

Approved Grant Code: FR-03-2025 Museum \$3,225

***TO: Friends of the East Greenbush Community Library  
Regarding: Staff Request***

**Museum Pass Program for 2025**

Amount Requested: \$3,225.00

Department: Administration

Requestor: Susan Bell

Date requested: 2/18/2025

**Overview**

The Friends have generously funded the museum pass program since 2009. In 2024 we had 48 passes from 33 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 \$3,225.00. Due to some price increases and low usage, the remaining 2025 pass renewals will be evaluated for reduction in number of passes and/or removal from the program in 2025 based on usage and local significance.

**New Passes**

- Albany Symphony Orchestra at \$0 cost to the library; 2 passes for 2 tickets per show

**Tentative Addition**

- WildPlay Thatcher at \$0 cost to the library: discounted admission with proof of EGCL library card. The borrowing process and pass restrictions need to be reviewed and finalized.

**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 711 times in 2024. 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.

## Museum Pass Usage

Year	Museum	Pass	2024	As of 2/10/25	2024 Cost	2025 Cost	Expiration
2013	Albany Institute of History & Art	1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children under 18	33	7	\$37.30	\$100.00	1/31/2025
2025	Albany Symphony Orchestra	2 passes (event tickets) for 2 adults			\$0.00	\$0.00	
2012	Bennington Museum	1 pass for 2 adults, children under 18 free	8	0	\$90.00	TBD	5/31/2025
2012	Berkshire Botanical Garden	1 pass for 2 adults (children under 12 free)	29	0	\$140.00	TBD	10/31/2024
2009	Berkshire Museum	1 pass for 50% off general admission for 2 adults and 4 children under 18 (children under 3 free)	29	1	\$125.00	TBD	7/31/2025
2011	Children's Museum at Saratoga	1 pass for 1 adult and 1 child	51	7	\$300.00	\$300.00	3/31/2026
2009	Clark Art Institute	1 pass for 1 adult (children under 21 free)	44	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	12/31/2026
2009	Craigo State Historic Site	1 pass for 4 adults	5	0	\$25.00	TBD	10/31/2024
2011	Destroyer Escort Historical Museum: USS Slater	2 passes for 2 adults and 2 children each	20	0	\$160.00	\$160.00	12/1/2024
2019	Empire Pass	5 passes for 1 vehicle each	82	0	\$360.00	\$360.00	12/31/2025
2018	Empire State Aeroscience Museum	1 family pass	16	0		\$75.00	12/31/2025
2019	Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art	1 family pass for 2 adults and up to four children	11	1	\$150.00	\$150.00	9/27/2025
2014	FASNY Museum of Firefighting	1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children	13	2		\$100.00	11/30/2025
	Greenbush YMCA pass	1 family pass for up to 2 adults and 4 children	30	3		TBD	
2013	Hancock Shaker Village	1 pass for 2 adults and all household children under the age of 18	34	0	\$250.00	\$250.00	3/31/2025
2016	Hildene	1 pass for 1 adult and 2 children age 16 and under (children 5 and under free)	20	0	\$125.00	\$125.00	12/31/2025
2016	Historic Cherry Hill	1 pass for 4 people	2	0	\$25.00	TBD	11/30/2024
2024	Hudson River Maritime Museum	1 family pass	1	0	\$100.00	TBD	4/29/2025
2010	Hyde Collection	2 passes for 2 adults and children under 18 in the same household each	20	0	\$100.00	\$100.00	11/30/2025

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2009	Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art	1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children under 16	51	9	\$275.00	\$275.00	11/30/2025
2024	Mount Edith Wharton's Home	2 passes for 2 discounted admissions each	19	0	\$75.00	TBD	12/31/2024
2009	Museum of innovation and science (miSci)	1 pass for discounted rate for 2 adults and up to 4 children under the age of 18	39	10	\$200.00	TBD	7/31/2025
2024	Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Museum	2 passes for 3 adults & 3 children at discounted admissions each	10	0		\$100.00	2/1/2025
2018	Norman Rockwell	1 pass for discounted rate for 2 adults (children 18 and under free)	55	5	\$100.00	TBD	6/30/2025
2014	Olana State Historic Site	1 pass for 2 individuals for guided tours	26	1	\$150.00	TBD	7/1/2025
2024	Opus 40 Sculpture Park	1 family pass for 2 adults and children	11	0	\$175.00	TBD	8/1/2025
2018	Saratoga Automobile Museum	1 pass for 2 adults and 2 children under 18	11	2	\$150.00	\$150.00	11/30/2025
2016	Schuyler Mansion	1 pass for 4 adults	2	0	\$25.00	TBD	10/31/2024
2024	Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence: Historic Underground Railroad Site	2 passes for a family of 4 each	4	0	\$100.00	TBD	6/23/2025
2011	The Wild Center	1 pass for discounted rate for 2 adults and free admission for 4 children 17 and under	10	0	\$90.00	TBD	6/30/2025
2024	Thomas Cole National Historic Site	1 pass for 2 adults (children under 16 free)	11	0	\$100.00	TBD	4/30/2025
2024	US Grant Cottage National Historic Landmark	1 pass for 2 adults OR children ages 6-17 (children 5 and under free)	6	0	\$100.00	TBD	6/30/2025
2016	World Awareness Children's Museum	1 pass for 6 people	8	1	\$119.00	\$119.00	12/31/2025
		<b>Total Usage</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$3,646.30</b>	<b>\$2,364.00</b>	