



January 30, 2026

Highland County Board of Supervisors
P. O. Box 130
Monterey, VA 24465

Dear Mr. Sponaugle, Mr. Budzinski, and Mr. Tribble:

The Board of Directors of the Highland County Public Library respectfully requests an increase of \$2,800 for the fiscal year 2026-2027. We ask that our funding not be reduced from its current level since a reduction would trigger a loss of State Aid funding. We rely on State Aid for purchasing books, materials, and online databases for the library. We also ask that the librarian be included if any raises are given to County employees.

We are grateful to the Board of Supervisors for their increase last year to help us come closer to the state library's 66.6% mandate and are pleased to report compliance for the most recently reported fiscal year. Our request this year is for level funding adjusted for the 2025 inflation rate. We are requesting an increase of \$2,800, which is our current funding of \$103,716 multiplied by the 2025 inflation rate of 2.7%, as shown by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Since we are fully staffed for the first time in nearly a year, we plan to apply this increase to library aide compensation line in our 2026-2027 budget.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and your ongoing assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

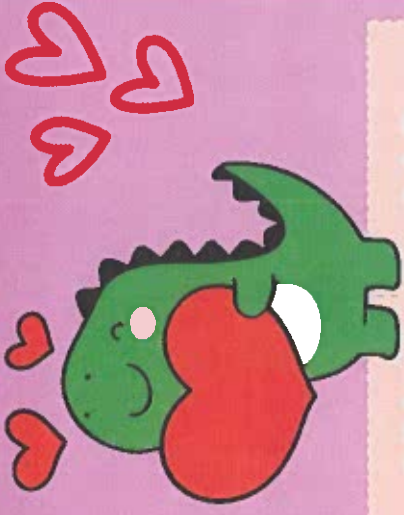
Tomi Herold
Library Director

Log In Credentials for Highland County Public Library Online Resources

X=the unique numbers in your library card number, **000**=three zeros

Online Resource	Library Card	Notes
accel5	V1rgin1a!	Sign up for personal account
Access World News	PX	
Access Video on Demand	No card needed, optional registration	
Ancestry for Virginians		No card needed
Beanstack	PX	Register for an account
Black Life in America	PX	
Blue Ridge Download Consortium (Libby)	PX	Password: Last name
Brainfuse HelpNow	000PX	Sign up for personal account
Brainfuse JobNow	000PX	Sign up for personal account
Brainfuse VetNow	000PX	Sign up for personal account
Explora Public Libraries	000PX	
Explora Schools	000PX	
Find It Virginia		No card needed
Gale in Context: Elementary	000PX	
Gale LegalForms	000PX	
HeritageHub	PX	
Hoopla	PX	Set username and password
Just for Kids Access Video	000PX	
Kanopy NEW	PX	Password: Last name
Magzter	000PX	Enter email address & verify
MasterFile Complete	000PX	
NoveList K-8 Plus	000PX	
NoveList Plus	000PX	
Read It!	000PX	
Scholastic Teachables	PX	
Transparent Language	000PX	Sign up for personal account
Universal Class	PX	Register for an account
Virginia Chronicle		No card needed

FEBRUARY 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1:00 - 5:00 Sunday Fun Day	2  Groundhog Day	3	4	5 3:20-4:15 Afterschool Program "Be My Valentine Charlie Brown" & Craft	6 6-8 All Ages Heart Sculptures Creative Evening	7
8	9	10 10-11 Pre-K Library Hour Valentine Fun	11	12 3:20-4:15 Afterschool Program Happy Birthday Abe Lincoln 6-8 All Ages Chess Club	13	14  11:00 - 12:00 Children's Story Hour Dr Seuss 12:30 - 2:15 Movie "The Wild Robot"
15	16 Library Closed 	17 1:00 Library Movie TBA 6-8 Dungeons & Dragons	18	19 12:30 - 2:00 Homeschool Protect Pollinators 3:20-4:15 Afterschool Program Lunar New Year	20 6:00 - 7:30 Gardening Group	21
22 Priscilla Melchior Book Signing 2:00 p.m.	23	24 10-11 Pre-K Library Hour Daniel Tiger 1-3 Sew & Tell	25	26 3:20-4:15 Afterschool Program Matisse & Collage	27 5:30 - 6:30 Book Club "Raising Hair"	28



I ♥ READING

2025 Year in Review HCPL Highlights

- 1** Resolution for HCPL 50th Anniversary read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Ben Cline.
- 2** Jane Austen Book Club celebrated Jane Austen's 250th birthday with bimonthly book group discussions of timeless author's six popular books.
- 3** Upgraded broadband speed in the library to 1G.
- 4** Partnered with Highland County Medical Equipment Loan Program to create Caregiver Bags.
- 5** "Boogie Down With Books" summer reading program theme celebrated library's origin in the 1970s.
- 6** Said goodbye to library team members Brit Chambers and Linda Holman. Welcomed Jennifer Cox, Melody Moats, and Lauren Wigal.
- 7** Hosted successful 50th Anniversary Dinner and Author Event, a wonderful evening with good food and friends.
- 8** Celebrated our 50th Anniversary with an outdoor event featuring a magician, musician, and birthday cake!
- 9** Annual Used Book Sale achieved record sales once again, over \$6,000. Thank you, volunteers!
- 10** Commemorated library's opening day, Dec. 16, 1975, with an open house featuring food and giveaways.

88%

Increase in After
School Program
attendance in
Fall over Spring
semester.

21%

Increase in
number of
programs over
last year.

950

Snack Bags for
Children
distributed in
2025.

Thank you to the employees, volunteers, and donors
who make our community library a success!

HIGHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BUDGET WORKSHEET 2025-2026

71% Budget

	TOTAL	FED	COUNTY	TOWN	VA	LOCAL
HIGHLAND COUNTY	66702		66702	0	0	0
HIGHLAND COUNTY SUPP.	37014		37014	0	0	0
TOWN OF MONTEREY	1000			1000	0	0
GRANT-COMM OF VA	51301			0	51301	0
LOCAL DONATIONS	35000			0	0	35000
DUES	650			0	0	650
COPIES, FAX, ETC	2500			0	0	2500
ENDOWMENT INCOME	4000			0	0	4000
CARRYOVER - DESIG.	0			0	0	0
FROM RESERVE	0			0	0	0
E-RATE	1091	1091		0	0	0
FUND-RAISING-Book Sale	4700			0	0	4700
TOTAL	203958	1091	103716	1000	51301	46850
PURCHASES	36801			0	36801	0
SALARIES	123542		93883	0	0	29659
BUILDING	16027	0	9833	500	0	5694
SUPPLIES	13644	1091	0	500	8200	3853
PROGRAMS	10150		0	0	6300	3850
OTHER	3794		0	0	0	3794
TOTAL	203958	1091	103716	1000	51301	46850
NET REV (EXP)	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Yellow shows line items where county funds are typically used

*Green shows the amount of aide compensation we must cover with fundraising.

SUPPLIES

OFFICE	2500	0	500	0	2000
NEWSLETTER	725				725
LIBRARY	5500	0		5200	300
COMPUTER	3000			3000	0
INTERNET	1919	1091		0	828
TOTAL	13644	1091	500	8200	3853

PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL	1200	0		700	500
DOLLY'S LIBRARY)	250				250
FAMILY MOVIE NI	400			0	400
SUMMER READIN	4000	0		3300	700
STEM	0				0
SNACKS	1800				1800
OTHER	2500			2300	200
TOTAL	10150	0	0	6300	3850

OTHER EXP

ADVERTISING	800				800
LUNCHEON	450				450
POSTAGE	250				250
TRAVEL	1000				1000
MISC	1294				1294
TOTAL	3794	0	0	0	3794

2026 March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1:00 - 5:00 Sunday Funday 	2	3	4	5 3:20-4:15 After School Program Bird Watching & Nesting	6  6:00 - 8:00 All Ages Mixed Media Collage	7 10:00 - 11:00 Children's Library Hour 12:30 - 2:30 Movie Matinee "A Wrinkle in Time"
8	9	10 10:00 - 11:00 Pre-K Library MAPLE SYRUP SEASON	11	12 3:20-4:15 After School Program St Patrick's Day 6:00 - 8:00 Chess Club	13	14  Maple Festival Library Closed
15	16 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY "1:00 Movie "Rental Family" 6:00-8:00 Dungeons & Dragons	17 10:00 - 11:00 Pre-K Library Gardening 1:00 - 3:00 Sew & Tell	18	19 12:30 - 2:00 Homeschool Program VA Rivers 3:20-4:15 After School Program State & National Parks	20 6:00-7:30 Gardening Group Pollinator & Earth Day Planning	21  Maple Festival Library Closed
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—PUBLIC LIBRARY—

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