



**2025
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REPORT**



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2025 grew the spotlight on Quatrefoil Library. The Minnesota Historical Society, with our collaboration, published an [article about the Library in MNopedia!](#) Twin Cities Amplified radio [interviewed](#) one of our longtime leaders and Librarians Karen Hogan alongside our Board President Ollin Montes about Quatrefoil Library.

2025 also brought heartbreak. Our community lost our last surviving co-founder, Dick Hewetson. Dick passed away on July 19th, 2025, in San Jose California. Dick was born on March 31st, 1930, and lived to the age of 95.

Dick lived an active and abundant life. Dick in partnership David Irwin incorporated Quatrefoil Library in 1983 and with the support of the community they opened our doors in 1986. Dick was actively involved the LGBTQIA+ community.

Dick participated in the fight to win the St. Paul Gay Right ordinance of 1977, served on the board of the Out and About Theatre a local gay theatre production company, and supported his union's organizing to include LGBTQIA+ protections in their contract. His later exploits included being an active member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

Dick's spirit of change and community continues as a living legacy through Quatrefoil Library. Many have and will continue to find inspiration, joy, and belonging at the Library because of you Dick, thank you. More information about Dick's life can be found at dickhewetson.net.



2025 Q HIGHLIGHTS

New Carpets in the Library

The Facilities Committee and the Librarian Advisory Group coordinated with Trellis building management, Hamernick's Flooring, and Bester Bros Moving Company to replace Quatrefoil's carpet. The project was completed efficiently and many volunteers assisted with packing and unpacking the Library during the project.

Expanding the Collection

In 2025, 203 new digital titles were added to the Libby collection, and 166 new physical titles were added to the Library collection. New titles included *Letters from a New Utopia: Reclaiming Liberation from Palestine to the World* by Yaffa AS and *A Body Made Home* by Kai Marshall Green.

Q in MNopedia

Volunteers at Quatrefoil partnered with the Minnesota Historical Society through interviews, research, and pulling pieces from our archive to create an entry for the Library in MNopedia, a resource for reliable information about significant people, places, events and things in Minnesota history.

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Outstanding Community Partner

In August 2025, Quatrefoil received the Outstanding New Community Partner Award for our support and collaboration with the Center for Community-Engaged Learning at the University of Minnesota. We provided volunteer opportunities for students in the Community Engaged Learning program for the 2024-2025 school year. Students volunteered for 15-20 hours each and participated in a number of tasks, including Zine making, cataloging, book processing and subject heading work.



LIBRARY EVENTS

Poetry Reading Event with
Aurora Masum-Javed,
Chavonn Shen, Halee
Kirkwood, & Su Love

Examining Military Service
from the Margins with the
Minnesota Humanities Center

Workplace Wardrobe Clothing
Swap with Rainbow
Wardrobe

Telling Your Story In Your Cover
Letter with Katie Breslin

Oral Histories from Trans Elders
with Clare Boyle

Good Judy Productions
Presents WE HELP US: Sharing
Stories of LGBTQIA Mutual Aid

Queer Mending Workshop with
Queer Threads

Winter Book Bag Sale

Q Volunteer Appreciation Day

Concert preview of The Secret
Letter with Cantus

Not My First Pandemic: Writing
Workshop with Michael Kiesow
Moore

Queer Voices: Curators, Past
and Present

HIV Activism Panel with the
Aliveness Project

Safer Sex Kit Packing Event
with Family Tree Clinic



Q BY THE NUMBERS

2 Volunteers of the Year

Keshav Sapatnekar and Scott Clugston were recognized as volunteers of the year at the Volunteer Appreciation Day Celebration.

12 Outreach Events

Volunteers from Quatrefoil Library represented the Library at various community events like Twin Cities Pride, MNPOC Pride, as well as Pine City Pride.

155 Active Volunteers

We would not exist without the support of volunteers, and this year over 150 people dedicated their time and expertise to our Library.

888 New Card-Carrying Members

By the end of 2025, we saw our membership grow to almost 4,500 total patrons.

2580 Books and DVDs Checked Out

We continue to see the use of our collection increase, with new members and new titles coming to the Library regularly. Our most popular titles this year were *Somewhere Beyond the Sea* by TJ Klune and *Boys, Beasts, & Men* by Sam J. Miller.

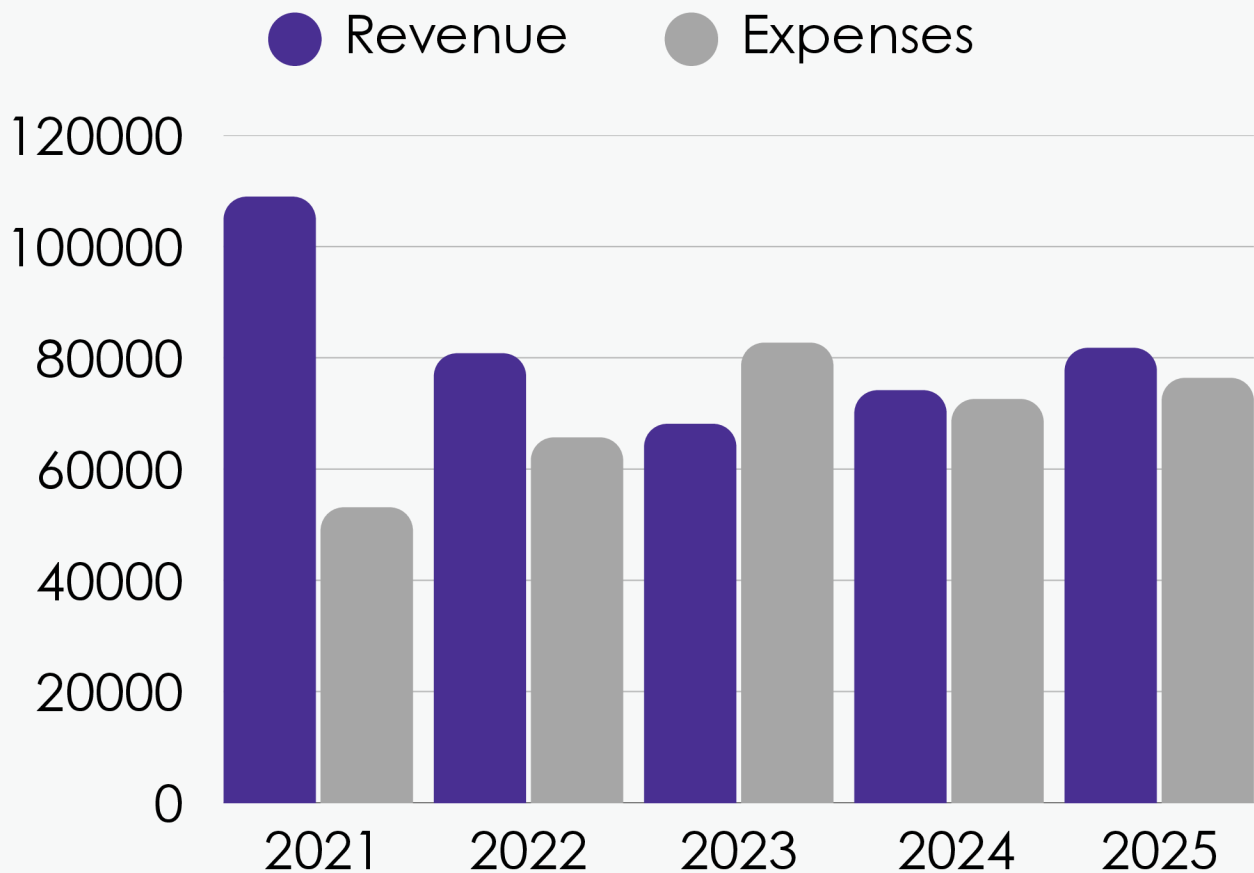
3886 Digital Titles Checked Out

Members from around the country continue to show support for our collection of e-books and audiobooks.

2025 QUATREFOIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Library ended the year with a surplus of \$5,402. This surplus came in part from the Library experiencing a decrease in certain expenses, a contribution from our endowment fund, and an increase in support from our donors. We continued to invest in our community and our collection on course with previous years.

Quatrefoil ended 2025 with an increase of \$101,821 in total assets from 2024. Total assets increased to \$860,080.



LOOKING FORWARD

Next year will serve as a bridge between the past and the future.

2026 will be our fortieth anniversary! We are excited to enter a fifth decade in the community. We expect to have a major fundraising event as well as anniversary projects and opportunities to celebrate and reflect on our history and accomplishments. This will also include unveiling two panels about our history designed and produced by the the Minnesota Historical Society.

We will also prepare for our future. The Board over the last year prospected organizations to partner with the Library in developing a set of strategic priorities for the next 3-5 years. We will finalize a contract with AORTA, a co-operative of social justice facilitators and consultants in early 2026 to work with us in the coming year.

The size of the board will grow! 5 new board members will join us in early 2026. We wait eagerly their new perspectives, talent and excitement

Stay connected with our work by visiting our Website qlibrary.org, signing up for the Quatrefolio and by following our Instagram [@quatrefoillibrary](https://www.instagram.com/quatrefoillibrary).

THANK YOU

We would not exist without the dedication and support of our volunteers, our donors, and our patrons. Thank you for helping us ensure that a community center that cultivates the free exchange of ideas and makes accessible LGBTQ+ materials for education and inspiration continues to be available to the public.

If you wish to contribute to the next year of our work, scan the QR code on the following page to donate to us via GiveMN. Thank you.



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