

***TO: Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library  
Regarding: Museum Pass Collection Grant Request***

Approved Job Code: FR-43-2024 MusPass \$3,700

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Museum Pass Program for 2024: \$3,700
What is requested: Museum Pass Memberships
Department: Admin
Requestor: Sue Dague
Date requested: 2/16/24

The Friends have generously funded the museum pass program since 2009. We currently have 27 passes from 24 institutions located in New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont. Museum passes are available to borrow by East Greenbush Community Library cardholders and Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library.

Our request for funding from the Friends is \$3,700.00. \$2,975.00 covers the current cost of the passes with a small cushion for some likely price increases plus \$725.00 to cover the addition of six new passes listed below.

Why do the library patrons need this?

Our library patrons continue to tell staff how much they enjoy and value the museum pass program making it affordable for families and people on fixed incomes to take advantage of the many cultural, historical, and scientific sites in our area. Our passes were borrowed 609 times in 2023. During school vacation breaks and the summer especially, the museum pass program offers our patrons opportunities for enriching and fun outings they might otherwise be unable to afford.

See the list below for museum pass cost, admission rules and usage.

**Museum Passes and Costs for 2024 – 2025**

	<b>Total Cost for Library</b>	<b>Total Usage (2023)</b>	<b>Year of Purchase</b>
Albany Institute of History & Art	\$100.00 (1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children under 18)	38	2013
Bennington Museum	\$90.00 (1 pass for 2 adults, children under 18 free)	4	2012
Berkshire Botanical Garden	\$120.00 (1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children)	27	2012
Berkshire Museum	\$125.00 (1 pass for 2 adults & 2 children)	24	2009
Children’s Museum at Saratoga	\$300.00 (1 pass for 1 adult and 1 child)	76	2011
Clark Art Institute	FREE (1 pass for 1 adult, children free)	61	2009

Crailo State Historic Site	\$25.00	(1 pass for 4 people)	4	2009
Empire Pass	\$160.00	(2 passes for 1 vehicle each)	55	2019
Empire State Aerosciences Museum	\$60.00	(1 family pass)	9	2018
Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art	\$150.00	(1 family pass)	15	2019
FASNY Museum of Firefighters	\$75.00	(1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children)	10	2014
Hancock Shaker Village	\$250.00	(1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children)	40	2013
Hildene (Lincoln Family Home)	\$100.00	(1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children)	12	2016
Historic Cherry Hill	\$25.00	(1 pass for 4 people)	1	2016
The Hyde Collection	\$100.00	(2 family passes)	12	2010
MASS MoCA	\$275.00	(1 pass for 2 adults, children free)	52	2009
miSci – Museum of Innovation and Science	\$200.00	(1 pass for 2 adults & 4 children)	43	2009
Norman Rockwell Museum	\$100.00	(1 pass for 2 adults at \$12 each, children free)	43	2018
Olana	\$150.00	(1 pass for 2 adults)	19	2014
Saratoga Automobile Museum	\$150.00	(1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children)	20	2018
Schuyler Historic Mansion	\$25.00	(1 pass for 4 people)	6	2016
USS Slater – Destroyer Escort Historical Museum	\$130.00	(2 passes for 2 adults & 2 children each)	15	2011
The Wild Center	\$90.00	(1 pass for 2 adults at \$10 each and 4 children)	17	2018
World Awareness Children's Museum	\$119.00	(1 pass for 6 people)	6	2016

**Total: 24 Museum Pass Renewals     \$2,919.00**

**New museum passes to be added to our collection:**

Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston, NY -- \$100  
Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA -- \$100  
Opus 40 Sculpture Park in Saugerties, NY -- \$175  
Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence: Underground Railroad in Albany, NY -- \$150  
Thomas Cole National Historic Site in Catskill, NY -- \$100  
Ulysses S. Grant Cottage in Gansevoort, NY -- \$100

**Total: 6 New Museum Passes                     \$725.00**