



BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

2025

YEAR-END CELEBRATIONS



IN 2025, WE LAUNCHED BERKBUSTER!



If you feel nostalgic for your neighborhood video store, then come visit the Berkley Library! Our media room got a new look- a throwback video store feel- called 'BERKBUSTER.'

"The tradition that families had of having a movie night, we hoped to re-create that atmosphere here," Lisabeth Conger, Librarian, shares. "It has been really fun. And we definitely want to thank the Friends of the Berkley Library for seeing the vision and investing in our collections."

Two new tv show collections and new movie night kits are now available for check out.





NEW: VOX BOOKS!

Thank you to the Friends of the Berkley Public Library and Giving Tree donors for adding a Vox Books collection in 2025!

“Vox books have an attached reader for an all-in-one read-along,” Rebecca Stout, Youth Librarian, says. “Children simply push a button to listen and read!”

SUMMER READING

444 children registered for the 2025 summer reading program & **read 12,582 days!** **61 teens** and **116 adults** registered! **4 bike prizes** were donated by the Berkley Masonic Temple.



Many thanks to the Friends of the Berkley Public Library and Vibe Credit Union for sponsoring our Summer Reading programs!



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TRILLION

Hugs and pets for the doggies during our Read to a Dog events!



NEW STUDY ROOMS!

“You asked for them and now we’ve built them!” Matt Church, Library Director, shares. “We’ve received lots of requests for study rooms at the library over the years. Up until this time, it’s something we haven’t been able to offer. We’re thrilled to say two study rooms are now available to patrons!”

*Construction began in 2025; study rooms were available for public use beginning 1/6/26.

A quiet study area is also available just past the study rooms. Next to the puzzle wall and seed catalog, large tables with chairs are located. Plush, comfortable seating is near the fireplace- perfect to cozy up with a book, magazine or newspaper.





NEW: TONIES!

A huge thank you to the Friends of the Berkley Public Library for adding the Tonies to our collection in 2025!

Tonie boxes (screen-free audio players) and **75+** Tonies (characters that play stories, music, and learning) are available for checkout.

530



We've repaired at least 530 items in 2025! Our staff works hard to repair books, keeping our entire collection in tip top shape!

175

Patrons shared their love for the Berkley Library! They wrote messages on hearts to hang in the lobby.



5 BOOK CLUBS

The Berkley Library now has 5 book clubs! Patrons are welcome to join the Afternoon Book Club, Millennial Memoir Book Club, LGBTQ+ Book Club, Teen Book Club (by teens, for teens), and Early Reader Book Club (for children, led by our Youth Librarian).
www.berkleymi.gov/libraryevents

HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

Happy 30th Anniversary to the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club! This group truly knows the joy of reading! They have met every single month without missing a date except April 2020. We are so thankful to have them at the Berkley Library!



YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

- ✓ Library card registrations: 804 new patrons
Public computer sessions: 8,621 sessions
Library visits: 96,388 visits
- ✓ Circulation: 222,686 items borrowed
Digital downloads: 47,876 items borrowed
- ✓ 222 programs at the library with a total attendance of 6,022 people
- ✓ 2500+ coloring sheets colored in the playroom

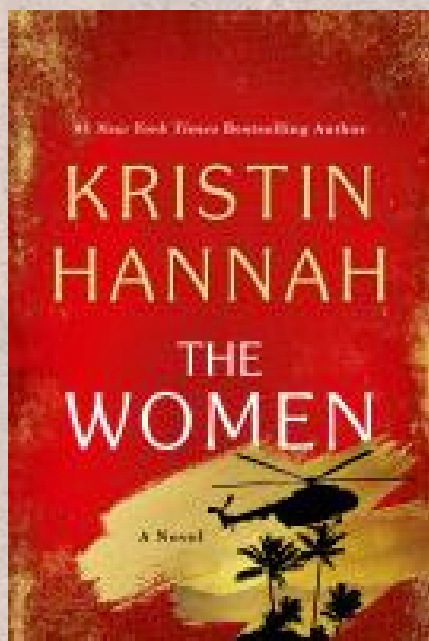


SEED LIBRARY

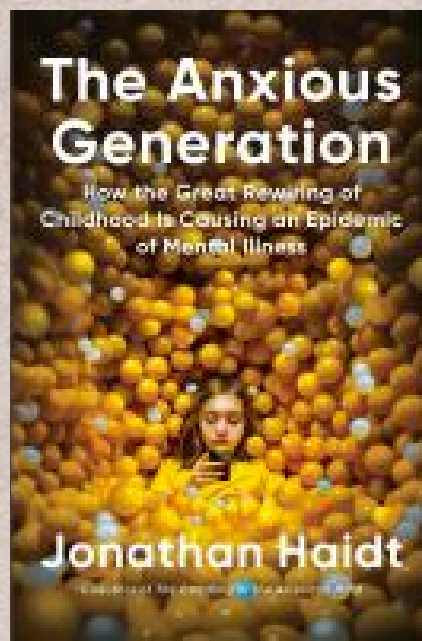
Through the generous donations of fellow Berkley gardeners, the Berkley Public Library and other sources, our seed library had **over 3,500 seed packets** and close to **100 different types of seeds** available for our patrons in 2025! And a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped pack seeds!



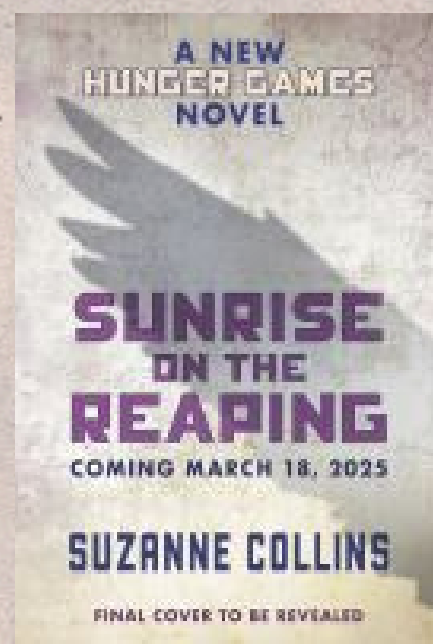
TOP CHECK OUTS FOR 2025



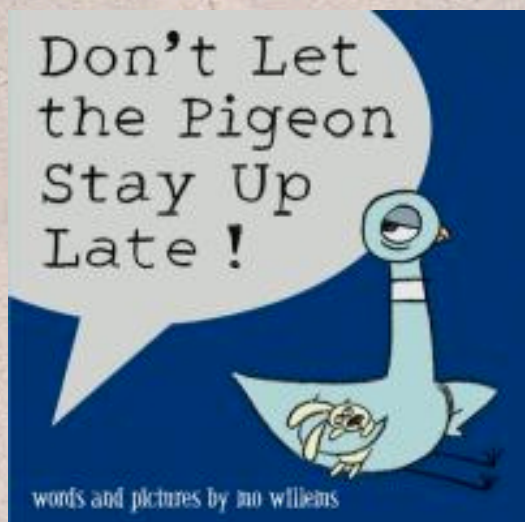
Top Adult Fiction



Top Adult Non-Fiction



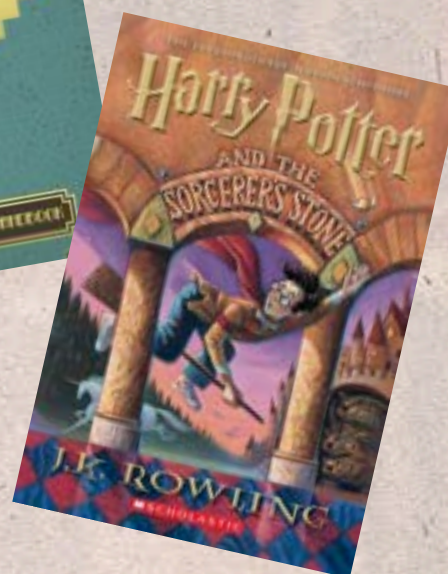
Top Teen Fiction



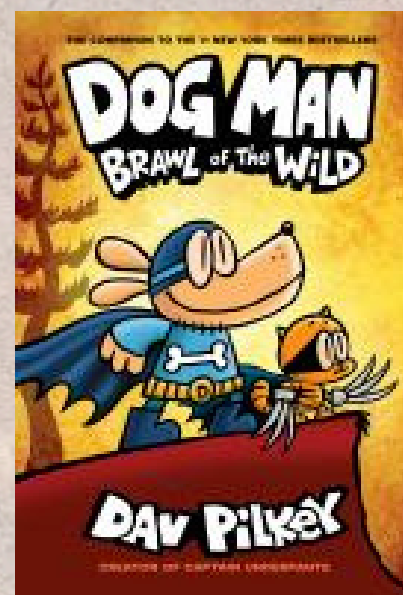
Top Picture Book



Top Juvenile
Non Fiction



Top Juvenile
Fiction



Top Juvenile
Graphic Novel