

Friends of the Manchester Library: typical Annual Budget & Solar Electric Summary

With income from:

Fundraisers like the Plant Sales, Father's Day Salmon Bake,
Sales of Books, raffles, other special events & Donations

FOML pays typical operating expenses

Building and grounds maintenance and repairs, insurance **\$10,000**

Utilities: **\$8,000+**

Library programs: **\$8,000**

Miscellaneous (volunteer and staff recognition, postage, fundraiser costs and
advertising, cost of goods to sell, supplies) **\$6,000**

Every year FOML needs to raise \$30,000 to \$35,000 to keep the library open

Our Manchester Library's Solar Panel Array

On August 4, 2021, the Friends of the Manchester Library were able to initialize service from our array of 25 solar panels thanks to a generous \$32,000 grant from Puget Sound Energy. Power Trip Energy of Port Townsend completed the solar panel installation. Since that date, our solar panels have been producing an average of 10,241 kWh of electric power annually. At today's electric rates, this is saving us about \$1533 per year and avoiding 16,181 pounds of Carbon Dioxide that would otherwise be added to the environment through the current sources of our electric power. The only service needed since the installation, is a gentle annual cleaning in the late spring provided by local volunteers. We are proud to make this effort to help the community via cost savings in operation of the library building, which we own, and helping to reduce CO2 emissions.

John Winslow May 2025