



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2026, at 12:00 noon
Meeting Location: Library Headquarters, Wausau Community Room.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by computer or phone may log or call into the meeting beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following link: [Library Board of Trustees Meeting March 2026](#) or number [1 866 899 4679](#). Access Code for dialing in 739-053-413.

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- **Call to Order**
- **Acknowledgement of Visitors**
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Bills and Services Report**
- **Public Comments (10 minutes)** (Anyone addressing the Library Board is asked to do so in a respectful, professional, and courteous manner. The “Public Comments” portion of this meeting is offered as an opportunity for citizens of Marathon County to be heard. The Board, however, is under no obligation to provide this forum. As such, any misuse could result in the removal of these privileges. Any person who wishes to address the Library Board during the “Public Comment” portion of meetings may only provide comment pertaining to an item on the agenda. He or she must sign in or e-mail their name, address, and the topic they wish to present to the Library Personnel Specialist no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting library-administration@mcpl.us)
- **Reports Regarding Recent Meetings and Communications. For Discussion and Informational Purposes Only. No Action will be taken.**
 - A. President
 - B. Other Board Members
 - C. Library Director
 - D. Board Committees
 - E. Friends of the Library
 - F. MCPL Foundation
 - G. Wisconsin Valley Library Service
- **2025 Fund Transfer – For Discussion and Possible Action**
 - **Library Fund Transfer**
 - **Friends and Foundation Donations Transfer**
- **Announcements**
- **Request for Future Agenda Items**
- **Next Meeting Dates**
 - Monday 04/20/2026
 - Monday 05/18/2026
 - Monday 06/15/2026 - Spencer Branch Library
 - Monday 07/20/2026
- **Adjournment**

SIGNED 
Library Director or Designee

*Any person planning to attend this meeting who need special accommodations in order to participate should call the Library Administration Office at 715-261-7213 or e-mail library-administration@mcpl.us one business day before the meeting.

EMAILED TO: Marathon County Media Group
EMAILED BY: H. Wilde
EMAILED DATE & TIME: March 10, 2026 at 8:40 a.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE
BY: _____
DATE & TIME: _____

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday, February 16, 2026.

Present: Reid Rayome, Kari Sweeney, Joyce Griese, Aaron Griner (remote), LeeAnn Podruch, Chris Voll (remote), Leah Giordano

Absent: Andrea Sheridan

Others: Nicole Metz-Andrews, David Hahn, Heather Wilde, Stephanie Martell

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Reid Rayome.
Reid Rayome welcomed visitors to the meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KARI SWEENEY; SECONDED BY LEEANN PODRUCH TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 26, 2026 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOYCE GRIESE; SECONDED BY KARI SWEENEY TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2026 BILLS AND SERVICES REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments – None

President –None

Other Board Members – None

Director's Report – Presented in the Board packet and by Director Leah Giordano.

- The first half of the January all-staff day was county-sponsored, and the second half was library specific with training put on by WVLS.
- The final punch list was completed for the bathrooms and just a few small items need to be finished. The remaining underperforming toilets will be swapped out in a few weeks for Power Assist toilets.
- Trustee Sweeney and Director Giordano attended four appointments at the Library Legislative Day in Madison.
- Currently hiring is in process for open positions and there were 47 applicants for a part-time position in Wausau.

Board Committees – None

Friends of the Library – The Friends raised \$5106.25 at their quarterly sale 2/4/26-2/7/26.

MCPL Foundation – None

Wisconsin Valley Library Service –The WVLS Board will meet on Saturday, February 21st. WVLS is currently hiring a new system executive director.

Approval of Annual Report for DPI

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LEEANN PODRUCH; SECONDED BY CHRIS VOLL TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.


Statement Concerning System Effectiveness

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REID RAYOME; SECONDED BY KARI SWEENEY THAT THE MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY STATES THAT IN 2025 WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE DID PROVIDE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND ADEQUATELY MET THE NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY. MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements – None

Request for Future Agenda Items- Next month the annual fund transfers will be presented.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOYCE GRIESE; SECONDED BY LEEANN PODRUCH TO ADJOURN AT 12:17 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

SIGNED 
Library Director or Designee

Note: These minutes are subject to approval at the next Library Board meeting scheduled for March 16, 2026.

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday, January 26, 2026.

Present: Reid Rayome, Kari Sweeney (remote), Joyce Griese, Aaron Griner, LeeAnn Podruch (remote), Andrea Sheridan, Chris Voll (remote), Leah Giordano

Absent:

Others: Katelyn Killian, Nicole Metz-Andrews, David Hahn, Heather Wilde, Stephanie Martell

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Reid Rayome.
Reid Rayome welcomed visitors to the meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY AARON GRINER; SECONDED BY ANDREA SHERIDAN TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 15, 2025 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOYCE GRIESE; SECONDED BY CHRIS VOLL TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2025 BILLS AND SERVICES REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments – None

President –None

Other Board Members – None

Director's Report – Presented in the Board packet and by Director Leah Giordano.

- Director Giordano and Trustee Sweeney will be attending Legislative Day in Madison on February 10th.
- LENA is now accepting applications until February 14th for a session that starts on February 17th at the library. This is a literacy program for children under 4 years old and their parents.
- The library is working with TEACH and installers to have fiber connections at all the branches. Spencer fiber has been installed and will be connected soon.
- The theme this year for the Summer Library Program is "Unearth a story". MCPL has almost completed the planning phase, and performers have been scheduled for the summer.

Board Committees – None

Friends of the Library – The Friends had their annual meeting on January 10th. Their next four-day sale will be February 4th-7th.

MCPL Foundation – The Foundation met on January 8th and approved a 2026 funding request from Children’s Wisconsin for Play and Learn, a program run in partnership with the library.

Wisconsin Valley Library Service –The WVLS Board met on January 17th and will meet again in February.

Bathroom Renovation Update- After installation of new toilets during the restroom renovation there were increased clogging issues. A new option was found, and Power Assist toilets were installed on the first and second floor and the problem appears to be resolved. The basement, first and second floor restrooms are open for use. The third floor and family restrooms will be completed soon.

Policy Updates-


- 10.23 Photocopying, Printing and Faxing Update
- 11.25 Fax Service for Non-Library Related Transactions Removal
- These two are condensed into one policy to update with current practices.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANDREA SHERIDAN; SECOND BY JOYCE GRIESE TO APPROVE THE TWO POLICY UPDATES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Announcements – None

Request for Future Agenda Items- None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY AARON GRINER; SECONDED BY KARI SWEENEY TO ADJOURN AT 12:26 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

SIGNED 
Library Director or Designee

Marathon County Public Library Bills for Approval February 2026*

Library			
52131 Financial, Banking and Investment Services	Unique Management Services Inc	\$	93.20
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52164 Contractual Services	Per Mar Security & Research Corporation	\$	3,076.86
	Contractual Services	\$	3,076.86
52250 Telephone, Internet and Cable	Charter Communications	\$	530.96
	Frontier	\$	983.12
	Telephone, Internet and Cable	\$	1,514.08
52560 Other Special Services	Amazon Capital Services	\$	3.99
	BroDart	\$	984.02
	Other Special Services	\$	988.01
52561 Reimburse County	Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library	\$	4,296.00
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52990 Sundry Contractual Services	Colby Community Library	\$	41.00
	EU Demmer Memorial Library	\$	11.00
	Plunkett's Pest Control	\$	399.00
	Rhineland Public Library	\$	28.00
	Sundry Contractual Services	\$	479.00
53161 Books Library	Amazon Capital Services	\$	391.04
	BroDart	\$	4,649.18
	OverDrive Inc	\$	74.99
	Books Library	\$	5,115.21
53168 Audio-Visual Materials	Amazon Capital Services	\$	29.98
	Midwest Tape LLC	\$	1,449.35
	Audio-Visual Materials	\$	1,479.33
53190 Office Supplies	Amazon Capital Services	\$	358.95
	Staples	\$	105.70
	Office Supplies	\$	464.65
53220 Subscriptions	The Mosinee Times	\$	39.00
	Subscriptions	\$	39.00
53321 Personal Auto Mileage	Staff	\$	606.97
	Personal Auto Mileage	\$	606.97
53494 Technology Supplies	Amazon Capital Services	\$	49.16
	Technology Supplies	\$	49.16
53936 Other Supplies	Amazon Capital Services	\$	78.27
	Bibliotheca LLC	\$	817.56
	Staples	\$	162.00
	Other Supplies	\$	1,057.83
55320 Building/Offices Rent	Marathon City, Village of	\$	558.36
	Building/Offices Rent	\$	558.36

Marathon County Public Library Bills for Approval February 2026*

Library - Gifts/Donations			
52164 Contractual Services		\$	848.00
Tank Mates LLC		\$	848.00
	Contractual Services	\$	848.00
53161 Books Library			
BroDart		\$	1,252.51
	Books Library	\$	1,252.51
53936 Other Supplies			
Amazon Capital Services		\$	617.01
	Other Supplies	\$	617.01
CIP Library			
52150 Architectural, Engineering and Planning Services			
Martin Riley Inc		\$	2,394.00
	Architectural, Engineering and Planning Services	\$	2,394.00
58260 Library Buildings			
Goodin Company		\$	107.21
	Library Buildings	\$	107.21
Grand Total		\$	25,036.39

*Current as of 3/9/26 when pulled from Workday (county system)

Marathon County Public Library Budget vs Actual (Library cost center) for February 2026*

Ledger Account	Amended Budget	Actuals (Current Period)	Actuals (YTD)	Budget Remaining
<u>Library Cost Center</u>				
Revenues				
41110 General Property Taxes	\$ 3,838,584.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,838,584.00)
46170 Sale of Maps, Poll Lists, Copies	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 1,229.45	\$ 2,104.52	\$ (13,895.48)
46190 Other General Government Fees	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 1,620.98	\$ 4,427.59	\$ (28,572.41)
46710 Library Fees	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 1,801.21	\$ 3,794.84	\$ (43,205.16)
48200 Rental of Buildings and Property	\$ 46,215.00	\$ 11,553.75	\$ 11,553.75	\$ (34,661.25)
Total Revenues	\$ 3,980,799.00	\$ 16,205.39	\$ 21,880.70	\$ (3,958,918.30)
Personnel Expenses				
51111 Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,204,984.00	\$ 82,182.70	\$ 265,581.92	\$ 1,939,402.08
51120 Overtime	\$ 5,207.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,207.00
51390 Other Special Pay	\$ -	\$ 688.32	\$ 1,524.11	\$ (1,524.11)
51510 Social Security	\$ 169,080.00	\$ 5,974.52	\$ 19,601.96	\$ 149,478.04
51520 Retirement Employers Share	\$ 146,166.00	\$ 5,487.81	\$ 17,697.10	\$ 128,468.90
51541 Dental Insurance	\$ 9,971.00	\$ 751.12	\$ 920.66	\$ 9,050.34
51550 Life Insurance	\$ 531.00	\$ 37.81	\$ 45.97	\$ 485.03
51560 Workers Compensation	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 161.17	\$ 1,213.83
51590 Other Employer Contributions	\$ 32,629.00	\$ 862.40	\$ 5,411.45	\$ 27,217.55
51593 Health Insurance	\$ 486,873.00	\$ 34,066.61	\$ 41,789.50	\$ 445,083.50
Personnel Expenses Total	\$ 3,056,816.00	\$ 130,101.29	\$ 352,733.84	\$ 2,704,082.16

Marathon County Public Library Budget vs Actual (Library cost center) for February 2026*

Operating Expenses						
52130 Accounting and Audit Services	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
52131 Financial, Banking and Investment Services	\$	1,200.00	\$	93.20	\$	990.30
52192 Other Professional Services	\$	6,500.00	\$	-	\$	6,500.00
52250 Telephone, Internet and Cable	\$	24,000.00	\$	1,514.08	\$	21,901.55
52420 Machinery/Equipment Maintenance Services	\$	6,000.00	\$	-	\$	6,000.00
52140 Technology Services	\$	28,400.00	\$	-	\$	23,594.43
52164 Contractual Services	\$	56,200.00	\$	3,076.86	\$	50,220.22
52560 Other Special Services	\$	43,000.00	\$	988.01	\$	40,375.05
52561 Reimburse County	\$	7,500.00	\$	4,296.00	\$	3,204.00
52932 Copier Charges	\$	12,500.00	\$	-	\$	11,508.00
52990 Sundry Contractual Services	\$	9,000.00	\$	479.00	\$	8,278.00
53110 Postage and Courier	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	3,000.00
53130 Printing and Forms	\$	5,500.00	\$	-	\$	5,500.00
53142 Software - IT	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	3,000.00
53161 Books Library	\$	274,000.00	\$	5,115.21	\$	262,818.38
53168 Audio-Visual Materials	\$	60,000.00	\$	1,479.33	\$	57,554.74
53169 E-Books Library	\$	37,415.00	\$	-	\$	37,415.00
53190 Office Supplies	\$	21,000.00	\$	464.65	\$	20,202.97
53220 Subscriptions	\$	17,000.00	\$	39.00	\$	16,961.00
53221 Electronic Subscriptions	\$	25,500.00	\$	-	\$	10,693.02
53240 Membership Dues	\$	126,600.00	\$	-	\$	126,600.00
53250 Registration Fees/tuition	\$	3,200.00	\$	-	\$	3,200.00
53260 Advertising	\$	4,000.00	\$	-	\$	3,997.08
53321 Personal Auto Mileage	\$	7,500.00	\$	606.97	\$	6,500.70
53410 Meeting Expenses	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	792.16
53494 Technology Supplies	\$	5,500.00	\$	49.16	\$	4,878.78

Marathon County Public Library Budget vs Actual (Library cost center) for February 2026*

53936 Other Supplies	\$	10,500.00	\$	1,057.83	\$	1,057.83	\$	9,442.17
55190 Insurance Other Premiums	\$	58,968.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	58,968.00
55320 Building/Offices Rent	\$	61,000.00	\$	558.36	\$	4,930.49	\$	56,069.51
Operating Expenses Total	\$	923,983.00	\$	19,817.66	\$	58,817.94	\$	865,165.06
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Total Expenditures	\$	3,980,799.00	\$	149,918.95	\$	411,551.78	\$	3,569,247.22
Net Change	\$	-	\$	(133,713.56)	\$	(389,671.08)	\$	(389,671.08)

*Current as of 3/9/26 when pulled from Workday (county system).

Marathon County Public Library Budget vs Actual (additional cost centers) February 2026*

	Budget	Actuals (Current Period)	Actuals (YTD)	Budget Remaining
Library - Gift/Donation Cost Center				
Total Revenues	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 24,300.00	\$ (175,700.00)
Total Expenditures	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 2,717.52	\$ 15,545.97	\$ 184,454.03
Library - Gift/Donation Cost Center Net	\$ -	\$ 12,682.48	\$ 8,754.03	\$ 8,754.03
CIP- Library Cost Center				
Total Revenues	\$ 129,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (129,500.00)
Total Expenditures	\$ 129,500.00	\$ 2,501.21	\$ 7,417.11	\$ 122,082.89
CIP-Library Net Change	\$ -	\$ (2,501.21)	\$ (7,417.11)	\$ (7,417.11)

*Current as of 3/9/26 when pulled from Workday (county system).

TOTAL CIRCULATION STATISTICAL SUMMARY

For the month of February 2026

Branch	2025 CURRENT MONTH	2026 CURRENT MONTH	% CHANGE	2025 YEAR-to-DATE	2026 YEAR-to-DATE	% CHANGE
ATHENS	1,906	1,536	-19.41%	3,964	3,152	-20.48%
EDGAR	1,174	1,002	-14.65%	2,388	2,146	-10.13%
HATLEY	1,919	2,136	11.31%	3,735	4,472	19.73%
MARATHON	2,234	2,829	26.63%	4,762	5,903	23.96%
MOSINEE	2,004	1,942	-3.09%	4,191	4,407	5.15%
ROTHSCHILD	6,916	7,611	10.05%	14,621	15,890	8.68%
SPENCER	1,028	1,168	13.62%	1,979	2,261	14.25%
STRATFORD	1,878	1,706	-9.16%	3,511	3,493	-0.51%
WAUSAU	29,908	27,723	-7.31%	61,589	58,495	-5.02%
WAUSAU DRIVE UP	1,549	1,448	-6.52%	3,163	3,156	-0.22%
HOMEBOUND	556	263	-52.70%	1,252	505	-59.66%
ILL	208	227	9.13%	465	500	7.53%
OVERDRIVE	17,783	18,322	3.03%	37,350	39,744	6.41%
GRAND TOTAL	69,063	67,913	-1.67%	142,970	144,124	0.81%

ON-SITE CIRC TO NON-RESIDENT CUSTOMERS
For the month of February 2026

CUSTOMER STATISTICAL CLASSES

	WVLS- CLARK	WVLS- LANGLADE	WVLS- LINCOLN	SCLS- PORTAGE	NFLS- SHAWANO	WVLS- TAYLOR	SCLS- WOOD	TOTAL NON- RESIDENT CIRC	TOTAL CIRC	% of CIRC by BRANCH
ATHENS	19	0	6	0	0	185	0	210	3,152	6.66%
EDGAR	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	2,146	0.23%
HATLEY	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	4,472	0.11%
MARATHON	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	5,903	0.08%
MOSINEE	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4,407	0.20%
ROTHSCHILD	6	0	48	0	0	0	0	54	15,890	0.34%
SPENCER	99	0	0	0	0	0	383	482	2,261	21.32%
STRATFORD	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	7	3,493	0.20%
WAUSAU	32	0	531	0	0	120	5	688	58,495	1.18%
WAUSAU DRIVE UP	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3,156	0.03%
MISC*									40,749	
TOTAL MCPL	167	0	597	0	0	308	394	1,466	144,124	1.02%
% of CIRC										
by COUNTY	0.12%	0.00%	0.41%	0.00%	0.00%	0.21%	0.27%			

*MISC=HOMEBOUND,WVLS-D,WVLS-L,III, OVERDRIVE

TOTAL MONTHLY CUSTOMER COUNT

For the month of February 2026

	2025 CURRENT MONTH	2026 CURRENT MONTH	% CHANGE
MARATHON COUNTY			
RESIDENT ADULT	53,134	53,882	1.41%
RESIDENT CHILD	9,167	8,997	-1.85%
HOMEBOUND	97	84	-13.40%
STAFF	68	65	-4.41%
TEMPORARY	517	561	8.51%
TOTAL FOR MARATHON COUNTY	62,983	63,589	0.96%
NON-COUNTY ON SITE BORROWERS			
ADULT	2,679	2,790	4.14%
CHILD	242	255	5.37%
TEMPORARY	33	37	12.12%
TOTAL FOR NON-COUNTY ON SITE BORROWERS	2,954	3,082	4.33%
INTERLIBRARY LOAN			
ILL	420	422	0.48%
GRAND TOTAL	66,357	67,093	1.11%

Marathon County Public Library

Director Report

March 2026

Highlights

Programs with Heart



February in Wisconsin may be cold and gray, but free library programming offers the perfect escape. Centering themes of connection and camaraderie, MCPL-Wausau held events full of heart for all ages throughout the month.

For our youngest patrons and their caregivers, Library Specialist Rose D created a hands-on intergenerational craft opportunity—Heart Monsters. This adorable creation utilizes simple craft supplies, and the end result is a cute little monster guaranteed to steal your heart.

For adults, Librarian Julie K utilized vintage romance book covers as the centerpiece in her Galentines event. Participants were provided with a variety of art supplies and invited to make humorous, one-of-a-kind cards for friends.

To bring in our teen and new adult crowd, Library Specialist Olivia B offered a Zine Making workshop. Our biggest meeting room was full of friend groups (and even couples) excited to spend February 14th making meaningful art together using old magazines.

The supplies for all of these events are simple, but the overall impact is great. Part of our mission as a public library is to offer opportunities for our patrons to connect and learn together. February was the perfect example of that mission in action.

Library programming is vital to our communities—and a powerful antidote for the winter blues.
-Katelyn K, Library Services Manager

Branches



In Athens, Scott Seeger from ADRC presented a very informational presentation “Dementia Basics” on February 4th. A scheduled one-hour program lasted two hours because of the interesting topic and many questions. A Brain Health Basics program was requested by the attendees, and is scheduled for March 18th.

In Hatley, a communal art mural was created over the week of February 23-28. Patrons were invited to add whatever they would like to the mural. 21 patrons participated. The mural is now hanging on the front of the circulation desk.

Stratford held another Puzzle Race at several times from Feb. 5-7. The Stratford Area Historical Society was kind enough to buy puzzles for the event. They found a historical Valentine puzzle that tied in with a display of historical Valentines that they had brought to our branch this month. A total of 48 people on 14 teams competed to complete the 500-piece puzzle in 90 minutes. The winning team completed the puzzle in 34 minutes and 29 seconds!

Rothschild held two family story time sessions with over 50 people attending. The story time on February 18th was a special snowplow story time with special guest, snow plow driver Chris. The children loved hearing about these important vehicles through stories, songs, and even got a chance to climb inside a real snowplow!

In staffing news, interviews for the open Hatley Library Assistant position were held on February 9th and 10th. Our new staff person Shantel started orientation in Wausau on March 2nd. The open Athens Library Assistant position has closed and interviews were held at the end of February. Our new staff person Teri will be starting on March 30th.

-Laura W, Branch Team Lead

Library Services

Youth Services welcomed 13 new participants to our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program in February—and 2 children completed the challenge! Story Times were very popular all month for little ones and their caregivers, and young readers were excited to practice their skills with a therapy dog in the library (we had 49 readers!). Popular teen programming included a Dungeons & Dragons “Battle Royale” that sparked creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork.

The Adult Services team celebrated the promotion of Jordan B as our new Homebound Coordinator this month. The team also noted February as a record month for study rooms—this resource was utilized 133 times! Special projects like planning for outreach at Evercon, finalizing summer events, and attending website accessibility training from the County kept the team busy. Popular programs for adults this month included a faux leather earrings craft event, a puzzle swap, and winter-themed D&D adventures.

-Tara H, Youth Services Librarian & Julie K, Adult Services Librarian

Library Services Statistics & Activities

Team News & Projects

- Notary: 31 appointments
- Proctoring: 1 appointment
- Tech Time: 5 appointments
- MCPL study rooms were booked 133 times in February
- Homebound Services:
 - Items sent out: 237
 - Volunteer deliveries completed: 15
 - New (or recently returned) HB patrons: 4
 - Active HB accts at the start of the month: 78
 - Reading slips, letters, or notes received: 26
 - Training completed for new Homebound Coordinator (Jordan)
- Weeding:
 - Athens: Adult Fiction, Juvenile Music CDs
 - Edgar: Juvenile Music CDs
 - Hatley: Juvenile Music CDs
 - Marathon: Adult Fiction, Juvenile Music CDs
 - Mosinee: Juvenile Music CDs
 - Rothschild: Juvenile Music CDs, Juvenile Graphic Novels
 - Spencer: Juvenile Music CDs
 - Stratford: Juvenile Music CDs
 - Wausau: Adult Fiction (H's), Adult Large Print, Juvenile Music CDs, Young Adult Graphic Novels, Young Adult Nonfiction (660 – 999.9)
- Ongoing projects:
 - Central Wisconsin Book Festival (Margaret)
 - Continued contacting authors for 2026 festival
 - Collection maintenance and development (Kate, Murray)
 - Continued weeding CDs at all locations

- Attended annual WVLS Advantage Purchasing Committee Meeting on February 12 (Kate)
 - Revised mending procedures (Kate)
- Graphic and web design/management (Ben)
- Designed ads for Summer Library Program
 - Redesigned the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Certificate
 - Bimonthly print newsletter completed
- Library history digitization project (Julie)
- Lost and found management (Kathy)
- Marketing and social media (Haley)
- Attended Marketing Hub presentation on February 18
 - Coordinated summer advertising with local newspapers and organizations
- Obituary indexing (Jailin, Jordan, Julie, Kathy)
- Outreach
- Delivered MCPL event posters to local businesses (Margaret, Olivia)
 - Sent event posters and announcements to Wausau and DCE School Districts (Olivia)
- Policy and Procedure Committee (Kate, Rose)
- The committee will meet in March
- Programming
- Organized speakers for adult programs in 2026 (Julie)
 - Completed web promos for all May events began working on promos for SLP (Margaret)
 - Began designing the SLP Activity Book (Ben)
 - Finalized preparations for Evercon outreach (Jordan Julie, Margaret, Olivia)
 - Coordinated school visits to the library with local teachers (Rose)
- Universal design implementation
- Attended County training on websites and accessibility at the Lake View Campus on February 11 (Ben, Haley, Katelyn)
 - Began evaluating accessibility of databases linked on our website (Julie)
 - ADA evaluations of website features and adjustments (Ben)

Events and Programs

Youth Events

Story Times:

- February 2: Tales for Tots—30
- February 4: Play & Learn Story Time—48
- February 5: Family Story Time—24
- February 9: Tales for Tots—21
- February 11: Play & Learn—31
- February 12: Family Story Time—30
- February 16: Tales for Tots—38
- February 18: Play & Learn—42
- February 19: Family Story Time—37
- February 23: Tales for Tots—27
- February 25: Play & Learn—42
- February 26: Family Story Time—20

Other Programs:

- February 3: Heart Monsters—25
- February 10: Pokémon Club—30
- February 12: Camp Between the Stacks—7

- February 16: Let's Play Hollow Knight—0
- February 19: LEGO Club—15
- February 26: D&D Battle Royale—6
- February 28: Read to a Therapy Dog—49
- February 1-28: Children's Room Scavenger Hunt—93
- Number of February Youth Services programs – 20
- Total attendance for February Youth Services programs – 615

Adults/All Ages Events

- February 2: Winter D&D Adventure—7
- February 9: Genealogy Meetup—7
- February 9: Evening Genealogy Meetup—3
- February 10: Galentines—12
- February 11: Fiber Artist Meetup—8
- February 11: Faux Leather Earrings—13
- February 12: Winter D&D Adventure—7
- February 14: Zine Making—15
- February 18: Community Game Night—5
- February 19: Puzzle Competition—7
- February 21: Puzzle Swap—27
- February 23: Adaptive Communities—9
- February 26: Book Club, *The Nickel Boys*—3
- February 28: "Um, Actually" Trivia—6
- Number of February programs and activities – 14
- Total attendance/participation for February programs – 129

Media Summary

Social Media Statistics:

- Facebook (MCPL): 6,153 followers (+114)
 - New interactions, reactions/comments: (+1,256)
 - New follows (+129)
 - Unfollows (-15)
 - Views: 157.8K
- Pinterest: 961 (-1)
- Goodreads: 354 friends (-1), 1508 reviews (+0)
- Instagram: 1,284 followers (+9)
 - Views: 6.6K
- YouTube: 527 subscribers (+7)

Hot Happenings in the River District (email newsletter)

- February 4—Galentines
- February 11—Camp Between the Stacks
- February 18—Puzzle Swap
- February 25—Read to a Therapy Dog

Central Wisconsin News

- [February 28—This Week's entertainment in Central Wisconsin: Friday, Feb. 27 – Sunday, March 1](#)

City Pages

- January 29-February 4—BIG Guide—Ongoing: Winter Reading Program; Events—Pass It Forward Puzzle Share-ST, Book Club: “Circe” by Madeline Miller-WA, Ready, Set, Game-SP, Winter D&D Adventures-WA, Cribbage-MO, Senior Social Hour-MO, Holiday Puzzle Competition-ST, Gentle Yoga-MO, Book Club: “Isaac’s Storm” by Erik Larson-MC, Book Club: “The Rosie Project” by Graeme Simsion-ED, Book Club: “Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman-HA, Book Club: “Cher: The Memoir, Part One” by Cher-AT, Galentine’s Card Crafting-WA; Lectures/Workshops—Needle-Felt Bookmarks-WA, Fiber Artists Meetup-SP, Genealogy Meetup-WA, LENA Start-WA; Kids/Teens—Family Story Time-WA, MC, ED, MO, RO, ST, WA, MC, HA, AT, Crafts & Dragons: D20 Neon Signs-WA, Tales for Tots-WA, AT, Heart Monsters-WA, Read to a Therapy Dog-MO, Play and Learn-WA, LEGO Block Party-RO, Pokémon Club-WA, Mini Makers-MO, RO, Camp Between the Stacks-WA.
- February 5-11—BIG Guild—Ongoing: Winter Reading Program-WA; Events: Holiday Puzzle Competition-ST, Gentle Yoga-MO, Book Club: “Isaac’s Storm” by Erik Larson-MC, Book Club: “The Rosie Project” by Graeme Simsion-ED, Book Club: “Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman-HA, Book Club: “Cher: The Memoir, Part One” by Cher-AT, Galentine’s Card Crafting-WA, Winter D&D Adventures-WA, Book Club: “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave-SP, Book Club: “The Housemaid” by Freida McFadden-MO, Winter D&D Adventures-WA, Book Club: “The Wager” by David Grann-ST; Lectures/Workshops: Fiber Artists Meetup-SP, RO, WA, Genealogy Meetup-WA, Faux Leather Earrings-WA, Pet Portrait Painting-MO, Zine Making-WA, LENA Start-WA; Kids/Teens: Tales for Tots-WA, Play and Learn-WA.
- February 12-18—HIGHLIGHTS—Let’s Play: Hollow Knight-WA—BIG Guide—Ongoing: Winter Reading Program-WA; Events—Winter D&D Adventures-WA, Book Club: “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave-SP, Book Club: “The Housemaid” by Freida McFadden-MO, Winter D&D Adventures-WA, Book Club: “The Wager” by David Grann-ST, Community Game Night-WA, Puzzle Competition-WA, Friends of MCPL Members Only Book Sale-WA, Puzzle Swap-WA, Communal Art Mural-HA, Cat Lover Craft & Social Hour-MO, Book Club: “The Wager” by David Grann-ST, Book Club: “The Bear and the Nightingale” by Katherine Arden-RO, Book Club: “The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead-WA; Lectures/Workshops: Pet Portrait Painting-MO, Zine Making-WA, LENA Start-WA; Kids/Teens: Tales for Tots-WA, AT, Play and Learn-WA, Family Story Time-ST, WA, MC, SP, ED, HA, AT, Camp Between the Stacks-WA, Read to a Therapy Dog-HA, Heart Wands-ED, Play and Learn-MO, Let’s Play: Hollow Knight-WA, Teen Chess Club-AT, Snowplow Story Time-RO, LEGO Club-WA, SP, Teen D&D Battle Royale-WA.
- February 19-25—BIG Guide—Ongoing: Winter Reading Program-WA; Events: Puzzle Competition-WA, Friends of MCPL Members Only Book Sale-WA, Puzzle Swap-WA, Communal Art Mural-HA, Cat Lover Craft & Social Hour-MO, Book Club: “The Wager” by David Grann-ST, Book Club: “The Bear and the Nightingale” by Katherine Arden-RO, Puzzle Competition-MC, Book Club: “The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead-WA, “Um, Actually” Trivia-WA, Craft & Game Swap-MO, Cribbage-MO; Lectures/Workshops: LENA Start-WA; Kids/Teens: Tales for Tots-WA (2), Play and Learn-WA (2), SP, LEGO Club-WA, Family Story Time-HA, AT, ED, Teen D&D Battle Royale-WA, Friendship Bracelets-SP, Read to a Therapy Dog-WA.
- February 26-March 4—BIG Guide—Ongoing: Winter Reading Program-WA; Events: Communal Art Mural-HA, Puzzle Competition-MC, Book Club: “The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead-WA; “Um, Actually Trivia”-WA, Crafts & Games Swap-MO, Cribbage-MO, Senior Social Hour-MO, Crochet Coasters-ED, Book Club: “The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County” by Claire Swinarski-MC, Book Club: “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi-ED, Book Club: “The School for Good Mothers” by Jessamine Chan-HA, Book Club: “Flight Behavior” by Barbara Kingsolver-AT; Lectures/Workshops: Genealogy Meetup-WA, Indoor Seed Starting Workshop-ST; Kids/Teens: Family Story Time-WA, MC, ED, ST, MO, RO, HA, AT, LEGO Club-SP, Teen D&D Battle Royale-WA, Friendship Bracelets-SP, Read to a Therapy Dog-WA, RO, Tales for Tots-WA, AT, Crafts & Coloring Extravaganza-MO, Play and Learn-WA, LEGO Block Party-RO, Week of STEM-SP, Pokemon Club-WA, Mini Makers-MO, RO, Crafts & Dragons: Dragon Eye Sculpture-MO, Crafts & Dragons: Mini Painting-WA.

Mosinee Times

- February 5—MCPL Sponsors Youth Events in February—Pokémon club-WA, Mini Makers-RO, Camp Between the Stacks-WA, Read to a Therapy Dog-HA, Heart Wands-ED, Let’s Play: Hollow Knight-WA; Adults and Teens Invited to Gentle Yoga at MCPL Mosinee; Paint One of a Kind Pet Portrait at MCPL Mosinee.
- February 12—February Book Clubs, Friends of MCPL to Host Next Members-Only Book Sale on February 21.
- February 19—Cat Lovers Invite To Craft and Chat-MO, Make Your Mark On MCPL Hatley’s Communal Art Mural.
- February 26—Play Cribbage With Others At MCPL Mosinee, March 3, MCPL Mosinee is Hosting a Senior Social Hour

Record Review

- February 11—Athens—Tales for Tots, Family Story Time, Teen Chess Club—Edgar—Family Story Time, Heart Wands—Marathon—Family Story Time—Stratford—Book clubs, Family Story Time.
- February 18—Athens—Story Time—Stratford—Book Clubs, Family Story Time.
- February 25—Athens—Book Club, Tales for Tots—Edgar—Better Your Balance, Book Club, Family Story Time—Marathon City—Book Club, Family Story Time—Stratford—Family Story Time

Tribune Record Gleaner

- February 4—Spencer Library—Ready, Set, Game!, Fiber Artists Meetup, Paper snowflakes, Cribbage.
- February 11—Spencer Library—Ready, Set, Game!, As the Pages Turn book club, family Storytime.
- February 18—Spencer Library—Ready, Set, Game!, LEGO Club, Friendship Bracelets.
- February 25—Spencer Library—Ready, Set, Game!, Lego Club, Friendship Bracelets, Fiber Artists Meetup

Village Voice

- February—Fiber Artists Meetup, Ready, Set, Game!, Paper Snowflakes, Cribbage, Book Club, Family Story Time, LEGO Club, Friendship Bracelets.

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- [February 3—Try a beginner pet portrait painting class at Mosinee Library Feb. 12](#)
- [February 10—Find deals for a cause at the MCPL members-only book sale on Feb. 21](#)
- [February 17—Bring a 300-plus piece puzzle to swap Feb. 21 at Wausau library event & on X](#)
- [February 18—Marathon County libraries offer free March story times for families](#)
- [February 18—MCPL Wausau to host its first ‘Um, actually’ trivia event](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

- [February 5—Marathon County Public Library programs](#)
- [February 15—Marathon County Public Library programs](#)
- [February 22—Marathon County Public Library book clubs: March](#)
- [February 22—Marathon County Public Library programs, youths](#)
- [February 24—March story times dates set at Marathon County Public Library](#)

Materials

Youth

Feb-26	2026 Annual Budget	Rollover from 2025	Total w/carryover	Free Balance	Spent as of 2-28-26	% Spent
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Juvenile Audiobooks	\$10,000.00	\$29.99	\$10,029.99	\$8,943.17	\$1,086.82	10.84%
Juvenile CDs	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Juvenile DVDs	\$5,400.00	\$67.47	\$5,467.47	\$4,938.23	\$529.24	9.68%
Juvenile Streaming	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Juvenile Video Games	\$2,350.00	\$0.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,085.37	\$264.63	11.26%
Young Adult Audio Books	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,493.46	\$306.54	17.03%
Youth AV Subtotal	\$21,700.00	\$97.46	\$21,797.46	\$19,610.23	\$2,187.23	10.03%
Juvenile Fiction	\$26,000.00	\$1,257.28	\$27,257.28	\$21,674.78	\$5,582.50	20.48%
Juvenile NonFiction	\$27,500.00	\$927.36	\$28,427.36	\$23,901.05	\$4,526.31	15.92%
Juvenile Picture Books	\$35,000.00	\$580.16	\$35,580.16	\$29,188.54	\$6,391.62	17.96%
Juvenile Spanish	\$1,500.00	\$102.14	\$1,602.14	\$1,197.99	\$404.15	25.23%
Young Adult Fiction	\$12,200.00	\$625.30	\$12,825.30	\$10,372.56	\$2,452.74	19.12%
Young Adult Graphic Novels	\$4,700.00	\$1,195.14	\$5,895.14	\$3,661.56	\$2,233.58	37.89%
Young Adult NonFiction	\$3,400.00	\$228.80	\$3,628.80	\$2,906.29	\$722.51	19.91%
Juvenile e-books	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Youth Print Subtotal	\$112,300.00	\$4,916.18	\$117,216.18	\$94,902.77	\$22,313.41	19.04%
Youth Services TOTAL	\$134,000.00	\$5,013.64	\$139,013.64	\$114,513.00	\$24,500.64	17.62%

Adult

	2026 Annual Budget	Rollover from 2025	Total w/carryover	Monthly Allotment	Free Balance	Spent YTD	% Spent
Adult Audiobooks	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$727.27	\$6,259.40	\$1,740.60	21.76%
Adult Music CD	\$2,500.00	\$51.26	\$2,551.26	\$227.27	\$1,614.59	\$936.67	36.71%
Adult DVD	\$15,000.00	\$44.24	\$15,044.24	\$1,363.64	\$10,788.91	\$4,255.33	28.29%
Adult Video Games	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$163.64	\$1,430.06	\$369.94	20.55%
Adult AV Subtotal	\$27,300.00	\$95.50	\$27,395.50	\$2,481.82	\$20,092.96	\$7,302.54	26.66%
Adult Paperbacks	\$2,000.00	\$253.63	\$2,253.63	\$181.82	\$1,999.20	\$254.43	11.29%
Adult Fiction	\$50,000.00	\$789.77	\$50,789.77	\$4,545.45	\$36,601.06	\$14,188.71	27.94%
Adult LT Fiction	\$11,200.00	\$966.10	\$12,166.10	\$1,018.18	\$8,965.41	\$3,200.69	26.31%
Adult Non-fiction	\$72,000.00	\$5,392.08	\$77,392.08	\$6,545.45	\$62,655.81	\$14,736.27	19.04%
Adult Non-fiction S.O.	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	N/A	\$1,936.25	\$63.75	3.19%
Adult Biographies	\$9,500.00	\$349.08	\$9,849.08	\$863.64	\$7,756.29	\$2,092.79	21.25%
Adult Spanish	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$45.45	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Adult Hmong	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$68.18	\$725.52	\$24.48	3.26%
Overdrive - ebooks	\$20,625.00	\$0.00	\$20,625.00	\$1,875.00	\$18,978.51	\$1,646.49	7.98%
Adult Streaming	\$4,125.00	\$0.00	\$4,125.00	\$375.00	\$4,125.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Adult Print Subtotal	\$172,700.00	\$7,750.66	\$180,450.66	\$15,700.00	\$144,243.05	\$36,207.61	20.07%
Adult Services TOTAL	\$200,000.00	\$7,846.16	\$207,846.16	\$18,181.82	\$164,336.01	\$43,510.15	20.93%

Support Services Statistics & Activities

Circulation Team

- New library card applications processed by the Circulation Team: 229
- Accounts linked: 39
- Checkout total for Wausau First Floor: **27,723**
- ILL team processed 227 Interlibrary Loan items
- Kanopy Statistics:
 - 52 new accounts created
 - 1,277 unique visits
 - 14,552 minutes watched
- Kajeet Hotspot Data:
 - 20 active devices
 - 1026562 MBs of data was consumed
 - 6092 hours of Homework Hours were logged
- Passports News: The MCPL Passport team accepted a total of **39 passport applications** at \$35.00 each, and **69 photos** were taken at \$15.00 each for a total of \$2,400.00 recorded. We also assisted with 33 renewal applications.
 - 24 Adult Passport Books
 - 15 Minor Passport Books
 - 4 Adult Passport Cards (attached to book applications)
 - 0 Minor Passport Cards
- Interlibrary Loan
 - requests filled: 149
 - requests not picked up: 4
 - Hold pickup phone calls: 9
 - Under \$10 per Amazon: 9
 - Too new: 6
 - Email inquiries: 11
 - renewals: 1
 - Phone inquiries: 4
 - renewals: 3
 - Microfilm requests: 1
 - V-Cat items: 11
 - Unfilled: 6
 - Emails to Wausau West for ILL pickup: 4
 - MCPL items courtesy returned to us: 1
 - Non-MCPL Items courtesy returned: 3
 - Library of Congress: 3
 - Same Title within 3-month time period: 1
- Ashley H:
 - Pull list
 - Niche Academy training: De-Escalation – Recognizing and Preparing for Tense Situations
 - Covered AM desk, restocked passport renewal labels/envelopes
 - Processed newspapers
 - Went over ILL renewal process with Ying
 - Adult fiction switchovers
 - Shelf read 745-746 adult non-fiction (quilting, crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc.)
- Ying X:
 - Circ desk duties

- Sorted carts
- Cleared bins and run transit carts through sorter to support pages
- Weed Adult Fiction and LT
- ILL processing:
 - Assisted with ILL approvals, cancellations, transit, check-ins, and notifying patrons
 - Helped Ashley in the processing of ILL requests
- Drive up:
 - Trained on mending books and workroom items
 - Cleaned discs from workroom
 - Relabeled Juvenile fiction
 - Labeled newly processed books and DVDs
 - Prepared book jackets on processed books
 - Closed window
- Maggie B:
 - Passports
 - Checked in transits
 - sorted carts/ emptied bin
 - merging juvenile to adult fines
 - Checked in/ checked out items for Jordan
 - processed new videogames
 - ordered supplies
 - unlinking 16-year-old accounts from parent/guardian account
 - Drive thru
 - Learned mending and processing processes and started to help with those tasks in Support Services
- Erin Q:
 - Damages training w/ Jordan
 - AF switchovers
 - YA Fic switchovers
 - Pull List (days Michelle was out)
 - **Double check Hotspot agreements, made sure there were notes in the patron accounts**
 - **Damages and Billing**
 - 6 billed, 1 waived, 4 paid
 - 3 NDls
- Mai Yia L:
 - Inventory in Young Adult graphic novels
 - Had regular shifts at the drive-up and worked on projects downstairs
 - Library card application double checks
 - Adult non-fiction weeding
 - Adult fiction weeding
- Shea J:
 - Card app double checks
 - Continued inventory in the adult fiction collection.
 - **Learned the process and took over New Juvenile Collection switchovers.**
- Ollie C:
 - Created switchover, clean-up, location code, and missing in inventory lists throughout the month for Circ team to work on.
 - Completed WVLS billing list.
 - Worked on WVLS Missing in Transit list.
 - Account maintenance with Unique.

- Showed Jordan around the Circ office and answered questions for him as needed as he settles into his new role.
- Over the course of the month **three** patrons were banned for different lengths of time due to policy violations.

Page Team

- Throughout the month, the Page Team **shelved 25,985 items**. They handled an additional 3,338 more items for holds or transits to home libraries.
- Sophie continued to work on juvenile fiction inventory. She also worked on inventory in the Large Print Fiction.
- Gina worked on shelf-reading and minor shifting in adult fiction.
- Jacob took seasonal items returned from the branches and moved them back into storage.

Support Services Team

- **Circulation total for Wausau Drive Up: 1,448.**
- James virtually attended the V-Cat Council meeting on 2/5.
- Dawn, James, and Nicole met with Curt from Libraria on 2/5 for a vendor overview.
- Team Leads met with the Director on 2/11.
- Jailin joined the Support Services team on 2/16 in the role of Library Specialist – Cataloging, moving from her Library Services Homebound Coordinator position. Welcome Jailin!
- James is training Jailin on ordering processes and cataloging. Training is going very well.
- Jailin received cataloging training from Rachel (WVLS) on 2/18.
- Dawn, James, Jailin, and Kayla attended a webinar by Midwest Tape on 2/19. Titled “Midwest Tape Processing: Shelf Ready Solutions for Every Library,” the webinar covered where physical format AV is currently at in the market, what Midwest Tape is doing to acquire titles, and what processing options Midwest Tape offers.
- We have been experiencing an uptick of new audiobook discs that are defective. We informed staff that if patrons report issues with new materials to send them in ASAP so that we can order replacements.
- “Do Not Put in Book Drop” labels have been sent to branches and are in the process of being applied to easy reader box set containers at Wausau. The current easy reader box set containers do not fit in 70% of our drop boxes. These labels are being applied as a temporary solution until we can get new containers.
- Dawn reports that as of 2/27 there are 2 titles ordered in 2025 still on order with Brodart.
- Dawn reports all invoices paid, cancellations completed, and funds balanced.
- Vendor updates:
 - Dawn, James, Jailin, and Nicole met on 2/24 for a discussion and evaluation of current vendor services. Topics discussed:
 - Development of a vendor evaluation and scoring system to determine which vendors meet our desired criteria the best.
 - Processing and vendor changes for easy readers, board books, favorites, and adult mass market paperbacks.
 - Vendor contact to set up additional non-processing, spine label and barcode, and spine label processing accounts (Brodart) and custom processing (Ingram).
 - Potential account and EDI set-up projects: Library Ideas (VOX book vendor), Amazon, Playaway, and Libraria.
 - Dawn, James, and Nicole met with Amazon on 2/25 for a discussion of services, including account set-up, EDI ordering, grids, and timelines regarding features.
- **Brodart:**
 - Brodart has responded to our inquiry about setting up additional processing accounts. They are still not at a point where they are ready to do so and state they are still

working on increasing service as a result of additional library onboarding due to B&T's closure.

Ingram:

- We discovered Ingram had deactivated our FTP credentials due to inactivity. The last order we placed with Ingram was in October. Our credentials have been reactivated. The collection development team is going to begin ordering cancelled items from other vendors from Ingram, as well as favorites, easy readers, board books, and mass market paperbacks. Ordering these collections consistently from Ingram should prevent this from happening again. This will also be a cost saving measure for favorites, easy readers, and board books because of the cost of processing those materials from Brodart.

Blackstone:

- Two EDI orders have been placed and Blackstone has confirmed they've been received.
- The vendor SKU number was being copied from the bib record and placed in the order record in an Ebook ID No. field. James worked with Rachel (WVLS) to troubleshoot and get this field changed to a Vendor Title No. field instead.

Information Technology

- Update to Fiber connection at Branches:
 - Athens:
 - Preliminary site visit completed 09/05/2025
 - Edgar:
 - Preliminary site visit completed 09/05/2025
 - Paused at exterior building penetration for fiber line conduit
 - Marathon City:
 - Preliminary site visit completed 09/05/2025
 - Paused at exterior building penetration for fiber line conduit
 - Mosinee:
 - Preliminary site visit completed 02/03/2026
 - Rothschild:
 - Preliminary site visit completed on 12/30/2025
 - Spencer:
 - Preliminary site visit completed 09/11/2025
 - Fiber line ran to building 12/23/2025
 - Fiber RAD installed by Frontier 01/21/2026
 - Juniper Gateway and WVLS Edge Router installed and tested. 2/27/2026
 - Stratford:
 - Preliminary site visit completed - 09/11/2025
 - Fiber line ran to building 2/17/2026
- Email Migration Project:
 - Scheduled for March
- Continued set-up of computer, printer, and Office 365 email licensing for Friends of the Library.

On Going Projects:

- Creating technology tutorials for staff.

Prospective Projects:

- Upgrade door counter systems to PoE camera counters.
- Investigate replacing our security gates at the Wausau location.
- Investigate VoIP options for our phones at the branches.

- Once fiber project is completed, we can begin installing county managed phones at the branches.
- Initiate moving to Hyper-Visor for management of our physical and virtual servers.
- Initiate upgrading our HP DL380 Gen 9 servers.

Branch Statistics & Activities

Athens Monthly Report

Events and Programs

- The February book club selection was *Cher: A Memoir Part 1*. Seven people participated in the book discussion. The March book club pick will be *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.
- Athens Tales for Tots for birth through 2 years old had 22 participants in total attending the two sessions. During Preschool Story Time for ages 3-5, 23 total were in attendance for the two sessions.
- Scott Seeger from ADRC presented a very informational presentation, “Dementia Basics,” on February 4. A scheduled one-hour program lasted two hours because of the interesting topic and many questions. A Brain Health Basics program was requested by the attendees.
- Athens had eight class visits in the month of February, two with presentations.
- The first craft for February was a project for children called Love Bugs. Twenty-one children turned a cardboard tube into a bedazzled love bug with wings, antennae and a whole lot of color. Our second craft of the month was a “Hoooo loves you” owl made from feathers, hearts, googly eyes, and cardboard tubes. Twelve children participated.

Circulation Statistics

- In February 2026, circulation totaled 1,536 items. This is a 19.41% decrease from February 2025. In 2026 year-to-date, Athens has circulated 3,152 items. This is a 20.48% decrease from 2025.

Library News

- Four Interviews were held the third week of February for the Athens Library Assistant position.
- Kitty R. rounded with Katelyn K. on 2/4/26, and also with Laura W. on 2/16/26.
- Athens Monthly ADRC Spring Office hours will begin on Wednesday, 3/4/26 from 1:00-3:00pm and continue on the first Wednesday of April and May.
- Scott Seeger, Dementia Specialist will be presenting Brain Health Basics on Wednesday, March 18 at 1pm.
- Elder Specialists will be presenting bi-weekly Social Security/Medicare Parts A & B, and Medicare C & D starting Thursday, 3/12/26 through 4/9/26.

Facilities

- None at this time.

Edgar Monthly Report

Events and Programs

- Book club discussed the book *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion on the 10th with 4 in attendance.
- Story time was held on the 3rd with 2 people in attendance and on the 17th with 2 in attendance.
- We had our Heart Wands event on the 14th with 2 attending.

Circulation Statistics

- The circulation statistics for the month of February were 1,002 items checked out. This is a 14.65% decrease from the same month last year. A total of 2,146 items have been checked out so far this year. This is a 10.13% decrease from 2025.

Library News

- Allycia resigned as Library Assistant; her last day was February 19th
- Hiring has begun for a new Library Assistant at Edgar

Facilities Updates

- None at this time.

Hatley Monthly Report

Events and Programs

- Family Story Time was held on the 10th with nine participants. This was a self-directed story time with books about snacks and a pizza drawing activity. On the 24th, story time had 17 participants who listened to books about families and created dough people out of play dough.
- Book Club met on the 10th to discuss *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Seven members attended the meeting. March's book is *The School For Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan.
- Read to a Therapy Dog was held on the 14th. Three patrons participated in that program.
- A communal art mural was created over the week of February 23-28. Patrons were invited to add whatever they would like to the mural. 21 patrons participated. The mural is now hanging on the front of the circulation desk.

Circulation Statistics

- In February, Hatley circulated 2,136 items. This is a 11.31% increase from last year. In 2026, Hatley has circulated 4,472 items. This is a 19.73% increase from 2025.

Library News

- Megan created a winter/winter Olympics display in the children's section.
- Megan created a spring themed display in the adult section.
- Sawyer cover the branch on the 6th, 7th, and 9th, Laura on the 20th, Sarah covered on the 21st, and Robin covered on the 25th.
- Megan attended interviews in Wausau for the Hatley Assistant position on the 9th and 11th.

Facilities Updates

- The magazine shelves were taken apart, allowing the hold shelf to move where the magazines used to be.
- Katelyn took the magazine shelves and a toy cube to Wausau for storage.

Marathon City Monthly Report

Events and Programs

- Book Club: Lisa M. and 11 patrons had a thoughtful and lively discussion of the book *Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson. The book club meets on the second Monday of the month from 5:45-6:45 pm. The next book club session will meet on Monday, March 9th with a discussion of the book *The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County* by Claire Swinarski.
- Story Time: Our 30-minute family story time programs are held on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. We held 4 regular family story time events in February. The themes focused on: hibernation, Love/hearts and feeling sick/having a boo boo. We listened to stories, sang songs and made simple crafts with 70 children and caregivers attending these four events. We continue to add new families and are thrilled about the continued strong attendance of our weekly story time.

- Mrs. Drexler's 4K classes from St. Mary's School came in for their monthly story time and book check out. A total of 24 visited this month.
- On February 26 - 28, we hosted our first Puzzle Competition. Teams of all ages signed up for a time slot to see how fast they could put together a 300-piece puzzle. We ended up scheduling 11 teams with a total of 33 participants. The fastest 2 teams' times were within 7 seconds of each other. The winning team finished in just over 17 minutes. All teams had a great time and have asked that we do more of these competitions!
- In March, our monthly book club, monthly St. Mary's 4k story time/checkout, and weekly family story time will return as usual. March 30 - April is Spring Break in Marathon City. We are planning to have some craft projects and STEM activities available for children and families.

Circulation Statistics

- Marathon circulated 2,829 items during the month of February, which is a 26.63% increase from this time last year. So far in 2026, Marathon circulated a total of 5,903 items. This is 23.96% increase over last year.

Library News

- Lisa M. attended the virtual branch assistants' meeting on February 24.
- Lisa H. will attend the virtual coordinators' meeting on March 20.

Facilities Updates

- Marathon Plumbing Service stopped in for some routine maintenance.

Mosinee Monthly Report

Events and Programs

- Our monthly Cribbage program, on the first Tuesday of the month from 1-3 p.m., brought in 6 patrons this time.
- This month our popular Read to a Therapy Dog program brought in 9 patrons.
- This month's Head Start Outreach Story Time had 23 children and adults.
- Family Story this month brought in 12 patrons.
- Senior Social Hour had 3 patrons join us this month. Again, the freezing temperatures kept our regulars away.
- Our February yoga session brought in 10 devoted patrons who braved the cold for this fantastic program offering.
- Thirteen patrons came for this month's session of Mini Makers.
- Our Paint your Pet Portrait program was another resounding success with 14 patrons traveling in to create unique keepsakes, all of whom had wonderful feedback about the program.
- We also had our monthly Play and Learn session with a group of 12 patrons attend.
- We had 12 patrons at our monthly Book Club, including 1 new member.
- Lastly, we finished off the month with our Cat Lover Craft and Social Hour program with 9 patrons, many of whom traveled from Wausau and had an absolute blast.
- Passive Programs: We had 66 patrons participate in a winter scavenger hunt. Finally, we had 40 patrons complete colorful and ever-changing creative craft programs that we keep routinely at the children's table.
- Upcoming Programs: In March we will continue the following programs: Cribbage, Head Start Outreach Story Time, Senior Social Hour, Family Story Time, Read to a Therapy Dog, Yoga, Book Club, and Mini Makers. We will also have our annual March Month of Crafts and Coloring, our Crafts and Games Supply Swap, and a Dragon Eye Sculpture program.

Circulation Statistics

- Mosinee circulated 1,942 items in February 2026. This is a 3.09% decrease. Mosinee has circulated 4,407 items in 2026. This is a 5.15% increase.

Library News

- Displays this month included a “steamy reads for cold nights” display, and due to popularity, we kept up our “Winter Blues” and “Slide into a winter wonderland” display.

Facilities Updates

- Since October 2025, most outlets on the second floor (where events and programs are offered) have been unusable due to a wiring issue. All related safety and space usability concerns have been communicated to Mosinee City staff. A solution has not been proposed by Mosinee City staff.

Rothschild Monthly Report

Events and Programs

- We hosted a variety of programming in February. We held two family story time sessions with over 50 people attending. The story time on February 18th was a special snowplow story time with special guest, snow plow driver Chris. The children loved hearing about these important vehicles through stories, songs, and even got a chance to climb inside a real snowplow! We also hosted Lego Block Party for 3 people and Mini Makers for 19 people. New this month, we hosted a Fiber Arts Meetup. We had 9 people attend the first in this series and they all enjoyed chatting and sharing their projects.
- Book club met in February and discussed *The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden with 12 people attending. Next month, the club will discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.
- In February, we had various book displays around the library including “Snow Many Books, Snow Little Time,” “Staff Picks for Kids,” “Holidays around the World,” and “New Year, New Books,” and “Sweet Reads.”

Circulation Statistics

- In February, Rothschild circulated 7,611 items. This is a 10.05% increase from last year. In 2026, Rothschild circulated 15,890 items. This is an 8.68% increase from last year.

Library News

- Laura attended the monthly team leads meeting and all four branch assistants attend the branch assistant meeting on 2/24.
- Staff weeded and shifted the J graphic novels.
- We created a space for a puzzle exchange. Our patrons have loved completing puzzles in the library, and they are now enjoying having a space to swap puzzles.
- Rothschild staff covered shifts in Hatley and Spencer.

Facilities Updates

- The village updated exterior lights in the parking lot and around the building.

Spencer Monthly Report

Events and Programs

- On February 6th we held our fiber artists meet up and had 3 patrons in attendance.
- From January 20th to February 7th, we had 10 patrons make snowman masks as a passive craft.
- We made paper snowflakes on February 9th and 4 patrons were in attendance.
- On February 10th 4 patrons came to play cribbage at the library.
- On February 12th we had two kindergarten classes come from the Spencer Public Elementary School for a class visit. There were 28 patrons in attendance including two teachers. While they were here, they enjoyed a story, colored some winter coloring sheets, and checked out books.

- On February 16th 15 members of the “As the Page Turns” book club in Spencer met to discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Next month the group will meet and discuss *Blessing in Disguise* by Danielle Steel.
- Our family story time on February 17th brought in 7 patrons this month.
- We held Lego® Club on February 26th but unfortunately no patrons were in attendance.
- We held a craft on February 27th where patrons came to make friendship bracelets and learn a couple fun facts about the Japanese weaving technique, Kumihimo, that was used to make their bracelets. We had 12 patrons in attendance and everyone had a blast!
- From January 29th to February 28th, we had 5 patrons participate in the heart passive craft.
- We held four meetings of Ready, Set, Game! on Saturdays in January and we had 2 patrons attend in total throughout the month.

Circulation Statistics

- In February, Spencer circulated 1,168 items. This is a 13.62% increase from last year. In 2026, Spencer circulated 2,261 items. This is a 14.25% increase from last year.

Library News

- Ashley attended rounding with Katelyn on February 17th.
- Laura covered in Spencer on February 18th.
- On February 23rd Ashley met with Leah Boon, the Spencer Elementary School Counselor, and her 5th grade leadership team to take a photo with them and accept homemade bookmarks that students donated to the library as part of their kindness month.
- Ann attended the branch assistant meeting on February 24th.

Facilities Updates

- David and Josh came on February 26th to meet an AT&T tech and work on the fiber staging.
- The village replaced the window that was cracked in the library office. The replacement window includes a slight tint and should help with the heat and UV issues we were having previously. The replacement window was installed on February 27th.

Stratford Monthly Report

Events and Programs

- Our Family Story Times were enjoyed by 90 people in February. This month, our topics were about ducks, Valentine’s Day, bedtime, and the ocean, which included a sand sensory play time.
- We held another Puzzle Race at several times from Feb. 5-7. The Stratford Area Historical Society was kind enough to buy puzzles for the event. They found a historical Valentine puzzle that tied in with a display of historical Valentines that they had brought to our branch this month. A total of 48 people on 14 teams competed to complete the 500-piece puzzle in 90 minutes. The winning team completed the puzzle in 34 minutes and 29 seconds!
- Six patrons joined us at our Feb. 21 daytime book club, and two members at our Feb. 24 night book club, to discuss *The Wager* by David Grann.
- On Feb. 4, the St. Joseph School 1st & 2nd grade class visited us for a Story Time and book checkout. Seven patrons attended.
- On Feb. 18, the St. Joseph Kindergarten class and the 1st and 2nd grade classes visited our branch and enjoyed an Olympic Games scavenger hunt throughout the library as well as a book checkout. Thirteen total visitors were present.
- Hidden throughout the library this month was a self-directed Olympic Games Scavenger Hunt. More than 60 people participated. It is always fun to watch the excitement of families as they work on these together -- and they often ask when the next one will be!

Circulation Statistics

- We circulated 1,706 items in February. This is a 9.19% decrease from last year. So far in 2026, we circulated 3,493 items. This is a 0.51% decrease from 2025.

Library News

- Our library presented a “Books Make Great Conversation Starters” display of books in February, and a “Don’t Leave These in the Past” display featuring books published in 2025.
- Darla attended the Branch Assistants Meeting on Feb. 24.
- MJ viewed the recording of Promoting Your Collection, Programs, and Services with Better Book Displays, provided by Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference.

Facilities Updates

- The fiber optic technology team visited the Stratford Branch in February as part of the upcoming fiber network cable installation.

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 17, 2026
Wausau, Wisconsin

NOTE: These minutes are to be regarded as the unofficial record of the meeting until the Board of Trustees has approved them. The next Board meeting is February 21, 2026.

President Tom **Bobrofsky** called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM. Roll call was taken by **Rogers** and a quorum was declared present.

Present

- Tom Bobrofsky, President
- Kay Palmer, Vice-President
- Mike Otten, Treasurer
- Sonja Ackerman, member
- Candice Grunseth, member*
- Jacqui Kopplin, member
- Jim Mildbrand, member
- Zoe Morning, member
- Jane Neal, Member
- Eileen Persike, member
- Judy Peterson, member

Others Present

- Marla Sepnafski, WVLS Director
- Josh Klingbeil, WVLS staff
- Emily Rogers, WVLS staff
- Brenda Walenton, WVLS staff
- Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS staff*

Guests

- Carol Bartlein*
- Petra Pietrzak*

Vacant

- Lincoln County representative

Excused

- Kari Sweeney, member

*denotes remote attendance

NOTE: All exhibits may be accessed at <https://wvls.org/about-wvls/board-council-committees/board-agenda-materials/>

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL (Exhibit 1a)

Milbrand/Persike motion to approve the agenda as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Bobrofsky welcomed Jacqui **Kopplin** to her first meeting as a trustee representing Marathon County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Exhibit 1b)

Ackerman/Palmer motion to approve minutes of the November 15, 2025, WVLS Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CURRENT BILLS (Exhibits 2a-7b)

Persike/Palmer motion to approve the financial reports and current bills as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

2025 WVLS Treasurer’s Report (Exhibit 8)

Milbrand/Ackerman motion to approve the 2025 WVLS Treasurer’s report as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION OF 2026 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ackerman presented the slate of candidates on behalf of the Nominating Committee, chaired by **Sweeney**, returning **Bobrofsky** as President, **Palmer** as Vice President, and **Otten** as Treasurer,

and nominating at-large Executive Committee members **Ackerman, Persike, Peterson, and Sweeney.**

Ackerman/Milbrand moved to accept the Nominating Committee report as presented and approve the slate of officers and Executive Committee members as nominated. All aye. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF 2062 WVLS ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Walenton reviewed the composition of the WVLS Endowment Committee. In accordance with committee guidelines, **Ackerman**, as the most senior Executive Committee member, was appointed. **Bartlein**, the most senior board member not serving on the Executive Committee, declined the appointment. **Pietrzak** agreed to serve, pending approval by the Oneida County Board.

No motion required to vote. All aye. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF DATES FOR 2026 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND V-CAT STEERING COMMITTEE (Exhibits 9a, 9b)

Dates for future meetings were shared with the board.

WVLS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND DISCLOSURE FORM (Exhibit 10)

Bobrofsky drew the board's attention to the Conflict of Interest form shared in the board packet and asked them to complete the form and return it to the WVLS office. A suggestion was made to update the language in the policy to use they/their pronouns to be more inclusive. **Sepnanski** offered that the form in the packet could be used for 2026 and that a draft 2027 Conflict of Interest Policy and Disclosure Form could be brought to the board in February.

WVLS HOLIDAY POLICY (Exhibit 11)

Walenton presented an updated policy to better align with member libraries and other library systems in Wisconsin by recognizing **New Year's Eve as a paid holiday, changing Good Friday to the Friday before Easter and December 24th to Christmas Eve.**

Persike/Otten motion to approve the revised policy language. All aye. Motion carried.

2025 WVLS STAFF REPORT (Exhibit 12)

The report summarizing staff accomplishments in 2025 will be discussed at the February 21 meeting when staff are in attendance to respond to questions. It accompanies the WVLS Annual Report submitted to DPI by March 31.

RESOURCE LIBRARY REPORT (Exhibit 13)

Marathon County Public Library shared the resource library report in the board packet.

COLAND REPORT (Exhibit 14)

Otten and **Klingbeil** highlighted discussions from the January 9 virtual COLAND meeting with the Board indicating that COLAND will meet again virtually in March and that the state will cover 90% of WISCAT fees for 2026. **Klingbeil** mentioned a recent TEACH network outage that impacted WVLS public libraries and that an effort is being made to address customer service concerns around this outage.

LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY Report (Exhibits 15a & 15b)

Wendt reviewed Exhibit 15a, created by the Wisconsin Library Association (WLA), which highlights the vital role Wisconsin's public library systems have in supporting and advancing library services statewide. **Wendt** also reviewed Exhibit 15b, *WVLS Libraries and Legislators by County*.

Wendt shared a handout listing the WVLS team members who will be attending Library Legislative Day on behalf of WVLS. Nineteen members of the WVLS library community will attend, including WVLS trustees **Milbrand, Otten, Palmer, and Sweeney**. A Zoom briefing led by **Wendt** for WVLS registrants, along with colleagues from neighboring systems who will be sharing visits with the 11 legislators representing WVLS counties, will be offered at 1:00 p.m. on February 6.

Registration for Library Legislative Day has exceeded 230 attendees. Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly will meet with attendees in the morning. Representative Karen Hurd (Assembly District 69) and Senator Mary Felzkowski (Senate District 12) will be recognized by WLA for their work in library advocacy. Additional legislators recognized include Senator Hesselbein and Representatives Kurtz and McGuire, as well as Zimmerman (aide to Representative Kurtz).

2025 WLA CONFERENCE REPORT (Exhibit 16)

Reports from 2025 WLA Conference scholarship recipients Jenny Jochimsen (Abbotsford Public Library) and Katie Kirby (Demmer Memorial Library) were included in the packet for review.

CONCERNS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AREA LIBRARY PERSONNEL AND TRUSTEES

Milbrand shared that WVLS has been a great support for the new Loyal Public Library director, and they are doing well in their role.

Grunseth reported that Western Taylor County Public Library hosted two large author events in 2025 and highlighted the excellent mentoring work their director is providing to the new Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library director.

Bartlein shared that she serves on the Wabeno Library Board, which has also welcomed a new director, and that things are going well for them.

Kopplin reported that MCPL's Hatley branch hosted a farmers' market in its parking lot and participated in an Ice Age Trail "Trail Magic" event, during which staff gave out stickers to visitors who stopped in during the event. Both events were well attended.

Bobrofsky announced **Sepnafski's** intention to retire from her role as WVLS Director following more than 40 years of service. While a specific date has not been established, her last day of work will be sometime shortly after the May board meeting. The board will call an executive committee meeting in January to begin planning a process for hiring a new director, including updating the job description, drafting an announcement for the position, developing a list of places to post the position and establishing a search timeline.

Sepnafski will set up an Endowment Committee meeting to discuss business related to the Eldred Estate. **Walenton** is reviewing best interest rate options for monies in the endowment.

Pietrzak noted that her appointment to the WVLS board was not included on the Oneida County January 2026 meeting agenda. **Walenton** will reach out to the Oneida County Clerk to ask when the appointment will take place.

2026 WVLS ACRONYMS AND GLOSSARY OF TERMS (Exhibit 17)

The annual WVLS Acronyms and Glossary of Terms was made available to the board.

CALENDAR

WVLS V-Cat Steering Committee meeting: Friday, January 23, 2026

Library Legislative Day: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

WVLS Board of Trustees meeting: Saturday, February 21, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Ackerman/Palmer motion to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Rogers, Meeting Recorder



To: Marathon County Public Library Board Members
From: Leah Giordano, Library Director
Date: 3/16/26
Subject: 2025 to 2026 Library Fund Transfer

2025 Fund Balance Sources

Personnel Expenses	\$ 89,111.70
Operating Expenses	\$ 55,151.02
Revenue	\$ 9,562.98
Maintenance Library funds	\$ 10,918.83
TOTAL	\$164,744.53

Suggested allocation

Books	\$ 12,666.84
AV	\$ 192.96
Positive Fund Balance (CIP)	\$ 151,884.73
TOTAL	\$ 164,744.53



To: Marathon County Public Library Board Members
From: Leah Giordano, Library Director
Date: 3/16/26
Subject: 2025 Year End Friends and Foundation Donations Transfer

Transfer of donations to Friends of MCPL via check – balance in Gift account 12/31/25 -\$142.15

Transfer of donations to MCPL Foundation via check – balance in Gift account 12/31/25 -\$5,470.00