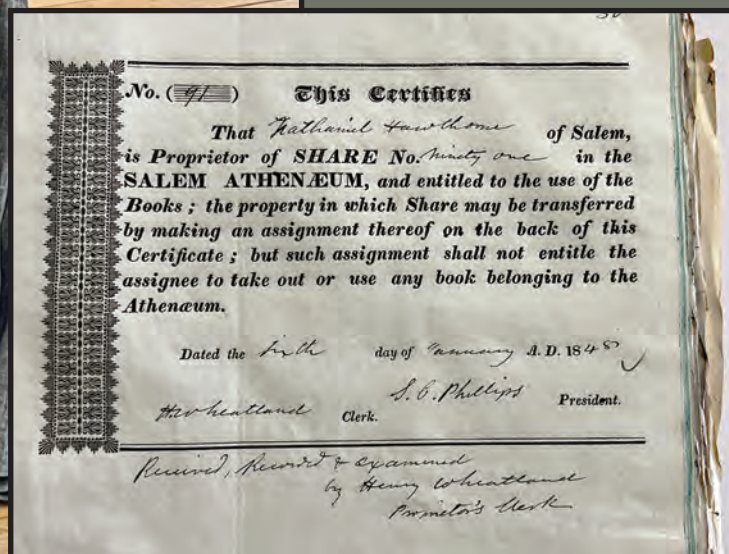




Salem Athenæum

Annual Report 2024–2025



Inspired works, lively discourse, & serious fun

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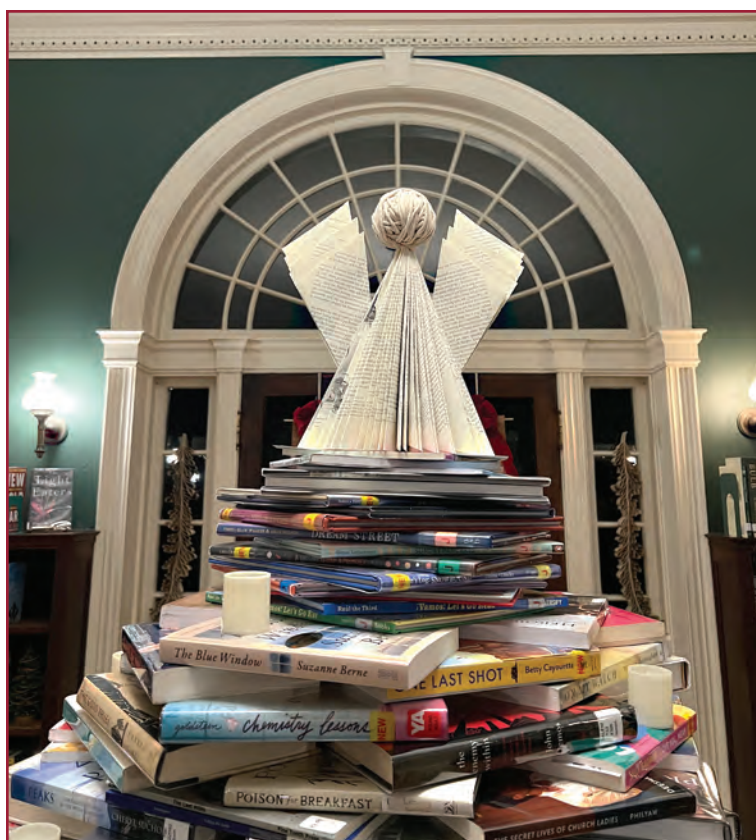
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One highlight of the Christmas in Salem tour was the Athenaeum's Book Tree built with books by authors who have spoken at an Athenaeum program within the past 10–15 years.

Welcome Letter

Dear Friends of the Salem Athenæum,

As spring unfolds in our garden, we're experiencing similar growth inside the Athenæum. With membership now exceeding 600 and climbing, the Athenæum is thriving. This momentum comes as we balance honoring our rich heritage while actively building a vibrant future for this community treasure.

Our community continues to flourish. Whether you've enjoyed Grammy winner Nicole Zuraitis's performance, attended Pulitzer Prize-winner Ilyon Woo's talk, or simply found solace reading in our tranquil spaces, you've strengthened the bonds that make our community special.

Our independence has never been more vital. At a time when public libraries face unprecedented challenges, the Athenæum retains our independence, preserving unfettered access to knowledge—a mission that remains urgently relevant today.

Our future depends on thoughtful investment. We're developing plans to make our historic building more accessible and welcoming while enhancing your member experience and creating opportunities for future growth. You'll find more information about the project in this report.

We extend special thanks to our trustees and volunteers whose time and expertise multiplies what our small staff can accomplish. While membership fees provide important revenue, your financial support is also essential to meeting rising costs and investing in our future. We deeply appreciate your continued generosity.

This year we celebrate Jean Marie's 20th anniversary with the Athenæum. Our beautiful grounds, engaging programming and collections, and welcoming environment reflect her dedicated stewardship. Please join us in thanking her for two decades of exceptional service.

After three years as board president, Joyce will conclude her term in May while continuing to serve as a trustee and volunteer, an experience that has deepened her appreciation for the Athenæum's vital role in our community. We're excited about the fresh perspectives that the new board leadership team will bring, and we look forward to welcoming you throughout the year to Salem's finest gathering place. Bring a friend to the Gatsby Garden Party on June 1 and help us share the magic of this special community!



Joyce Maroney
President, Board of Trustees



Jean Marie Procious
Executive Director

Membership

Annual rates: \$60 Educator; \$90 Individual; \$150 Household; \$350 Proprietor Assessment; and \$500 Share.

Individual Subscribers	170
Household Subscribers	124 (290 members)
Educator Subscribers	3
Proprietors	89 shares (159 proprietors)
Shares transferred	3 purchased; 2 relinquished
Total membership	622

Engagement

Programs

Athenæum In-person Program Attendance	3,315
Athenæum Online Program Attendance	273
Athenæum Online Program Views (YouTube).....	1,424
Salem LitFest In-person Registrants.....	730
Salem LitFest Unique Online Registrants	187

Circulation

Fiction	909
Nonfiction	421
Periodicals	157
Children's	65
Research Requests	19

In-library use not included

Visitors

5,336 guests visited during library hours, representing 43 states and 20 countries—including Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Israel, Netherlands, Philippines, UAE, and Venezuela—with an additional 1,219 during the Christmas in Salem tour.

Collections

Interns, volunteers, and the dedicated team of the Collections Committee are all working to improve access to, preserve, and protect the Athenæum's collections for future generations. Several huge projects are underway to make all circulating materials in our collection readily browsable and all historical and research collections secured yet discoverable.

Returning Lesley University student Maeve Rotolo completed a spring internship for course credit. Maeve also was a Future Leaders Intern, a grant program funded by the Essex National Heritage Commission. We were pleased to offer these paid internships to Maeve and to Sabine Smith, a student at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Both interns received valuable on-the-job experience from June–August while assisting us with library operations, special projects, and promotion of the collections via displays and social media.



Future Leader Intern, Sabine Smith

Collections Committee Projects

- Over the summer, with the leadership of Jean Marie, planning know-how from Kristin, assistance from the interns, and the physical labor of dedicated volunteer Nicole Kelley, all the circulating fiction in the main and lower stack was reorganized as one continuous run and replaced on 675 cleaned shelves lined with shelf paper.
- Because insurance appraisals are required at least once per decade, we spent over two months assisting the appraiser in identifying, locating, and noting the condition of more than 200 items of significant value.
- The first edition of our blog, "The Owl," was published in July 2024.
- The Committee helped to arrange and box the Waters Family Collection, organize and relocate the historical government documents, and assess miscellany identified during the office reconfiguration in October.
- We digitally cataloged 133 late 18th-century and early 19th-century works of fiction from the Social Library, which were also labeled and wrapped in archival paper.
- Hundreds more titles were evaluated for preservation, circulation, or deaccession, including 331 volumes of a magazine called *Littell's Living Age*, a digest publication of the 19th century now available online, which we deaccessioned to free critical space for rare items such as 62 folio volumes of British public records in the Rare Book Room that had previously been stacked on top of shelving in the Trustees Room.
- Nearly 2,000 volumes of literature and literary criticism have been assessed and cleaned, with another 700 remaining to finish out the section.

Library Materials

New Books Accessioned: 451

Collection Titles Cataloged: 989

Electronic catalog project

Periodical Subscriptions: 22

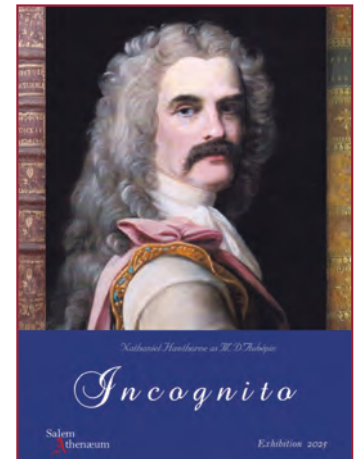
Exhibitions

Incognito

Curator Elaine von Bruns

Some writers conceal their names to avoid debt or a questionable past. Some take different names to spark creativity, to write in a different genre, or to safely express controversial issues.

In this exhibit, Elaine von Bruns reveals the truth about Agatha Christie, the Brontë Sisters, Charles Dickens, Voltaire, Isak Dinesen, Benjamin Franklin, Stephen King, George Orwell and many other celebrated authors you thought you knew!



Salem Literary Award

Emi Whitfield was the recipient of the 2024 Salem Athenaeum Literary Award given to the graduating Salem High School senior who is most distinguished by their abiding curiosity, intellectual engagement, and passion for literature. Emi is attending Brandeis as an English major this year.

Accessibility/Building Project

The Athenæum invested in a schematic design phase with Abacus Architects + Planners to determine how best to make the building accessible, and how to integrate an all-electric HVAC system, providing much needed air conditioning, dehumidification, and ventilation to protect our collections in every room. GGD's mechanical engineers determined how this system could be threaded invisibly throughout the building. Structural engineers at Structures North determined how to install a small lift in the first-floor kitchenette space to go down to the basement, and how the extra (heavy) front step, needed to make our front door accessible, could be supported. With these improvements, our basement can include accessible program space, additional restrooms, catering/kitchen space, and a dedicated work area for collections conservation.

We hired Salem-based Landworks Studio, Inc. to design an accessible approach to the building – integrating a system of gradually sloping paths, ramps and a bridge in an elegant landscape design, encouraging easy access to our front door, and to our garden.

As of this writing, we are moving through an approval process to ensure our designs are compatible with both historic preservation and code compliance, while determining a phasing plan to ensure this vital investment in our building, and in the Athenæum's future.

Buildings & Grounds

Photos below show highlights of stewardship activities, from left to right.



New copper downspouts help protect the building from increasingly heavy rains.



Our massive linden tree gets a much needed pruning.



A custom designed UV solar screen covers our skylight, cooling the Trustees Room in the warmest months.



The Japanese Garden improvements invite private moments of serenity and conversation.

Events

The Athenæum continued to offer programs to in-person, virtual, and post-event video audiences. Off-site gatherings and special community events and partnerships extended the library's presence beyond 337 Essex Street.

Annual Athenæum Events

Enchanted Garden Party, June 1
Salem Literary Festival, September 4–8
Book Sale, September 20–21
Welcome Winter Solstice Celebration, December 21
New Members' Night, April 18, October 8, February 26
Night Owls, April 12, November 27, March 14



Performances

"Under Construction": A Screening and Conversation with Richard Hoffman, J.D. Scrimgeour, and Yuexi Wu, May 13, 2024
Storytelling: For the Love of the Game, The Roster: AnnMarie Catabia, Alexis Dwyer, MaryEllen Groot, Beth Kapnis-Livermore, Kris Olson, and Jean Marie Prociuous. Referee: J.D. Scrimgeour, May 23
Boston Saxophone Quartet Concert, August 11
Write So I Can Hear You—featuring Dunya Mikhail and Jennifer Jean with Ghassan Sawalhi on Oud, October 9, 2024
Sunday Jazz: Dan Pugach Quartet featuring Nicole Zuraitis, November 17
Love Songs from the Great American Songbook with Alexandra Grace, February 23

Classes & Workshops

Young Writers' Spring Workshop (Grades 5–12), Katie Naoum Rogers, February 27–April 9
Writing Workshop: Poems from the Garden, Julia Lisella, April 20
Young Writers' Summer Simmer, Katie Naoum Rogers, August 12–16
Writing Workshop: Visitations: The Strange Guest—A Poetry Workshop, J.D. Scrimgeour, November 23
Members' Sketching Class, Slow River Studio, January 25
From A to ■: The Scarlet Letter Erasure Workshop, M.P. Carver, March 1

Lectures, Readings, Panel Discussions

ElizabETHERidge, Elizabeth Gordon McKim, April 27
Opportunities and Challenges in Salem Public Schools: Dr. Stephen Zrike, May 8
Ocean Alliance and SnotBot®, Dr. Iain Kerr, May 29
Image Magi: Poets Working in Visual Art and the Occult, Shari Caplan and Mandi Gutmann-Gonzalez, September 25
Smash Hit: The Sociology of the Boxing Film, David Curcio, November 14
Murder in Massachusetts, Susan Zalkind, November 20
The Genius of Judy Blume, Rachelle Bergstein, December 4 (virtual)
Writers in Your Neighborhood, Kevin Carey, Jim DeFilippi, Heather G. Marshall, Jennifer Martelli, Pedro Poitevin, Matthew Phillion, and Erica Waters, hosted by J.D. Scrimgeour, December 11

The New Small Press, A panel discussion with Stona Fitch, Anjali Mitter Duva, and Henriette Lazaridis, moderated by Tish Dragonette, January 23
The Riddle of Thoreau's Religion, Richard Higgins, February 12

Summer Salon Series, July–August 2024

Three Poets in Conversation with America

January Gill O'Neil, Enzo Silon Surin, and Leah Umansky,
 moderated by Jennifer Martelli, July 12

Johnny Cash—Songs & Stories with Matt York, July 26

Maaijke, Thomas Vander Salm, August 9

*A House Restored: The Tragedies and Triumphs of Saving a
 New England Colonial*, Lee McColgan, August 16

Special Events

Pirate Fact and Fiction with Katherine Howe at

Real Pirates Salem, May 4

Ice Cream Bowl, Table to promote One Book, One Salem,
 August 7

Farmers Market, Book sale tent to promote the Athenæum & Salem Lit Fest, August 22

Red, White & Blue Picnic: Salem's stop on the bicentennial celebration of General Lafayette's farewell tour of the U.S. presented in partnership by Salem Athenæum, Hamilton Hall, Historic New England Phillips House, Pickering House, Creative Collective, Essex National Heritage, Chestnut Street Associates, and American Friends of Lafayette, August 31

Trails & Sails: Athenæum Tour, September 28

Misfortune: Salem's Parlor Magic Experience with Evan Northrup, October 5, 12, and 19

Member Meetup: Autumn Foraging Guided Walk at Wenham Food Project Farm with
 Iris Weaver, October 20

Exhibition Opening/Open House: Incognito, featuring music by James Eric Rogers from
 Calling for Heathcliff on keyboard, March 1

Christmas in Salem: Brick by Brick, December 7–8

215th Birthday of the Salem Athenæum, March 6

The Scarlet Letter 175th Anniversary Celebration, Introduction by J.D. Scrimgeour, opening remarks by Peter Walker, Ph.D. Selected readings from *The Scarlet Letter* were interwoven with erasure poems inspired by the work (in order of appearance): Carolyn McGuire (poem) Jean Marie Prociou, Toni Artuso (poem), Marc Levy, Rebecca Johnson, Donna Seger, Katherine Howe, Scott Nowka, Tish Dragonette (poem), Jack Giaour (poem), Em Blackwelder (poem), Rod Kessler, M.P. Carver (poem). Artwork rendered by Randa Dubnick, Maryanne Grebenstein, Danielle Jones, Cat Scully, and Justin Whiting, March 30



Photo op with General Lafayette at
 Hamilton Hall, August 31



Poets Mandi Gutmann-Gonzalez and
 Shari Caplan, September 25

Program Highlights

- Seadogs and landlubbers alike filled the coffers for Salem Lit Fest at a jolly fundraiser in the Treasure Room at Real Pirates Salem. New York Times-bestselling author Katherine Howe spoke about her two latest books, *The Penguin Book of Pirates* and *A True Account: Hannah Masury's Sojourn Amongst the Pyrates, Written by Herself*. Rumson's Rum shared samples of their best grog.
- The yellow brick path led members and friends to the Enchanted Garden Party on Saturday, June 1. Fairytale weather, yards of tulle, and celestial harp music made for a magical evening at this annual celebration.
- Starting last June, the Salem Athenaeum joined hundreds of cultural organizations throughout the Commonwealth in offering Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program. This program gives EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare cardholders a 75% discount on Athenaeum cultural programs, with the exception of fundraisers and special events.
- After car enthusiasts toured the 21st Annual Phillips House Car Meet, they were drawn down Botts Court to our shaded lawn by the lively tones of the Boston Saxophone Quartet playing ragtime and swing for a golden hour on a blissful summer afternoon. Tenor saxophonist Peter Cokkinias even arrived in his classic '67 Chevy Impala.
- On August 31, 2024, exactly 200 years after General Lafayette's stop in Salem during his farewell tour of the United States, nearly 100 revelers gathered in Chestnut Street Park. They brought picnics, played 1820s lawn games, and cheered the arrival of Lafayette by horse and carriage along with other living history interpreters, who read the original speeches. The Red, White, and Blue Picnic was coordinated with American Friends of Lafayette, who helped plan events all along the historical route, and many Salem partners.
- On October 9, award-winning Iraqi poet, novelist, and journalist Dunya Mikhail read poems from her new self-illustrated book, *Tablets: Secrets of the Clay* with poet and translator Jennifer Jean and featured musical interludes on the oud by Ghassan Sawalhi. Her Story Is, the Center for Arabic Culture, and the Creative County Initiative partnered with us to present this program.
- During October, the Athenaeum teamed up with magician Evan Northrup to present *Misfortune: Salem's Parlor Magic Experience*. Evan explored the eerie world of superstitions and (un)luckiness in a library brimming with the tales and shadows that inspired Nathaniel Hawthorne himself! Audience participation made each show distinct.
- Fresh from an Australian tour, Nicole Zuraitis returned to the reading room on November 17 with the celebrated Dan Pugach Quartet. They were hotter than ever after winning a 2024 Grammy! Nicole distinguished herself as the only person, as of 2024, to have ever won Best Jazz Vocal album for a recording completely written and arranged by the artist herself. Dan Pugach also won a Grammy in 2025 for Best Large Jazz Ensemble Performance.
- Scholars, writers, and artists gathered to celebrate the 175th anniversary of *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne on March 30. See page 9 for a complete list of presenters.



Salem Literary Festival

The 15th Salem Lit Fest, held September 4–8, opened with an online keynote from Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks about her international best-selling historical novel, *Horse*, in conversation with long-time SLF supporter Brunonia Barry. We were off to the races with 14 more sessions, concluding at Salem Academy Charter School with Nobel Prize-winning climate scientist Susan Solomon and the One Book, One Salem community conversation with Ilyon Woo on her 2024 Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, *Master Slave Husband Wife* in conversation with Dr. Elizabeth Herbin-Triant of Amherst College.



Joyce Maroney, Dr. Elizabeth Herbin-Triant, Ilyon Woo, and Representative Manny Cruz at One Book, One Salem.

Enduring Hawthorne was held at the House of the Seven Gables again, but with a new twist: a live open mic followed by a performance of “Young Goodman Brown,” adapted to folk song by singer-songwriter Dan Blakeslee and accompanied by a crankie projection created by artist Ben Wickey. This celebration of Hawthorne’s literary legacy was presented in partnership with Salem Maritime National Historic Site, Essex National Heritage, the House of the Seven Gables, and Theater in the Open.

More than 60 authors participated in the five-day festival, with Five Minutes Live readings at the Salem Five Community Room and noted authors Susan Berne, Margot Livesey, Ken Liu, Adriana Mather, Peter Swanson, and many, many others. A vocal artist performance at Gulu Gulu Cafe and a standing-room only YA fantasy panel at Salem State University punctuated Saturday. Virtual authors from near and far spoke at sessions on Thursday and Sunday, including Jennifer Croft, Andre Dubus III, Caroline Leavitt, and Jean Trounstone.

Scott Magoon illustrated his way through a presentation during Children’s Lit Fest and Cathy Ballou Mealey provided a sensory-friendly session specially designed by our long-time partner, Salem Public Library.

Groups

Group leaders are listed below.

Athenæum Groups

Any Book Group
Joe McGuire
Athenæum Book Group
Carolyn McGuire
La Tertulia
Rafael Crespo

Monday Evening Conversations
Chuck von Bruns
Nathaniel Bowditch Group
Scott Guthery
Nonfiction Writing Group
Joe O’Day

Re-appraisal Reading Circle
Marla Gearhart

Local Groups/Organizations

Incessant Pipe Poetry Salon
Clay Ventre
Salem Writers’ Group
J.D. Scrimgeour

Program Partners

American Friends of Lafayette
Boston Athenæum
Chestnut Street Associates
Cinema Salem
Creative Collective
Danvers Alarm List Company Inc.
Essex National Heritage Area
Five Minutes
Hamilton Hall

Historic New England
Phillips House
House of the Seven Gables
Peabody Essex Museum
Pickering House
Real Pirates Salem
Salem Academy Charter
School
Salem Chamber of Commerce

Salem Five
Salem Maritime National
Historic Site
Salem Public Library
Salem State University
SATV
Theatre in the Open
Wicked Good Books

Financial Position

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, the Athenaeum reports a net (unaudited) loss of \$-1,945.75. Retained earnings from prior-year surpluses covered the shortfall.

Unanticipated increases in insurance coverage for our collections are partly responsible for the shortfall. We also capitalized on the opportunity of having interns and a dedicated volunteer for the summer to complete collections projects that required additional materials costs beyond the budget.

The salaries for the interns were reimbursed through the Future Leaders grant from Essex National Heritage Commission. A \$1,500 grant for the Salem Literary Festival from the Salem Cultural Council is listed under the Programs revenue.

Capital improvements planning included expenses to Scansure for \$5,400 to scan the building inside and out to create a 3D model; \$18,800 to Landworks Studio for schematic design and design development of the new accessible entrance path; and \$16,500 to Abacus Architects + Planners for interior schematic design.

Appleton Partners continue to serve as our investment advisors. The endowment had a net loss of -\$185,562.67 with \$84,736 taken in scheduled monthly income (5% of a thirty-six month average) and \$17,774.67 paid in fees.

Gorton & Company, P.C. prepare the financial statements and filings and conduct the review.

Statement of Revenues & Expenses for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025 (unaudited)

Revenue		Expenditures	
Building Rental	1,839.35	Administration	53,408.83
Collections	5720.54	Advancement	14,501.96
Corporate/Foundation Giving	11,500.00	Building & Grounds	14,422.05
Fundraising Events	12,506.05	Collections	9,907.11
Grants	3,753.99	Payroll	141,462.57
Individual Contributions	56,039.07	Payroll taxes	9,825.45
Memberships	65,897.30	Programs	20,490.18
Miscellaneous	521.54	Utilities	9,835.12
Programs	29,393.68		
Scheduled Income	84,736.00		
Total	271,907.52	Total	273,853.27

Cash & Investment Account Balances as of March 31, 2025 (unaudited)

Account		Change from Prior Year
Petty Cash	125	0
Restricted Cash		
Adopt a Book Fund	10,511.04	1,111.57
Capital Projects		
Accessibility	44,191.86	11,861.00
Garden View	0	-12,140.00
Collections Fund	3,659.58	0
Retained Earnings	46,504.57	-1,945.75
Killam Fund	45,330.01	-4,955.50
Literary Festival	4,910.40	1377.96
Share Fund	31,601.90	1,530.18
Investments		
Fixed Income Securities	514,568.23	
Equity Securities	795,999.65	
Exchange Traded Funds	386,971.66	
Cash & Equivalents	44,006.13	
Other Assets		
Total endowment	1,741,545.67	-185,562.67
Total	1,928,380.03	1172.00

Capital Campaign Update

Much as the design plans have been coming together for the capital project, the Advancement team is laying the foundation for funding the project with the Campaign for the Future. We contracted with Donor Search for wealth screening of our database and Capital Campaign Pro for campaign materials prep and consulting. Sherri Prentiss of Artful Strategies is assisting us with marketing and branding strategy specific to the campaign and for the Athenaeum as a whole to guide communications and messaging.

Thank you to all who have already supported this transformational project. This year Eastern Bank supported us with \$10,000 and individuals contributed over \$60,000, bringing the total received so far over \$130,000 (\$24,000 of which was raised with the Lenney Family Challenge). These essential funds are carrying us through the design phase. An additional \$280,000 in grant awards are reimbursable after construction begins.

You can help us make this project happen by making a gift today!

Gifts

The Athenæum is grateful for the devoted support of its members and friends. The list of donors is arranged by total giving level (alphabetically within levels) for the fiscal year April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.

Kirwan Society

The Kirwan Society honors those who give at the \$2,500 level and above annually.

\$25,000 & up

Joyce & Dennis Maroney
Barbara Timmons &
Michael Mittelbrunn

\$10,000–24,999

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\$5,000–9,999

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Cynthia Williams

\$2,500–4,999

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\$500–999

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Nathaniel Hawthorne's Proprietor's Share

Back: The Athenaeum's Japanese maple carpets the back garden with crimson leaves in autumn.



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