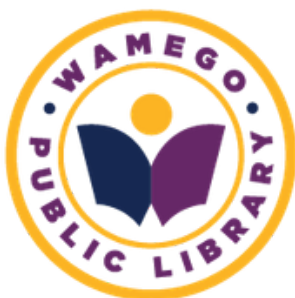


2025 Annual Report



Director's Note

This year marked a season of growth and connection for the Wamego Public Library. With our renovated space fully in use, 2025 became a year of welcoming readers, learners, collaborators, and neighbors through our doors in record numbers.

Our community showed up for the library in remarkable ways. We experienced a record-breaking year for foot traffic, a clear sign of how deeply the library is woven into daily life in Wamego. Our meeting rooms were in near-constant use, hosting everything from library programs and workshops to community group meetings, celebrations, and conversations. Seeing these spaces so actively used has been one of the most rewarding parts of the year.

Summer remained a highlight, with a highly successful Summer Reading Program that served readers of all ages. From early literacy activities to adult reading challenges, the program reinforced the fact that when the library creates opportunities for connection, learning, and curiosity, our community responds with enthusiasm. This year also saw us looking towards exciting future projects. Through generous support, we raised funds for the Legacy Lab, a new digital archival service planned for 2026 that will help patrons preserve family histories, photographs, and important documents. Alongside this, work is underway on a public mural that will transform the exterior of the library and serve as a lasting symbol of storytelling and civic pride, also anticipated in 2026. Together, these projects reflect a broader vision for the library, not just as a place to borrow books, but as a space for preserving the past, creating in the present, and imagining what comes next.

As Director, I am continually grateful for the support of our staff, board, Friends, volunteers, donors, and patrons. Your belief in the library makes everything we do possible. As you explore this annual report, I hope it captures both the energy of this past year and the promise of what lies ahead. Thank you for being a continued part of the Wamego Public Library's story. We are so glad to share it with you.

Maci Murillo, Director

Meeting Rooms

At the Wamego Public Library we have 3 meeting rooms that are open for our community to use. This year our meeting rooms saw over **520 meetings** and **710 patrons** stopped by to use them throughout the day.



Large Meeting Room:

This space held majority of the Library's programming and community events such as the Wamego's City Commissioner Candidate forum (as seen in the picture), in-service professional development for USD 320, homeschooling community meet-ups, and more!



Medium Meeting Room:

The medium meeting room was used for studying, planning meetings for the community, and hosting community support groups.



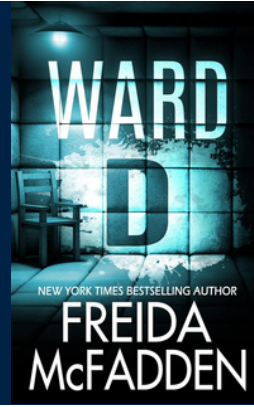
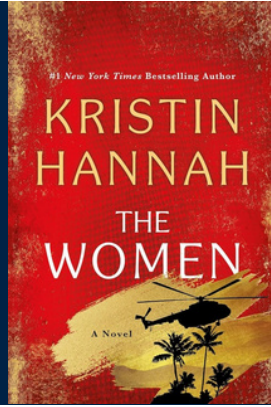
Small Meeting Room:

Over the year, the small meeting room saw a lot of patrons who popped in for a quick study session, small meetings, and library staff stepping into the room for a webinar.

Circulation

Top 3 Books of the Year

ADULT



TEEN



CHILDREN



TECHNOLOGY

QUICK STATS



1,858

Public
Computer Sessions



21,788

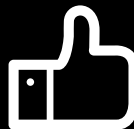
Free Wifi
Connections



11,429

Website
Visits

SOCIAL MEDIA



347,800

Facebook Views



18,600

Instagram Views



291

New Followers

Circulation

A Day at the Library



150
Items
Checked Out



78
Wifi / Computer
Uses

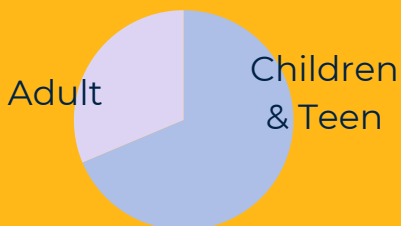


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Program
Attendees



127
Visitors

Circulation Snapshots



45,189
Items Checked Out



24,641
Items in the
Collection



16,158
Downloads of
E-content

This year there were



38,396
Visitors to
the Library



3,389
Library
Card Holders

INTERLIBRARY
LOAN

2,008
Items
Borrowed



650
Items
Loaned Out

This year the Library received **\$324,100** in tax revenue and provided **\$1,096,650** of value in services to our community.

Adult Programs

1,087 *attended* **73**
patrons programs

Program Snapshots



Adult Craft Class:
Punch Needle Embroidery



Humanities Kansas
Speaker Series



Friends of the Kaw
Wamego Boat Ramp Cleanup



Adult Craft Workshop:
Barn Quilts with Jessi



Adult Craft Class:
Mini Beaded Succulents



Adult Craft Class:
Christmas Cards

Teen Programs

549 *attended*
patrons

77
programs

Program Snapshots



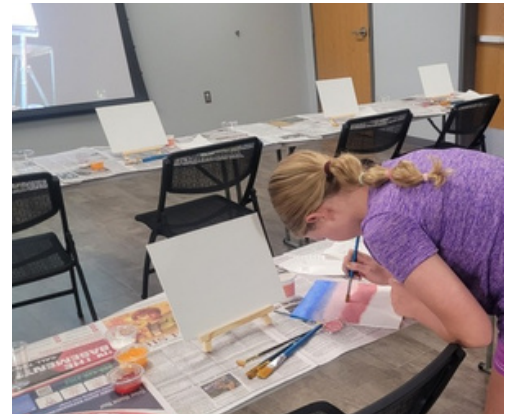
After School
Drama Club



Teen Craft Program:
Painting Party



Sphero Club
with Brenda



Happy Little
Painting Night



Costume Bowling
at Lincoln Street Lanes



Teen Monday
Hangouts

Children's Programs

5,147 *attended*
patrons

210
programs

Program Snapshots



Touch-a-Truck
Family Event



Building at
Junior Architects



Plant and Learn
Family Event



Braille Pop-In
with Kansas Talking Books



Homeschool Hub Pop-In with
Highland Community College



Stay-and-Play
at Storytime

Summer Reading Program



Pool Party
Kick Off



Adult Craft Class:
Beginning Weaving



Storytime
at the Park



Elementary Project:
Chaos Crafting



Teen Fishing Program
with Dennis



Movie in the Park
Finale

Thank you
to our

61

generous
sponsors

who helped fund the 2025 Summer Reading Program!

Volunteers

Board of Trustees

7 Dedicated Members

The Wamego Public Library's Board of Trustees is composed of seven dedicated individuals who believe in the positive impact a thriving library can bring to a community. We are so thankful that they guide our Library by fulfilling our mission to enrich lives, promote literacy, and build community by bringing together people, information, and ideas. This year, the Board of Trustees added new members, created and implemented policy, and helped cast the vision of the Library's future chapters.

316

Volunteer Hours

Each year we are blessed to have amazing volunteers from our community to help the Wamego Public Library. This year was no exception. We relied on our volunteers help to facilitate programming, inventory projects, and more! We are so thankful that our community is willing to help support the library through volunteer work.



Friends of the Wamego Public Library

QUICK NUMBERS



\$850
Pie Sale



\$4,461
Book Sale



55
Memberships

Community Partnerships

We are fortunate to have creative people in our community that are willing to share their time with us for our program partnerships! Over the course of the year we have seen the benefits of bringing together local businesses, organizations, and individuals to share their knowledge through Library programs for children, teens, and adults.

Adult
Programs
utilized

21

different
community
partners

Teen
Programs
utilized

7

different
community
partners

Children's
Programs
utilized

37

different
community
partners

totaling:

65

Community
Partnerships

Donors & Grants

A huge **thank you** to our **donors.**

Memorials and donations given to the Library greatly impact the level of service we can provide for the community. This past year the Library received over **\$59,000** in donations through our memorial program to honor a loved one, Wamego Community Foundation Match Day, and fundraisers. Using these funds, we have purchased additional books and materials for check-out, enhanced programming, supplemented funding for the building construction project, and displayed a new StoryWalk® book each month. We are so thankful for the generosity and support of our community.

Grants

The Wamego Public Library and the Friends of Wamego Public Library were awarded **\$10,000** in grant funding in 2025. These grants funded various Library programs for children, teens, and adults; professional training for Library staff; and additions to our book collection.