

## **Danbury Public Library**

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### **Mission Statement:**

As an essential city asset, the Danbury Library is committed to being:

- A welcoming destination
- Responsive to the varied needs of our city's diverse community
- A source of inspiration through words and ideas

Located in the heart of downtown Danbury, the Danbury Library is an integral community asset available to all residents. It is a place where people can find a quiet room for study or a venue for the spirited exchange of ideas. Within and outside of the library's walls, the Danbury Library is committed to providing learning opportunities, entertainment, and enrichment for our community.

From learning the alphabet to planning for retirement, the library offers many opportunities for personal growth. As the needs of our community evolve, the library and its staff adapt to connect people with the tools and information necessary to navigate and flourish in all phases of life.

### **2024-2025 Accomplishments:**

- Established the Civic Hub Initiative, a six-month pop-up designed to deepen civic engagement by spotlighting critical local issues through rotating displays and programming.
- Introduced 3 new services to provide patrons with 5,700 digital magazines available for checkout without any holds or limits, digital access to collections of comics, manga, and picture books, and an online cooking platform with live chef demonstrations for a variety of ages.
- Provided the Comida Food Pantry with harvests from the hydroponic tower garden in partnership with the Association of Religious Communities.
- Collected and delivered over 25 boxes of non-perishable goods to donate to the Daily Bread Food Pantry as part of a campaign to waive overdue fines.
- Developed the 2025-2030 strategic plan for the library based on community feedback.

- Hosted the 3rd Annual Community Baby Shower, a free event for pregnant people and families with small children to meet community organizations dedicated to their well-being and future success.
- Showed a series of famous movies with scenes set in Danbury in partnership with the Danbury Cultural Commission.
- Museum visits
- Received the 2024 Skillbuilders grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to develop an enrichment program for children entering grades 1-3.
- Received 2025 RUSA Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia .
- Featured on the Agewell Across Connecticut tour for being a CTLAB Hub. The library was recognized as a top local effort providing inclusivity and accessibility for aging residents, people with disabilities, and those with dementia.

#### **2025-2026 Objectives:**

- Unveil the Instrument Garden
- Begin instructional cooking classes in the library's teaching kitchen
- Expand ESL learning in house
- Find new grant opportunities to fund more services
- Enhance digital services offerings to meet community needs
- Increase computer classes and one-on-one help