We are happy to offer recycling service for used batteries and small electronics like old cell phones and tablets. Our quarterly "Repair Cafes" also help prevent waste. Bring your broken treasures to the next one (July 6th) and one of our talented volunteers will save them from the landfill! We held four Repair Cafes last year where 141 things were fixed for 98 patrons.

**Your Stanford Free Library card gives you access** to a vast array of online resources instantly, as well as our entire physical collection. But that's not all! Because we are part of the magnificent Mid-Hudson Library System, our patrons can request books and other materials from any of the 66 libraries in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, Putnam, and Ulster counties that make up the MHLS. If you don't already have a library card you can now sign up for one by visiting us at [stanfordlibrary.org](http://stanfordlibrary.org). When you visit us online you have full access to ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and magazines from four different library systems (thanks to new reciprocal lending agreements) via the Libby app, movies and documentaries using Kanopy, online courses through Universal Class, language learning via Transparent Language, or books, audiobooks, music, movies, tv shows, and comics through hoopla. To sign up with your library card simply download the app or go to [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com). **Check us out today!**



## 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

### **Income for 2023**

Book & Copier Donation, Fines	1,600
Town Grant	170,400
Other Grants	4,800
Annual Appeal	25,000
Miscellaneous	1,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$203,000</b>

### **Expenditures for 2023**

Collection Expenditures	18,000
Programs	6,000
Mid-Hudson/Professional Fees	4,409
Personnel	137,241
Utilities/Insurance/Maintenance	25,150
Travel/Miscellaneous	9,000
Office/Copier/Supplies/Furniture	3,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$203,000</b>

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00am-7:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm

Do you want to know more? Check out the website (<http://stanfordlibrary.org>).

Do you have additional questions about how the Library functions?

Contact the Library at **845-868-1341** or e-mail [stanfordlibrary@optonline.net](mailto:stanfordlibrary@optonline.net)

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