

FREE LIBRARY OF NEW HOPE AND SOLEBURY



2025-2026 Updates

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WE ARE SO BUSY!



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RECORD BREAKING NUMBERS



2025

43,252 visits by patrons in 2025

7,440 participated in programs

- 1,758 for Summer Reading
- 17 local partnerships

650 total programs

2026

556 programs (so far)

- 2,371 for Summer Reading (34.8% inc.)
- 32 local partnerships

6,113 attendees (with 4 months to go)



PROGRAMMING? YEAH, WE GOT PROGRAMMING.



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SO MANY CHOICES!

We offer an average of **61 programs/month**, for 2026
(up from 54/month in 2025)

Story Times, Crochet, Adult Writers Group, Adult Yoga,
Book Chat, Rhythm Babes, Crafternoons, Mini Painting,
Mahjong, Autobiographical Journaling, Art with Anita,
Interstate Story Time, Julia Child, the Grassroots Picnic
Project and much, much more!



READING EVERY DAY



BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & IMAGINATION

Story times and Book Chats form the core of our public literacy programming and we just started offering Book Clubs in a Bag to make it even easier for patrons to enjoy a popular read.

Solebury traffic alone increased in June by **8.4%** year to year and **4%** in July (thanks to a robust Summer Reading program).

Reading Log certificates for the Summer Reading Program went from 416 in 2025 to 992, a **238%** increase!





FROM BOOKS TO BYTES: THE FUTURE OF READING



LIBRARIES IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Cloud Library, Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla are available for every Solebury resident; one-on-one tutorials are available at anytime.

We also maintain a collection of lendable e-readers that are pre-loaded with the current bestsellers (think Yesteryear, the Correspondant and the Calamity Club).





IT'S A LIBRARY OF THINGS!

Cricut Stencil Cutter
Baby carriers / Baby monitor / Backpack
Meeting Owl 3
Button Maker
Fabric Heat Press
Leaf Blower
Karaoke Machine
Badminton Set / Bocce / Pickleball / Disc Golf
Tonie and Yoto players and collections
Bubble machine / Giant Jenga / Cornhole Toss
Giant chess and checker sets

WHY BUY WHEN YOU CAN BORROW?



WE CAN BUILD IT!

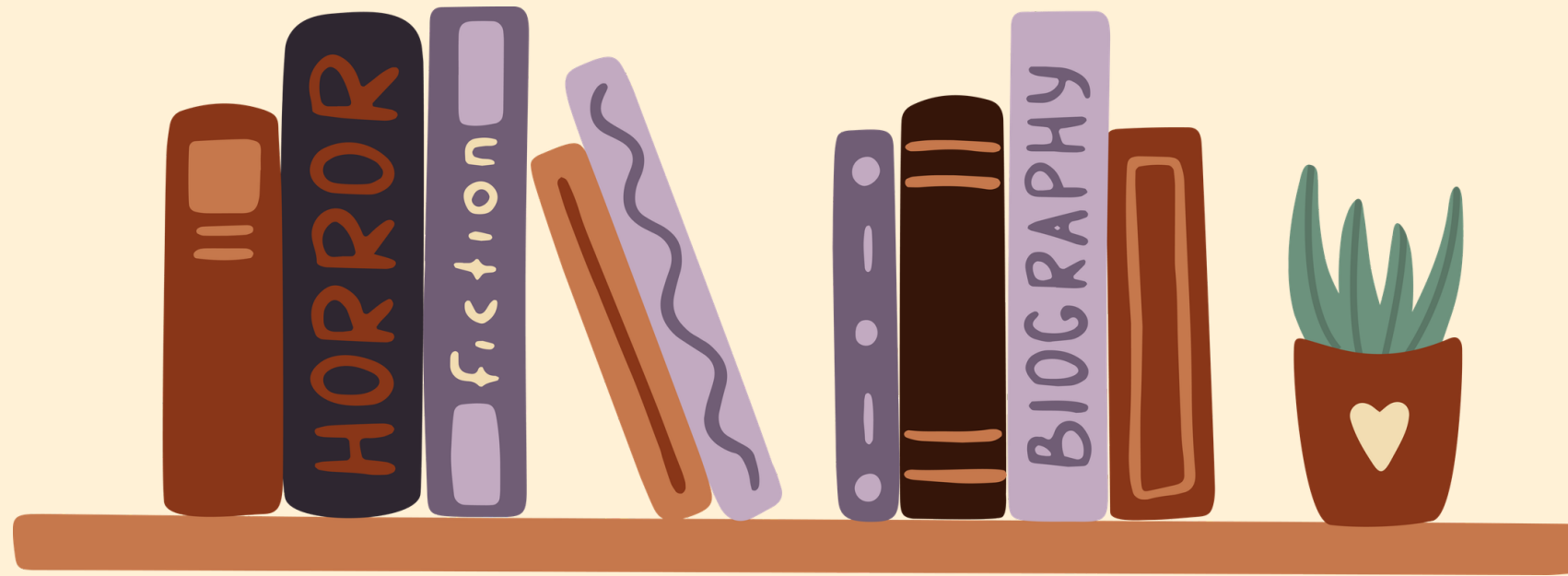
From 3D printing to button making to tote bags and even custom stencils, the Library is here to support the creativity of an entire community by making such tools and supplies available for patrons of all ages.

Not sure where to start? We're happy to walk you personally through everything we do (or could) offer.



HOW CAN WE HELP?





LIBRARIES REALLY ARE FOR EVERYONE



A TRUE COMMUNITY CENTER

We have lending agreements with NHSD and the Solebury School to make borrowing items from the wider BCFL system that much easier.

The Library hosts Rep. Brennan's office each month as well as the New Hope Tax Collector, to make it easier for the public to reach the services they deserve.

Whether it's by tutoring students or shooting a movie, we're always ready for our community's needs.



☾ WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

It is no surprise that we maintain the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury is a vital community institution that is seeing greater use than ever before. As such, it is not only appropriate but necessary that we ask for an increase of financial support.

It is through these increases that our excellent staff and historic home are properly supported and encouraged.

THE NEXT CHAPTER



THANK YOU



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