2026 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

A snapshot of how the Alexandria Library served the community from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

OVER 1,458,000 LIBRARY VISITORS and WEB USERS

Total Collection Size

2,030,000

Books and eMaterials

Items Checked Out

Physical Items
880,591

Digital Items
424,993

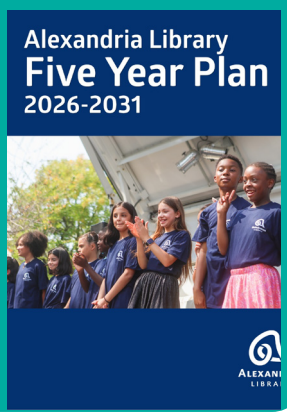


Community Shapes Library Five Year Plan

In early 2026, staff asked community members, stakeholders, and staff how they use the Library and what they would like us to prioritize over the next five years. We collected survey responses from more than 1,100 people, then organized the results into five focus areas which make up the 2026-2031 Five Year Plan. The focus areas are:

- *Physical and Digital Resources*
- *Learning and Engagement*
- *Access to Technology*
- *Connected Community*
- *Library Support and Outreach*

Learn more at alexlibraryva.org/5-year-plan.



Top 3 Digital Resources

1. ***Beanstack***
   Track your reading progress
2. ***Mango Languages***
   Online language learning
3. ***Niche Academy***
   Tutorials and guides

Top 3 Databases

1. ***Value Line***
   Financial research & analysis
2. ***Westlaw***
   Legal research
3. ***Gale databases***
   Databases for many topics

Community Outreach

56 Events Attended

8,370

Public Interactions

Events & Programs

3,800

Summer Reading Participants

1,947

+17.15% from FY25

Website Visits

850,356

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Reference Desk Information Requests
252,960

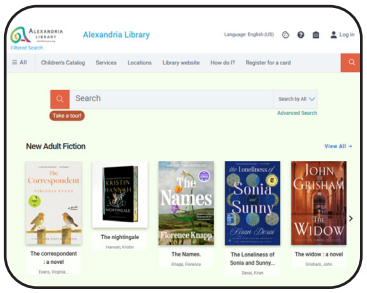
Library Cardholders
162,911

In-Library Wi-Fi Sessions
127,384

Volunteer Hours
3,288

Hotspots Checked Out 511

Library Catalog Upgrade



In August 2025, the Library launched a new and improved online catalog system. The catalog, or integraged library system (ILS) provides an upgraded user experience for patrons and staff, and makes it easier to discover the Library's collection of books, audiobooks, DVDs, hotspots, Virginia State Park passes, thermal cameras, and much more!

Take A Seat for Alexandria

This first-of-its-kind partnership between the Alexandria Library, the Alexandria Library Foundation, the City of Alexandria's Office of the Arts, and Alexandria's artist community gave new life to 20 chairs that were set to be discarded. The chairs were decorated by community artists, displayed around the City, and then auctioned off to benefit the Alexandria Library Foundation. A community gallery day and artist panel capped off the program in May 2026.





Oral History Video Project



In FY26 the Library expanded its oral history interviews with members of Alexandria's African American community. In total, the Library has conducted 80 interviews, generating over 100 videos, and more than 15,300 views on Youtube. The Library plans to continue the series in FY27 and beyond.



New Streaming Resources

In FY26 the Library offered several new online content resources for patrons to enjoy. This included streaming partnerships with WETA+, which features PBS and WETA programming, and KweliTV, which features global media celebrating global Black culture.

WETA+

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