

For more than 150 years, the Ossining Public Library has established a legacy of service, enrichment, and inspiration to the greater Ossining community.

Chartered as The Sing Sing Public Library in 1893, the library began as a collection of 700 books in the superintendent's office before finding a permanent home on Croton Avenue in 1914. With expansive collections and community gathering spaces, the library seeks to connect, enrich, and inspire the Ossining community with innovative programs, collections, and services. Committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, the library's long range plan is grounded in recognizing, addressing, and celebrating all members of the Ossining community.



PEOPLE & PROGRAMS

34,230



SERVICE POPULATION

19,230



REGISTERED BORROWERS

58,737



ANNUAL VISITS

18,694



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

11,244



QUESTIONS ANSWERED



LIBRARY MATERIALS

259,724



ITEMS IN OUR COLLECTION

164,490



ANNUAL CIRCULATION

16



MUSEUM PASSES



LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY

3,865



COMPUTER SESSIONS

27,564



WIFI SESSIONS

83,000



WEBSITE VISITS



FEATURES AND ACCOLADES



250-SEAT THEATER



CURBSIDE PICKUP



WIFI AND CHROMEBOOK LENDING



10-TIME BEST OF WESTCHESTER WINNER

The Library gets vital support from The Friends of the Ossining Public Library and the Ossining Library Foundation.

The Friends fundraise to support many of the high quality programs and services our community enjoys, and hosts several popular book sales each year. The Foundation raises funds to support large projects outside of the scope of the library budget, including equipment, pilot projects, and endowment funds.



The Ossining Public Library receives generous grant funding and legislative support. This year, the library received funding from the American Library Association, ArtsWestchester, People's United Bank, Public Library Association, and the Westchester Library System, as well as funding from the New York State Public Library Construction Grant program. The library has also received support from Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, Rep. Mondaire Jones, and Sen. Elijah Reichlin-Melnick.



The Ossining Public Library is a School District Public Library chartered by the State of New York to serve all residents of the Ossining School District. As a member of the Westchester Library System, it also provides services to a larger community.

The Library is governed by its Board of Trustees, consisting of seven committed volunteers elected by the Ossining community to serve three-year terms. The Board of Trustees is responsible for approving library policies and for presenting an operating budget for a community vote. Over 90% of the library's funding comes from the local tax levy that is voted on each year by the public.

The Library works closely with community partners at the Ossining Union Free School District, the Town of Ossining, and the Village of Ossining to best serve the Ossining community.

Library staff and trustees are members of, and serve in leadership positions with, several professional organizations which promote the best practices in the field, networking opportunities, and professional development, including:

- American Library Association**
- Association of Library Service to Children**
- New York Library Association**
- Nonprofit Westchester**
- Public Library Association**
- Westchester Library Association**



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