



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Memorial Day 2025 marked the 100th anniversary of the dedication of The Wagnalls Memorial! We enjoyed activities throughout the year to mark the occasion.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to Carol Gaal, our historian, and Jeff Cotner, our past board chair for leading the celebration of our centennial.

PROJECTS

Restored 1925 facade

DETAILS

Stain glass and storm windows repaired, fascia repaired and painted

INVESTMENT

\$68,841 from individual stock gift for original windows restoration

New flooring in the Community Building

Old tile in hall, restrooms and scout room replaced.

\$14,753, approximately \$12,000 from a Fairfield County Land Grant

Lithopolis Community Arts Center at Wagnalls

A partnership with Lithopolis in the 1961 addition for amateur and professional artists

\$21,702 was invested by the Village in renovations and monthly lease of \$4,000 is paid.

FOUNDATION FUNDING SUMMARY

\$88,382

Contributions and Donations

\$131,662

Room reservations and leases

\$11,658

Grants

\$103,000

Sale of 6+ acre ravine property to Lithopolis

HOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

The Wagnalls Memorial has always been a library, community center, and cultural arts center! We are proud to serve our community in so many ways.

Full-service Library

Local History Library

Genealogy Resources

Home to Wagnalls Community Theater

Performing Arts Series

Support for Memorial Day events and the Lithopolis Honeyfest

Chartering Organization for Scouts

Meeting and Celebration Venue

Scholarships

"If you or your family would like to help shape the future of Wagnalls' service to our community, please call our Executive Director, Deb Silvia or email dsilvia@wagnalls.org to learn about exciting opportunities to make a difference."

- Steven M. Bauers, Board Chair

LIBRARY IMPACT REPORT

Library Open Hours
M - 10 am to 8 pm
T - 10 am to 5 pm
W - 10 am to 2 pm
Th - 10 am to 8 pm
Sa - 10 am to 2 pm
closed Fridays & Sundays

Overview

Total number of registered borrowers

7,434

Total Visits

42,796

up 21%

Total Library Program Attendance

11,419

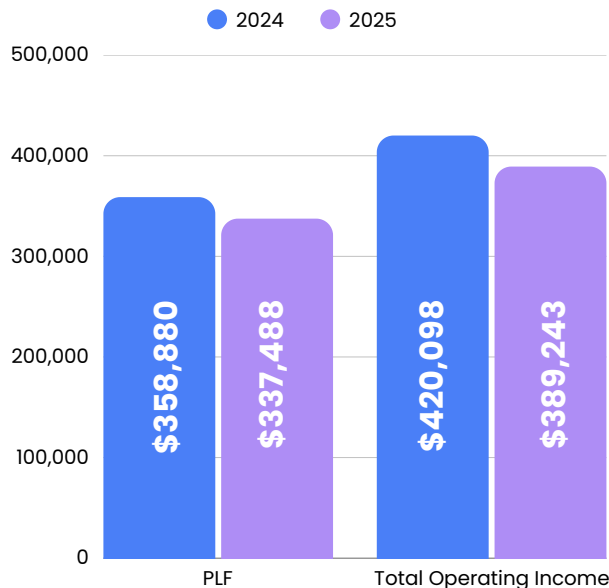
up 47%

Wireless Sessions per year

14,997

up 14%

Finances



PLF is Public Library Funds from the State's General Fund. Wagnalls receives a portion of what comes to Fairfield Co. **In 2025 Wagnalls received 6.81% share down from its high last received in 2023 of 8.3%. Wagnalls receives NONE of the property tax for Fairfield Co. Libraries.**

The Wagnalls Memorial's library is operated solely on the PLF along with a small amount of donations and grants. **Staff was cut by 22% and the materials budget was cut by 20% as a result.** Computer expenses increased to replace public accessed computers that were more than 5 years old. Funding for computer replacement was supported through a grant from the Fairfield County Foundation.

The Wagnalls Memorial Foundation contributed \$32,000 in addition to Public Library Funding for maintenance, insurance, and utilities. The Foundation covered all building repairs.

Teen Investment

An updated Teen Space was created near the Computer Lab creating more space for Teen materials and adding games and art supplies. A new-to-us table and chairs were donated by the Lancaster-Fairfield Co. Chamber of Commerce.

Technology Investment

With a matching grant from the Fairfield County Foundation, computers and laptops were added for public access.

Partners



The Story Savers

Raised over \$1,300 on Memorial Day for the Library



Friends of Wagnalls' Library

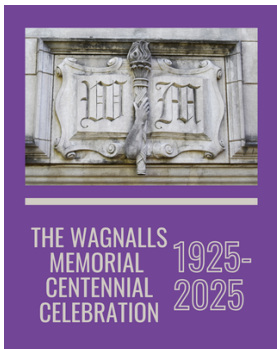
raised \$8,669 to support library programs and staff

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Overview

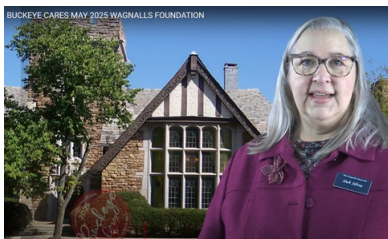
As we celebrated our centennial in 2025, we recognized those who have supported Wagnalls for decades and worked to share our story with those who have wondered what that castle-like building is. The Wagnalls Memorial was always meant to be for the community and of the community. Mabel Wagnalls underwrote our first 100 years. As we start this new century, it will take us all to keep this treasure for our generation and the next!

Writing the Story



- A group of staff and volunteers meticulously researched our history and gathered stories for a centennial book. We are so grateful for their efforts!
- The book was published and is available on Amazon! Just search for Wagnalls to find it.

Getting the Word Out



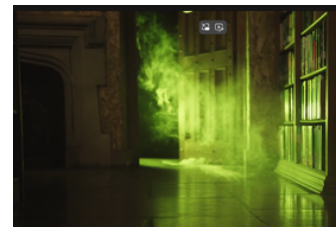
- We were honored to be selected by the Buckeye Cares Foundation for the monthly program which included a portion of sales donated to Wagnalls and a local commercial spot!

Honoring Champions



- We honored Dwayne & Patty Spence at our third annual gala thanking them for community service and Dwayne's past leadership on the board of The Wagnalls Memorial.
- This annual spring fundraiser raised \$8,700 for Foundation operations and \$15,000 for building renovations.

Greater Reach



- We were thrilled to be the library where the Columbus Crew shot their promotional video announcing the new Goosebumps kits.

The Board of Directors hopes that you will continue to be a part of our community! Your donation/investment is always appreciated!

