



YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Library Community,

The past year at Cromaine Library was one of transformation, imagination, and connection. Guided by the Strategic Plan, staff have taken meaningful steps toward creating spaces that reflect the vibrant community we serve. We have focused on building not just for today—but for the generations who will gather, learn, and grow here in the years to come.

In January 2025, the Library Board of Trustees approved a concept plan to reimagine our beloved South Lawn. What began as an idea—to make better use of our outdoor space—has evolved into a vision for a dynamic, welcoming landscape that invites people to read under the trees, attend outdoor concerts and storytimes, or simply enjoy a quiet moment in nature. The project, named “Cromaine Commons,” will include new walkways, lighting, landscaping, and a permanent pavilion that will make year-round outdoor programming possible. It’s a transformation of the space, designed not just for beauty, but for community.

Inside the Library, we’ve been investing in the future in a different way—through Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology that enhances access and convenience for every library user. RFID tags are small, electronic chips placed in books that let staff and self-check stations quickly identify, track, and manage items using radio waves instead of barcodes. This upgrade will eventually allow us to introduce after-hours pickup lockers, ensuring that our community can access materials whenever it’s most convenient for them.

At the same time, we’re working to bring the Library to those who can’t come to us. Our Homebound Delivery Pilot Program is developing into a lifeline for patrons who are unable to visit the Library in person due to age, illness, or disability. Each month, dedicated staff deliver books, movies, and other materials directly to homes throughout our service area—keeping the joy of reading, learning, and discovery alive for every member of our community. These visits offer more than just materials; they’re a connection to the outside world, and a reminder that the Library belongs to everyone, regardless of circumstance.

Through it all, what has remained constant is the energy and engagement of our patrons. This year, the Library has continued to be a place where ideas are shared, creativity flourishes, and neighbors come together. Whether at a bustling children’s program, a thoughtful book discussion, or a quiet afternoon browsing for a good book, we have witnessed countless moments of learning and connection that remind us why this work matters.

- Sarah Neidert



MISSION

Cultivating Connection.
Nurturing Learning.
Inspiring Discovery.

VISION

To be the community’s essential destination for connection, enjoyment, and learning.

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TRUSTEES



20,831
people connected through
697
programs.

2.17 MILLION

items in the physical & digital collection, allowing unlimited opportunities for learning.

331,318

Total items checked out, on any subject you can imagine!

111,303

guests were welcomed through Cromaïne's doors.

Up 18% from the previous year!

9,309

active Cardholders, up 8.5% from last year.

Reaching 31% of our service area!

**STRATEGIC
PLAN
UPDATE**

CONNECTION, LEARNING, DISCOVERY





887 community members (206 Adults,
681 Youth) read more than
900,000
minutes in our Summer
Reading Challenge.

1,300 Teens attended **92**
programs.



More than
1,000 guests joined us on
the South Lawn for the
Summer Concert Series.

326 Music Hall
Reservations and **1,879**
Meeting and Study Room
Reservations were made.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SPONSORS

Don Thompson
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Cromaine Library
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FINANCIAL DONATIONS

\$ 22,225
Individuals and Organizations

\$ 5,950
Kilgen Organ Fundraiser

\$ 20,000
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\$ 48,175 Total Donations/
Grants

GENERAL DONATIONS

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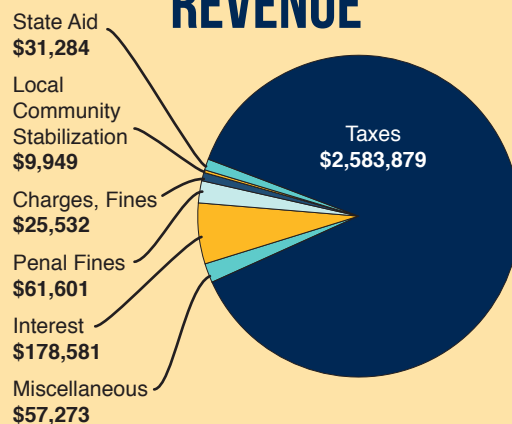
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**Fundraiser in May of 2025
to raise funds for upkeep
of the Kilgen Organ in the
Hartland Music Hall.**

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CROMAINE REVENUE & EXPENDITURE 2024 - 2025

REVENUE



EXPENDITURE

