

Ballston Community Public Library Proposed 2025 Budget



2025 Overview

The Ballston Community Public Library (BCPL) is facing rising costs with increases in personnel costs, digital material usage, and maintaining an aging building. We are proposing a budget that sustains services, materials, and programs.

The proposed budget reflects a 6.9% increase for Library District residents. This translates to a \$3.20 increase for a home valued at \$150,000.



2024 Highlights

The 2025 budget includes an increase in Digital Databases (+43% \$5,152), to meet the increased demand from databases like Hoopla and Overdrive/Libby, which allow guests access to a large catalogue of E-books, audiobooks, and other digital materials.

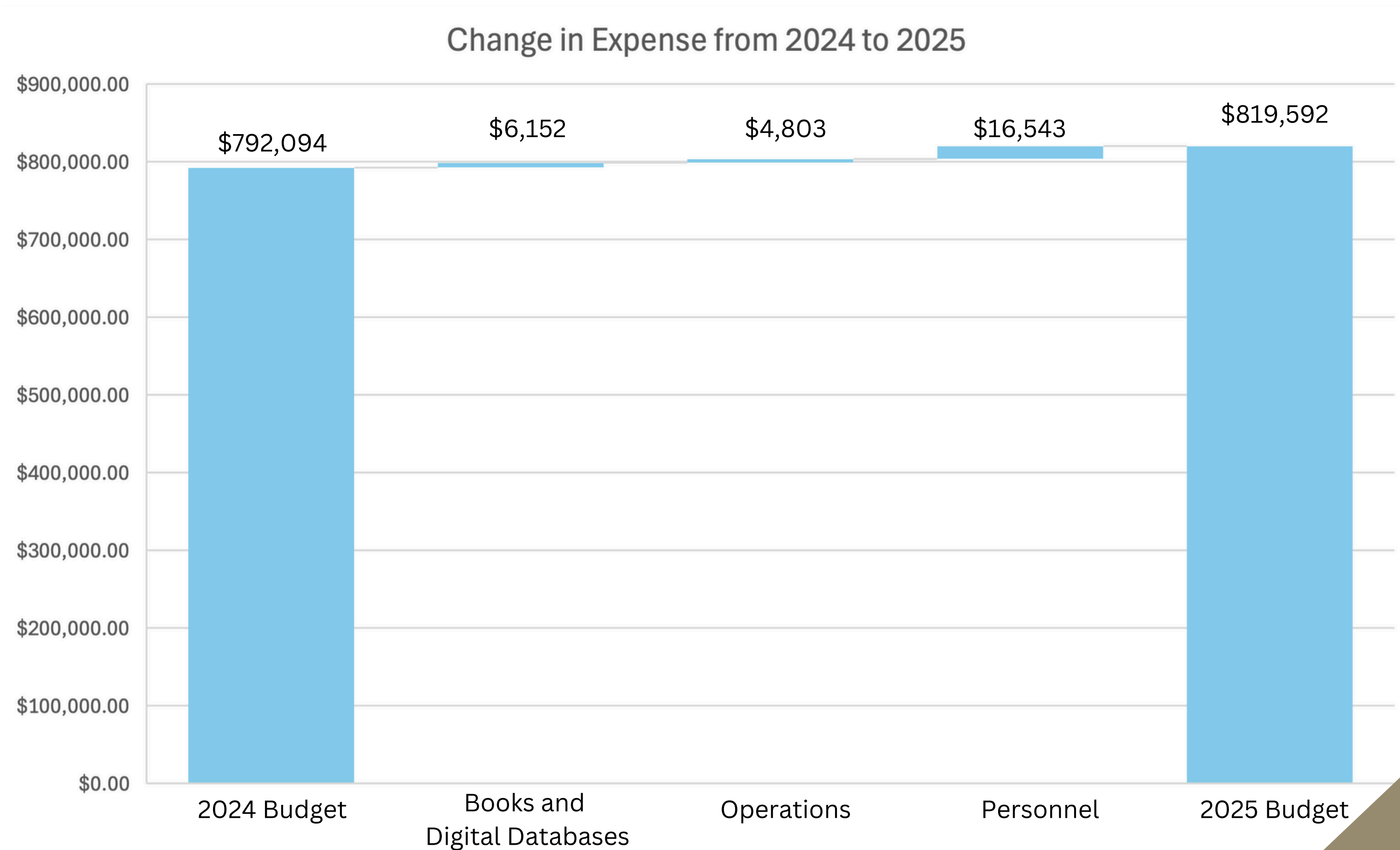
As of July 2024, we've had over 15,000 items circulated in our Digital Databases.

In all of 2023, we had just over 20,000 items circulated.

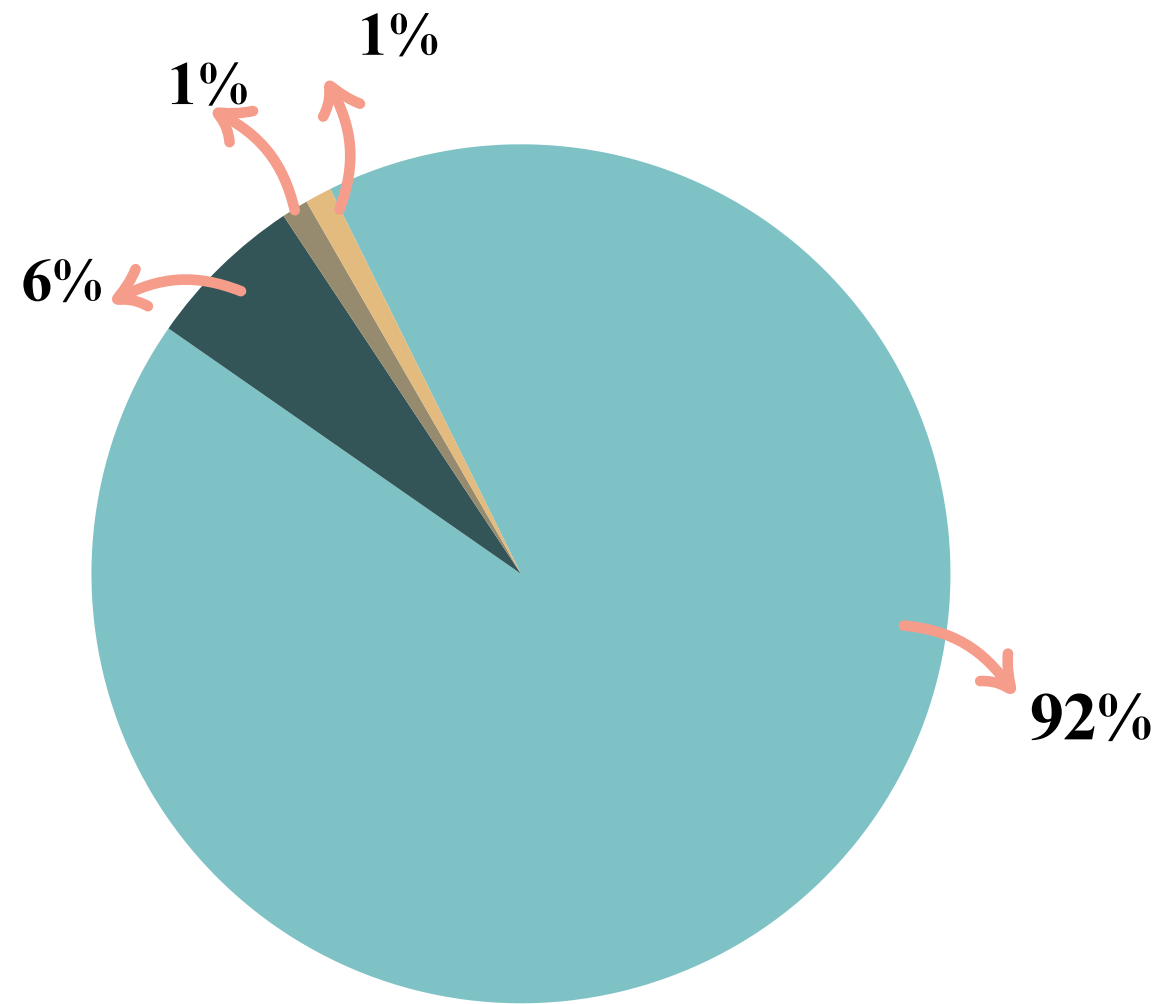
As of July 2024, just over 53,000 physical items were circulated. That's right on track with 2023, which had just over 110,000 items circulated total. **The Library has 6,239 registered cardholders.**

Programming continues to be an important part of the services the library offers. **We have offered 269 programs in 2024 across all age-levels, and have had over 7000 participants.** These include our Summer Reading Program, Weekly Story Times, and the SALS award-winning Teen Book Box program.

2024 vs 2025 Library Budget



2025 REVENUE



- **Town of Ballston Library District Tax**
- **Service Contract with the Town of Charlton**
- **Miscellaneous**
- **Gifts, Grants, and Donations**

- Proposing a 6.9% increase in the 2025 budget for Library District Residents. This translates to a \$3.20 increase for a home valued at \$150,000.
- We have received \$48,800 this year and are requesting \$51k for 2025.

Thank you!
See you on October 9th!

