

## Henry D. Moore Parish House and Library

2025 was an especially busy year, with dozens of activities for our patrons, and important updates to the facility. The library provides cultural, educational, and social enrichment opportunities to the community. We have an annual book and bake sale, craft fairs, dinners, and several children's programs including movie nights. The Ella Lewis School children visit each Friday for story time and to borrow books, and we again hosted the Scholastic Book Fair for the school. Weekly events include free Mahjong, yoga, and Craft & Chat sessions. In addition to our extensive book inventory, we have a large DVD and music CD collection. The library staff welcomes queries about what you are interested in reading, watching, or hearing. The Program Committee already has a full lineup of activities planned for 2026.

The library roof was replaced in December, and we had to replace the fire alarm panel that got knocked out by an October lightning strike. Our 2025 actuals show a wonderful response to our Annual Appeal in December. We have applied a portion of the donations to our long-term maintenance budget, as we face other large building expenses in 2026, such as replacing many failing light fixtures, and the fact that the building will need painting soon. Our budget reflects increasing costs, from the books and supplies that we buy, to maintenance services and utilities. The budget also includes plans to apply for more grants and explore other fundraising methods.

We want to thank everyone who donated to our Annual Appeal, which is so important to our ability to keep our collections relevant and our programs numerous, and to maintain our historic building. We also thank all the residents of the Town who, through the Town appropriation, contribute significantly to the success of the Library and Community Center. After a number of years of holding our request steady, we are asking for a slight increase, and ask that you continue your generous support for this historic Steuben institution by voting your approval.

The following is a summary of our regular operational income and expenses for 2025, and our budget for 2026.

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>	<b><u>2026 Budget</u></b>
Surplus Carryover	\$ 1,638.78	\$ 0.00
Account Carryovers	\$ 5,729.78	\$ 6219.41
Town Appropriation	\$12,000.00	\$13,000.00
Individual Support/Fundraisers/Grants	\$81,303.90	\$68,000.00
Endowment Fund Income	\$31,169.03	\$31,880.00
RSU Contract	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Program Revenue	\$ 3,095.62	\$ 2,800.00
Interest	\$ 3,424.60	\$ 2,400.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$142,361.71</b>	<b>\$129,299.41</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Employee Expenses (wages, taxes, workman's comp, etc.)	\$48,425.83	\$51,607.95
Facilities (Utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc.)	\$77,119.52	\$63,690.46
Library Collection (books, DVDs, supplies, etc.)	\$ 7,223.04	\$ 8,500.00
Technology	\$ 549.99	\$ 700.00
Program Expenses	\$ 265.12	\$ 250.00
Publicity	\$ 714.17	\$ 225.00
Fundraising	\$ 2,375.71	\$ 4,000.00
Miscellaneous and Administration	\$ 468.92	\$ 326.00
Account carryovers (sick time, unspent library collection funds)	\$ 6,219.41	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$142,361.71</b>	<b>\$129,299.41</b>

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Henry D. Moore Library Board of Directors,

Keith Goldfarb, Chair, and Holly Azevedo, Treasurer