



Where Stories Begin

From the Director

It was a normal day at the library when a dad and his young daughter, Cambryn, walked in. They are frequent visitors, always with a smile. This day, the smiles were extra big. Cambryn had something to share with us and could barely contain her excitement. She had written two of her very own stories. What a joy it was to see her work and the pride she took in sharing it with us!

Like this patron, we too, have our own stories to tell. Stories that involve each of you. We are excited to share them with you too. This is your library, from 2025-2026, where stories begin.

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"Everyone here is so friendly and incredibly helpful."

- Kayla



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"Salem Township Library has something for everyone. Its cozy atmosphere and welcoming decor make it a pleasant place to visit."

- Jille



THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Top Ten:

These are the top ten checked out items

1. **Hotspots** portable wi-fi devices
2. **Playaway Launchpads** educational tablets for kids
3. **The Women** by Kristin Hannah
4. **Literacy Kits** boxes of fun and games for emerging readers
5. **The Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novels** by Ann M. Martin
6. **Cooking Light** Magazine
7. **American Farmhouse Style** Magazine
8. **Battle Station Prime: an Unofficial Graphic Novel for Minecrafters** by Cara J. Stevens
9. **Wings of Fire Graphic Novels** by Tui T. Sutherland
10. **All Recipes** Magazine

1,904

Library
Cardholders

182

New
Patrons

16,228

Library
Visits

3,178

Program
Attendance

1,173

Facebook
Followers

181

Instagram
Followers

2,532

Physical Items
added to our
Collection

71,990

Physical
Checkouts

19,931

Digital
Checkouts

Thank you for being
a part of our story...





THE NEXT CHAPTER

As many authors and readers know, great stories aren't written overnight. They take thoughtful planning, vision, and care. As we look ahead, your library is actively preparing for the future to ensure we continue meeting the growing needs of our community. Take a look below for a sneak peek.

The Path to Expansion

We continue to work side-by-side with our Township Board and Fire Department to map out the future of our shared facilities. Right now, our focus is on exploring local land options within Salem Township. This is a crucial step in determining the best arrangement of expanded and new spaces across all three entities.

Finding the right fit takes time, care, and genuine coordination. Most importantly, as plans begin to take shape, your voice will be a part of the process. We know how much you love the cozy, welcoming heart of our library, and we promise you'll have plenty of opportunities to weigh in. Together, we'll make sure our future home, whether it stays here or moves, feels like your library, built with the warmth, charm, and services our community treasures.

Strategic Planning

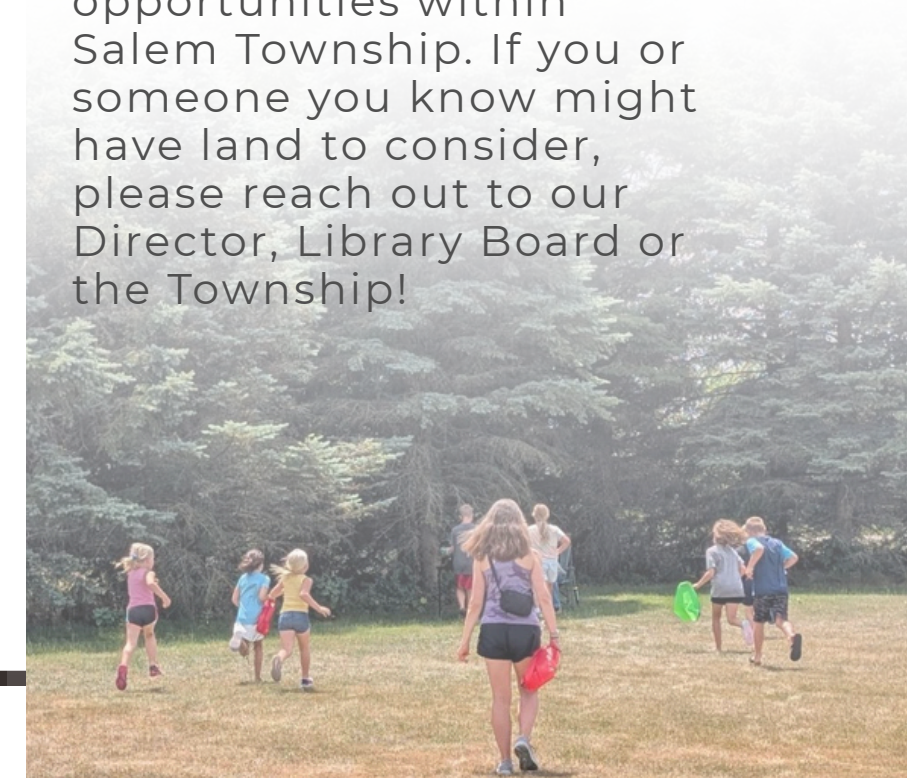
We are half way through our 2025–2027 Strategic Plan, where we continue to roll out new programs, fresh collection additions, and enhanced community services based on your direct feedback.

Looking ahead, we will kick off the groundwork for our next multi-year strategic plan in early 2027. When the time comes, we'll be turning to you, our neighbors and readers, to help us shape the next chapter of library services.

Thank you for growing with us!

Have a Lead on Local Land?

As we explore options for the library's future footprint, we are actively open to learning about potential property opportunities within Salem Township. If you or someone you know might have land to consider, please reach out to our Director, Library Board or the Township!





Find your story at saletownshiplibrary.org
