

2025 Impact Report

531 Programs

6,412 Attendees

75,797
Annual Visits



662
New Registered
Borrowers



9,814
Ebooks Downloaded

21,099
Audiobooks Downloaded



109,333
Total Uses
of Collection



6,876
Wi-Fi Uses



3,001
Computer Uses



January, 2026

2025 has been a year of transition and growth, defined by change, resilience, and the steady progress of creating a new home for the library. In February, the library relocated to its temporary space in the Duclos Building, where we were warmly welcomed by the National Bank of Middlebury team. Operating out of “Mini Ilsley” has been a joy; community members have praised the cozy interior, the lively library scenes in the front windows, and the open floor plan, which has fostered greater connection across generations. Many of the program and service outcomes reflected in this report would not have been possible without the bank’s generous support, and I am deeply grateful for their partnership.

This special and liminal time has created surprising opportunities for the library. We’re holding more programs offsite, with locations including the Teen Center, Project Independence, and the Marquis Cinema. Interest in youth Storytimes has increased tremendously, likely because of the visibility of the children’s spaces through the front windows. Though Ilsley is currently mini, it remains mighty!

The renovation and construction project officially began in April, followed by a formal groundbreaking ceremony in May. In the spring, the 1978 and 1988 additions were carefully demolished, making way for the next chapter of the building’s life. Summer brought major progress on sitework and the foundation for the new addition. From a spectator’s perspective, fall was perhaps the most dramatic season, as a giant crane lifted the steel structure and cross-laminated timber floor system into place. Over the winter months, the new addition took on its finished form, with the roof completed and windows installed.

The project remains on track for completion in July, with a grand opening planned for late August. We are entering 2026 with tremendous momentum, eagerly anticipating the realization of this long-awaited project! I am profoundly thankful to the library’s donors, Friends, trustees, volunteers, staff, and the entire community who stand behind this work. We look forward to celebrating our new library with you in 2026!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Hart". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Dana" and "Hart" being capitalized and prominent.

Dana Hart
Director