

# JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY

# 2024 IMPACT REPORT



# CONNECTING LIVES

## YOUR LIBRARY · YOUR COMMUNITY

At just 18 years old and in her senior year of high school, Judy Legge faced a life-altering shock: she was unexpectedly pregnant. Without many options or support, Judy knew she would not be able to complete her senior year in school. Faced with this situation, Judy wanted to find a way to finish her high school education and get her high school diploma.



Judy Legge is the Youth Program Director at Firetree Place

When she went to the county assistance office for help, a STEP case manager recommended that she take GED classes offered at the James V. Brown Library through the Lycoming County Library System's Learning Center. The program offered free childcare for her son while she was in class. After months of hard work and sacrifice, Judy received her high school diploma.

"The Library holds a special place in my heart," Judy said. "If it wasn't for the Library, I could not have taken classes and earned my diploma."

**Now, 14 years later, Judy is the Youth Program Director at Firetree Place. She is determined to make sure the children in her care have access to the Library's educational resources, materials, and books so they can be successful.**

"Firetree is a nonprofit, so we don't have a lot of new books that our kids are interested in reading," she said. "So, I reached out to the Library to see what they could provide. I wanted the kids to pick out their own books, learn more about what the Library has to offer, and encourage kids and families to get Library Cards."

Judy worked with the Library to schedule Book's Bus visits every two weeks to ensure that the hundreds of children in the program get Library service.

Now, Judy is finishing up her bachelor's degree and credits the Library for being there when she needed it.



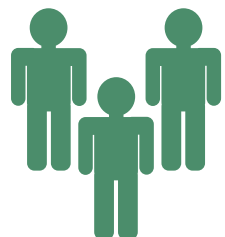
"I can clearly see how beneficial the Library is to people in our community," she said. "I came here and the people positively impacted my life with kindness and empathy."

Judy's story is a powerful testament to the transformative potential of education, community partnerships, and unwavering support. Your generous gift ensures that the Library remains a vital resource for individuals like Judy. Every dollar you contribute helps provide essential books, programs, and educational materials, empowering people of all ages to reach their potential.

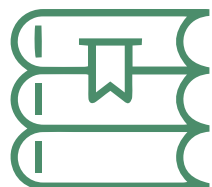


**Together, let's ensure that every adult and child – regardless of their circumstances – has the opportunity to learn, connect, and grow, just as Judy did.**

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**101,068**  
in-person visits  
YTD 2023:  
98,184  
(+ 2.9%)



**340,875**  
checkouts  
YTD 2023:  
375,694  
(- 36%)



**88,187**  
Wi-Fi uses  
YTD 2023: 86,159  
(+ 2.3%)



**31** volunteers  
gave 1,215.70  
hours of their  
time



**99,064**  
website visits  
YTD 2023:  
96,145  
(+ 3%)



**55,099**  
electronic  
checkouts  
YTD 2023:  
49,347  
(+ 6.8%)



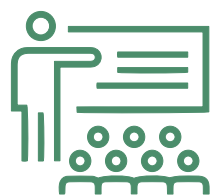
**75,947** items  
checked out on  
Storymobile,  
Book's Bus, Link &  
Bookmobile  
YTD 2023: 139,054  
(- 52%)



**\$5,590,041.55**  
saved by using  
the library, or **\$68**  
per person  
*\*based on 82,529  
service area residents*



**2,156** new  
library cards  
YTD 2023: 2,685  
**Total: 35,842**  
(- 22%)



**605** programs for  
children & adults  
attended by  
**12,593** people  
*(Programs: + 46.2%  
Attendees: + 89.2%)*



**1,928** passports  
executed and  
**543** renewals  
reviewed



**118** donors/orgs  
making their  
first gift, resulting  
in **\$34,544.65**

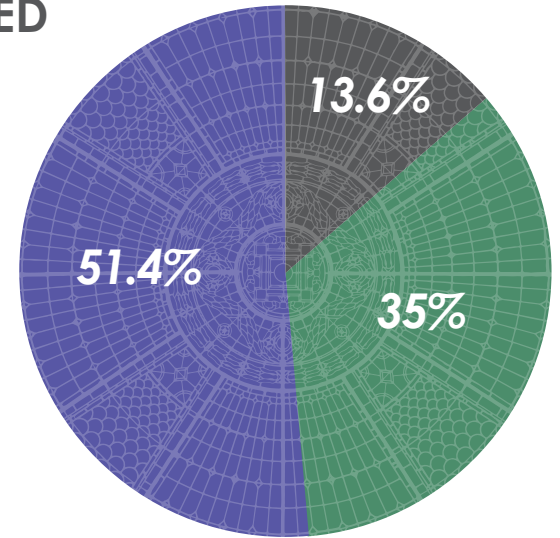
YTD January 1 – December 31, 2024

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# HOW JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY IS FUNDED

## 2024



State Aid  
\$354,666

Local Government  
\$913,247

Other: Fundraising, Gifts, Grants, etc.  
\$1,338,242

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# LOOKING AHEAD 2025

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**May 1–23: ReMake Learning Days events**  
*in partnership with BLaST IU17*

**May 17: Sips and Stories Family Fun Day**

**May 29: Mammals' Mysteries**  
*with the PA Game Commission*

**June 14: Summer Learning Kick-Off**

**July 8: Family Fun Night**  
*with STEP Head Start*

**August 9: Summer Learning Finale**

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