

Fact Sheet

Department Head:

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Full Time Employees: 10

Part Time Employees: 24

The mission of the Staunton Public Library is to acquire, organize, and provide access and guidance to a wide variety of information and materials which help to fulfill the intellectual, educational, social and recreational needs of all the people in the city. To serve its 16,000 registered cardholders, the library maintains a collection of over 111,000 physical items and 1.85 million digital items. In addition to providing collections, library staff plan and implement a rigorous schedule of events and outreach visits for all ages to increase community engagement.

The library receives roughly 17% of its annual operating budget from State Aid to Public Libraries, which is allocated and distributed by the Library of Virginia. It also has an outstanding community of advocates including the Council-appointed Library Advisory Board and the charitable support organizations of the Friends of the Staunton Library, the Talking Book Center, Inc. and the Staunton Library Foundation.

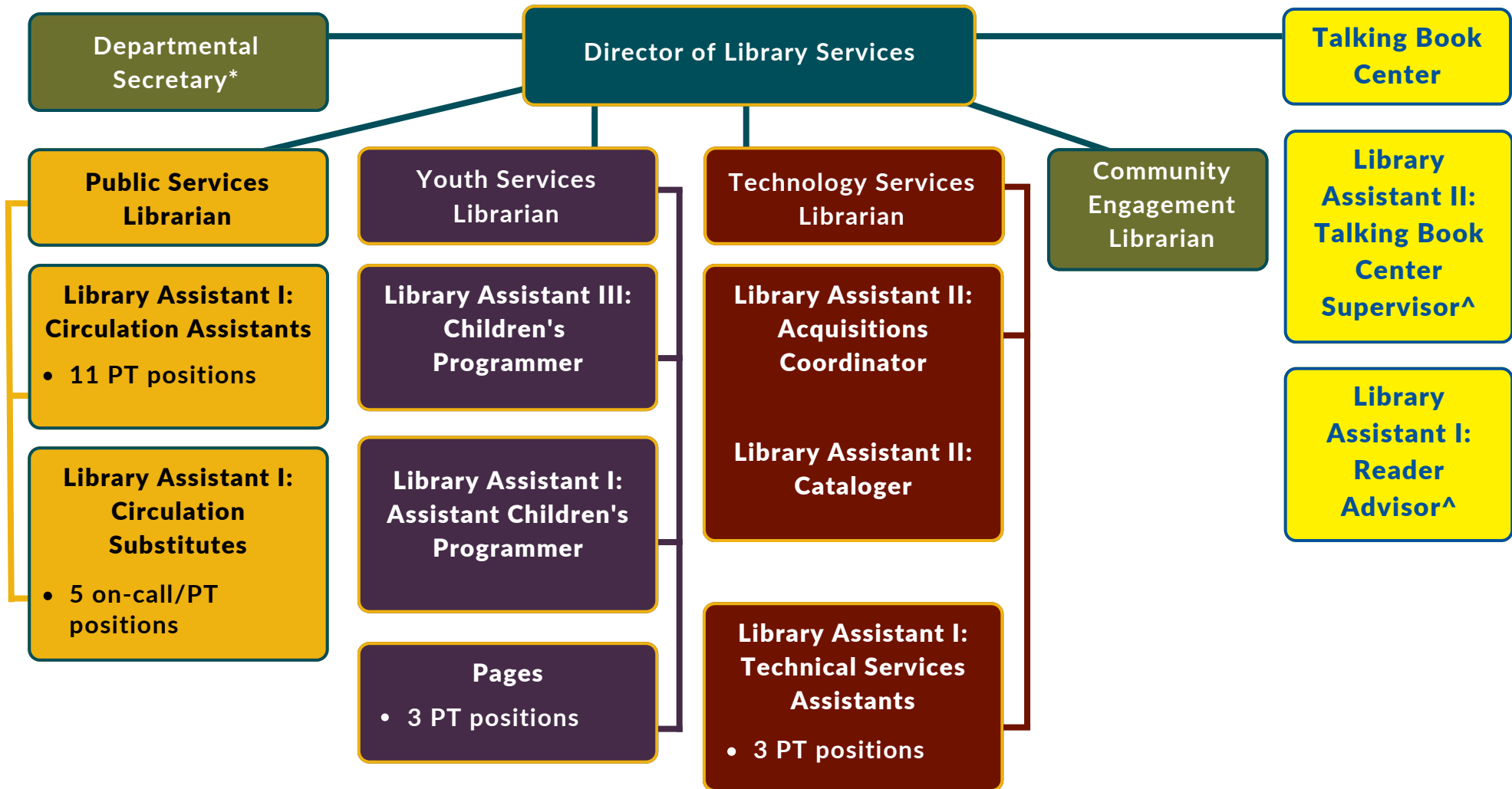
In Fiscal Year 25, the library:

- Hosted over 154,000 visitors
- Circulated over 462,000 items (with renewals included)
- Conducted 670 virtual and in-person events that over 28,000 people attended
- Provided computer access to over 7,500 computer users (not including wi-fi)

For several decades, the library has been a member of the Valley Libraries consortium along with the Augusta County and Waynesboro libraries. The libraries share an operating system so that a borrower's card may be used at all library locations. In 2020, the Valley Libraries system eliminated punitive overdue fines.

Initiatives:

- **Talking Book Center:** A sister organization housed on the second floor that provides accessible library services by mail to local blind and print disabled readers.
- **Library of Things:** A collection of non-traditional materials for check-out including camping/outdoor gear, telescopes, musical instruments, art prints and theater, museum and state park passes.
- **Digital access and literacy:** The library provides public access to Wi-Fi and computers as well as personalized technology assistance to bridge the digital divide.



* Full-time Employee

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