

Hollwedel Memorial Public Library of Pavilion, NY

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT 2025-2026

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VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Hollwedel Memorial Public Library is to be a thriving and accessible center for the personal, professional, and educational needs of the community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hollwedel Memorial Public Library is to encourage all members of our community to be lifelong learners by providing equal access to a multitude of collections, programs, and technologies.

Population chartered to serve (based on 2020 census): 4547

Total Revenue from Genesee County, School District, State Aid, Other: \$156,289 (2025)

Library Cardholders: 928 Library Visits: 9,877

Collection/Holdings: Print: 17,295; Electronic Materials: 2,898; Other: 2,935

Total: 23,128 Books/Capita: 5.09 All have increased from last year.

Circulation: Total: 15,313 In addition: Interlibrary Loaned to fill requests: 1,427

Interlibrary Borrowed to fill requests: 5,663

Ongoing Programs: Storytime, Adult/Teen Yoga, Adult Book/Supper Club, and Free Take-n-Make Crafts.

Special annual events include: Shake on the Lake (Go-Art Grant), Emmalee's Memories visits, magician Cris Johnson, Trunk or Treat, visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt, and the NYS Summer Reading Program that provide many varied age-related special activities.

Friends of the Library (FOL) was activated in November 2021. There is a Facebook page with additional information about meetings and events.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1214890415684949/?ref=share&mibextid=S66gvF>

Some of the Friends events include: snowflake craft, Tree in the Park, Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Christmas cookie decorating, holiday crafts, painting nights, Spring Flower Sale, and more!

The Board purchased an AED using grants. The staff is trained in using the AED. Free Narcan Training was held for staff. Both COVID tests and masks are available for the public. An air purification system using ionization to filter air throughout the library was installed early in 2022 for the safety of staff and patrons.

*We participate in the Aunt Flow program, providing free feminine hygiene products in our restrooms.

* Elected to be a participant in the NYS and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS)

*Security devices were installed inside and outside of the Library Building.

*A Free Seed Library was established through the Genesee County Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners.

* Empire Passes for **free vehicle admission** to most NYS State Parks, DEC forest preserve areas, boat launch sites, arboretums and park preserves: **Two five year passes**. Each pass is good for one week's use.

*Rochester Museum and Science: **Two passes**: each good for 2 adults and any children in the household.

*Genesee Country Museum: **One pass** good for 2 adults and any children under age 18 per visit. This includes some special events and good through October 2025.

*Corning Museum of Glass: **Two passes** each good for 1 adult. Children and teens 17 and under are always free and do not require a pass.

This year we began the application process to the NYS Board of Regents for an Absolute Charter as a school district library, (which means that this public library is financed by the taxpayers of the entire Pavilion School District and they vote for the petitioned trustees and budget.) We anticipate the approval in the coming months. This will replace the Provisional Charter approved December 14, 2021. This will officially complete the requirements set by NYS Education Department. The Board of Trustees strives to be fiscally efficient and responsible to the taxpayers. Both the Personnel Handbook and By-Laws and Policies were updated as necessary. Weekly hours have increased to thirty hours.

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