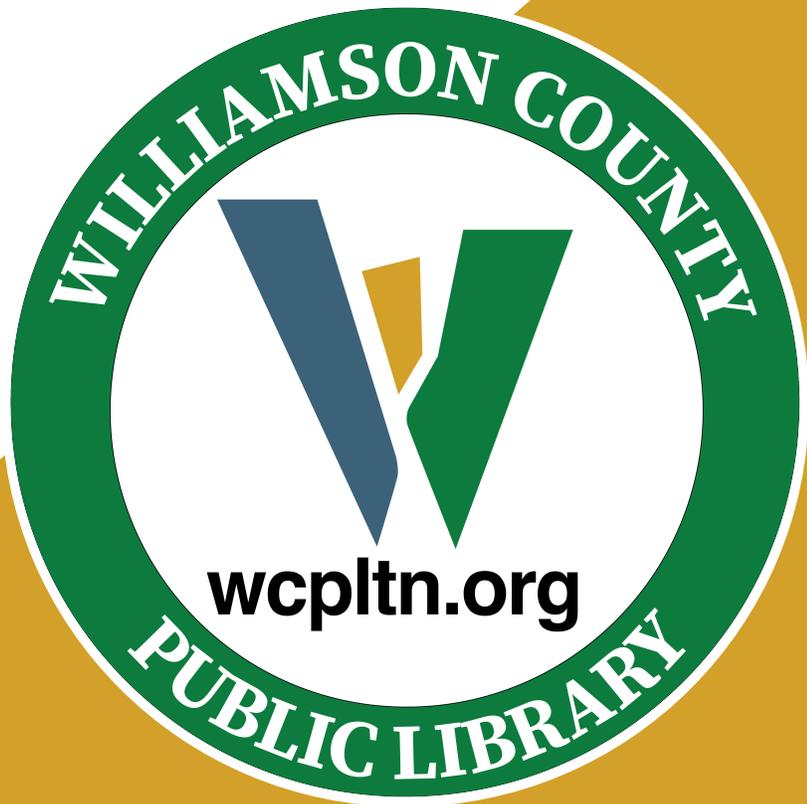


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Message from the Director:

2025 was a year defined by connection, collaboration, and thoughtful growth across our library system. Staff worked more intentionally as one unified team, creating internal procedures that help us manage growth while deepening relationships with community partners. These efforts led to meaningful collaborations, including programs tied to a local theatre production through our partnership with Pull-Tight Players. We also expanded literacy beyond our walls by breaking ground on and opening the new Storybook Trail at Peacock Hill Nature Park, giving families a chance to experience stories together outdoors. Inside our libraries, the Early Learning Play Room at the Main Library in Franklin continued to serve extraordinary numbers of children and caregivers, reinforcing our commitment to early literacy and school readiness.

This year also brought exciting enhancements to our spaces, services, and collections. At the Fairview Branch, refreshed areas of the library and evolving programs and collections better reflected community interests and needs. At the Main Library, a renewed focus on assessing community needs strengthened program planning and support for the Youth Services team.

Systemwide, we introduced innovative new resources including whaZoodles, sensory kits, additional learning kits, and discovery passes that connect patrons with local museums and historical organizations. Through a new partnership with Be SMART, we began distributing free gun locks to promote safety in our community.

Behind the scenes, we welcomed new staff members, celebrated longevity and dedication, and closed the year with an energizing staff development day centered on systemwide alignment, including tours of all our locations to help staff better understand each branch and how we work together as a system.

None of this work would be possible without the generous support of those who champion our mission. We are grateful to our Library Foundation, whose support helped make our record-breaking Summer Reading Program possible, and to our Friends of the Library groups for their advocacy and contributions throughout the year. We also thank our Library Board for their continued leadership and were pleased to welcome three new board members in 2025, and our County Commissioners for funding our operations. Together, these partners help ensure our libraries remain welcoming, responsive spaces that inspire learning, creativity, and connection for all.

Jessica Jeffers



BY THE NUMBERS

• YEAR IN REVIEW •

2025



334,239

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



6,756
NEW CARDS
THIS YEAR

34,712

ACTIVE CARDHOLDERS



1,201,831 MILLION

ITEMS CHECKED OUT
(PHYSICAL & DIGITAL)



567,073

VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE



28

OUTREACH EVENTS



26,147

PEOPLE ATTENDED A
PROGRAM OR EVENT



4,780

MEETING & SPACES BOOKINGS



24,245

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