

The Westport Library...

Annual Report

July 1, 2022 –
June 30, 2023



Only 5-Star Library in Connecticut

A Message from Bill and Barrie

Dear Friends of The Westport Library,

We hope this message finds you well. As we look back on the past fiscal year, we are delighted to share with you some remarkable milestones and achievements that would not have been possible without your dedication and support.

You are the lifeblood of The Westport Library, and we are immensely proud to have you as our partners in enriching the lives of our community members. Together, we mold The Westport Library into an exceptional hub of knowledge, inspiration, and community for all.

Once again, our heartfelt gratitude for all you do and have done for the Library. As we venture into another year of service, your unwavering commitment assures that our library remains a source of learning, creativity, and connection.

With profound gratitude and the warmest of regards,



Bill Harmer, Executive Director



Barrie Rosen, President of the Board of Trustees



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About The Westport Library

Our Mission

The Library is committed to empowering the individual and strengthening the community through dynamic interaction and the lively exchange of ideas.

Our Vision

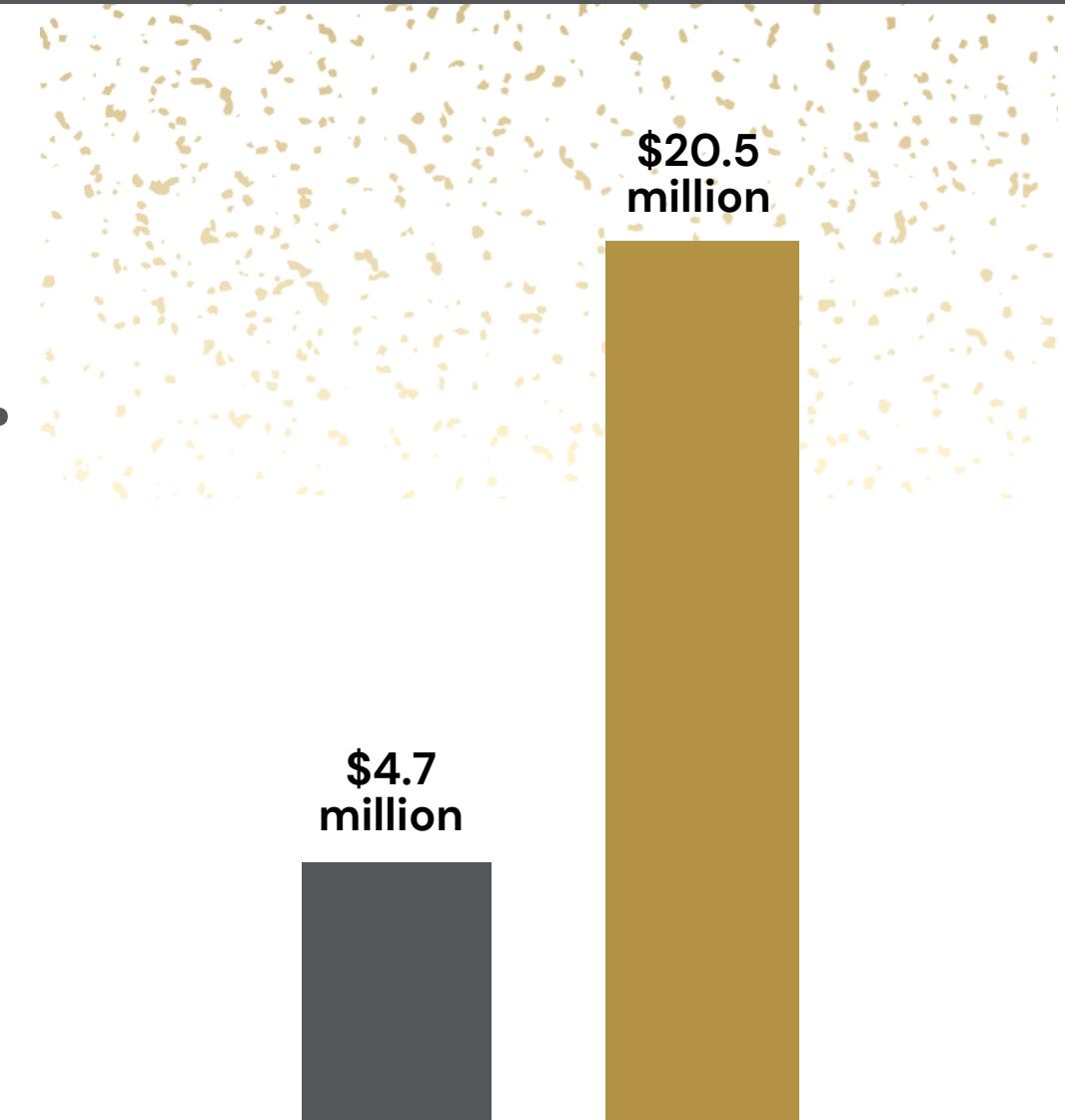
To be recognized as a leading center of intellectual inquiry and discovery that inspires people to make an impact on the world.

The Value of the Library

The Westport Library delivers exceptional value to the taxpayers and the community.

The \$4.7 million town appropriation delivers a \$20.5 million value to the community.

Source: American Library Association value calculator



The Year in Review

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Total Library Visits
335,490

Meeting Room Bookings
17,472

Resource Guide Views
1,270,650

Program Attendance
126,562

Total Items Circulated
346,297

Reference Questions
137,739

Free Access To...



Materials

Books, movies, magazines
music, museum passes,
laptops, Library of Things,
and so much more.



Resources

Resources, databases, and
information for lifelong
learning and personal growth.



Spaces and More

Ideas, collaboration,
connection, community,
and interactive places.

Free Programs and Events



Camp Explore provides summer learning opportunities for children of all ages.

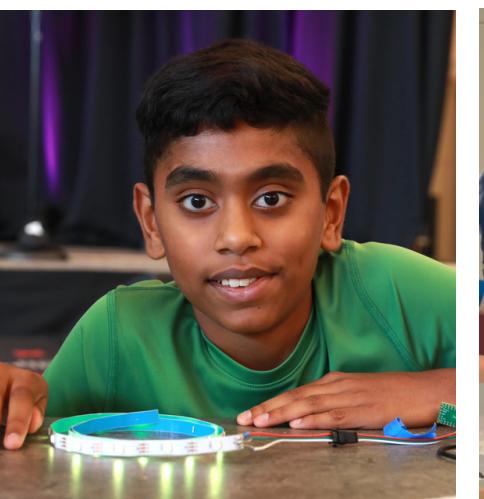


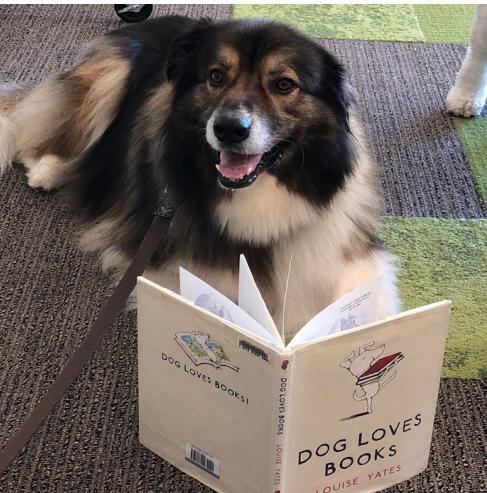
The Library provides the opportunity to meet award-winning authors.



Verso Studios provides a variety of amazing music performances.

The Westport Library...





What People Are Saying...



The Westport Library is where I go when I want to give myself the gift of time and reflection. Nothing beats being surrounded by books and book lovers. For me, the Library — with its amazing staff, educational programs, beautiful atmosphere, and unique offerings like Verso Studios — is one of the institutions that make Westport.

-Umut Ergun, Library patron

Our support is not just an investment in the Library; it's an investment in the Westport community. It serves as a testament to the enduring impact of a place that fosters learning, creativity, and connection. We are so proud of the library, and consider it Westport's true gem."

-Julie and Robert Haroun, Library patrons

I've been a Westport Library patron for almost 30 years, raising my three children in this vibrant space, attending countless events, and accessing the many wonderful resources we provide. I started working at The Westport Library 12 years ago, and I feel a deep connection to this special place. "This library is a literary and cultural oasis that I am proud to support both through my work and donations."

-Heli Stagg, Westport Library retail and café manager

As both a donor and an employee of The Westport Library, I've had the privilege of seeing firsthand the incredible impact of our community's support. It's a place of endless learning, creativity, and connection, and I'm proud to play a role in making it thrive.

-Meryl Kaplan, Westport Library finance director

Bill Harmer's innovative vision to leverage the unique community hub of the Library into the future and essential community asset excited me to become a member/sponsor of the effort. I fully support visual and audio production of the Library's amazing content with community volunteers, bringing together all ages through engaging content, and, over time, sharing our content and vision through the national library network. The Westport Library is truly a gem to be proud of.

-Darcy Travlos, Library volunteer

The Westport Library has become our second home. Its diverse range of programs, from children's story hours to adult lectures and workshops, fosters a sense of belonging and shared intellectual exploration. Moreover, the Library's dedicated staff exemplifies a commitment to excellence in service, making every visit a delightful experience. It's not just a place to borrow books; it's a place where we connect, learn, and grow as a family, and we're grateful for its invaluable role in our lives."

-Peter Zakowich, treasurer, Westport Library board of trustees

The Library in the News...



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[BOOKED for the evening with Laura Linney](#)



[Supporting Lifelong Learning and Education](#)



[Verso Records: Volume One' Makes Standout Debut at The Westport Library](#)



[VersoFest 2023 Inspires, Entertains Over Four Unforgettable Days](#)



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The Financial Report

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Revenue & Support

Town Appropriation: \$5,426,713
Contributions & Grants: \$2,119,945
Fines & Fees: \$250,804
Investment Income: \$472,644
Café & Retail Sales (net of expenses): \$11,314
Miscellaneous Income: \$38,828

Total Revenues: \$8,320,248

Expenses

Compensation: \$4,489,663
Professional Fees: \$247,185
Office Expenses: \$73,517
Occupancy: \$394,081
Travel: \$42,048
Conference: \$22,753
Investment & Bank Fees: \$2,005
Depreciation: \$910,844
Materials/programs: \$1,067,857
Insurance: \$138,985
Information Technology: \$203,286
Miscellaneous: \$45,650

Total Expenses: \$7,637,874

Net Assets

Net Assets without Donors restrictions: \$21,656,170
Net Assets with Donors restrictions: \$3,417,115
Net Assets: \$25,073,285

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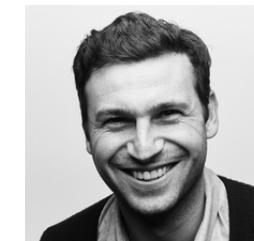
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