



**FY 2026-2027  
Board of Finance  
Presentation**

**The Ferguson Library**



# Mission, Vision, Values

## **Our Mission**

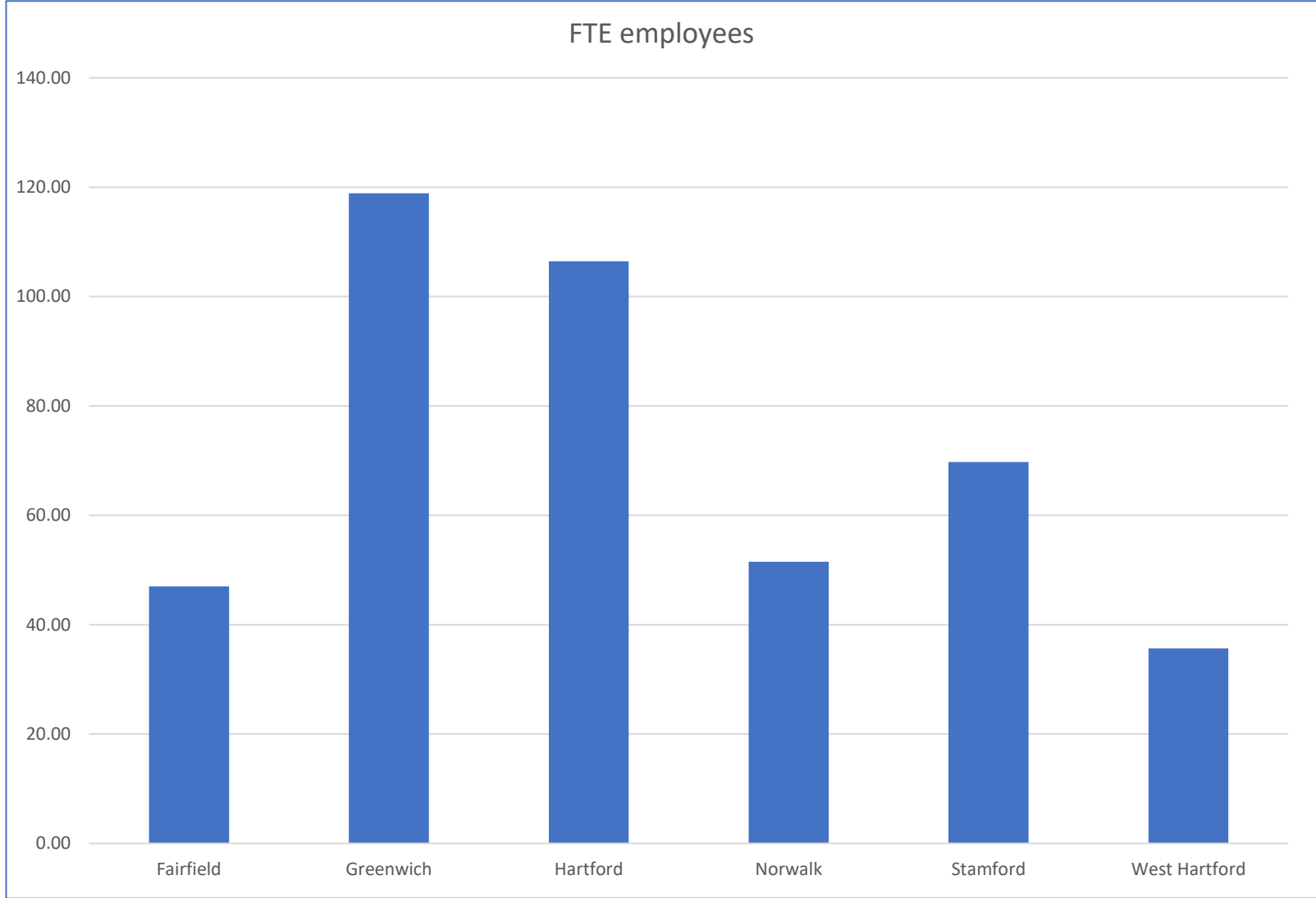
- Provide free and equal access to information, ideas, books and technology to educate, engage and enrich the Stamford community.

## **Our Vision**

- The Ferguson Library helps individuals and organizations achieve success in an effort to build a strong, vibrant and inclusive community.

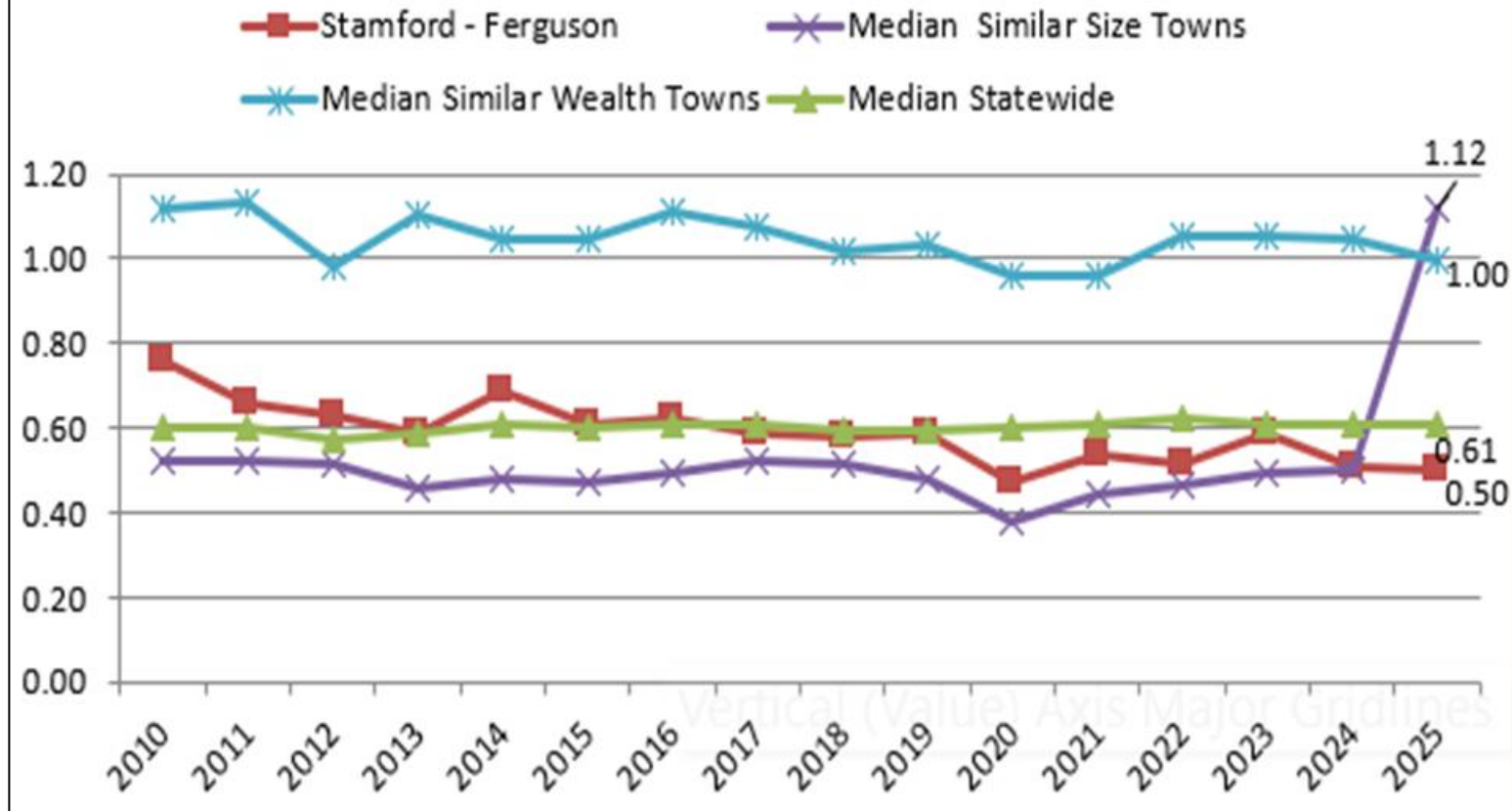
## **Our Foundational Principles**

- Intellectual Freedom
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



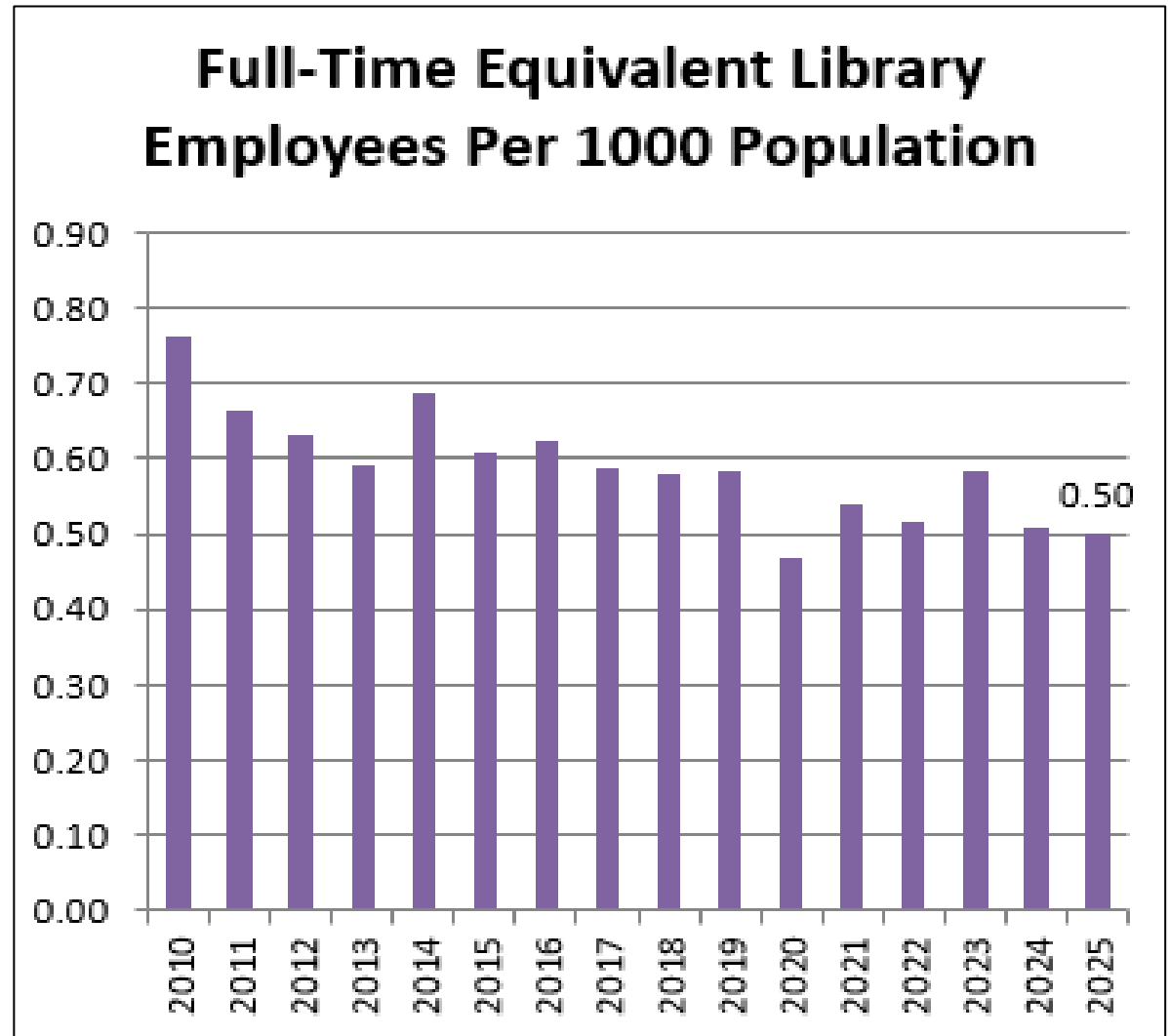
Staffing  
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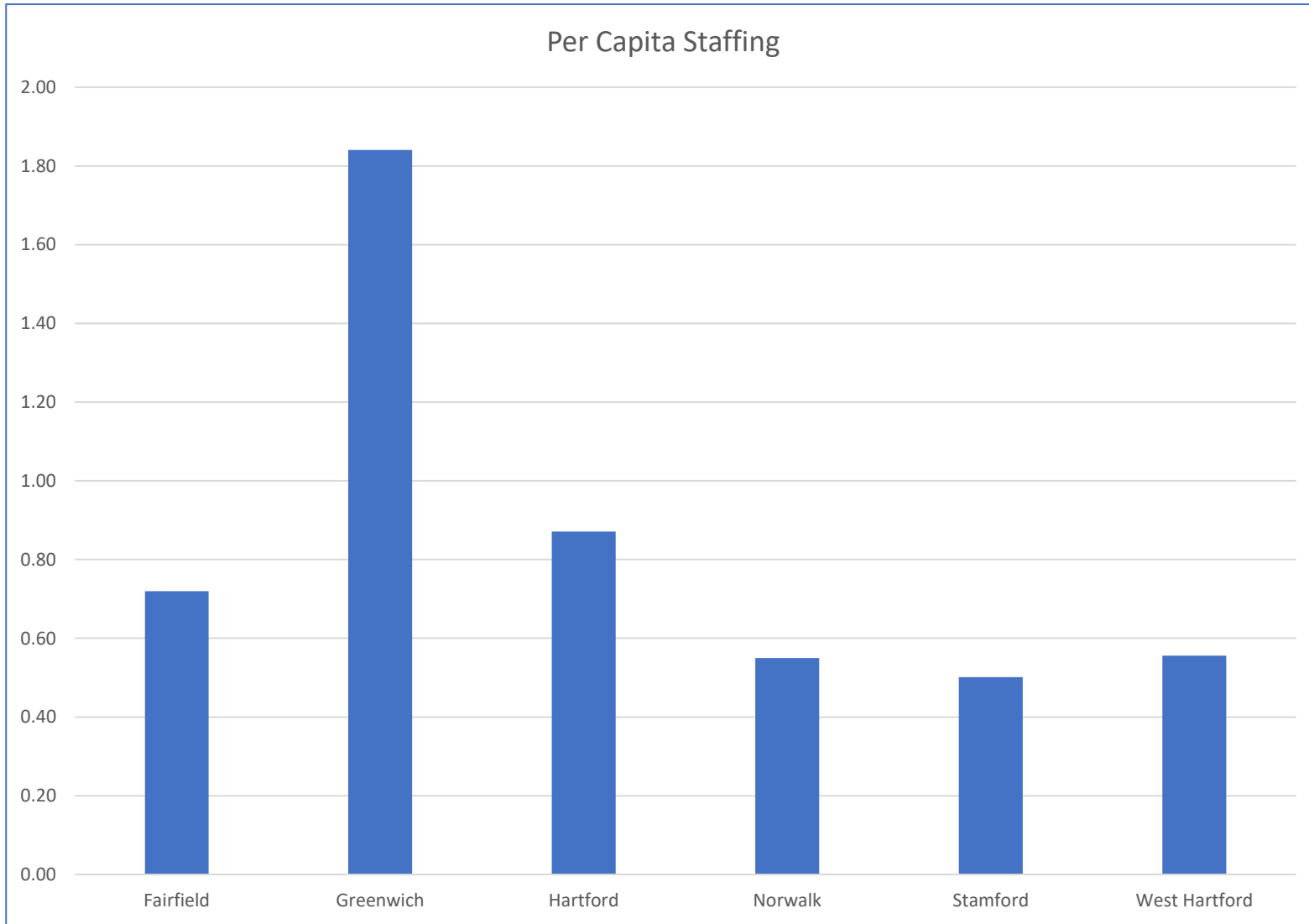
## Full-Time Equivalent Library Employees Per 1000 Population



Per Capita Staffing

# Staffing





Per Capita  
Staffing

**Ferguson Library**  
**2026-2027 Budget**  
**Adj for 4% Increase**

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Foundation Grant	450,000	475,000.00	500,000.00	25,000.00
Grants(Restricted)	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
Passport Office	375,000	-	-	-
Rental	71,532	73,315.00	73,315.00	-
Pay to Print \Copier	25,000	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Other Revenue	20,000	40,000.00	40,000.00	-
Friends of Ferguson	175,000	175,500.00	175,500.00	-
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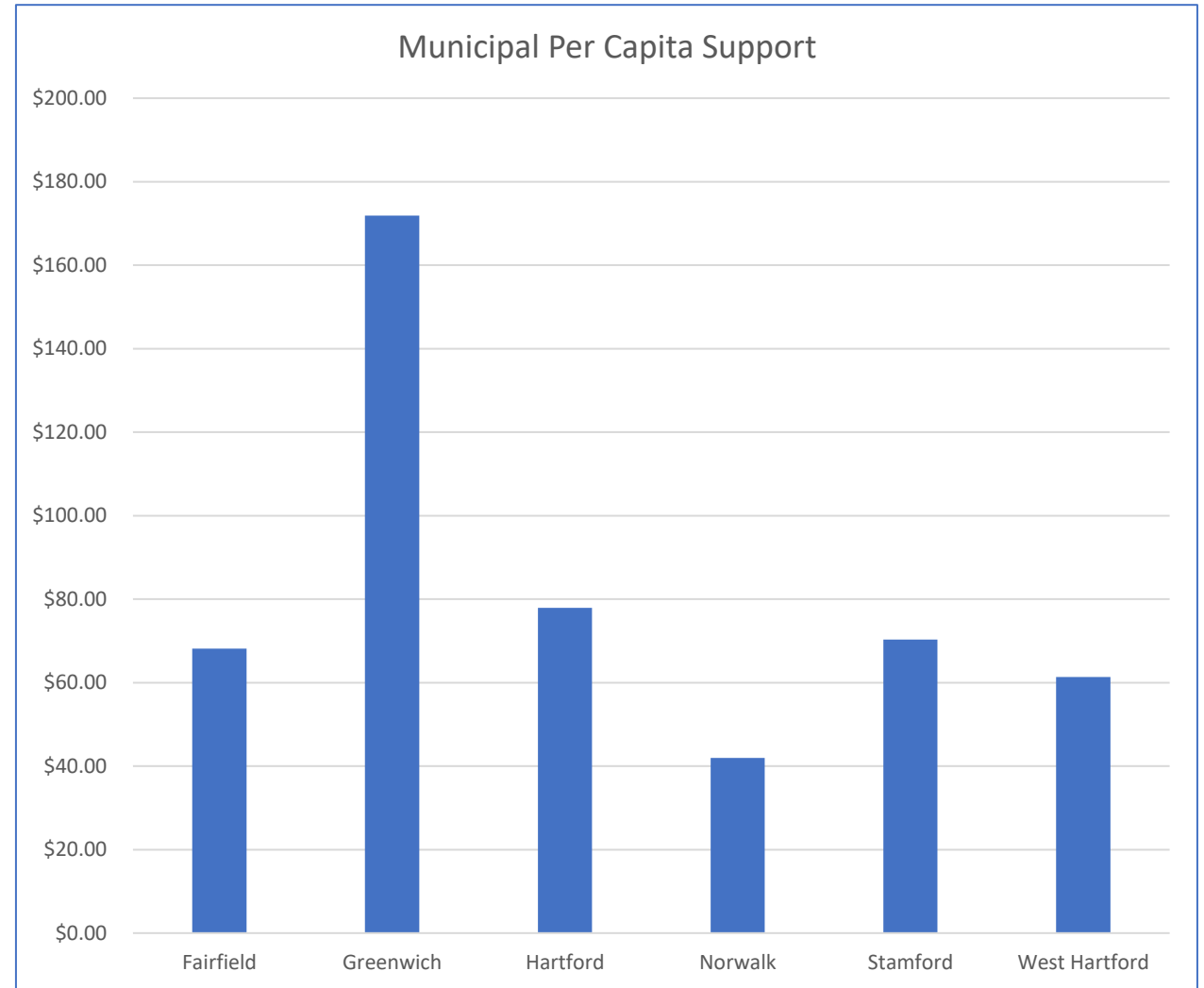
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Salaries	6,014,027.0	6,216,175.00	6,055,477.00	41,450.00
Benefits	1,968,501.0	2,144,036.00	2,043,134.48	74,633.48
Professional\Consulting	200,000.0	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
Equipment Rental	80,000.0	80,000.00	80,000.00	-
Maintenance	550,000.0	550,000.00	512,359.52	(37,640.48)
Conference \ Training	80,000.0	80,000.00	80,000.00	-
Library Programs Expense	175,000.0	80,000.00	80,000.00	(95,000.00)
Library Resources	1,005,000.0	1,010,000.00	1,010,000.00	5,000.00
Library Book Processing/Supplies	95,000.0	100,000.00	100,000.00	5,000.00
Library Software	200,000.0	210,000.00	210,000.00	10,000.00
Public Relations/Marketing	18,000.0	25,000.00	25,000.00	7,000.00
Insurance Expense	212,000.0	222,600.00	222,600.00	10,600.00
Software/Equipment	50,000.0	80,000.00	80,000.00	30,000.00
Communication	40,000.0	40,000.00	40,000.00	-
Office Supplies	45,000.0	45,000.00	45,000.00	-
Electric/Gas/Water	340,000.0	357,000.00	357,000.00	17,000.00
Security Expenses	165,000.0	192,000.00	192,000.00	27,000.00
Other Operating Expenses	78,004.0	87,004.00	87,004.00	9,000.00
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# Municipal Support Per Capita



**\$3,000,000** – Acceptance of federal funding to support construction of the East Side Library Branch

**\$1,000,000** – HVAC equipment replacement to maintain safe, reliable facilities

**\$350,000** – Design of the new East Side Library Branch

**\$300,000** – Restoration of the Main Library building

Capital  
Request

The co-location of the Ferguson Library branch with park and recreation services (due to its location at Courtland Park) presents a unique opportunity to enhance both library access and recreational offerings for residents on the East Side.

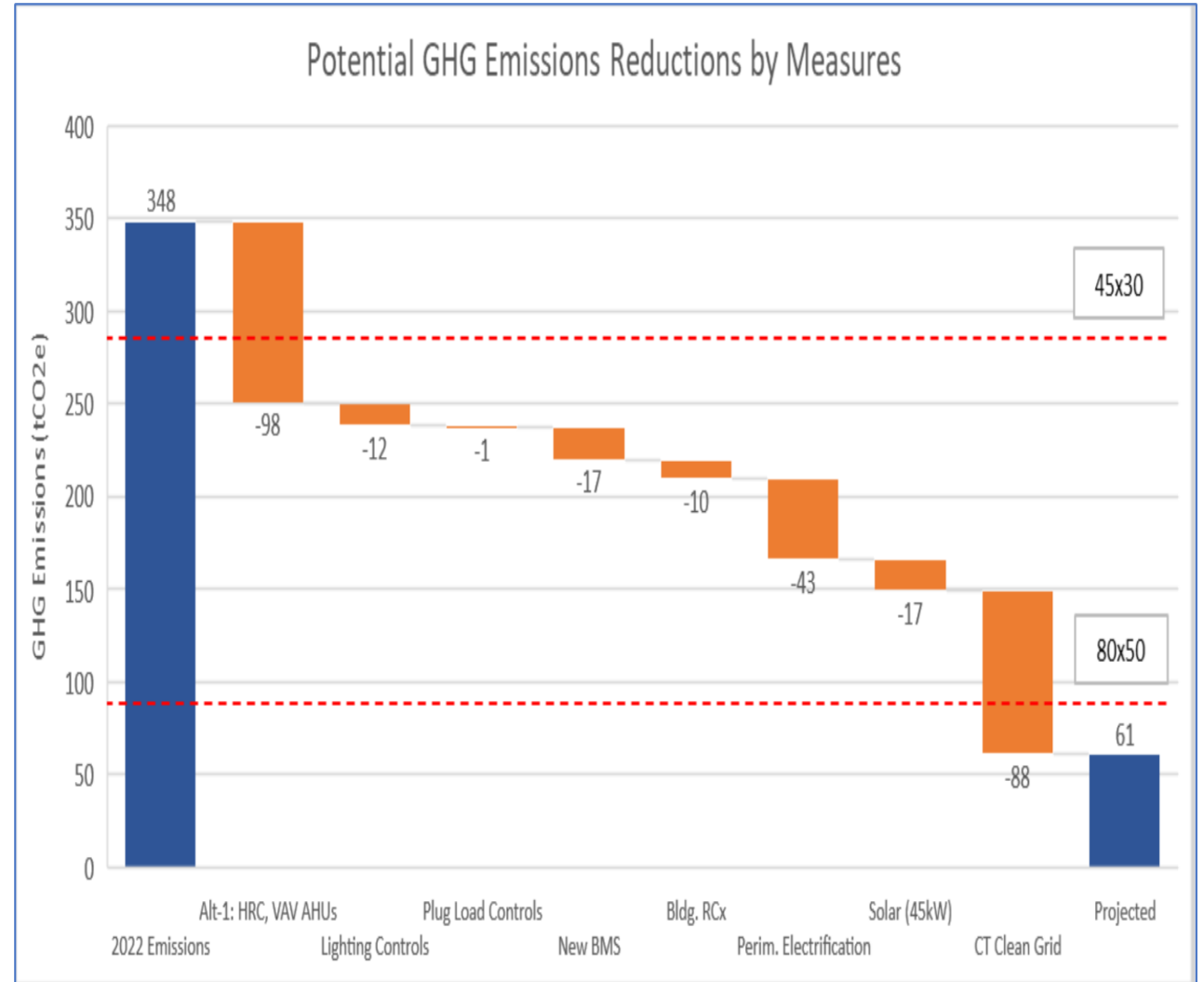
Approving the \$350,000 for design services is a critical first step that allows the Ferguson Library, in partnership with the City, to define the full scope and timeline for the East Side Library—moving the project from concept into implementation, and therefore starting the process to get concrete answers regarding project costs etc.



East Side  
Branch

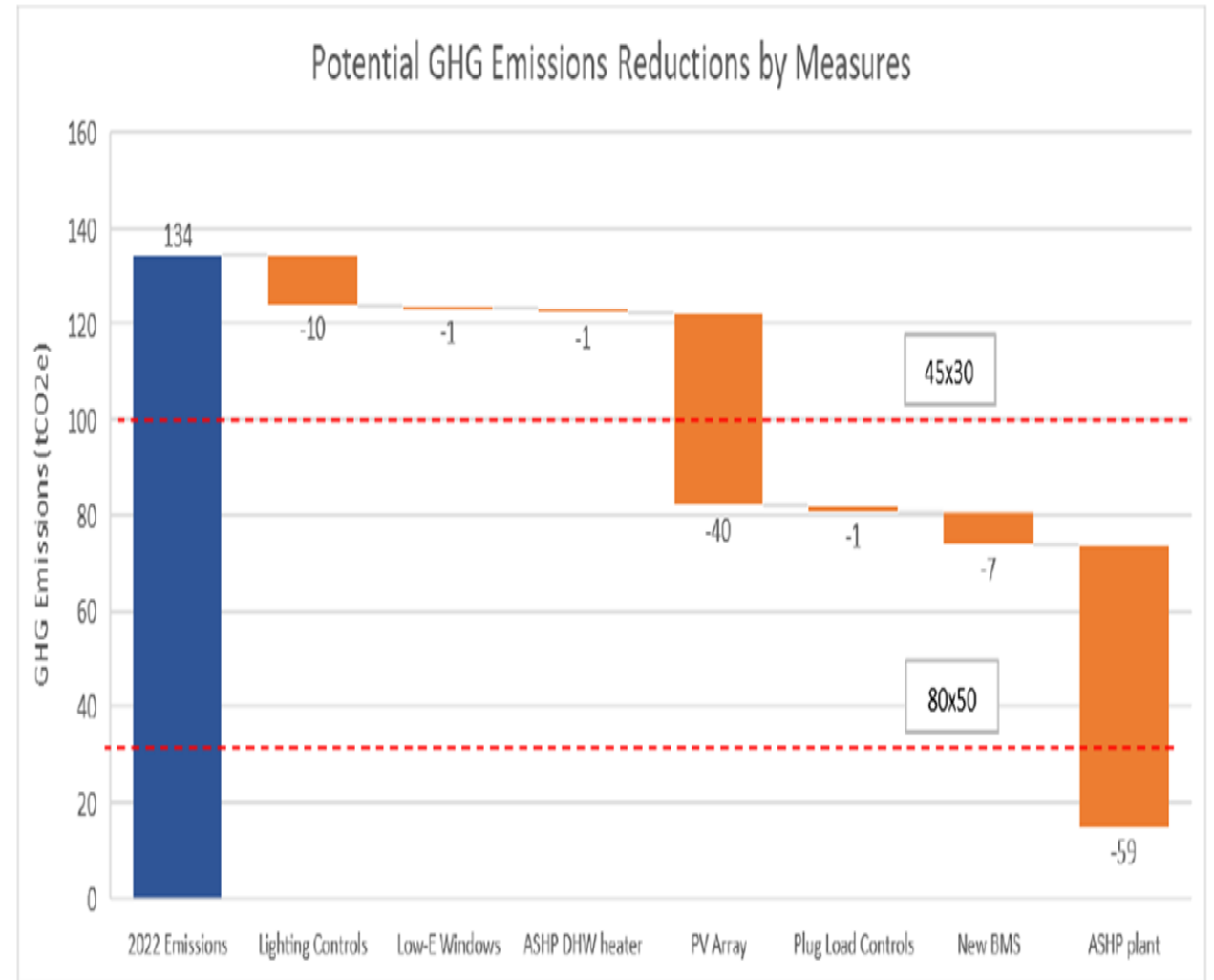
# HVAC for the Main Library

For full report: [Main Library: Energy Audit and Decarbonization Report | PDF to Flipbook](#)



# HVAC for the Harry Bennett Branch

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- Security enhancements
  - New cameras
  - New door locks
  - New Security Gates

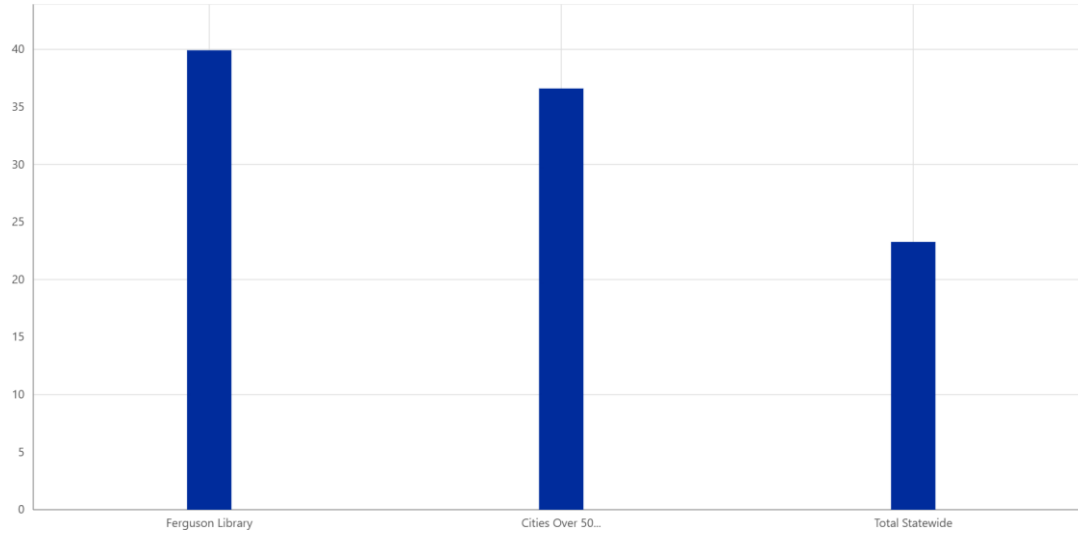


IT Upgrades

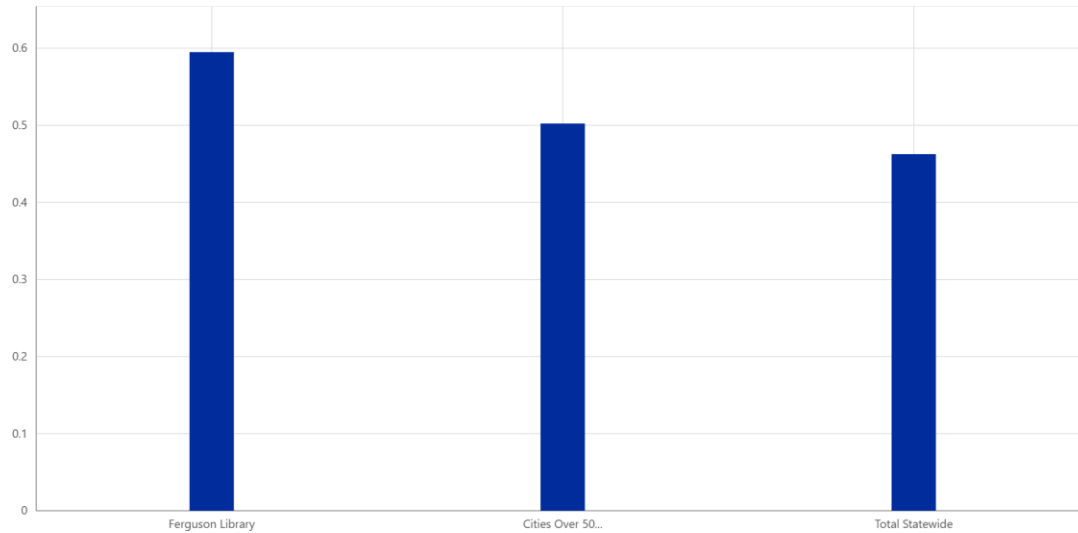


Library  
Services

How Busy is the Library? Visits Per Service Hour, FY2025



Reference Questions Per Capita, FY2025



Compared to  
Connecticut libraries

Both visits and questions  
asked...

# Collections & Services



“I appreciate that the library provides diverse resources, such as borrowing toolboxes for home repair, printing and copying, etc.”  
–Library user

We are seeing a steady **rebound in circulation** since the pandemic, as people come back to the library. We have also seen a sharp uptick in number of digital titles borrowed — an increase of 63 percent over the last two years, as e-books and audiobooks become more popular.

Our **World Languages book collection** of more than 14,000 volumes is used by newcomers and others for whom English is not their first language. In addition, as a book sanctuary library we collect books that represent the diversity in our community as we stand up for the freedom to read.

In addition to books, we offer a wide range of services, including **mailing books to homebound seniors**, and our **Digital Navigators** program, which offers technology assistance on a daily basis at the Main Library, and can be a lifeline for seniors. This year we conducted 1,037 Digital Navigator appointments, a 68% increase over last year.

We provide **Notary Services** at the Main Library and branches and one-on-one **Book-a-Librarian** appointments that allow people to book an hour of time with a librarian for help with anything from research to job applications.

The library's **Entrepreneur-in-Residence** program supports early-stage entrepreneurs as they navigate the process of growing their ideas into companies. Services focus on helping entrepreneurs develop and validate their ideas, form their teams and point them to legal, financial and operational assistance. This year our EIRs scheduled 252 individual appointments and 155 people attended semi-monthly advising calls.

## Adult Education Library Tours

- Black Family Wellness Expo in March
- Mental Health Kits to Go
- QPR Suicide Prevention Training
- Yoga & Zumba Classes for teens
- Art Therapy Workshops

Health/Recreational Program  
Attendance FY 2025 **4,761**

## Continuing Education

### Health

- Types of library materials and location
- Overview of digital library and e-content
- Overview of ESL, Citizenship, and World Language collections
- Overview of Multicultural Page
- Overview of Education in the US
- Adult Basic Reader collection and how it is structured

# Continuing Education

## Education

- FAFSA Assistance
- Student Loans
- Youth Employment Opportunities with The WorkPlace
- Writing a resume /resume review

Total Program Attendance  
FY 2025 **62,386**

## Financial Literacy

- Financial Literacy for Families
- Budgeting 101
- Budgeting Methods
- Concept of Credit
- Credit Reports
- Budgeting for College Bound or Continuing Education
- Retirement Planning and Social Security
- Estate Planning

## Workshops

- Resume Writing 101 – Adults and Teens
- Keyword Resumes
- Interviewing (virtual or in person)- Adults and Teens
- Time Management
- Career Planning

Career/Workforce Program  
Attendance **723**

Digital Navigator Appointments for  
Technology Assistance **1,037**

## Job Search/Workforce Development

### Certification Classes

- Health Careers with The WorkPlace

### Technology

- MSWord, Excel, PowerPoint
- Coding (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
- Website Design
- Some offered in Spanish

## Small Business

- Small Business Loans
- Small Business Resource Center

In-person one-on-one  
meetings **252**


Video conference calls **155**

## Entrepreneurs & Small Business

### Entrepreneurs

- Entrepreneurs-in-Residence
- 1-on-1 support and coaching
- Virtual networking
- Programs
- TechXcel Program Series

- Extended Loan Periods
- Customized package of materials on a specific subject
- All Grades
- Learning Kits to Go:
- Resources and Materials on favorite topics
- Books, puppets, and supplemental activities



Teacher  
Cards & Units



BRINGING THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO OUR SCHOOLS

Students can use their student ID to access our many digital materials, even if they don't have a Ferguson Library card.

**For access, enter 2111800+ student ID number (no spaces).**

If you encounter any issues accessing our e-materials or databases, let us know by visiting [fergusonlibrary.org/form/linked-libraries-contact-us-form](https://fergusonlibrary.org/form/linked-libraries-contact-us-form).

For more information, email [linkedlibraries@fergusonlibrary.org](mailto:linkedlibraries@fergusonlibrary.org).

## Linked Libraries

- Student Stamford Public Schools ID is the library card number.
- Reserve books from the Ferguson and get them delivered to the school.
- Easy to use eBook collection available from the Ferguson Library through Sora, the school-based version of Libby.
- TumbleBooks, a curated database of e-books for children in grades K-6, now licensed for in-school use via the Ferguson Library.

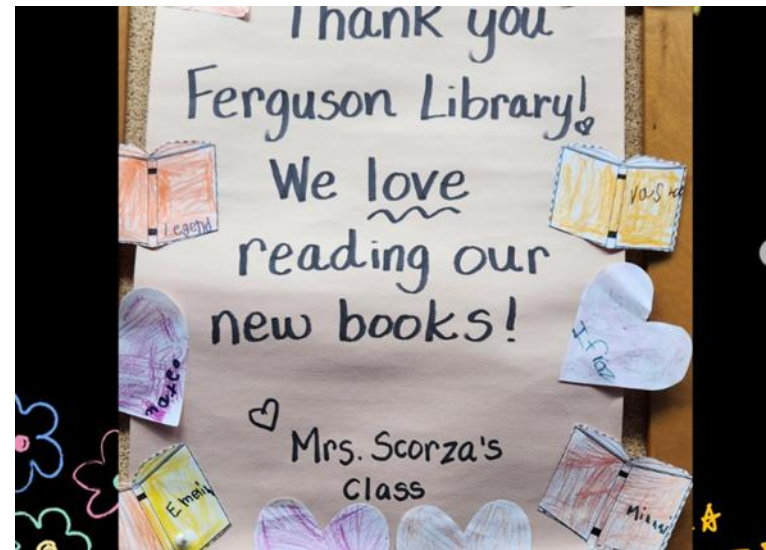
# Purple Bus Visits

## We own a Purple Bus.

- Programs available for elementary students three days a week
- Programs available upon request for middle and high school students

Purple Bus Visits **70**

Attendance **1,269**



# Outreach Programs

## Parent and Teacher workshops on

- Family reading
- Book selection
- Techniques for book talking and storytelling
- Online resources and homework help (Tutor.com)


Outreach Visits **257**

Attendance **12,266**



Assignment  
Alerts +

Online Assignment  
alert so that material is  
set aside for students

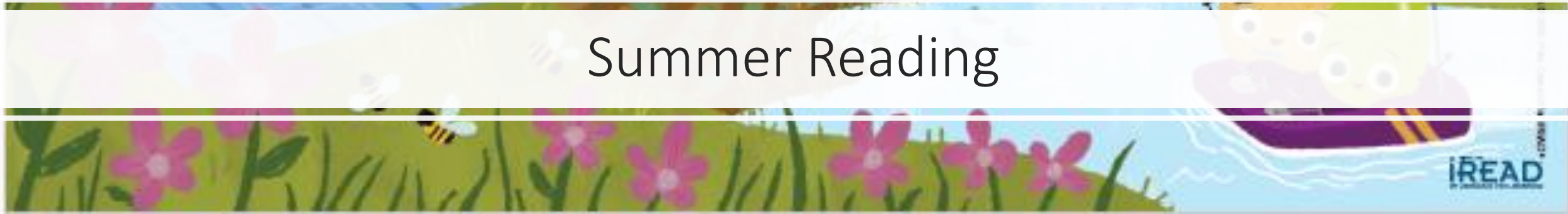


Recommended  
reading lists for all  
ages and interests

PLANT A SEED, READ



Summer Reading



# Partnership/Collaborations

