



Woodstock Public Library

2026 Budget Presentation
March 5, 2026

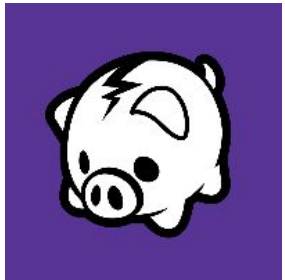




Opening Remarks

Mary Anne Silverthorn
Library Board Chair





2025 Highlights

New Projects & Services Launched

- 2025-2028 Strategic Plan
- McAskile-Bennet Pod
- Press Reader Launch
- CBC Street Cents Youth Partnership
- Reimagined social media presence
- Successful Oxford Reads and new reciprocal borrowing with OCL





2025 Highlights

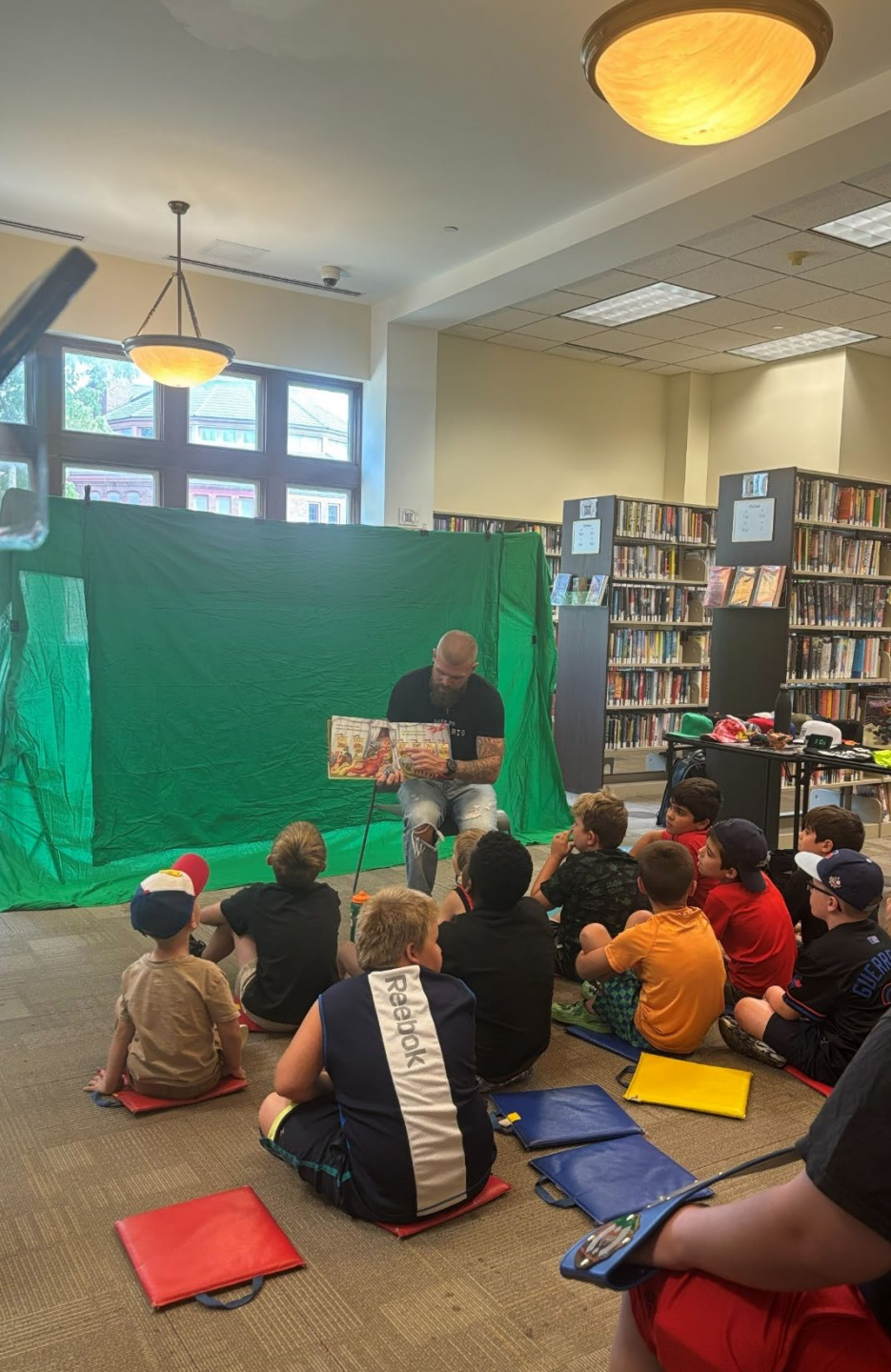
Increasing demand for Library Services

- 1 991 990 library uses
- 301 276 items borrowed
- 1 985 new library card holders

Staff Additions

- Facilities Manager





2025 Highlights

Programming & Outreach

- Read with a Wrestler
- Free Comic Book Day
- Oxford Reads Gala with Ted Nolan
- Increased STEM programming for children
- Summer reading program





2025 Highlights

Our patrons said:

"I call the Woodstock Library 'my second home'. Enough said? The library is very rich in a variety of resources, and the staff is beyond super knowledgeable and helpful. Thank you everyone!"

"The WPL is one of the best things about living in Woodstock."

"The best thing is that every person on staff is very nice and helpful."

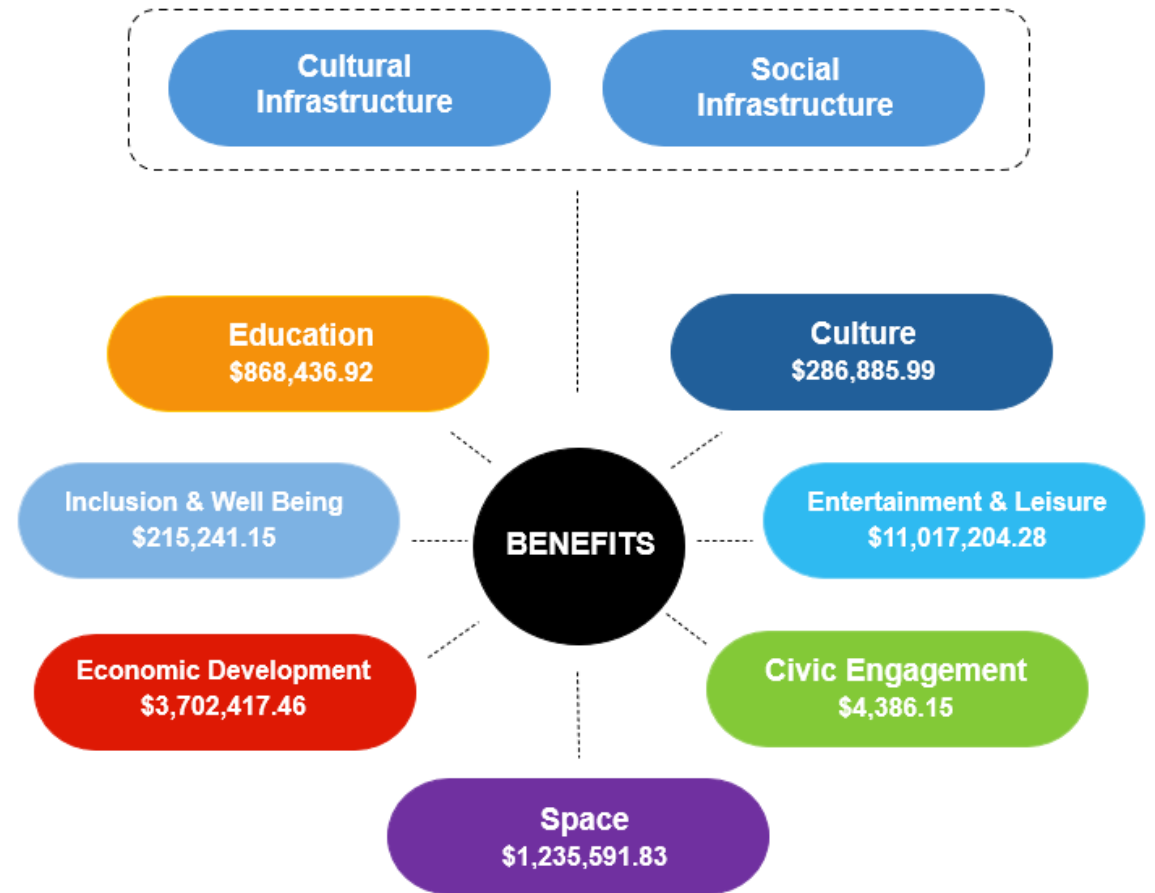
"My experience was very positive and encouraging. I absolutely appreciate all the effort on our behalf by the Library Staff. The different genres offered for our book club, Oxford Reads, Guest Librarians, Travelogues are perfect for my husband and I.

Many thanks to all."

Library Value 2025



SROI: 2025



2025 SROI by the Numbers



CENSUS POPULATION
46 705



ECONOMIC BENEFIT
\$17,330,163.78



2025 COST/PERSON
\$68



2025 BENEFIT/PERSON
\$371



2026 Initiatives:

Library Spaces and Services

- Flex-Space refresh
- 3D printing service roll out
- Refreshed food insecurity initiatives
- Homebound service study



2026 Initiatives:

Programs, Collections, and Marketing

- Expanded technology training, including artificial intelligence
- Collections efficiency solutions
- Website review
- Enhanced Patron communications



2026 Initiatives:

Operations

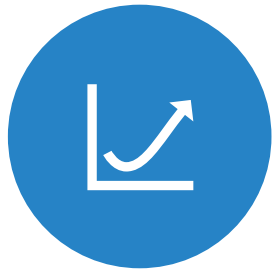
- Staff SharePoint site development
- Backflow-valve installation (March 2026)
- Rooftop Unit (AC) replacement
- Lighting replacement – phase one



2026 Revenue Budget



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COST INCREASES



STAFF
DEVELOPMENT



BUILDING &
MAINTENANCE



STAFFING COSTS



2026 Revenue Budget

2025 Approved	2026 Proposed	\$ Levy increase
\$3 160 280	\$3 398 435	\$229 306





Thank you

Questions?

