

Mount Vernon Public Library Community Annual Report 2025

From Pages to Possibilities: The Library's Next Chapter

The library is evolving into something far greater than a traditional space—it is becoming a dynamic hub for learning, connection, and opportunity.

We have made significant strides to better serve our community. One of our most exciting additions is the newly renovated, state-of-the-art teen space, designed as a safe haven where young people can learn, create, and feel a true sense of belonging.



We are proud to share that the library remains in good standing with New York State, having met all registration requirements. Our commitment to transparency is unwavering, with all required audits current and up to date.

Our impact continues to grow through expanded partnerships with organizations across Westchester County, increasing both our visibility and our ability to bring services directly into the community. Inside the library, programming has flourished, including an increase in senior-focused programs and a wide range of dynamic offerings for all ages.

Technology access remains a key priority. Through our tech initiatives, hundreds of community members have received free Chromebooks, and our lending of Wi-Fi hotspots continues to expand. We also offer a range of technology classes, from basic skills to more advanced training, helping to bridge the digital divide. In addition, we provide free health screenings, supporting the overall well-being of our community.

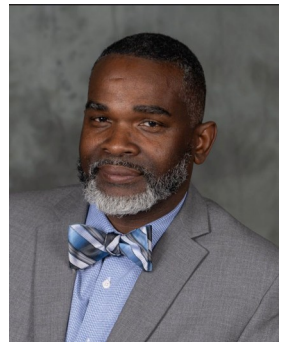
As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited to continue expanding our programs and services. We remain committed to growth, innovation, and meeting the evolving needs of those we serve.

The library's story is one of progress—and the best is yet to come.

Letter from the Director

Dear Members of Our Community,

I am pleased to share with you an update on the exciting progress and meaningful improvements that have taken place at your library. Together, we have been building not only a stronger institution, but a more vibrant and responsive space for all who walk through our doors.



Timur Davis
Library Director

One of our most transformative achievements has been the creation of a newly renovated, state-of-the-art teen space. Designed with intention and care, this area serves as a safe place for our young people—a place where they can learn, create, connect, and simply be themselves in a welcoming environment that reflects their needs and voices.

Behind the scenes, we have also made significant strides in strengthening the foundation of our organization. The library has successfully met all New York State registration requirements and remains in good standing, reflecting our commitment to excellence, accountability, and service.

Our reach within the community has grown as well. By expanding partnerships with organizations throughout Westchester County, we have increased both our networking capacity and the visibility of library services. These collaborations allow us to meet people where they are and extend the impact of what we offer far beyond our walls.

From December 2025 through the present, the Mount Vernon Public Library has delivered a wide array of impactful programs that reflect the cultural, educational, and social needs of our community. These include:

Seasonal literacy initiatives and winter reading programs for youth and families

- Workforce development workshops, including resume writing, digital literacy, and job readiness sessions
- Health and wellness programming for seniors, including fitness classes, Medicare guidance, and social engagement activities
- Cultural events celebrating Black History Month and Women's History Month, featuring authors, scholars, and performers
- Youth enrichment programming such as STEM workshops, homework help, and creative arts sessions
- Community forums and civic engagement discussions addressing issues relevant to Mount Vernon residents

In addition to programming, the Mount Vernon Public Library has strengthened its role as a cornerstone institution through a series of community-driven initiatives designed to foster equity, access, and long-term impact. These initiatives include:

- Educational Equity & Access Initiatives – Expanding access to technology, Wi-Fi, and digital resources to bridge the digital divide for students, job seekers, and families

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MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY



WHERE OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

The Mount Vernon Public Library
28 South First Avenue
Mount Vernon, NY 10550
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www.mountvernonpubliclibrary.org

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

2025 Program Highlights



1,846

New
Library Cards
Issued



Over
234,050

Visited our
website



Over
93,200

Engaged with us
using social media

TALENT'S IT'S JUST COMEDY CAFE
POP-UP LIVE TAPINGS
TAPING #1 FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH
TAPING #2 SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH
K. SMITH, SHAWN HARVEY, KEVIN WOOD, TRAVIS CLAYTON, JUST RAY, TANGIE, STEPH K, HATED I, COMEDIAN FOSTER, BRANDON REAVES, SOFIA NEGRON & OSEI CALER
WITH THE BIANCA & DJ KUTZ
ODDYS 5-8:30PM, TAPING 6-8:30PM
LIVE MUSIC-LIVE DJ-LIVE COMEDY
MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY
28 SOUTH 1ST AVE MOUNT VERNON NY

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SATURDAY NOV 15 11AM-4PM
FEATURING GRAFFITI GREATS...
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POWER * INSPIRATION * ARTWORK
GRAFFITI GREATS SHARE THEIR BLACK BOOKS!
28 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE MT. VERNON, NY 10550
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CONGRESSMAN GEORGE LATIMER
10TH DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Congressman George Latimer's constituent services team will be at the Mount Vernon Public Library on Thursday, Sept. 18th from 1-5pm.

Stop by for individual assistance with federal agencies, like Social Security, VA, IRS, Medicaid, Medicare, and Dept. of Ed. Call 718-530-7888 with questions or for further information.

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Fall INTO A GREAT BOOK!
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 6:00PM
J. Gary Pretlow Community Room
Author Talk & Book Signing
WITH **BRUCE ALTERMAN**

Murder in Mount Vernon: Gangs, and glory in a gripping crime thriller that plunges readers into the dark underbelly of a corrupt city. When a seasoned private investigator takes on what seems like a routine workers' compensation case, he quickly realizes he's stepped into something far more dangerous. His investigation unravels a web of organized crime, deep-seated corruption, and murderous gang violence pulling him straight into the crosshairs of the Mafia. Inspired by real cases, this fast-paced thriller exposes the brutal truth behind power and crime in Mount Vernon. Packed with suspense, shocking twists, and unrelenting tension, Murder in Mount Vernon is perfect for readers who crave an authentic, heart-pounding crime novel. Buckle up - this ride only gets faster with every page.

Bruce is a fourth generation licensed private investigator with over 40 years of field experience. Drawing from real life cases, he has authored several exciting novels, including Fear in Phoenix, The Broken Heart of Death, Schick's Freedom, Exhale, Sleep Well and The Prisoner. His expertise has landed him on major television programs including The Unforgotten with William Shatner (History Channel), Secrets of the Dead (PBS), Mystery at the Museum (Travel Channel), and Spiritland (Lifetime).
Bruce is a proud Mt. Vernonite and Murder in Mount Vernon is his fifth and Books will be available for purchase

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 914-668-1840 EXT. 236 OR EMAIL

Teens-to-Seniors BREAKFAST
Celebrating National Senior Citizens Day
FREE!
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13, 2025
10 AM - 12 PM
Open to all ages!
28 South First Ave, Mount Vernon, NY 10550
2nd Ave Entrance (Children's Room)

KATLYN CARES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

MARVEL ACTOR ROYCE JOHNSON
TO APPEAR AT MVPL COMIC EXPO

THE MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THRILLED TO WELCOME ACTOR ROYCE J. JOHNSON, BEST KNOWN FOR HIS ROLE AS DETECTIVE BRETT MAHONEY IN MARVEL'S HIT TV SERIES DAREDEVIL: BORN AGAIN, TO THE 7TH ANNUAL MVPL COMIC EXPO! THE FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH AT THE MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Fans will have the exciting opportunity to meet Johnson, along with enjoying a full day of live entertainment, Comic, Anime, Kawaii and Manga vendors, a Cosplay contest, a children's area, and so much more.

For more information, please email MVPLCOMICEXPO@mvplibrary.org

SECOND THRU FOURTH GRADERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ENJOY A READING AND PIZZA PARTY WITH TAMRON HALL

HARLEM HONEY COMES TO WESTCHESTER!
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025
1:00PM TO 3:00PM

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MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK 10550

TAMRON HALL Harlem Honey

Tinaur Davis, Library Director
For more information or make a donation to sponsor a child please contact:
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jhackett@mvplibrary.org
914-668-1840 ext 237

Budget Information is available on our website:

<https://mountvernonpubliclibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-budget-pie-chart.pdf>

2025 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Hope Marable - President
- Kim Harper - Vice President
- Cynthia Dickerson - Secretary
- Cynthia Crenshaw
- Loretta Thomas

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- Community Partnership Initiatives – Collaborations with local schools, cultural institutions, health providers, and grassroots organizations to deliver services beyond the library walls
- Youth Development & Mentorship – Creating safe, structured environments for teens that support leadership, creativity, and academic success
- Senior Support & Engagement Programs – Combating isolation through consistent programming, resource navigation, and social wellness opportunities
- Civic & Cultural Engagement Initiatives – Hosting public forums, author talks, and cultural celebrations that encourage dialogue, education, and community pride
- Literacy Advancement Campaigns – Promoting lifelong learning through early literacy outreach, family reading programs, and adult education resources

We are equally proud of our expanded programming for seniors, ensuring that older adults in our community have access to enriching, engaging, and supportive opportunities tailored to their interests and needs.

Transparency and responsibility remain at the core of our operations. All required state audits are current, underscoring our commitment to financial integrity and public trust.

Perhaps most visibly, we have increased the breadth and energy of our programming overall. From educational workshops to cultural events, we continue to offer dynamic experiences that reflect the diversity and curiosity of our community. And we are not stopping here—there is much more to come.

As libraries continue to evolve in a rapidly changing world, we remain focused on growth, innovation, and improvement. We are always listening, always learning, and always looking for ways to better serve you.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an essential part of the library's story. The progress we celebrate today is only possible because of this community, and the future we are building belongs to all of us.

With gratitude,

Timur Al'Basil Davis
Library Director

Library Hours (September- June)

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Monday 10:00am - 8:30pm

Tuesday 10:00am - 8:30pm

Wednesday 10:00am - 8:30pm

Thursday 10:00am - 8:30pm

Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday Closed

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Monday 10:00am - 8:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Thursday 10:00am - 8:00pm

Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday Closed

(July & August)

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Monday 10:00am - 8:30pm

Tuesday 10:00am - 8:30pm

Wednesday 10:00am - 8:30pm

Thursday 10:00am - 8:30pm

Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Sunday Closed

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Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Sunday Closed



"There is no problem that a library card can't solve."

- Elanor Borwn, Author