



Hudson Library and Historical Society LVWH Study March 2026

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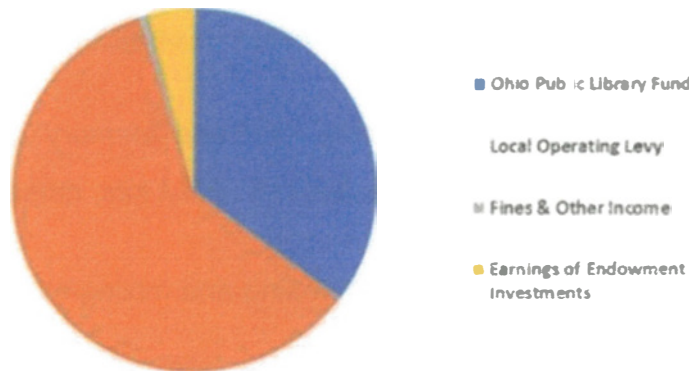
A library card allows access to 12 million print and streaming items available through CLEVNET. Check the library website for options.
www.hudsonlibrary.org

The Historical Society identifies, preserves, and provides access to records that document the founding, history, and ongoing activities and functions of Hudson. It also maintains a comprehensive manuscript, genealogy, and artifact collection of Hudson, dedicated to educating the community. It houses one of the nation's largest research collections on abolitionist John Brown.

The Morgan Foundation Center for Entrepreneurship Research provides information for business research, job search, ongoing lectures and workshops, technological support, and business mentoring opportunities.

The Friends of the Hudson Library is a non-profit volunteer organization committed to supporting the library. Book donations from the community are sold in the Friends Room near the entrance of the library.

2025 Revenue \$4,670,997



HLHS is predominantly funded by a voter approved levy and funds from the State of Ohio. A Hudson city levy demonstrates local support. The State of Ohio funds libraries through the Public Library Fund (PLF). In 2025, the Ohio legislature allocated a fixed budget amount for libraries rather than a percentage of state general revenue.

The library has a portfolio that contains endowments. Fines, donations, room rentals and income from copies complete the revenue stream.

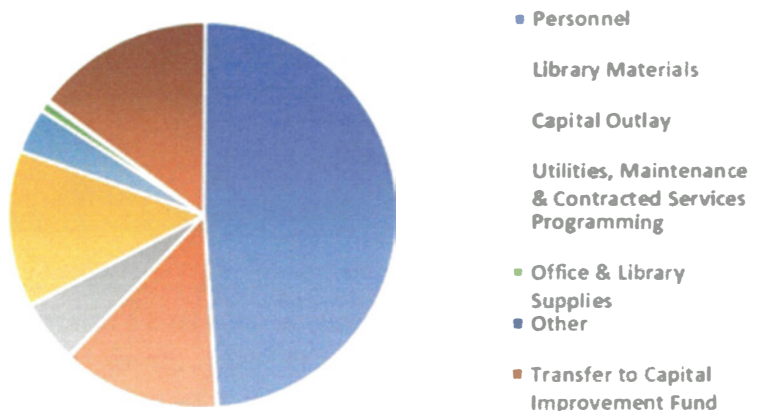
The Hudson Library and Historical Society (HLHS) as an association library governed by a board composed of nine elected trustees who establish policies and oversee the administration. Their monthly meetings are open to the public. Meeting notices, agenda and minutes are available on the library website. HLHS is a member of the H.O.M.E (Hudson Organization for Mutual Endeavors). The Library Director and Chief Fiscal Officer are selected by the Board of Trustees.

Personnel: Professional librarians have an appropriate degree in Library Science or Library and Information Science with library experience. Approximately 70 part-time and full time staff include librarians, circulation staff, pages, reference personnel, technology specialists, archivist and other positions.

Policies and Procedures. The Material Selection Policy, which outlines the criteria used for resource acquisition, follows the American Library Association’s guiding principles, and attempts to meet community needs and interests. Local writers may submit their book to the Hudson Author

The largest expense is salaries and benefits for personnel. Built in 2005, the building maintenance and utilities are a major expense. Funds are transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund annually which allows HLHS to save for major expenses.

2025 Expenses \$5,328,550



Services Offered Free to the Public

Programs: Education and entertainment-based programs such as preschool story time, nationally known speakers and authors, cooking demonstration programs, health and wellness programs, concerts and book discussions.

Collections: Comprehensive print, AV and digital collections for all ages. Foreign language materials and collections for hearing/sight/cognitively impaired.

Reading Incentive programs: Summer Reading Clubs for all ages, *"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten"*, *"100 Books Before Graduation"*.

Online resources for All Ages: Resume writing *"Brainfuse Help Now"*, *"College Scholarship Search Engine"* and *"Middle Search Plus"*.

Childhood Story Times and Enrichment: *"Born to Play"* activity center for youngsters and their caregivers, *"Art Smart"*: explores artists as inspiration for the student's own art creation, *"Sensory Saturdays"* a programs for neurodiverse youth.

Support for Cognitively Impaired: *"Memory Kits"* and *"Memory Cafe"*.

Library of Things: Checkout games, ukuleles, STEAM kits, museum passes, games tech devices.

Creativity Lab: Studio for podcasting, composing and mixing music, recording and editing videos.

Community Outreach: Homebound support, traveling collections and presentations for local preschools, public and private schools and community groups. Historical walking tours of Hudson. Notary on staff.

Watcon-Ewell-Currin Art Gallery: Rotating display of local artists.

Support: Technology instruction, grant writing database, 3-D printers, interlibrary loan, assistive listening technology and equipment for digitizing photos and recordings.

Room Reservation: Public use of library meeting rooms and study rooms.