Director's Message

In 2025, the Chili Public Library experienced some significant changes. Longtime Director, Jeff Baker, retired in August. He was succeeded by Jennifer Lowden, former Assistant Director and children's librarian who has been with the Library since 2003.

Attendance at our programs for adult, teen and youth increased by 12% over the previous year. Circulation of materials increased by 13%. We received a legislative grant from Assemblyman Harry Bronson that allowed us to get additional equipment for our Spark Lab (makerspace) which led to increased attendance at our expanded open hours.

Our annual summer reading program, Color Our World, saw our highest registration to date. We had 948 kids, 195 teens, and 501 adults register for summer reading! The kids read a total of 406,280 minutes during the six-week program. We were able to partner with many local businesses to be able to give out 75 prizes to all ages.

As a result of the Wired for Opportunity grant from the Monroe County Library System, the Chili Public Library is able to circulate mobile hot spots and offer digital literacy classes.

As I get acclimated to my new role, I'm looking forward to continuing to promote literacy, create unique programs, and expand services to meet the needs of our community. We are so grateful to you, for supporting the library, for attending our programs, for enjoying our collections, and for letting us serve you.

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CHILI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Report to the Community

The Chili Public Library is the center of lifelong learning for our community, and a welcoming responsive place people come to for the discovery of new ideas, the joy of reading and the power of information.

Jennifer Lowden, Library Director

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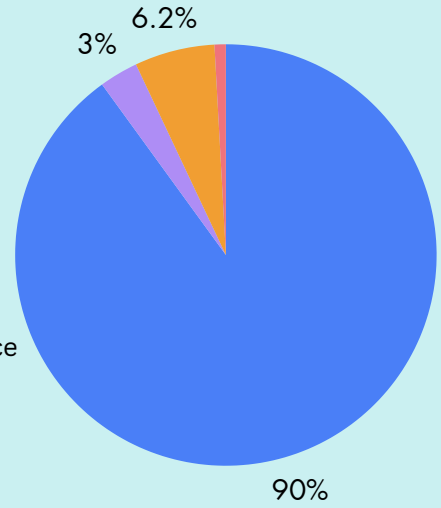
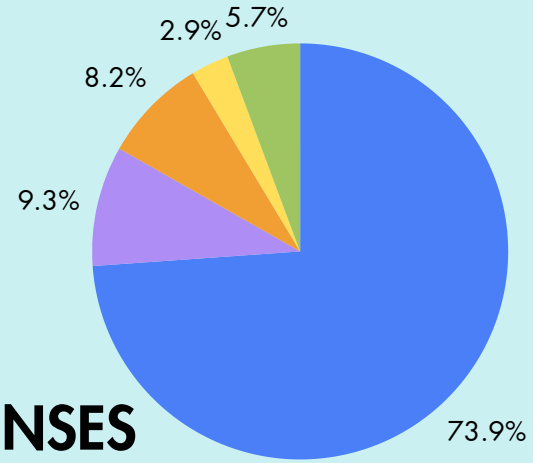
Total Library Holdings
110,136

Total Circulation
267,476

INCOME

- Chili Local Taxes $1,332,766
- State Aid & Grants $44,180
- Fees, Copier, Printer, & Contracts $91,076
- Transfer to Fund Balance $12,811





Total Income
1,480,833

Total Expenses
1,480,833

EXPENSES

- Personnel and Benefits $1,094,040
- Library Materials $138,327
- Building Maintenance $120,727
- Contract with MCLS $43,552
- Equipment, Contracts, & Programs $84,187
- Transfer to Fund Balance $0

2025 Facts & Figures

Computer Usage Sessions: **8,828**
Electronic Materials Circulated: **48,541**
Items Loaned to Other Libraries: **16,558**
Items Borrowed From Other Libraries: **14,381**
Reference Questions: **14,429**
Library Programs: **416**
Total Program Attendance: **10,653**
CPL on the Go! Event Attendance: **2,340**

Library Visits
118,896

Library Cardholders
16,114

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