

# Baxter County Library Annual Report

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**LIBRARY**  
Serving Baxter County

Inspiring Imagination | Igniting Interests | Enabling Learning

# Serving Baxter County



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“The Library is more than just a place to look for books. It’s a place of learning, exploring, and spending quality time together as a family. Each time we go to the library comes with new experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.”

- Brittany Roberts  
*Library Patron*

# Exhibit: *Americans and the Holocaust*

In March, the Baxter County Library hosted *Americans and the Holocaust*, a 1,100-square-foot traveling exhibition created by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association. The exhibition examined how factors such as the Great Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism, and antisemitism shaped American responses to Nazism and the Holocaust during the 1930s and 1940s.

Through primary sources and historical analysis, the exhibition encouraged visitors to consider what Americans knew about Nazi persecution and what actions were taken, or not taken, during this pivotal period. More than 5,000 general visitors and 3,600 students on school field trips experienced the exhibit, engaging in thoughtful discussion and learning opportunities.

A dedicated Reflection Room (photo shown right) invited visitors to record their thoughts and personal reflections on the Holocaust, fostering moments of empathy, remembrance, and understanding.

The Library was one of only 100 institutions nationwide selected to host the exhibition during its 2024–2026 tour, bringing a nationally significant educational experience to local residents and reinforcing the Library's role as a center for lifelong learning and historical inquiry.



# Library Programs



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“Through our strong partnership and ongoing collaboration, the Donald W. Reynolds Library helps make it possible to deliver research-based education in daily living skills, financial education, homesteading, healthy living, and introducing fruits and vegetables to community members ranging from infants to older adults. Their supportive staff and commitment to service make this relationship both meaningful and impactful for Baxter County.”

- LeeAnn Blevins

*Family and Consumer Science Agent  
Baxter County Extension Office*



The Library partnered with Art Odyssey Artist Kelly Householder-Giuliano to hold an acrylic painting workshop for students.

## Color Our World

In 2025, the Baxter County Library hosted the Color Our World Summer Reading Program, inspiring readers of all ages to explore stories, creativity, and learning throughout the summer. Participants earned incentives while engaging in themed programs, story times, and hands-on activities that encouraged imagination and community connection.

The Library partnered with local artists, including many who had previously participated in The Art Odyssey, to lead creative workshops and interactive experiences. These collaborations brought art to life for summer readers and strengthened the Library's ties to local talent and culture.

A total of 854 youth attended art-themed summer programs. Participants read 4,476 books and logged 295,726 minutes of reading. Overall, 359 youth enrolled in Summer Reading, with 181 successfully completing the program.



Students learned how to create diamond art.

## Community Partnerships in Action

The Library continued to expand its educational programming through a strong partnership with the Baxter County Extension Office. This collaboration allowed the Library to offer practical, skill-building programs that support families, teens, and adults at every stage of life. Popular programs such as the *Homesteading Skills* series remained a cornerstone of this partnership, featuring programs like *Beginning with Sourdough* and *Financial Literacy*.

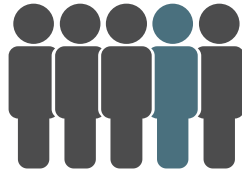
The Library also hosted regular story times with Extension Office Agent LeeAnn Blevins that incorporated hands-on learning for caregivers, including *Baby Food 101*, which taught parents how to prepare homemade baby food. Programs for tweens and teens focused on essential life skills, such as cooking simple after-school snacks and basic meals, emphasizing independence, confidence, and healthy habits while reinforcing the Library's role as a trusted community resource for lifelong learning.

# 2025 Fast Facts

The Library saw increased engagement in many programs and services from 2024 to 2025, reflecting the community's continued enthusiasm and demand for Library resources.



**30,501** ↑  
Library Cards



**134,236**  
Library Visits



**2,788** ↑  
Hours of Operation



**205,032** ↑  
Items Circulated



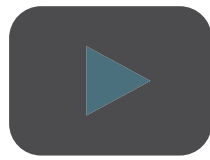
**28,690** ↑  
eAudios Circulated



**27,227**  
eBooks Circulated



**108,787**  
Self Checkouts

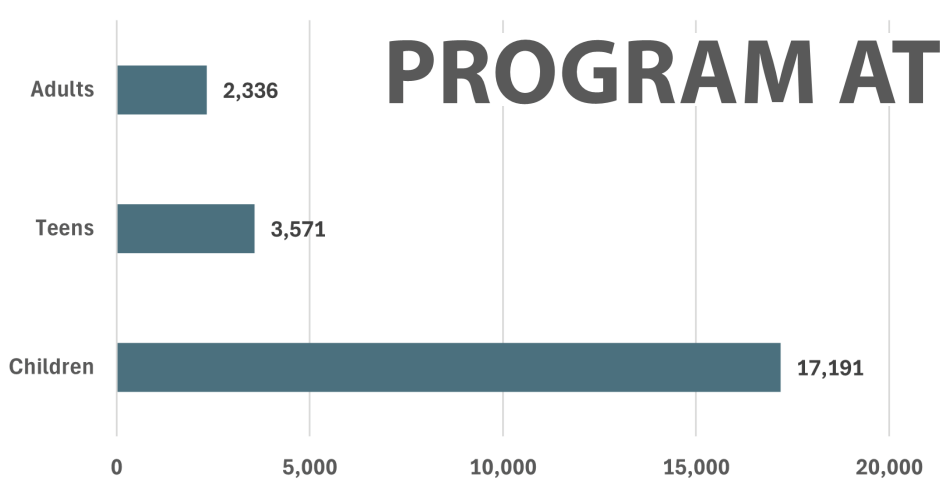


**1,570** ↑  
Kanopy Videos  
Played



**6,133** ↑  
eMagazines Circulated

## PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



↑ **11%**

**Total Number of  
Adult Programs  
(229 → 255)**

### Minutes Watched on Kanopy

**↑ 222%**  
(9,860 → 31,790)

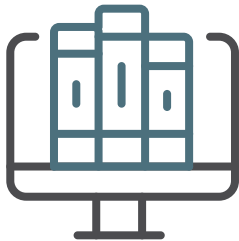


### Website Views

**↑ 155%**  
(72,700 → 185,606)



**↑ 182%**  
(3,203 → 9,034)



**↑ 31%**  
(2,126 → 2,775)



**↑ 21%**  
(448 → 543)



### WiFi Users

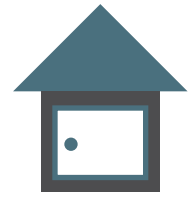
**↑ 8%**  
(17,042 → 18,432)



### Little Free Libraries

Children's Books Distributed

**↑ 27%**  
(2,927 → 3,727)



### Units of Blood Donated

**↑ 12%**  
(195 → 220)



Just one donation can save up to three lives.\* Library patrons helped to save **660 lives** in 2025!

\*www.hhs.gov

### Followers Gained

Facebook, Instagram, & X total

**↑ 7%**



(6,197 → 6,604)

### Board Games

Most Checkouts

**1<sup>st</sup>** The Game of Life



**Tie! 2<sup>nd</sup>** Clue  
Ticket to Ride



**3<sup>rd</sup>** Settlers of Catan



# Community Impact



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“Through our partnership with the Imagination Library, we’re able to put books directly into the hands of children, and through 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, we help families turn those books into lasting reading habits. Together, these programs spark imagination, strengthen connections, and build the foundation for lifelong learning.”

- Amy Johnson  
Youth Librarian, 1KBBK Coordinator

# Baxter County Early Literacy Project

In 2025, the Baxter County Early Literacy Project continued bringing early literacy resources directly to families, with staff attending 11 community events throughout the year. Families enthusiastically participated in the popular Read-on-the-Spot activities, which encourage caregivers and children to share books together and celebrate the joy of reading.

Since its inception, the project has helped 1,470 children graduate from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which has mailed a total of 64,664 books to children in Baxter County since March 2019.

As part of its ongoing commitment to expanding access to books, the Early Literacy Project purchased three new Little Free Libraries, which will soon be installed. In 2025, a total of 3,727 children's books were distributed through the Little Free Libraries, a 27% increase from 2024, further increasing opportunities for families to discover and share books throughout the county.



## Pop-Up Library

In 2025, the Pop-Up Library continued to strengthen its presence in the community through a variety of key events. Over the course of the year, staff issued more than 40 new library cards and updated over 80 existing cards at community events. One of the most popular events was the Cotter Trout Festival, where Library staff connected with more than 180 community members. A newly attended event, ASUMH New Student Orientation, saw the highest number of new and updated cards of any event this year, demonstrating the Pop-Up Library's growing reach.

The Pop-Up Library also participated in longstanding favorites, including Gassville in the Park, JamFest, Norfolk Pioneer Days, partnering with the Baxter County Early Literacy Project to engage the community and promote local literacy initiatives.

# New & Exciting



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“I love checking out Ticket to Ride because all of my kids, even at different ages, enjoy playing it together. I really appreciate how the pieces are organized in pouches and the great variety of games the library offers—this is already my third time borrowing Ticket to Ride!”

- Tarra Simmons  
*Library Patron*

## Special Collections Grow

In January 2025, the Baxter County Library expanded its Special Collections by introducing a selection of board games available for checkout. These games encourage strategic thinking, problem-solving, and social interaction while promoting fun and connection among families and friends. Titles include classics like Scrabble, Clue, and Parcheesi, as well as modern favorites such as Catan, Ticket to Ride, and Apples to Apples. Board games are available for one-week checkout.

The Library further enriched the Special Collections with the addition of Pilestone Color Blind Glasses, generously donated by the Mountain Home Lions Club. These glasses are designed to assist individuals with color vision deficiencies by enhancing color differentiation, allowing users to experience the world in richer, more vibrant color. The collection includes glasses for multiple types of color vision deficiency, with options for both adults and children, including clip-on styles. Available for one-week checkout at the Circulation Desk, the glasses provide patrons with the opportunity to explore how the technology works before deciding to purchase their own.

## Kanopy Streaming Video Expanded

In 2025, the Baxter County Library expanded its digital entertainment offerings through Kanopy, a free streaming service available to patrons with a Library card. This platform allows users to enjoy high-quality films and television on demand—anytime, anywhere.

To better serve a wide range of viewing interests, the Library added new streaming packs featuring collections such as *Easy Watching*, *Family Friendly*, and *Episodic Titles*. These curated categories highlight everything from lighthearted comedies and inspiring documentaries to timeless classics, award-winning dramas, and binge-worthy series.

The addition of these streaming packs reflects the Library's ongoing commitment to expanding access to diverse digital content that supports lifelong learning and family engagement. In fact, Kanopy usage increased by 17% from 2024 to 2025, highlighting patrons' enthusiasm for exploring the platform's ever-growing library of stories that educate, entertain, and inspire.

Patrons can explore Kanopy and the Library's full suite of digital resources through the Baxter County Library website under the Research & Learn tab.

## Read | Write | Ignite: Literary Saturdays

In 2025, the Library re-imagined its Classic Saturdays series with a new twist—introducing Read | Write | Ignite: Literary Saturdays, a celebration of stories, creativity, and imagination. Each themed event invited families to explore literature in fun, hands-on ways through crafts, activities, and engaging programs inspired by beloved books and cultural moments.

The series kicked off with Medieval Day, where families enjoyed a mix of crafts, archery with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, story time, calligraphy, hand-spinning demonstrations, and a treasure hunt worthy of legend. Visitors were encouraged to dress in family-friendly period attire, or come as they were, for a day of discovery and adventure.

Next came Dolly Day, celebrating the legendary Dolly Parton with trivia, karaoke, story time, sweet treats, and a "Bling-Your-Own-Book-Cover" craft. Families also had the opportunity to register children age five and under for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. A new life-sized Dolly cutout, added this year to the Early Literacy Project, made for a popular photo stop!

The series wrapped up with Wicked Day, where guests followed the yellow brick road for a "wickedly wonderful" day in Oz. Highlights included wand-making crafts, enchanting karaoke, themed treats, and a special presentation on *The Magic of Tornadoes* by Digital Forecaster Blaze Thomas. Attendees of all ages joined the fun by dressing as their favorite Oz characters, or simply enjoying the magic of the moment.

# 2025 Library Volunteers

The Library depends on wonderful volunteers who help provide unmatched service and support for the entire community by contributing over 8,482 volunteer hours in 2025!

## Library Board

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## Little Free Library

Toni Fisher  
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Sandra Heston  
Ken Sickels  
Suzanne Sutherland  
Dorothy Vronch Tripplehorn  
Kristen Wooldridge  
AJ Woodbury  
Connor Woodbury

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Vicki Donahue  
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Donna Enright  
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Dorothy Vronch Tripplehorn  
Janet Wheeler  
Neal Wheeler  
Jeanne Whittam

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Abigail Bynum  
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Kohler Matthews  
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Emma Jernigan  
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Kenzie (Makenzie) Horn  
Lydia Lewis  
Madilynn Johnson  
Makylah Tackitt  
Matthew Van Landingham  
Presley Mayfield  
Wednesday Van Landingham  
Zoey Thompson  
Zoie Herren

## Pollinator Garden

Sally Little  
Mary Lynch  
Carolyn Riley  
Jeri Slaughter

\*Emeritus Board Member

**2025 Volunteer  
Award Recipients**

**Gold (+500 hrs)**

Margie Kelly

**Silver (+250 hrs)**

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Jim Clevenger  
Vicki Donahue  
John Reckard  
Janice Slaby

**Bronze (+100 hrs)**

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Mary Lou Duseberg  
Donna Enright  
Faiz Khayat  
Nancy Knopp  
Gendy McMillen  
Joan Michalek  
Susan Nixon  
Margaret Park  
Cathy Roever  
Maureen Rozelle  
Charlotte Smith  
David Smith  
Phyllis Speer  
Rose St. Clair  
Sarah Stuewe  
Scott Stuewe  
Suzanne Sutherland  
Dorothy Vronch Tripplehorn  
Janet Wheeler  
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Terry Wilson



*Volunteers assist young patrons by handing out golf clubs during the Mini Golf FUNdraiser.*



*(L to R): Karen L. Kimbriel, Mary Lynch, Sally Little, Kim Crow Sheaner, and Barbara Sandberg\*. Baxter County Master Gardeners & Pollinator Garden Volunteers with the 2024 Project of the Year award (received 2025).*

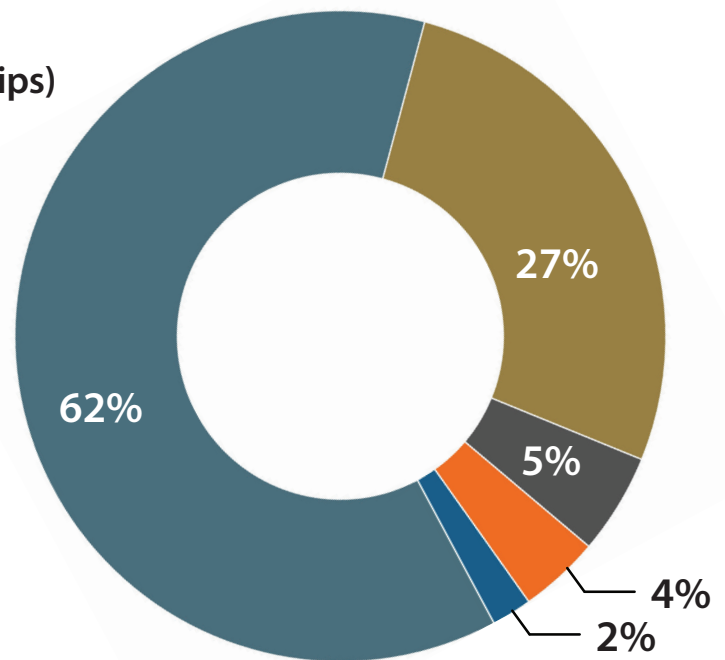
*\*In memoriam: Barbara Lizabeth Sandberg (1949–2025), beloved President of the Friends of the Baxter County Library and dedicated supporter of the Baxter County Library. Since moving to Mountain Home in 2014, she generously shared her time, leadership, and passion for literacy and community.*

# Support for the Library

The Library depends on significant revenue from the Baxter County Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library to supplement a 1 mill Baxter County Property Tax, which has remained unchanged since the 1950s.

## 2025 Library Revenue: \$1,557,313

- 62%** Baxter County Property Taxes
- 27%** Library Foundation (Including Donations & Sponsorships)
- 5%** State Aid
- 4%** Miscellaneous (Fines, Fees, Café Rental)
- 2%** Friends of the Library



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“Thanks to our generous donors, the Library Foundation is proud to support the Library as a cornerstone of our community. The Foundation is built on the belief that a library is more than just a building; it is the heartbeat of our community.

By investing in our public library, we secure a future where knowledge, inspiration, and opportunity remain accessible to every neighbor, student, and dreamer, ensuring every individual has the tools to thrive.”

- Shonda Litty

*Foundation Trustee President*



(L to R) Friends of the Library Scholarship Committee Member Nancy Knopp, 1st place recipient Sarah Williams, 2nd place recipient Jocelyn Hill, 3rd place recipient (tie) Krizia Rodriguez, 3rd place recipient (tie) Erin Smith, Baxter County Library Director Kim Crow Sheaner.

## Friends of the Library

In 2025, the Friends of the Baxter County Library continued their strong support of the Library through quarterly Used Book Sales, Silent Auctions, and ongoing fundraising efforts.

The Friends awarded four scholarships totaling \$3,200 to graduating seniors in Baxter County and also provided a scholarship to Library staff member Brandie Soden to assist her in pursuing a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree.

Demonstrating their continued commitment to the Library’s mission, the Friends approved a funding request of \$32,250 to support Library programs and services, furthering educational enrichment within the community. To date, the Friends have raised nearly \$700,000 for the Library through their dedicated initiatives.



Friends of the Library Scholarship Committee Member Nancy Knopp and Library Staff Member Brandie Soden.



**FRIENDS** of the  
Baxter County Library

## Library Foundation

The Library Foundation’s year-end giving campaign, *Wrap it Up* for the Library, was another success, raising more than \$85,000 in support of the Library. Other fundraising events rounded out the year for the Foundation including *Library Giving Day*, the *Mother’s Day Pinwheel Trail*, *Ante Up for the Library Texas Hold’em Tournament*, a *Family Mini Golf Day*, and *Mini Golf After Hours*.

The Foundation’s annual *Heart of the Library* reception celebrated Jeannie Ally and her lasting generosity and support of the Library’s vision. Carol Landrum was honored with the Distinguished Service Award recognizing her outstanding volunteer service and dedication. Rapp’s Barren Brewing Co. was awarded the Excellence in Community Engagement Award, honoring their partnership and positive impact on the community.



Baxter County Library  
**FOUNDATION**

# 2025 Foundation Donors

## Individuals

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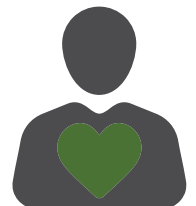
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The Library Foundation saw a 100% increase in donations from 2024 to 2025, reflecting the community's growing commitment to supporting Library programs and resources.

↑ 100%  
 (345,901 → 701,319)



# Heart of the Library Awards



*Jeannie Alley accepted the 2025 Heart of the Library Award for her lasting generosity and support of the Library's vision.*



*Carol Landrum was awarded the Distinguished Service Award recognizing her outstanding volunteer service and dedication.*



*Rapp's Barren Brewing Co. was awarded the Excellence in Community Engagement Award, honoring their partnership and positive impact on the community.*

# Library Hill Trail



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“Public libraries enrich lives, and I am proud to say that our amazing Baxter County Library does so more than most. By incorporating nature and literature, along with health and wellness, Library Hill Trail will open even more exciting ways for our staff to educate and inspire our community.”

- Kim Crow Sheaner  
*Executive Director, Baxter County Library*

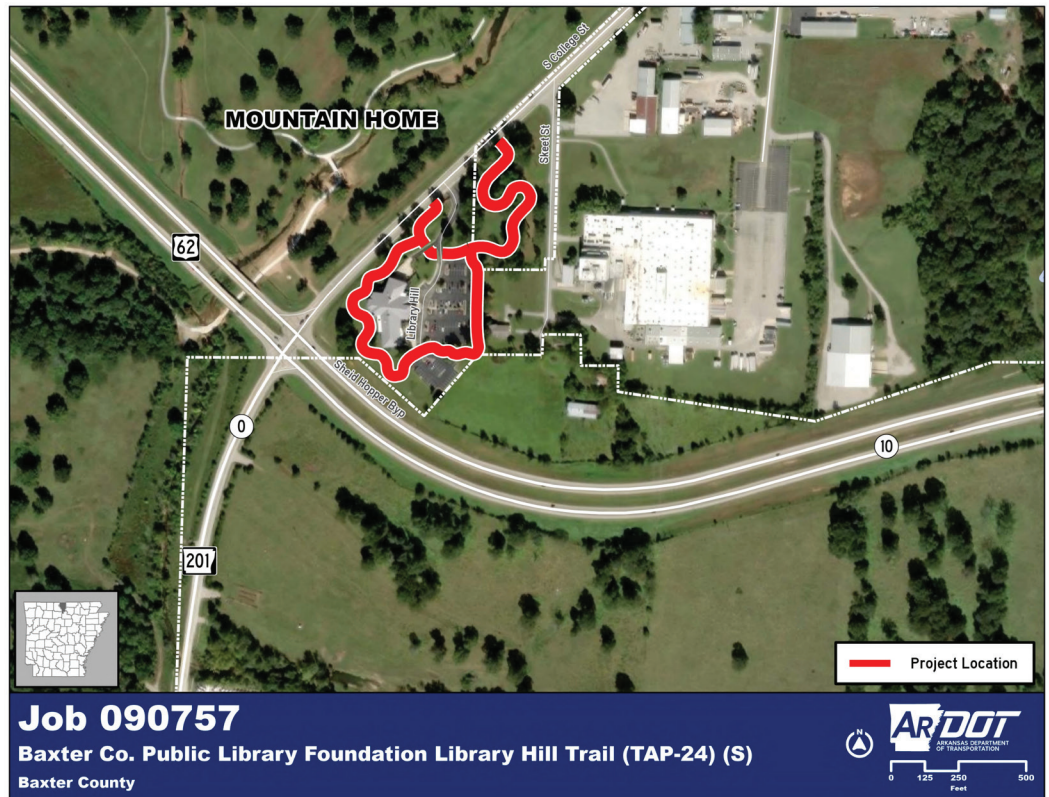
# Library Hill Trail

In 2025, the Baxter County Library made significant progress on fundraising for the Library Hill Trail Project, a multi-use walking and biking trail designed to improve access to the Library while promoting health, safety, and community connection. The trail will loop around the Library campus and connect to existing trail systems at McCabe Park and Arkansas State University–Mountain Home, strengthening regional pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

A major milestone in 2024 was the Library's award of a \$456,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant through the Arkansas Department of Transportation, covering 80% of the project cost.

To meet matching and long-term maintenance needs, the Baxter County Library Foundation launched a fundraising campaign, including corporate sponsorships, individual gifts, and community events such as the *Library Hill Virtual Challenge* and *The Mother's Day Pinwheel Trail*.

When completed, the Library Hill Trail will provide a safe, accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists, support wellness and outdoor learning opportunities, and strengthen connections between the Library, schools, parks, and the broader community.



**Job 090757**  
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Note: This is a preliminary map. Actual trail design to be determined.

# Thank you to our generous trail donors!

## Gifts over \$5,000

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