

POSSIBILITIES



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



We know that people are wondering where things stand with the new library building. We've been quieter on the big announcement front lately. But the quiet? It means we've been working hard behind the scenes. Here's what's occupied us recently:

Community Feedback First. The Library and Steering Committee are still gathering your thoughts, and we're thrilled you've shared over 275 pieces of feedback so far! Your continued input keeps our planning grounded in what this community actually needs and values. You can review the February Open House presentation materials online at the Library's website, and if you're visiting the Library, stop by the start of Adult Nonfiction to see the design idea posters displayed there. Want to weigh in? There's an online form, plus printed copies available at the Library.

Design Work Is Moving Forward. Teams are taking those two initial designs from February's open house and digging deeper into both interior and exterior specifics. They're factoring in fresh topographic survey data, utility-locating results, LEED requirements, and guidance from civil and structural engineers.

Numbers Are Crystallizing. With expanded plans now underway, general contractors who know local building practices can provide much more accurate cost estimates. This will help us lock in the project, size, scope, and budget.

Building Funding Momentum. The San Juan Island Community Foundation has partnered with the Library for private fundraising for the new building. With their new Development Director coming on board, fundraising will relaunch between now and the end of the year.

All of this is happening through out the summer, and we expect to share fresh updates around September. Thanks for hanging tight; we appreciate your patience and involvement!

-Laurie Orton
Library Director

See the latest at:

www.sjlib.org/aboutus/library-building-project/

Our Staff Thanks You!

From all of us to all of you, we thank you for an amazing year. We are so proud to serve this community!

Sincerely,

Laurie
ELIZABETH
Brenna
Katlyn
Floyd
Joyce
Naomí
Heather
KIM
Heidi
Sue
Jenni
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2026 SUMMER READING

UNEARTH A STORY!

Register
Today!



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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Operations Snapshot

Open Hours

Sunday: 12pm-3pm
Monday: 10am-6pm
Tuesday: 10am-8pm
Wednesday: 10am-6pm
Thursday: 10am-8pm
Friday: 10am-6pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm

5,089
registered
library card
holders

158,512
Check-
outs



An average of
28 people
visited for every
hour we were
open



Computers
used 12,695
times and
42,538 WiFi
uses



485
In-Library &
60 Offsite
Programs



Volunteers
served a
whopping
3,664 hours
this year

Value of hours:
\$62,800!
(based on
Washington's
minimum
wage)

72,860 people
through the door
this year...

Levy revenue
makes up
95.6% of
library
funding

2025 Budget

...up **455**
people
from last
year!

2025 Levy Revenue **\$2.51 M**

Donations - Friends	\$31.5K
Donations - Other	\$26.2K
All Types of Grants	\$22.2K
Miscellaneous	\$34.8K

Personnel	62.1%
Collections	5.6%
Programs	2.0%
Technology	4.4%
Operational Overhead	10.7%
Moved To Levy Reserve	15.1%

Reserving a
portion of the
levy helps us
space out how
often we
return to the
community to
renew the levy

Total Revenue **\$ 2,625,324 | \$ 2,525,178**

Total Expenditures

COLLECTIONS

2025 Collection Use
By the Numbers

Physical Collection 114,664 check outs

There are **53,172** items in the physical collection.

- Books
- DVDs
- Audiobooks
- Magazines
- Games
- Puzzles
- Event Equipment
- Museum and Theater Passes
- Hotspots
- Laptops
- A telescope
- And more!

**Total
Check-outs
158,512**

**17.8 average
check-outs
per San Juan
Island resident!**

E-Collection 43,848 check outs

The Libby eCollection is generously supported by the Friends of the Library

- eBooks
 - eAudiobooks
 - eMagazines
 - Streaming media
- From Libby, Hoopla, and Comics Plus, all freely accessible using a library card

Newly added:
Comics Plus, a database of comics and graphic novels for all ages!

Online Databases 27 Total

Find our digital resources at
sjlib.org/a-to-z-of-online-resources/

- Comic books
- Streaming video for professional development and creative projects
- Language Learning
- Newspapers
- Research Databases
- Local Cultural Collections
- Genealogy
- Vehicle Repair Information
- And more, all available for free with your library card!

Pressbooks helps you create your own ebooks

Submit your creative works to our Biblioboard collections! **More at** sjlib.org/creators-circle/

DID YOU KNOW? INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Interlibrary Loan, or ILL, allows you to search for and request to borrow items in thousands of other libraries throughout the United States. This service is **FREE** unless a lending library charges for its materials.

1569 items borrowed from other libraries for island residents

MOST POPULAR AT THE LIBRARY

Item: Wifi Hotspots
(at **581** checkouts in 2025!)

Book: The Women by Kristen Hannah

Magazine: Cook's Illustrated

Movie: Juror #2

SUPPORT SERVICES

The library is here to support your everyday needs! There is so much you can do at the library in addition to finding your new favorite books and movies.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET

Free use of public computers, and wifi for devices



TECHNOLOGY HELP

Free trouble-shooting and training for your devices



PRINTING

Quick & easy printing and photocopying



FAXING

Secure, fast faxing services



LOCAL PASSES

Passes for museums, theatre, state parks, and more



NOTARY

Basic notary services, free of charge



MEETING ROOM

Online reservation requests for meeting room use



3D PRINTING

Cutting-edge 3D printing service



HOTSPOTS

Check out hotspot devices for free internet service



THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Many types of equipment for home use



PROGRAMS & OUTREACH

Library programs and outreach serve many community needs and interests. Some of the past programs from 2025-2026 are:

OUTREACH

Library visits to:

- Village at the Harbor
- New Day Recovery Cafe
- Farmer's Market
- County Fair, Pride Fest, and other events
- Preschools, Elementary, Middle, & High Schools

2025 total attendance
for all programs was
9,839



LITERATURE & ARTS

- Local book talks
- Music performances and lectures
- Nationally known authors and experts from Seattle Arts & Lectures and Humanities Washington



TECHNOLOGY

- 1:1 Tech Help at Tech Cafe
- A set of instructional classes about cell phones and software



CREATIVITY

- Creative Classes with Alchemy Art Center: embroidery, painting, linocut, and more!
- Weekly Makerspace using large format equipment (sewing & embroidery machines, Cricut device, etc)

LOCAL

- Presentations from local authors, poets, historians, artists, musicians, scientists, environmentalists, and more
- Monthly Local Lowdown program featuring local government and nonprofits.



LANGUAGE LEARNING

- English Language Learning classes
- Community Spanish Class for English speakers
- German practice around the Stammtisch



There are often activities to do at your own pace when you come to the library!

YOUTH SERVICES

Age-appropriate resources for learning and fun

Reading collections for every learning level



Summer Reading has fun events and prizes for small kids to adults!

Teen Library Council for teen leadership experience (and original after-hour programs like the 2026 Phantom of the Library!)



Dedicated space where teens interact with their peers

ENTIRE FAMILY

TEENS

TWEENS

Student Access Accounts for high school students



Outreach and partnership with schools for access to library resources



Dedicated technology for kids for learning, reading, and development

GRADE SCHOOL

PRE-K

Programs to engage and inspire at every age



Baby Toddler and Preschool Story Times offer social playtime to support little ones' development

BABIES

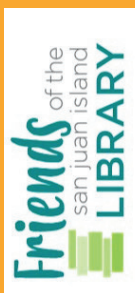
1000 Books Before Kindergarten and Dolly Parton Imagination Library build early literacy for kids 5 and under



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Online!



sjlibfriends.org

FOL memberships dues are a tax-deductible donation and the main fundraiser to support the Library.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR FRIENDS MEMBERS

Your membership supports youth, adult, and outreach programs,
Libby ebooks and eaudio, library staff and volunteers, the
publication of this newsletter, and more!

***2026 members as of June 27th, 2026**
If your name is missing, please contact
the Friends of the Library at: fol@sjlib.org

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