



2025

# IMPACT REPORT

*Strengthening Our Community,  
One Neighborhood at a Time*

# ADVANCING LITERACY

**60,815**  
Active Library Cardholders



**12,380** New Library Cardholders

**633,770** People who walked through our doors



## Collection Usage

**854,569** Digital Circulation

**1,797,204** Physical Circulation

**2,651,773** Total Circulation

## PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

### Programs

We hosted **2,666 programs and events** across our 10 locations.

### Program Participants

We welcomed **42,123 attendees** through our scheduled public programs.

### Outreach Events

We delivered and participated in **246 community programs and promotional events**.

### Program Participants

We connected with **14,930 people** through outreach and promotional events in the community.



A family enjoying a train ride at our Annual Touch-a-Truck Extravaganza, taking place for the first time at Temporary Main Library (parking lot).

## Bridging the Digital Divide

We provide free access to public computers, WiFi in all of our locations, and WiFi Hotspots for families and students who may not have internet access in their homes.

**168,727** Prints and Copies

**77,086** Computer Sessions

**250,762** WiFi Sessions

# CONNECTING PEOPLE



## 1:1 Services

Our staff provide personalized services for people who need individual help in specific areas. In 2025, we provided **15,997 individual help sessions**.



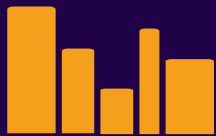
## Books by Mail

It's important to keep everyone connected – especially when the person is unable to leave their home. In 2025, we delivered **4,142 personalized packages** to individuals who are homebound.



## Meeting & Study Rooms

People booked our meeting and study rooms a total of **10,307 times**.



## THE DR. AUDREY LAVIN SPEAKING OF BOOKS AUTHOR SERIES

The 11th season of the Dr. Audrey Lavin Speaking of Books Author Series brought **3,958 community members** together in 2025 for inspiring conversations with authors of every genre.



Actor, producer, and entrepreneur Wilmer Valderrama at the Speaking of Books Author Series on March 6, 2025.

## Engaging Community

**1,012,266** Website Users

**4,114,496** Website Page Views

**19,680** Facebook Followers

**2,657** Instagram Followers

**108,100** ENewsletter Subscribers



## READING CHALLENGES

**5,273** Summer Reading Challenge Registered Readers

**1,471** Winter Reading Challenge Registered Readers

**155,949** Total Days Read Both Challenges



# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

In 2025, we launched the **Flybrary** initiative in partnership with **Akron-Canton Airport** and **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** to expand early literacy access beyond traditional library spaces.

A dedicated bookcase was installed in the airport's children's PlayPort, offering free, age-appropriate books in both English and Spanish for traveling families. As a local program partner, we also mailed **162,850 free books** to **13,564 children** across Stark County in 2025.



Taken at Akron-Canton Airport during the unveiling of Stark Library's, the Akron-Canton Airport's (CAK), and Imagination Library's Flybrary initiative.

# Reimagine STARK LIBRARY

Finalized in late 2025, the Operations Center represents a major milestone in Stark Library's Reimagine campaign. Beyond its operational importance, the completion of the Operations Center marked a key transition point for Stark Library. With essential services relocated, we are able to begin the next phase of the Reimagine campaign: the demolition of the Old Main Library and the construction of a new, modern Main Library designed to meet the evolving needs of our community.



## STARK LIBRARY BOARD

Steven Pittman, **President**  
Susan Rodgers, **Vice President**  
Sally Efremoff, **Secretary †**  
Robert F. Belden, **Board of Trustees**  
Robin Mingo-Miles, **Board of Trustees**  
Daniel Petricini, **Board of Trustees**

### In Memoriam

We remember with deep appreciation Sally Efremoff, who served on the Board of Trustees until her passing in 2025.



Two participants enjoying shaved ice at our North Branch during our Summer Challenge Finale, proudly wearing their Summer Challenge T-shirts

## OUR MISSION

We strengthen the community by advancing literacy, connecting people, and encouraging exploration.



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