

# Learning QUEST

SINCE 2009

# 2025 IMPACT REPORT



**EXPLORE.  
ENGAGE.  
ENRICH.**

# OUR MISSION

LearningQUEST is a non-profit, volunteer-led organization for adults, dedicated to building a learning community through educational and enrichment opportunities.

## ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

The numbers in this report tell the story of individuals whose lives were impacted by LearningQUEST; people who learned new skills, shared their talents through teaching a program, or made new friends by participating in social activities or special interest groups. These experiences remind us that LearningQUEST continues to play a vital role in the lives of area residents.

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### 2025 IN REVIEW

2025 was a year of growth, innovation, and community engagement for LearningQUEST. While members enjoyed a vast number of programs, events and activities, the all-volunteer board worked with committee leadership to conduct a careful examination of key organizational elements with an eye toward strengthening future operations.

In addition to the extensive programming described in the following pages, operational accomplishments included:

- Performing an in-depth Functional Analysis (SWOT) to identify strengths and weaknesses
- Strengthening ties with the HMCPL by installing an ex-officio board member on respective boards
- Initiating projects to improve audio/visual support at programs and events
- Initiating a project to update critical technology infrastructure
- Consolidating the 'Happenings' and 'Meetups' events under a single umbrella
- Evaluating and modifying catalog production processes to lower costs.

### GIFTS DONATED (OVER \$1,000)

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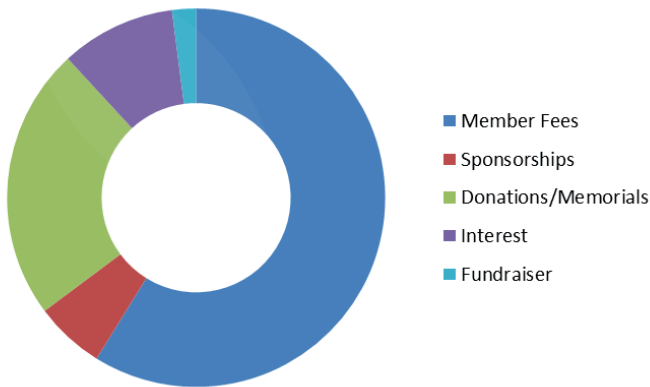
John & Ellen Griffin  
Cathy Hoffman

LearningQUEST works in collaboration with the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library to create an environment where inquiring minds can participate in stimulating forums, workshops, and courses across a wide variety of disciplines in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. The partnership provides an excellent opportunity for both organizations to fulfill their missions.

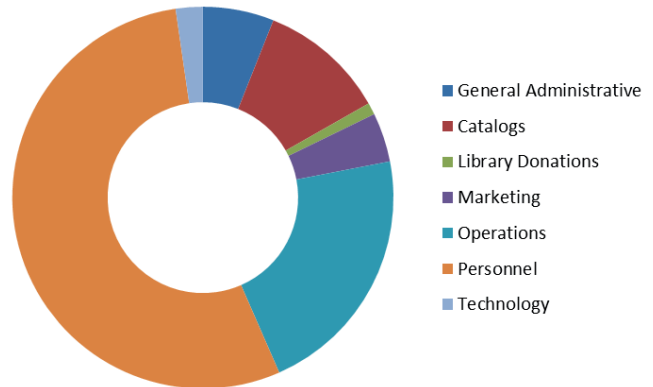


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## STATISTICAL & FINANCIAL SUMMARIES



**2025 Income = \$77,168**



**2025 Expenses = \$74,384**

## PROGRAMMING

LearningQUEST operated two terms (Spring and Fall) in 2025 offering a total of 152 programs, including 120 term programs, 13 Fee-Based Courses, one Trip, 12 Library-Sponsored Training Sessions, 9 Special Interest Groups, and 7 Free Public Programs. This level of programming resulted in 400 individual sessions generating approximately 800 volunteer opportunities. Program Topics included Health, Literature, History, Environment, Safety, Dance, Personal Finance, Arts, Travel, Theater, Languages, Culture, Physical Fitness, and Technology.

- 14,416 with value of \$440,985 for members
- 993 with value of \$30,353 for non-members/presenters
- Total: 15,409 reported hours with value of \$471,338

## VOLUNTEER HOURS



## PARTICIPATION



- Attendance averages 7,200 per year
- Membership averages 840 persons per year
- Free public programs average 100 attendees per session

- Weekly E-News = 1,333 subscribers
- Website = 2,000 clicks per year
- Facebook = 1,200 Followers

## REACH



# BUILDING COMMUNITY | STIMULATING MINDS

## RALLY DAY

- Beginning of each term
- Explore, socialize, and register

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- Mah Jongg, Hiking, Literary conversations, Bunco, and more

## TRIPS

- Two to four events per year
- Nearby, regional, national, and international travel



*"I took the LearningQUEST group trip to Gibbs Gardens and Amicalola Falls State Park in North Georgia in March of 2025 and was quite happy that I went with LearningQUEST. It was enjoyable to be able to experience nature's bounty and expand my horizons without ANY driving or planning while in the good company of my LearningQUEST family!"*

- Gina Bain

## HAPPENINGS

- Monthly events and special activities for members
- Trivia nights, concerts, new member socials, game times, and themed activities

## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

- Open to the entire community
- No fee or registration

*"LearningQUEST Happenings are always so much fun. Since relocating to Huntsville after retirement, these events offer me the chance to socialize as frequently as I want in a friendly, welcoming environment. Participating has truly enhanced my quality of life."*

- Arnita Cole

## LIBRARY-SPONSORED PUBLIC PROGRAMS

- Courses conducted by HMCPL
- Open to public, no charge
- Various disciplines

*"LearningQUEST affords me the opportunity to socialize and challenge myself intellectually. The variety of programs gives me the freedom to participate as much as I want and to find new friends with similar interests."*

- John Ofenloch



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