



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE FY2027 PROPOSED BUDGET



Dover Public Library

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Vision Statement:

To be a Library that is the center of the community, fosters innovation, awakens curiosity, inspires learning and provides simple enjoyment for all members—for free.



Goal Highlights

Accessibility—removing barriers.

Outreach & civic engagement.

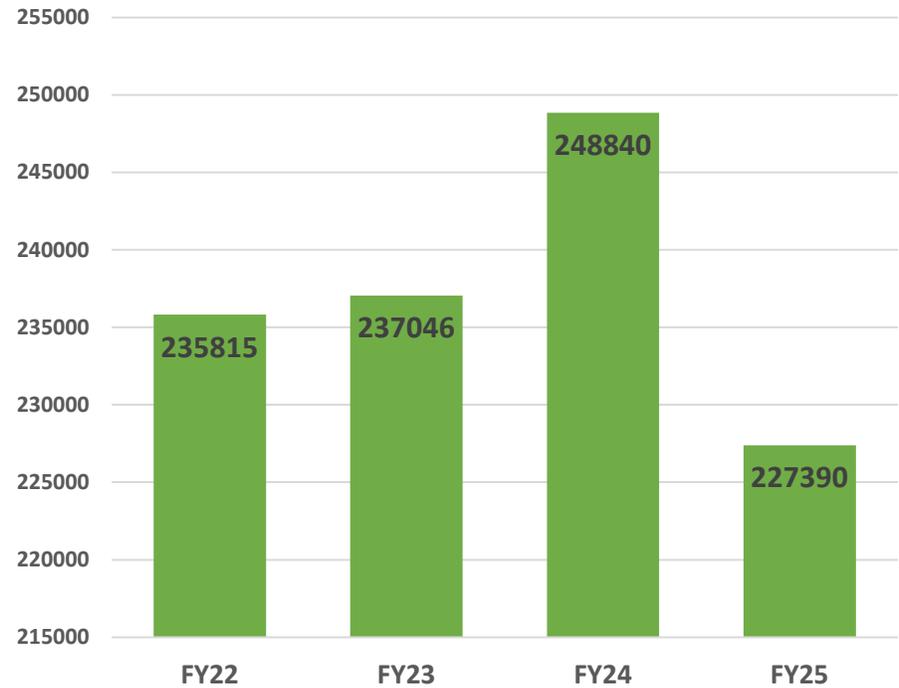
Staff development and training.





How do we measure success?

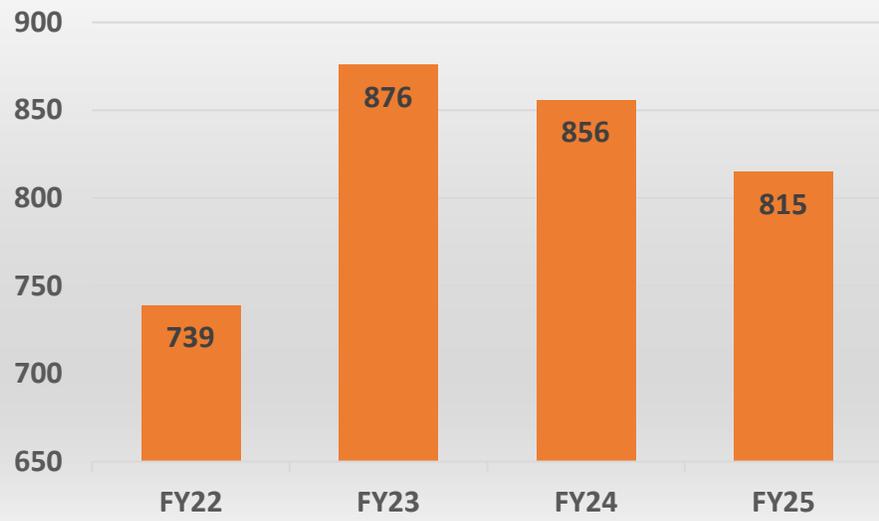
Total Circulation of Items



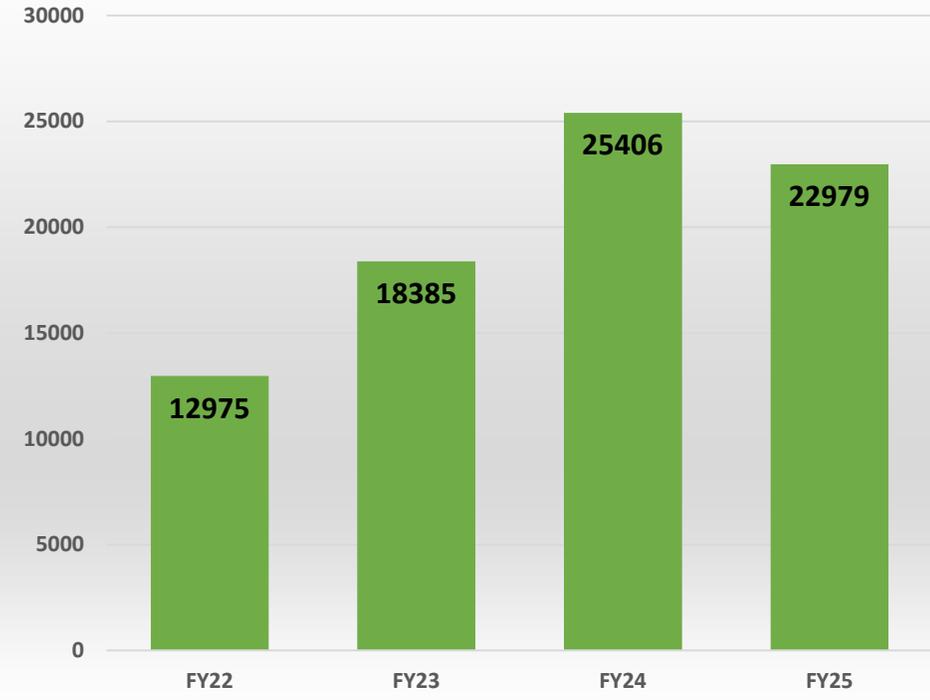
Total Digital Services



Number of Programs



Program Attendance



FY2027 BUDGET Looking ahead

Increase in programming funds(4591 p. 294) to help the Library expand programming and outreach to our community.

Increase in Staff Development (4240 p. 289) and travel expenses (4580 p. 294). Will allow for more training and conferences to help staff to remain aware of current trends and innovations.

Increase in Technical Services (4341 p. 289). Lease of 2 new copiers. Offset by printing charges to users (Revenue 3529 p. 153)

Increase in maintenance, water & sewer, and operating supplies with the opening of the expanded building.

Line Item Reductions

1000.1.390.45500.4431 Maintenance Charges
Requested \$8,800 reduced to \$7,475 (p. 290)

1000.1.390.45500.4531 Telecommunications
Requested \$7,550 reduced to \$3,550 (p. 293)

Friends of the Dover Public Library

Our mission is to empower individuals, enrich lives, and build a stronger, more connected Dover community through the promotion of our library.



- Fund all 21 museum passes the Library offers. Saved the community \$38,397 in entry fees last year.
- Supported our Summer Reading Program with \$1,300 in funds for supplies and performers. Over 900 community members took part in the program.
- Actively fundraising to purchase furniture for the renovated Library.
- Shared in the costs of our 815 programs last year.

Thank you Friends!