

TUCKER FREE LIBRARY

Since 1904, the Tucker Free Library has served as a vital educational resource for the Town of Henniker. Public libraries, often referred to as the “people’s university”, support lifelong learning, are open to all who walk through their doors, and are crucial elements of functioning democracies. Libraries also provide essential community support, especially during tough economic times. In 2025, for less than \$50 per Henniker resident, the Tucker Free Library provided innovative educational programming and community-building activities, offering Henniker residents access to a wide variety of valuable resources. During the year, TFL patrons checked out ~34,000 items, including books, magazines, and other media materials. TFL’s community engagement activities included programs for every age, with attendance topping 2,500 across ~300 programs.

In 2025, TFL’s school-aged patrons led the way by reading over 2,000 books and attending 60 programs during the six weeks of summer activities. Five preschoolers completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, each one reading and logging 1,000 books before starting kindergarten! Tot Time, Pokémon, and Harry Potter’s Wizard Academy brought in many new faces, while our partnership with the Lions Club of Henniker raised community awareness for both organizations. Two reading dogs lent a supportive ear to young readers throughout the year. Meanwhile, adult patrons played Mahjong, attended a summer fiber arts series, participated in our three library-sponsored book discussion groups, and delighted in multiple cooking demonstrations. Generous community members stepped up and volunteered to teach watercolor, cartooning, and needle felting programs.

For 2026, TFL has many more wonderful things in store. Our staff help anyone with a desire to learn and are eager to welcome you to all the library has to offer. Check out books on starting your farm business, planning your retirement, or finding new design ideas for your next gingerbread house. If you are looking for something more academic, you have access to books on the mind-body connection, quantum physics, axolotls, and ancient Egypt. Perhaps you are just looking for an escape from everyday life? Travel to the ends of the earth and beyond - suspending reality by selecting fiction titles from our adult or kid’s departments. And if you can’t find what you want within our walls, TFL staff can help you search the statewide library network and can request materials to support your curiosity, regardless of the subject matter. Endless possibilities await you at TFL!

We look forward to welcoming you at the library in 2026. Henniker residents show us every day that they see the library as a need (not a want or a luxury) and we hope you see it that way too. It doesn’t matter if you come to the library to learn, to be entertained, to use the internet, to draft your resume on a TFL computer, to see old friends or make new ones, to stay engaged in civic life, to play games, or just to stay warm (or cool) in a quiet corner. The library is here for all of that and more.

None of our 2025 services and activities would have been possible without Henniker taxpayers, the Friends of Tucker Free Library including all those who make donations to support this 501(C)3 organization. We are thankful to each of you for your generous and kind support.

Thank you! In-Kind Services

- Our garden fairies, led by Ann B. Ludders have taken it upon themselves to keep the front of the building looking spiffy
- Our desk beautifier, who brought in stunning bouquets that made everyone a bit happier
- The Henniker Beautification Alliance for the colorful planters that framed our sidewalk
- To Mark Restuccia and Jim Airgood for helping with seasonal maintenance
- Henniker Transfer Station personnel for taking care of our lawn, sidewalks, and trash details
- To our generous Henniker residents who shared their expertise with programs offered at Tucker Free:
 - Marek Bennett
 - Wilhelmina Bodine
 - Susan Daniel
 - Nancy Frederickson & Celty
 - Kathy Gleason & Maggie,
 - Henniker Lions Club
 - Sarah Locke
 - Maggie Schrock
 - Jan Seavey
- To the Azalea Park Committee & Henniker Community School Art Department for adorning our gallery walls with color and perspective
- To our local merchants who hosted our annual story trail. Posted in your storefront windows, the kids of Henniker had a chance to explore their town while enjoying a story
- The Harmony Lodge #38 F & AM’s Bikes for Books Program

Thank you! Monetary Donations

- Martha Nemiccolo for the Mary F. Kjellman Memorial Fund
- Alicia & David MacLeay for the Mary F. Kjellman Memorial Fund
- Barry Caldon for the General Fund
- Joanne & Joseph Grady for award books for the children' s department
- LINEC for your considerate gift of thanks for another year of a successful partnership for the General Fund
- All those who contributed to the Robert N. Fitch Memorial Fund in memory of Lois Fitch
 - Rodney & Carolyn Patenaude
 - Davis & Towle Group, Inc.
 - Carolyn McKean & Family
 - Marshall & Judy Connor
 - Terry & Ronald Coll
 - Carol & Frederick Brunnhoelzl
 - Brenda Connor
 - Richard & Lorraine Edmunds & Family
 - Allyn M. Gilbert
 - Francis & Carolyn Damour
 - Bruce & Joanne Grendell
 - Dorothy Greenly
 - Richard & Jeanne Atkinson
 - Christopher & Sylvia Lennox
 - Brian & Karla Meyeette
 - Sally & Wayne L. Patenaude
 - Henniker Crushed Stone
 - Dawn & Charles Nelson
- Henniker Community School Student Council for the proceeds from your annual sale for the General Fund
- All the individuals who made donations to the Friends of Tucker Free Library
- Henniker Lions Club for supporting the library through financial support and programming efforts
- Rodney & Carolyn Patenaude for the Robert N. Fitch Fund
- Spencer Bennett & Linda McGuire for the Marjorie B. Bennett Memorial Fund honoring Will & Margaret Bennett, Marjorie's great-grandchildren
- Bill & Darby McGraw for general fund

A special THANK YOU to the executive board of the Friends of Tucker Free Library for your support of the library mission, the staff, and most importantly, for believing in the vision.

- Naomi Praul, Chair
- Sylvia Lennox, Vice Chair
- Mary Corsetti, Secretary
- Gwen Airgood, Treasurer
- Karol Dermon, Member-at-large

On behalf of the Trustees of the Tucker Free Library, respectfully,
Lynn M. Piotrowicz, Library Director

- Frances Tain, Chair
- E. Joseph Petrick, Treasurer
- John Capuco, Trustee
- Debra Kreutzer, Trustee
- Angelica Ladd, Trustee

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

LIBRARY USE STATISTICS	
New Patrons	174
Henniker Residents with Library Cards	3230
Materials checked out at library	23,216
Materials downloaded by patrons	10,665
Annual Door Count	14,350
Library Programs Offered	299
Library Program Attendance	2,539
Use of Meeting Area	38
Attendees Using Meeting Area	314
COLLECTION STATISTICS	
Purchased	977
Gifts Added	34
Lost/Damaged/Withdrawn	125

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE		2025 RECEIPTS
Town Appropriation		\$250,000.00
Cash Proceeds & Trust Funds		\$60,707.00
Operational Proceeds		\$1,400.85
Other Direct Revenue Proceeds		\$4,022.54
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$316,130.39
EXPENDITURES		2025 EXPENSES
Personnel Expenses		\$254,042.98
Patron Service Expenses		\$24,073.84
Facility Management Expenses		\$22,141.81
Technology Management Expenses		\$2,448.98
Other Direct Expenses		\$4,007.54
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$306,715.15
RESERVED FUNDS		
Total Trust Funds Reserved (End of Year Unapplied Balance 12/31/2025)		\$5,561.63
Beres Fund		\$2,000.00
	TOTAL RESERVE FUND	\$7,561.63

NON-TAX APPROPRIATION REVENUE Managed by Trustees of the Town Trust Funds

Name of Fund & Intent of Fund	End of Year Applied Fund Earning Balance 12/31/2024	Received from Fund Earnings 2025 (Applied, includes earnings from 2025 and Unapplied Balance from 2024)	2025 Donations To Fund (Transferred To Town Trust)	End of Year Fund Earning Unapplied Balance 12/31/2025
L.A. COGSWELL	\$0	\$2,841.84	\$0	\$0
Library Operations		(\$2,841.84)		
DR. FRANCIS O. HOLMES	-\$5.11	\$221.24	\$0	\$18.81
Memorial Books		(\$197.32)		
D.W. & E. COGSWELL	\$0	\$3,409.98	\$0	\$0
Library Operations		(\$3,409.98)		
A.D. HUNTOON	\$0	\$126.02	\$0	\$0
Library Operations		(\$126.02)		
MARJORIE B. BENNETT	\$924.36	\$1,224.01	\$200.00	\$1,107.81
Memorial Books		(\$1,040.56)	(\$200.00)	
SCOTT J. BERRY	\$821.83	\$218.74	\$0	\$854.14
Memorial Books		(\$186.43)		
MARY F. KJELLMAN	\$485.94	\$383.76	\$600.00	\$312.73
Memorial Books		(\$556.97)	(\$600.00)	
JAMES W. DOON	\$650.46	\$101.90	\$0	\$697.14
Memorial Books		(\$55.22)		
PRESTON FUND	\$0	\$1,281.90	\$0	\$0
Library Operations		(\$1,281.90)		
ALICE V. COLBY	\$0	\$37.91	\$0	\$0
Library Operations		(\$37.91)		
GEORGE W. TUCKER	\$0	\$12,048.00	\$0	\$0
Library Operations		(\$12,048.00)		
ROBERT N. FITCH	\$1,555.63	\$900.11	\$3,005.00	\$2,455.74
Memorial Technology		(\$0)	(\$3,005.00)	
WALTER K. ROBINSON	-\$3.36	\$212.17	\$0	\$115.26
Memorial Books		(\$93.55)		
TOTAL TRUST FUND	\$4,212.25	\$23,007.58	\$3,805.00	\$5,561.63
		(\$21,875.70)	(\$3,805.00)	

NON-TAX APPROPRIATION REVENUE Managed by TD Wealth

Name of Fund & Intent of Fund	Market Value 12/31/2024	Market Value 12/31/2025
WILLIS COGSWELL IRREVOCABLE TRUST	\$373,072.02	\$394,197.69
Received & Applied to Library Operations	\$17,202.00	\$21,700.00

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS Managed by Bar Harbor for Trustees of Tucker Free Library

Funds	Market Value 12/31/2024	Market Value Prior to Withdrawal of \$16,000 on 12/16/2025	Market Value After Withdrawal of \$16,000 on 12/17/2025	Market Value 12/31/2025	Market Value After Deposit of Donation 01/03/2026
HELEN CAMMETT	\$10,445.39	\$11,395.85	\$10,852.54	\$10,943.86	\$10,973.55
ANNA CHILDS	\$14,623.55	\$15,954.19	\$15,193.55	\$15,321.41	\$15,362.97
ANN SODERSTROM	\$292,736.21	\$319,3173.20	\$304,146.67	\$306,706.08	\$307,538.15
TDBANK REFUND	\$13,794.55	\$15,049.76	\$14,332.24	\$14,452.85	\$14,492.06
ROBERT D. & MARJORIE W. ELINOR	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$20,000.00
TOTAL	\$331,599.69	\$361,773.00	\$344,525.00	\$347,424.20	\$368,366.73
2024 OVER 2025 CHANGE IN MARKET VALUE		+\$30,174.00	+\$12,926.00	+\$15,825.00	