

Roe Jan Community Library (RJCL) Report for 2024

The 2024 community report will be arriving in your mailbox shortly! Here are a few highlights of interest. In 2024, the library developed a new 5 year strategic plan. A lot has changed in the way people use the library since 2019 (when the last plan was developed). Here is how things have changed:

<b>2019</b>	<b>2024</b>
14% of circulation was digital resources	40% of circulation was digital resources
1250 residents used library account	1600 residents used library account

We have seen 256% percent increase in the use of eBooks, audiobooks, videos which are accessed using the services Hoopla, Kanopy, NovelNY, NewsBank, and Libby. These are made available through the Mid-Hudson Library System MHLS.

In 2024, there were a total of 218 adult program sessions, 102 teen and children program sessions, 5 general/family program sessions, 40 one-on-one program sessions (tutoring).

The library is funded through various sources: 2024 Operating Budget expenses were \$441,952. The income for 2024 was \$481,768, here is the breakdown of revenue sources:

Town tax contributions (Ancram, Copake, Hillsdale): 29%

Grants: 13%

Business Partnerships:2%

Fundraising events and contributions: 44%

State and County Tax: 4%

The Friends' contributions: 3%

Miscellaneous Income: 5%

How does RJCL compare to other libraries using public funds?

(Three-year average)- Per capita (per person) expense

RJCL \$20.10/capita

Columbia County Libraries: \$35.73/capita

MHLS: \$56.56/capita

We are far below the average cost per person!

Recent efforts by the current administration to cut the IMLS (Institute for Museum and Library Services) will impact the funding for the state Division of Library Development. This division works directly with library systems, such as MHLS, to provide statewide and regional services for local libraries like The Roe Jan Library. MHLS helps provide eResources and technology support for our library at a shared cost. Without funding and their support, it might not be feasible to provide these services to our community.

The community of Hillsdale has shared a resolution that they passed in support of continued funding for the IMLS and support of the Roe Jan Community Library. I have provided a copy of a Draft resolution for consideration by the Board.