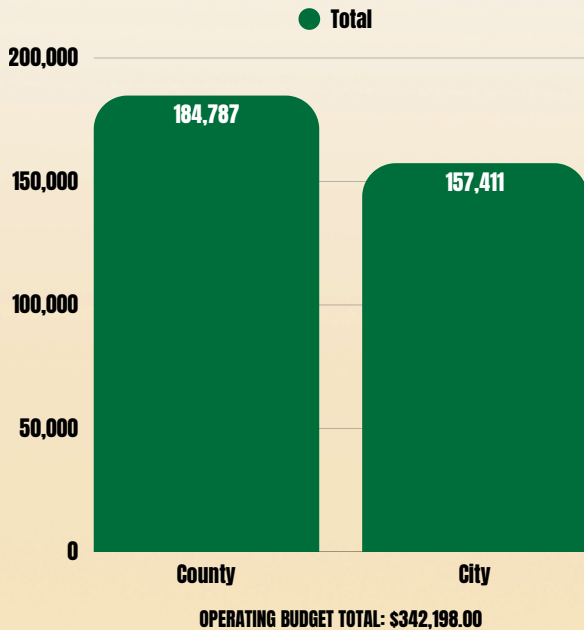


Giles County Public Library Funding Operating Budget funded by County & City



The Giles County Public Library operates through a combination of local government funding, grants, and private donations, each with specific purposes.

In 2024-2025, the library received \$184,787 from the county and \$157,411 from the city, for a total of \$342,198. These funds are restricted to operating expenses such as staffing, utilities, and day-to-day services, and equal .007% of the county's budget.

Giles County Public Library – Return on Investment Summary

The Giles County Public Library provides essential education, workforce, and technology services to residents across the county at a modest cost to local government.

Public Investment (FY 2024–2025):

- **County contribution: \$184,787**
- **City contribution: \$157,411**
- **Total local operating support: \$342,198**

Key Efficiency Point:

- All books, materials, and programs are funded through grants and donations, not local tax dollars—maximizing the impact of county and city funding.

For less than the cost of eating breakfast out once per year, per resident, the library provides:

High-Value Services:

- 7-day access at the main branch with a lean staff (5 full-time, 6 part-time)
- Free internet, computers, and hotspots—critical for job applications, schoolwork, and telehealth
- Early literacy and youth development programs that support school readiness and long-term academic success
- Workforce support services including printing, research tools, and technology assistance
- Digital resources and interlibrary loans that expand access far beyond what local funding alone could provide
- Safe, supervised community space for children, families, and seniors

STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS:

In 2025, the library received two key grants from the State of Tennessee:

- **TOP (Technology Opportunities for the Public) Grant** – Requires a 10% match and supports technology-related needs such as computer classes, mobile hotspots, and internal connectivity upgrades.
- **LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Grant** – Requires a 50% match and funds electronic equipment like computers, laptops, and printers for in-library use by staff and patrons.

Additional state and federal grants that do not require matching funds are used exclusively for library materials, including books, audiobooks, DVDs, and digital resources such as e-books and e-audiobooks. Digital Resource Sharing (OverDrive).

Tennessee R.E.A.D.s:

The library also purchases digital materials that are shared through the Tennessee R.E.A.D.s program (Read. Educate. Access. Discover.). This statewide system allows participating libraries to pool resources, giving patrons access to a larger shared digital collection while helping libraries stretch their individual budgets. Digital purchases made by Giles County Public Library are available only to its patrons.

PRIVATE DONATIONS:

Funds raised through campaigns, memorials, and patron donations are essential for supporting programs, materials, and services not covered by government funding or grants.

IN SUMMARY:

- **Operational costs** are covered by local government funding
- **Materials** are primarily funded through grants and private donations
- **Technology improvements** are funded through matched grants
- **Donations** help fill gaps—especially for programs and enhancements.
- **Digital partnerships** like OverDrive and Tennessee R.E.A.D.s significantly expand access while maximizing the impact of available funds.