In 2025, the Solomon Wright Public Library:

- **Offered over 35 free events and programs** for a variety of ages, in partnership with the Southwestern VT Council on Aging, Hoosick River Watershed Association, Bennington Multicultural Center, Sunrise Family Resource Center, Head Start, The Bike Hub, and Faith Church.
- **Hosted local children and teachers** from Pownal Elementary School and Pownal Head Start, provided outreach to Oak Hill Children's Center
- **Welcomed new patrons and visitors** from Pownal, Williamstown, Bennington, Hoosick Falls, and beyond
- **Received 4 grants:** for summer programming, interlibrary loan, Vermont Humanities grant for a community garden, and Children's Literacy Foundation grant for early literacy
- **Provided resources and information from local organizations**: voter registration, free Covid tests, Take Care packs from ACT Bennington, and healthy snacks for kids and adults
- **Collected** nonperishable food items for the **Pownal Food Pantry**
- Maintained the library as a **stop on the Green Mountain Express**
- **Hosted numerous Pownal organizations** in our meeting spaces, including the Conservation Committee, summer school tutoring, quilting group, and book club
- **Helped visitors find vital information** such as tax and health care documents and offered printing of those documents
- Continued to provide citizens of all ages with **diverse choices for reading material** in all genres, as well as **online access** to Libby/Overdrive and The Palace Project
- Continued to encourage checkout of items from our **Library of Things** and **Peckham Toy Library**
- Continued to provide **passes to local museums, skiing, state parks, and historic sites** for free entry

In 2026, we will continue to honor the legacy and vision of the Wright family by offering Pownal residents a welcoming, accessible, and beautiful space to gather. We will expand our programs and events, especially those geared to our families and youngest patrons, and will consider the community's needs and requests as we add to our collection of books and items to loan.

Thank you for your support!

Emily Gold, Director