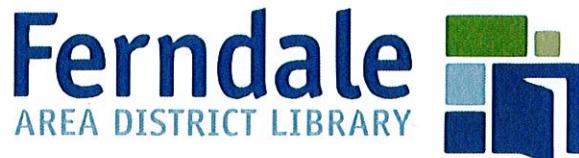


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Library Board Meeting

AGENDA

January 22, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. **Action Required:** Approval of agenda
4. Public comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*
5. **Action Required:** Minutes:
 - A. Approve December 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approve January 15, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes
6. Mid-Year Budget Amendments
7. Presentation of Audit- virtual, by Gabridge & Company
8. Director's report: Drew Macaulay, Director
9. **Action Required:** Acceptance of expenditures and finance report for the month of December 2025
10. **Action Required:** Proposed 2026 Millage Ballot Language
11. **Action Required:** Board Officer and Committee Chair Appointments:
 - A. Officer: President
 - B. Officer: Vice President
 - C. Officer: Secretary
 - D. Officer: Treasurer
 - E. Committee Chair: Art & Exhibitions
 - F. Committee Chair: Friends of the FPL
 - G. Committee Chair: Finance
 - H. Committee Chair: Personnel
 - I. Committee Chair: Schools
 - J. Committee Chair: Strategic Plan
12. Board Calendar of Events
13. Committee reports:
 - A. Art & Exhibitions – Brianna
 - B. Friends of the FPL – Kelly
 - C. Finance – Kevin
 - D. Personnel – Erin
 - E. Schools – Meghan
 - F. Strategic Plan – Brianna
14. **Action Required:** Committee Appointments
15. Review action items

16. Announcements/comments from board members

17. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2026

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Library Board Meeting

Proposed Minutes

December 11, 2025 - 6:00 PM

- 1. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Erin Hooper at 6:04 p.m.
- 2. Roll call:** Meghan Evoy, Kelly Farrah, Brianna Foraker, Erin Hooper, Jonathan Ross, Kevin Yezbick. Director Drew Macaulay and Assistant Director/Recording Secretary Kricket Hoekstra also present.
- 3. Action Required:** Approval of agenda
A MOTION BY Evoy and seconded by Yezbick to approve the agenda as presented; passed unanimously.
- 4. Action Required:** Minutes: Approve November 20, 2025
A MOTION BY Farrah and seconded by Evoy to approve the November 20 meeting minutes as presented; passed unanimously.
- 5. Public comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker***
- 6. Director's report:** Drew Macaulay
Macaulay shared information regarding the upcoming millage, the audit, building updates, and staff updates.
- 7. Action Required:** Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of November 2025
A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Ross to approve the finance reports for November 2025; passed unanimously.
- 8. Board Calendar of Events - 2026 Calendar Year Updates**
- 9. Request for Board Action: Violation and Appeals Policy**
A MOTION by Yezbick and seconded by Evoy to approve the proposed Violation and Appeals Policy; passed unanimously.
- 10. Board Vacancy Appointment Process**
- 11. Request for Board Action: Calendar Year 2026 Board Meeting Schedule**
A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Farrah to approve the Calendar Year 2026 Board Meeting Schedule; passed unanimously.
- 12. Discussion of potential millage ballot language**
A MOTION by Hooper and seconded by Evoy to allow Macaulay to put together millage ballot language for approval at the January meeting; passed unanimously
- 13. Committee reports**
 - A. Art & Exhibitions – Brianna:** no report
 - B. Friends of the FPL – Kelly:** no report
 - C. Finance – Drew:** no report
 - D. Personnel – Erin:** no report
 - E. Schools – Meghan:** see attached report
 - F. Building - Erin:** Met on December 3rd, everything is covered in Director's Report
 - G. Strategic Planning - Brianna:** see attached report

14. Committee membership appointments as needed

Hooper appointed Paul Beasley to the Building Committee

15. Review action items

Kricket will get rid of the January 22nd bullet on the board vacancy section of the website

Drew and Kricket will follow OMA requirements for publication of 2026 Board Meeting schedule

Kricket will publicize the January 15th "Special Meeting: Board Vacancy"

16. Announcements/comments from board members

Yezbick says "The social media game has been killing it lately" and was excited to learn about all the partner libraries we can utilize in Libby. He wondered how many people browse the Libby magazines without checking them out, or how many people subscribe to magazines.

Ross wondered if there are other professional or personal contacts board members could poll regarding the phrasing of the ballot language.

17. Adjourn

A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Foraker to adjourn at 8:00 pm; passed unanimously.

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SPECIAL Library Board Meeting

Proposed Minutes

January 15, 2026 | 6:00 PM

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Erin Hooper at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll call: Kelly Farrah, Brianna Foraker, Erin Hooper, Jonathan Ross, Kevin Yezbick.

Meghan Evoy absent with notice.

Director Drew Macaulay and Assistant Director/Recording Secretary Kricket Hoekstra also present.

3. Action Required: Approval of agenda

A MOTION BY Foraker and seconded by Yezbick to approve the agenda as presented; passed unanimously.

4. Public comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*

5. Candidate Interviews for Board vacancy – *Total time not to exceed 45 minutes, 15 minutes per candidate*

A. Lauren Ridenour (virtual interview via Zoom)

B. Paul Beasley

C. Denise Cote

6. Board of Directors discussion of candidates

7. Action Required: New board member appointment

A MOTION BY Yezbick and seconded by Hooper to appoint Paul Beasley to the Library Board

Vote:

2 in favor

3 opposed

A MOTION BY Hooper and seconded by Foraker to appoint Denise Coté to the Library Board

Vote:

3 in favor

2 opposed

8. Announcements/comments from board members

Foraker thanked Hooper, Macaulay, and Hoekstra for the preparation and set-up of the board interviews.

9. Action Required: Adjourn

A MOTION by Foraker and seconded by Ross to adjourn at 7:24 pm; passed unanimously

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PROPOSED MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

FY 2026 Budget
Ferndale Area District Library

General Fund - 101

FY 2026
YTD
as of 12/31/2025

FY 2026
Budget
Adopted
5/22/2025

FY 2026
Proposed
Amendments
1/22/2026

Revenue

101-271-404.000 - Voted Property Taxes
101-271-404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal
101-271-567.000 - Library State Aid
101-271-581.000 - Grants
101-271-607.000 - Fees for Services
101-271-627.000 - Charge for Services
101-271-645.000 - Print Sales & Copies
101-271-656.000 - Other Fees & Fines
101-271-660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures
101-271-675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums
101-271-675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends
101-271-675.003 - Special Event Proceeds
101-271-675.004 - Library Board Fundraising
101-271-693.000 - Sale of Property
101-271-695.000 - Miscellaneous Income
101-271-699.401 - Contributions from Capital Fund
Total Revenue

\$ 2,547,798.31
\$ 38,652.58
\$ 10,557.22
\$ -
\$ 200.00
\$ 4,909.87
\$ 5,721.45
\$ 28,600.97
\$ 493.63
\$ 317.23
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\$ 360.00
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\$ 2,637,611.26

\$ 2,732,622.00
\$ 42,000.00
\$ 20,250.00
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\$ 7,000.00
\$ 10,000.00
\$ 26,500.00
\$ 1,000.00
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\$ 6,000.00
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\$ 2,907,672.97

General Fund - 101

FY 2026
YTD
as of 12/31/2025

FY 2026
Budget
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FY 2026
Proposed
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Expenses

101-271-706.001 - Salaries - Full-time
101-271-706.002 - Salaries - Part-time
101-271-706.003 - Salaries - Subs
101-271-715.001 - Social Security - Employee
101-271-715.002 - Social Security - Employer
101-271-716.100 - Health Insurance
101-271-717.000 - Life Insurance - EE
101-271-718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401
101-271-720.001 - Medicare - Employee
101-271-720.002 - Medicare - Employer
101-271-721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee
101-271-722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee
101-271-722.002 - MI Unemployment - Employer
101-271-723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee
101-271-725.000 - Workers Compensation
101-271-730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing
101-271-740.000 - Operating Supplies
101-271-742.000 - Books
101-271-743.000 - Periodicals
101-271-745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video
101-271-746.000 - Other Non Book
101-271-748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies

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General Fund - 101	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026
	YTD as of 12/31/2025	Budget Adopted 5/22/2025	Proposed Amendments 1/22/2026
101-271-775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	\$ (17,773.46)	\$ (34,500.00)	\$ (38,000.00)
101-271-802.000 - Audit/Actuarial Fees	\$ (7,600.00)	\$ (7,480.00)	\$ (7,600.00)
101-271-803.000 - The Library Network	\$ (24,326.35)	\$ (62,500.00)	\$ (62,500.00)
101-271-818.000 - Contractual Services	\$ (56,937.01)	\$ (80,000.00)	\$ (115,000.00)
101-271-853.000 - Phone/Communications	\$ (3,206.64)	\$ (7,000.00)	\$ (7,000.00)
101-271-885.000 - Special Programs	\$ (19,330.18)	\$ (38,000.00)	\$ (38,000.00)
101-271-888.000 - Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
101-271-900.000 - Printing & Publishing	\$ (11,942.98)	\$ (29,120.00)	\$ (29,120.00)
101-271-914.000 - Liability Insurance	\$ (16,783.00)	\$ (18,500.00)	\$ (16,783.00)
101-271-920.000 - Utilities	\$ (20,061.79)	\$ (45,000.00)	\$ (45,000.00)
101-271-931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	\$ (34,543.05)	\$ (53,800.00)	\$ (58,000.00)
101-271-943.000 - Equipment Rental	\$ (5,397.37)	\$ (9,800.00)	\$ (11,000.00)
101-271-956.000 - Miscellaneous	\$ (480.75)	\$ (2,060.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
101-271-957.000 - Training/Education	\$ (8,443.40)	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ (22,000.00)
101-271-958.000 - Memberships & Dues	\$ (5,201.76)	\$ (13,650.00)	\$ (12,000.00)
101-271-960.000 - County Delinquent Tax Chargeback	\$ -		
101-271-965.401 - Contributions to Capital Fund	\$ -		
101-271-977.000 - Capital Outlay	\$ (55,364.98)	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ (61,000.00)
101-271-992.000 - Debt Svc- Principal	\$ -	\$ (375,000.00)	\$ (375,000.00)
101-271-994.000 - Interest Expense	\$ (15,100.00)	\$ (30,200.00)	\$ (30,200.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (1,225,982.34)	\$ (2,764,095.00)	\$ (2,857,548.00)
Net Income / (Loss):	\$ 1,411,628.92	\$ 147,327.00	\$ 50,124.97
Fund Balance Change:		\$ 147,327.00	\$ 50,124.97
Fund Balance at the Beginning of the FY:		\$ 468,392.72	\$ 365,825.00
Fund Balance at the End of the FY:		\$ 615,719.72	\$ 415,949.97
			14.5% Fund Balance

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Director's Report – 1/22/2026

End of the Calendar Year Updates: All applications and documents required to be filed by the end of the calendar year were submitted timely to their respective regulatory bodies: the audit was finalized and sent to the State of Michigan, our continuing disclosure statements were filed with the State Treasury and with our bond agents, and our state aid application has been completed and sent to the Library of Michigan for processing.

Building Updates: Dustin from Motown HVAC brought manufacturing vendors on-site to see our HVAC system and to begin the process of obtaining quotes for what it will cost to replace aging elements of the system. Original inspection documents from 2011 show that the entire HVAC system cost about 3.5 million at installation. Replacement will not cost that much, but it is imperative that we help the public to understand how industrial HVAC, especially HVAC that is ecologically sound, is a serious financial investment.

Year Over Year Growth in Circ and on Socials:

In 2025, we had 207,028 total checkouts, up 14,562 checkouts from 2024, a 7% increase. I attached some other 2025 circ totals that probably deserve their own fun infographic for us to share with the world.

Jeff Milo created content that absolutely exploded our social media following:

Instagram

Between roughly Dec. 10 and Jan. 10, we added **4,000 followers on Instagram** (currently: **9,300**), with one post reaching **1.1 million views** (the post on how to add libraries on Libby).

TikTok & Facebook

Over the same period, we gained nearly 500 new TikTok followers, bringing our total to **7,200**. We also modestly gained 200+ additional Facebook followers, and our content there reached 37% of non-followers, bringing our total to **7,100**.

In addition to being deeply creative, distinctively voiced, and often hilarious, Jeff's social media content has been thoughtfully designed to be engaging and enlightening, particularly in encouraging people to use their library, understand how resources work, and recognize the value of the library as a physical space.

FADL 2025 Year End Circ Stats

Year 2025	TOTAL
Total Checkouts*	207,028
Unique Checkouts	121,282
New Users Added	1727
Library Card Renewals	4,403
Physical Visits	122,053
Circulation Desk Interactions	14,678
Self-Check Transactions (total)	47564
Youth Self-Check Transactions	21634
Circ Self-Check Transactions *items	28579
Patrons from P.R.	146
Patrons from R.O.T	1105
Patrons from Detroit	3339
Patrons from Other Municipalities	2491
Total (physical) Users	119638
Adult Books Circ	74754
Audiobooks circ	1027
CDs circ	9936
DVDs/Blu-Rays circ	27516
Magazines circ	1742
Puzzles/Board Games circ	4995
Video Games circ	2597
Library of Things circ	881
Circulation of Youth Items (total)	87,508

Circ of Youth Books	80,058
Circ of Youth Media	7,450
Teen Items circ	7041
New Items Circulated	26329
New Items Added	9595
Youth Books Added	2,751
Adult Books Added	3,542
Teen Items Added	584
Audiobooks Added	119
CDs Added	382
DVDs/Blu-Rays Added	574
Magazines Added	944
Puzzles/Board Games Added	188
Video Games Added	83
Library of Things Added	45
Circ of our Items Elsewhere	22,960
Other Libraries items circed here	37,231
MeL (send)	2259
MeL (receive)	1252
Download Destination (downloads)	50400

Library Statistics 2025		Current Month	Running Total	Year to Date	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
Library Revenue From Service Desks																
Fees	\$ 94.01	\$ 71.51	\$ 858	\$ 91.00	\$ 28.97	\$ 55.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 66.24	\$ 148.31	\$ 49.58	\$ 130.99	\$ 10.00	\$ 79.07	\$ 82.98	\$ 94.01	
Fax	\$ -	\$ 18.58	\$ 223	\$ 36.50	\$ 49.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.50	\$ -	\$ -	
Ref Desk (misc)	\$ 741.41	\$ 695.91	\$ 8,351	\$ 425.85	\$ 594.90	\$ 754.91	\$ 589.57	\$ 559.76	\$ 676.86	\$ 762.45	\$ 893.18	\$ 777.01	\$ 860.78	\$ 714.18	\$ 741.41	
Prints/Copies	\$ 1.75	\$ 20.02	\$ 240	\$ 29.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.75	\$ 12.30	\$ 16.45	\$ 53.50	\$ 15.45	\$ 17.90	\$ 5.20	\$ 67.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.75	
Lost Items	\$ 25.00	\$ 331.36	\$ 345	\$ 4.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 145.97	-	\$ 2.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 43.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	
Non-Res Cards	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ 54.50	\$ 414.45	\$ 497	\$ 87.00	\$ 19.55	\$ 36.10	\$ 20.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 7.49	\$ 54.85	\$ 14.50	\$ 13.95	\$ 66.43	\$ 9.00	\$ 54.50	
Farbuds/Flash Drives	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.06	\$ 85	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.00	
Total Library Earnings	\$922.67	\$908.28	\$929.18	\$ 678.35	\$ 827.92	\$ 942.76	\$ 705.87	\$ 805.45	\$ 1,110.13	\$ 889.33	\$ 1,121.57	\$ 832.66	\$ 1,249.23	\$ 8813.36	\$922.67	
Friends Earnings																
Book Store	\$492.00	\$ 595	\$ 7,138	\$ 660.50	\$ 471.05	\$ 686.00	\$ 624.75	\$ 545.25	\$ 653.54	\$ 675.25	\$ 604.00	\$ 586.00	\$ 438.01	\$ 502.10	\$492.00	
Swag	\$ 115	\$ 29	\$ 321	\$ 15.00	-	\$ 21.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 115	
Online Sales	\$299.86	\$ 260	\$ 2,858	\$ 146.91	-	\$ 47.38	\$ 121.99	\$ 262.41	\$ 657.00	\$ 538.06	\$ 444.95	\$ 262.56	\$ 300.47	\$ 254.84	\$299.86	
Total Friends Earnings	\$906.86	\$ 860	\$ 10,318	\$ 824.41	\$ 471.05	\$ 754.38	\$ 785.74	\$ 1,017.66	\$ 1,335.54	\$ 753.31	\$ 1,078.95	\$ 868.56	\$ 758.48	\$ 761.94	\$906.86	
Library Usage																
Physical Visits	7107	10171	122053	9205	9119	11494	1023	10805	11,941	12,081	9,681	10147	10857	8593	7107	
Home Delivery	3	3	39	4	2	2	4	3	4	2	5	5	2	3	3	
New Users	90	144	1,727	182	135	174	113	128	157	175	158	167	124	124	90	
Public Computer Sessions	993	1249	14991	1101	1153	1377	1340	1292	1316	1411	1313	1226	1321	1148	993	
Reference Desk Interactions	1531	1804	21644	1720	1576	2186	2082	1698	1728	2003	1781	1837	1979	1523	1531	
Youth Desk Interactions	389	509	6108	519	546	594	374	440	569	611	592	463	474	537	389	
Circulation Desk Interactions	1045	1223	14678	996	855	913	1038	1029	1463	1540	1348	1500	1621	1330	1045	
Teen Space Attendance	59	94	1,129	126	102	106	121	101	46	14	27	161	154	112	59	
Total Programs Offered	45	47	558	45	42	47	41	52	46	47	42	47	54	49	45	
Total Program Attendance	1068	1169	14028	1074	1208	971	844	1765	1211	1205	1227	1303	1220	932	1068	
Total Library Checkouts	15599	17252	207028	17924	16889	19114	17037	15908	17709	18554	18267	16788	16546	16533	15599	
Total Digital Checkouts	6561	6250	75003	6690	6109	6374	6062	632	6019	6112	6245	6031	6454	6214	6561	
Items Loaned Through ILL	1571	1913	22960	1935	2145	2096	2039	1975	1789	2041	1895	1758	1938	1778	1571	
Items Loaned Through MelCat	175	188	2259	193	188	214	195	185	180	190	164	213	195	167	175	
Items Borrowed Through ILL	2762	3103	37231	3353	3077	3542	3353	2971	2963	3127	3165	3199	3042	2677	2762	
Items Borrowed Through MelCat	110	104	1,252	78	118	154	64	80	127	107	88	120	109	97	110	
New Items Added																
Adult Books	319	285	3424	310	218	282	326	331	327	350	252	172	332	205	319	
CDs	37	32	382	27	40	29	32	25	26	40	37	34	37	18	37	
DVDs/Blu-rays	49	48	574	43	57	51	30	48	28	76	37	55	48	52	49	
Audiobooks	14	10	119	6	19	6	12	26	8	3	12	7	0	14	14	
Kids Books	122	229	2751	217	194	204	236	331	266	243	183	273	294	188	122	
Teen Books	12	48	581	53	32	47	31	73	88	41	25	36	40	103	12	
Magazines/Newspapers	79	79	944	80	77	87	65	90	83	74	77	86	81	65	79	
Puzzles/Board Games	24	16	188	19	9	8	15	10	15	18	44	8	6	12	24	

Library Statistics 2025		Current Month	Running Monthly Avg	Year to Date	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
Video Games		1	7	83	1	10	3	0	38	4	4	5	7	8	2	1
Library of Things		8	4	45	9	3	0	0	7	6	2	4	6	0	0	8
Overdrive Advantage Titles		194	78	935	57	57	73	62	50	66	79	72	110	36	79	194
Total Items (less OD Adv)		665	758	9091	765	659	717	741	965	869	856	667	689	853	645	665
Circulation by Media Type																
Adult Books		5712	7371	88446	13530	12661	6713	6327	6115	6351	6725	6662	6057	5976	5617	5712
CDs		657	828	9936	973	807	969	867	807	856	816	794	800	873	717	657
Audiobooks		104	86	1027	86	67	77	70	84	79	81	98	99	80	102	104
DVDs/Blu-rays		2346	2293	27516	2385	2189	2585	2358	2017	2110	2258	2180	2108	2617	2363	2346
Magazines/Newspapers		223	145	1742	91	125	141	81	75	178	183	150	198	113	184	223
Puzzles/Boardgames		481	416	4995	416	495	471	398	333	375	486	425	315	405	395	481
Video Games		207	216	2597	243	176	256	211	217	248	241	238	154	185	221	207
Library of Things		63	73	881	73	61	79	64	73	78	79	76	75	81	63	63
Youth Items		6320	7371	88454	2573	2632	8188	6877	6459	7788	8109	7971	7643	6564	7330	6320
Digital Circulation																
Overdrive Downloads		4562	4210	50521	4527	4088	4271	4066	4093	4082	4026	4236	4186	4230	4154	4562
Overdrive Total Users		1070	1049	12590	1067	1060	1029	1070	1040	1007	1045	1054	1045	1036	1070	
Overdrive New Users		65	60	721	82	67	75	55	53	53	54	73	29	60	65	
Kanopy Plays		693	800	9602	928	854	838	834	785	756	784	715	646	957	812	693
Kanopy Total Users		250	221	2654	217	205	217	212	211	209	208	210	227	240	248	250
Hoopla Downloads		1306	1240	14880	1235	1167	1265	1162	1254	1181	1302	1294	1199	1267	1248	1306
Hoopla Total Users		477	451	5406	453	435	468	437	437	444	463	450	438	453	441	477
Hoopla New Users		34	29	345	32	26	51	29	20	16	33	19	32	27	26	34
Total Digital Checkouts		6561	6250	75003	6690	6109	6374	6062	6132	6019	6112	6245	6031	6454	6214	6561
Social Media																
Facebook New Followers		105	65	782	53	72	145	14	25	100	56	52	47	71	42	105
TikTok Followers		2010	5983	71800	5490	5530	5555	5580	5626	5721	5774	6555	6686	6743	7010	
IG New Followers		3650	397	4765	51	36	53	59	86	80	58	75	60	494	3650	
Podcast Downloads		300	473	5680	240	235	445	520	230	450	465	200	1500	695	400	300

December Adult Programs		Type	Adults	Teens/Kids	Zoom	Total
Date	Program	Type	Recurring	11		11
12/1/2025	Chess club	Book Club				1
12/2/2025	Romance book club	Outreach		7		7
12/3/2025	Outreach Whittington West					
12/3/2025	BOHO Wreaths	Craft	10			10
12/4/2025	First Draft Writer's Group	Recurring	5			5
12/7/2025	Motor Om Yoga	Recurring	20			20
12/10/2025	Adult Take and Make	Craft	20			20
12/10/2025	SFBC: grievers	Book Club	11		5	16
12/11/2025	Outreach: The James	Outreach	6			6
12/14/2025	Concert	Concert	40			40
12/16/2025	Graphic Novel Book Club	Book Club	10			10
12/18/2025	Ferndale Project Book Club	Book Club	15			15
12/12/2025	Die Hard Movie Night	Recurring	16			16
12/20/2025	Cookie swap	One-Off	25	2		27
12/21/2025	Adult Board Game Club	Recurring	7			7
12/22/2025	Fiber Arts	Recurring	80			80
12/30/2025	Short days, short reads display	Display	42			42
12/30/2025	Long Cozy Title Book Display	Display				
Total 18			326		5	333
December Youth Programs						
12/1/2025	December Take-home Kits (Penguins)	Take-home...		30	30	Passive program
12/1/2025	Fall Scavenger Hunt (12/1-12/4)	Scavenger...		8	8	Passive program
12/1/2025	Outreach: Drayton	Outreach		27		Outreach; E
12/3/2025	Family Storytime	Early Liter...		11	13	E
12/4/2025	Middle Grade Tabletop RPG	Recurring ...		6	6	E
12/5/2025	Baby Storytime	Early Liter...		10	8	E
12/5/2025	Winter Scavenger Hunt (12/5-12/6)			3	3	Passive program
12/7/2025	Winter Scavenger Hunt (12/7-12/13)	Scavenger...		32	32	Passive program
12/8/2025	Outreach: Drayton	Outreach		27	27	Outreach; E
12/8/2025	Outreach: Rainbow Club	Outreach		2	27	Outreach
12/9/2025	Outreach: FECC Preschool Storytime	Outreach		18	120	Outreach; E
12/10/2025	Family Storytime	Early Liter...		10	10	E
12/11/2025	Outreach: Battle of the Books Kickoff	Outreach		150	150	Outreach
12/11/2025	Middle School Board Game Club	Recurring ...		2	2	E
12/12/2025	Baby Storytime	Early Liter...		10	10	E
12/14/2025	Winter Scavenger Hunt (12/14-12/20)	Scavenger...		0		Passive program
12/15/2025	Outreach: Drayton	Outreach		27	27	Outreach; E
12/16/2025	Reading Rainbow	Recurring ...		5	5	E
12/17/2025	Family Storytime	Early Liter...		9	9	E
12/18/2025	Middle Grade Tabletop RPG	Recurring ...		5	5	E
12/19/2025	Baby Storytime	Early Liter...		8	6	E
12/21/2025	Winter Scavenger Hunt (12/21-12/27)	Scavenger...		36	36	Passive program
12/28/2025	Winter Scavenger Hunt (12/28-12/30)	Scavenger...		11	11	Passive program
12/31/2025	December Display: Sherlock Holmes Day	Displays		8	8	
12/31/2025	December Display: Snow	Displays		25	25	
12/31/2025	December Display: Cozy	Displays		31	31	
12/31/2025	December Display: 2025 Highlights	Displays		21	21	
Total			78	657	735	

FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENTS



Storytimes:

Family Storytime —

*Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
— *Feb. 4, 11, 18

Join us for a variety of engaging stories and active songs for families with young children: ages 18 months - 4 years old.
fadl.org/family



Baby Storytime —

*Fridays @ 10:30 am
— *Feb. 6, 13, 20

Interactive songs and simple stories that nurture your baby's curiosity and fine motor skills. For families with children under 18 months old.
fadl.org/baby



Winter Scavenger Hunt in the Kids Corner!



Fern Forest friends are enjoying the cool weather and are getting ready to make some soup. There are 5 hidden in the Kids Corner - can you find them all? Ask at the Youth desk to participate.

Kids/teens of all ages can participate! Everyone who completes our scavenger hunt receives a commemorative prize.



Recurring Programs



Feb. 5 & Feb. 19 - Middle Grade Tabletop RPG Group - 6:00 pm:

Middle school students can socialize and strategize while exploring new realms and going on imaginative adventures together! Sign up: fadl.org/rpg



February 12 - Middle School Board Game Club - 6:00 pm:

Middle school students can socialize with their peers, while also playing a unique variety of fun games together!

Sign up at: fadl.org/msbg



February 16 - Family Zine Workshop - 6:00 pm:

For ages 6-15 (+ caregivers optional): Our Zine workshops provide a hands-on opportunity for participants to work alone or collaboratively on making a zine. Sign up at: fadl.org/family-zine



February 24 - Reading Rainbow w/Affirmations - 6:00 pm:

Kids in grades 4-8 can join us for a social hour that includes a book discussion, along with some craft time! Hosted in partnership with Affirmations! Find more info online at: fadl.org/reading-rainbow

Special Events

Bilingual Storytime Festival

Feb. 7 - French & English Storytime w/Caribou à Lunettes - 2:00 pm:

Feb. 19 - Spanish & English Storytime w/ Spanish For Toddlers - 10:30 am:

Feb. 21 - Hindi & English Storytime w/Sheela Lal - 1:00 pm:

Feb. 26 - Arabic & English Storytime w/Arabic American Nat. Museum - 6:00 pm:

Local organizations and community members will partner with the library to lead unique bilingual storytimes, this winter, for ages 1-8 + caregivers. Storytimes run 30 minutes. Registration required: fadl.org/bilingual



February 14 - Stuffie Sleepover Party & Storytime - 2:00 pm:

Drop off your favorite stuffie any time during the week of February 9-13, and friendly librarians will take photos while they have a library sleepover! Attend the Storytime Party on February 14 to see a slideshow of what the stuffies got up to, snacks and crafts included! Register at: fadl.org/stuffie



February 20 - Teen Cooking 101 - 2:00 pm:

Learn how to make your own meals! Join us as Chef Mary teaches us the basics- including how to make delicious dumplings! All supplies provided! Sign up at: fadl.org/cooking



FEBRUARY ADULT EVENTS



February 1 - Community Yoga - 12:00 pm:

Motor Om Yoga hosts a monthly community yoga class free and open to all skill levels; starting right after we open: fadl.org/yoga



Feb. 2 - Community Engagement - 11:00 am:

Meet directly with staff and library board members to discuss the future of the library and share experiences. No registration required.



Feb. 3 - Romance Book Club - 6:30 pm:

RBC will meet at Urbanrest Brewing Co., to discuss First-Time Caller by B.K. Borison. Sign up at: fadl.org/rbc



February 4 - Adult Take & Make - All Day:

Valentine's Day Glitter Slime craft kits will be at the reference desk, while they last! No registration required + limit one-per-person.



February 5 - Writers Group - 6:30 pm:

Our bi-monthly writers group, Works-In-Pawgness, meets at the Ferndale Catfe! Bring laptops or notebooks. RSVP: fadl.org/writers



February 8 - Songwriter Series - 2:00 pm:

Tony Muggs, a.k.a. DUDE, (of The Muggs), will perform a special acoustic trio set, featuring his solo material. No registration required.



February 10 - Film Club - 7:00 pm:

Just like a book club, only for movies! We'll meet to discuss the 2005 adaptation of Pride & Prejudice. Sign up at: fadl.org/film-club



February 11 - Sci-Fi Book Club - 6:30 pm:

Meets in-person and via Zoom! Join us to discuss This Is How You Lose The Time War by Amal El-Mohtar. fadl.org/sfbc



February 12 - Murder Mystery - 6:30 pm:

We have an 80's-themed Murder Mystery Party, 'Death on the Dancefloor!' Tell your friends to sign up too, and make it a fun night out! Costumes highly encouraged! Sign up: fadl.org/mystery



February 15 - Board Game Club - 1:00 pm:

Board Game Club (for ages 18+) is designed to be a fun place for gamers of all skill levels to find a sense of community: fadl.org/game



Feb. 17 - Graphic Novel Book Club - 6:30 pm:

Join us at Drifter Coffee to discuss the graphic novel, Angelica and the Bear Prince by Trung Le Nguyen. Sign up at: fadl.org/gnbc



February 18 - Book Bedazzling - 6:00 pm:

Bring your own book and we'll provide the supplies to zazz it up! RSVP: fadl.org/bedazzle



February 22 - Think Spring - 1:00 pm:

The Ferndale Garden Club's annual expo and seed swap extravaganza! No registration required! Come as you are and bloom where you're planted!



February 23 - Fiber Arts Club - 6:00 pm:

An evening for crafters to hangout and work on projects! Whether it's crochet, knitting, sewing, or needlepoint. No registration is required



Feb. 24 - Ferndale Project Book Club - 6:30 pm:

A book club at a brewery! Join us to discuss Fight Night by Mirriam Toews. RSVP: fadl.org/fpbc



February 25 - Oscar Party - 6:30 pm:

Film-buff Gregory Black will be here to run through the year's Best Picture Nominees, sharing his thoughts and fielding questions/discussion! Sign up at: fadl.org/oscar

FY 2026 Budget
Ferndale Area District Library

General Fund - 101

Revenue

101-271-404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	\$ 53,689.61
101-271-404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	\$ -
101-271-567.000 - Library State Aid	\$ -
101-271-581.000 - Grants	\$ -
101-271-607.000 - Fees for Services	\$ -
101-271-627.000 - Charge for Services	\$ 827.46
101-271-645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	\$ 896.75
101-271-656.000 - Other Fees & Fines	\$ -
101-271-660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 94.01
101-271-675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	\$ 54.50
101-271-675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	\$ -
101-271-675.003 - Special Event Proceeds	\$ -
101-271-675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	\$ -
101-271-693.000 - Sale of Property	\$ 25.00
101-271-695.000 - Miscellaneous Income	\$ -
101-271-699.401 - Contributions from Capital Fund	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 55,587.33

December 2025

FY 2026
YTD as of
12/31/2025

FY 2026
Budget Approved
5/22/2025

General Fund - 101

Expenses

101-271-706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	\$ (53,653.51)
101-271-706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	\$ (15,665.22)
101-271-706.003 - Salaries - Subs	\$ (3,047.01)
101-271-715.001 - Social Security - Employee	\$ (5,918.07)
101-271-715.002 - Social Security - Employer	\$ (5,918.10)
101-271-716.100 - Health Insurance	\$ (12,147.22)
101-271-717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	\$ (713.74)
101-271-718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	\$ (5,354.53)
101-271-720.001 - Medicare - Employee	\$ (1,384.09)
101-271-720.002 - Medicare - Employer	\$ (1,384.08)
101-271-721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	\$ (6,445.22)
101-271-722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	\$ (3,688.06)
101-271-722.002 - MI Unemployment - Employer	\$ -
101-271-723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	\$ (310.78)
101-271-725.000 - Workers Compensation	\$ -
101-271-730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	\$ (6,530.59)
101-271-740.000 - Operating Supplies	\$ (3,905.07)
101-271-742.000 - Books	\$ (5,658.78)
101-271-743.000 - Periodicals	\$ (8,094.30)
101-271-745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	\$ (1,952.88)
101-271-746.000 - Other Non Book	\$ (5,795.69)
101-271-748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	\$ (246.05)
101-271-775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	\$ (3,047.49)
101-271-802.000 - Audit/Actuarial Fees	\$ (7,600.00)
101-271-803.000 - The Library Network	\$ -
101-271-818.000 - Contractual Services	\$ (13,900.78)
101-271-853.000 - Phone/Communications	\$ -
101-271-885.000 - Special Programs	\$ (1,283.50)

December 2025

FY 2026
YTD as of
12/31/2025

FY 2026
Budget Approved
5/22/2025

\$ (353,332.29)	\$ (750,000.00)
\$ (110,511.09)	\$ (218,000.00)
\$ (19,264.42)	\$ (25,750.00)
\$ (39,519.18)	\$ (79,500.00)
\$ (39,519.24)	\$ (79,500.00)
\$ (75,475.07)	\$ (130,500.00)
\$ (3,627.23)	\$ (9,500.00)
\$ (34,896.55)	\$ (79,000.00)
\$ (9,242.39)	\$ (20,000.00)
\$ (9,242.27)	\$ (20,000.00)
\$ (45,014.03)	\$ (100,000.00)
\$ (24,619.28)	\$ (50,000.00)
\$ -	
\$ (2,202.09)	\$ (2,600.00)
\$ (1,450.00)	\$ (1,545.00)
\$ (11,840.84)	\$ (13,500.00)
\$ (21,905.92)	\$ (36,000.00)
\$ (42,411.87)	\$ (95,000.00)
\$ (11,699.10)	\$ (8,600.00)
\$ (13,513.42)	\$ (36,050.00)
\$ (52,586.05)	\$ (118,800.00)
\$ (1,617.29)	\$ (8,640.00)
\$ (17,773.46)	\$ (34,500.00)
\$ (7,600.00)	\$ (7,480.00)
\$ (24,326.35)	\$ (62,500.00)
\$ (56,937.01)	\$ (80,000.00)
\$ (3,206.64)	\$ (7,000.00)
\$ (19,330.18)	\$ (38,000.00)

General Fund - 101	December 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026
		YTD as of 12/31/2025	Budget Approved 5/22/2025
101-271-900.000 - Printing & Publishing	\$ (9.00)	\$ (11,942.98)	\$ (29,120.00)
101-271-914.000 - Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ (16,783.00)	\$ (18,500.00)
101-271-920.000 - Utilities	\$ (3,629.54)	\$ (20,061.79)	\$ (45,000.00)
101-271-931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	\$ (3,024.38)	\$ (34,543.05)	\$ (53,800.00)
101-271-943.000 - Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ (5,397.37)	\$ (9,800.00)
101-271-956.000 - Miscellaneous	\$ (73.25)	\$ (480.75)	\$ (2,060.00)
101-271-957.000 - Training/Education	\$ (417.00)	\$ (8,443.40)	\$ (25,000.00)
101-271-958.000 - Memberships & Dues	\$ (696.30)	\$ (5,201.76)	\$ (13,650.00)
101-271-960.000 - County Delinquent Tax Chargeback	\$ -	\$ -	
101-271-965.401 - Contributions to Capital Fund	\$ -	\$ -	
101-271-977.000 - Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ (55,364.98)	\$ (50,000.00)
101-271-992.000 - Debt Svc- Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (375,000.00)
101-271-994.000 - Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ (15,100.00)	\$ (30,200.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (181,494.23)	\$ (1,225,982.34)	\$ (2,764,095.00)
Net Income / (Loss):	\$ (125,906.90)	\$ 1,411,628.92	\$ 147,327.00
Fund Balance Change:		\$ 1,411,628.92	\$ 147,327.00
Fund Balance at the Beginning of the FY:		\$ 435,069.69	\$ 435,069.69
Fund Balance at the End of the FY:		\$ 1,846,698.61	\$ 582,396.69
		66% Fund Balance	

FY 2026 Budget
Ferndale Area District Library

Capital Projects Fund - 401

Revenue	December 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026
		YTD	Budget
			Approved
			5/22/2025
401-271-699.101 - Contributions from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Capital Projects Fund - 401	December 2025	FY 2026	FY 2026
		YTD	Budget
			Approved
			5/22/2025
Expenses			
401-271-965.101 - Contributions to General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00
401-271-977- Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$-	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,000.00

Capital Fund Balance Change: **\$0.00** **\$0.00** **\$55,000.00**

Capital Fund Balance at the Beginning of the FY:

Capital Fund Balance at the End of the FY: **\$182,206.00** **\$182,206.00** **\$127,206.00**

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

Ferndale Area District Library

For the month ended December 31, 2025

	DEC 2025	DEC 2024	DEC 2023
Income			
404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	53,689.61	91,618.65	92,090.39
607.000 - Fees for Services	-	-	225.00
627.000 - Charge for Services	827.46	838.33	459.46
645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	896.75	827.90	11.20
660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	94.01	137.00	280.74
675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	54.50	228.40	3.50
675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	-	-	546.52
675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	-	-	174.00
693.000 - Sale of Property	25.00	(35.00)	800.58
695.000 - Miscellaneous Income	-	-	7,172.81
Total Income	55,587.33	93,615.28	101,764.20
Gross Profit	55,587.33	93,615.28	101,764.20
Operating Expenses			
706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	53,653.51	55,413.76	63,320.12
706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	15,665.22	15,498.25	25,495.43
706.003 - Salaries - Subs	3,047.01	3,012.48	1,242.23
715.001 - Social Security - Employee	5,918.07	6,121.56	7,529.80
715.002 - Social Security - Employer	5,918.10	6,121.59	7,529.78
716.100 - Health Insurance	12,147.22	10,006.83	8,860.27
717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	713.74	736.09	483.65
718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	5,354.53	4,758.31	2,056.31
720.001 - Medicare - Employee	1,384.09	1,431.66	1,761.02
720.002 - Medicare - Employer	1,384.08	1,431.68	1,761.04
721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	6,445.22	8,602.18	12,329.62
722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	3,688.06	3,772.45	4,494.33
723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	310.78	61.70	148.20
730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	6,530.59	2,394.92	2,166.78
740.000 - Operating Supplies	3,276.12	3,244.74	2,167.49
742.000 - Books	5,658.78	12,350.99	6,788.51
743.000 - Periodicals	8,094.30	35.00	56.00
745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	1,952.88	4,233.11	3,232.09
746.000 - Other Non Book	5,795.69	8,266.82	9,360.06
748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	246.05	181.32	-
775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	3,047.49	3,242.78	703.70
802.000 - Audit/Actuarial Fees	7,600.00	7,480.00	-
818.000 - Contractual Services	11,444.48	8,529.33	16,909.39

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

		DEC 2025	DEC 2024	DEC 2023
853.000 - Phone/Communications		-	535.30	541.61
885.000 - Special Programs		1,283.50	829.94	605.68
900.000 - Printing & Publishing		9.00	3,818.39	36.00
920.000 - Utilities		3,629.54	945.84	4,818.35
931.000 - Facilities Maintenance		3,024.38	3,826.55	2,450.00
943.000 - Equipment Rental Alloc.- General Fund Motor Pool		-	726.33	999.26
956.000 - Miscellaneous		73.25	87.00	73.25
957.000 - Training/Education		417.00	733.90	193.88
958.000 - Memberships & Dues		696.30	1,920.71	261.00
970.000 - County Delinquent Tax Chargeback		-	209.79	-
977.000 - Capital Outlay		-	110,521.91	32,016.02
Total Operating Expenses		178,408.98	291,083.21	220,390.87
Operating Income		(122,821.65)	(197,467.93)	(118,626.67)
Net Income		(122,821.65)	(197,467.93)	(118,626.67)

Balance Sheet

Ferndale Area District Library
As of December 31, 2025

DEC 31, 2025

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Capital Projects Account	182,206.00
General Account	2,050,217.02
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,232,423.02
 Accounts Receivable	
	49.00
Due From Counties	76,693.76
Total Current Assets	2,309,165.78
Total Assets	2,309,165.78

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	26,412.34
Wages Payable	32,836.28
Total Current Liabilities	59,248.62
Total Liabilities	59,248.62

Equity

Current Year Earnings	1,414,714.17
Retained Earnings	835,202.99
Total Equity	2,249,917.16
Total Liabilities and Equity	

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

Ferndale Area District Library For the month ended December 31, 2025

	DEC 2025	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	SEP 2025	AUG 2025	JUL 2025	JUN 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Income								
404,000 - Voted Property Taxes	53,689.61	31,041.01	64,203.48	75,111.75	2,171,837.75	151,854.71	54,980.07	2,547,798.31
404,001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	-	38,652.58	-	-	-	-	-	38,652.58
567,000 - Library State Aid	-	-	-	125.00	-	25.00	50.00	10,557.22
607,000 - Fees for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
627,000 - Charge for Services	827.46	757.84	1,155.08	451.25	994.18	724.06	939.26	4,909.87
645,000 - Print Sales & Copies	896.75	768.45	1,308.45	562.20	1,125.55	1,060.05	1,391.65	5,721.45
656,000 - Other Fees & Fines	-	-	-	-	28,600.97	-	-	28,600.97
660,000 - Fines & Forfeitures	94.01	82.98	79.07	15.00	131.99	90.58	166.30	493.63
675,000 - Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	370.40	-
675,001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	54.50	9.00	73.43	6.95	46.35	127.00	1.49	317.23
693,000 - Sale of Property	25.00	115.00	105.00	45.00	43.00	27.00	189.92	360.00
695,000 - Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(103.00)	-
699,401 - Contributions from Capital Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,000.00	-
Total Income	55,587.33	71,426.86	67,109.51	76,192.15	2,202,804.79	164,490.62	292,936.09	2,637,611.26
Gross Profit								
Operating Expenses	55,587.33	71,426.86	67,109.51	76,192.15	2,202,804.79	164,490.62	292,936.09	2,637,611.26
706,001 - Salaries-Full-time	53,653.51	52,609.07	53,395.82	78,746.84	63,218.22	51,748.83	53,734.02	353,332.29
706,002 - Salaries - Part-time	15,665.22	16,947.47	17,980.75	23,279.73	20,192.21	16,445.71	17,166.38	110,511.09
706,003 - Salaries - Subs	3,047.01	2,960.45	3,058.12	4,257.75	2,897.36	3,043.73	3,924.71	19,264.42
715,001 - Social Security - Employee	5,918.07	5,918.15	8,867.96	5,840.37	7,160.88	5,813.75	6,003.51	39,519.18
715,002 - Social Security - Employer	5,918.10	5,918.10	8,868.05	5,840.39	7,160.81	5,813.79	6,003.53	39,519.24
716,100 - Health Insurance	12,147.22	12,347.22	11,647.22	11,647.14	14,399.98	13,286.29	17,448.04	75,475.07
717,000 - Life Insurance - EE	713.74	713.74	713.74	733.25	39.02	1,349.67	3,627.23	-

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

	DEC 2025	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	SEP 2025	AUG 2025	JUL 2025	JUN 2025	YEAR TO DATE
718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	5,354.53	5,291.71	5,288.00	5,277.01	8,474.94	5,210.36	4,510.56	34,896.55
720.001 - Medicare- Employee	1,384.09	1,384.08	2,073.94	1,365.95	1,674.71	1,359.62	1,404.05	9,242.39
720.002 - Medicare- Employer	1,384.08	1,384.05	2,073.95	1,365.88	1,674.65	1,359.66	1,404.04	9,242.27
721.001 - Federal Income Tax- Employee	6,445.22	6,329.90	9,549.15	6,290.70	9,989.75	6,409.31	5,971.33	45,014.03
722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	3,688.06	3,692.70	5,539.71	3,629.92	4,488.97	3,579.92	3,668.87	24,619.28
723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	310.78	310.78	507.55	352.96	416.88	303.14	304.87	2,202.09
725.000 - Workers Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	1,450.00	-	1,450.00
730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	6,530.59	189.95	-	2,516.99	2,603.31	-	27.99	11,840.84
740.000 - Operating Supplies	3,276.12	3,370.80	2,101.14	5,488.75	4,273.78	2,767.38	2,967.17	21,276.97
742.000 - Books	5,658.78	7,522.87	8,934.34	6,179.29	5,473.54	8,643.05	7,703.87	42,411.87
743.000 - Periodicals	8,094.30	774.03	35.00	35.00	2,335.74	425.03	781.97	11,699.10
745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	1,952.88	1,698.65	2,712.42	3,380.35	1,703.08	2,066.04	3,636.64	13,513.42
746.000 - Other Non Book	5,795.69	8,502.42	4,141.70	14,843.24	11,973.80	7,329.20	94.32	52,586.05
748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	246.05	470.00	319.76	-	318.49	262.99	209.89	1,617.29
775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	3,047.49	7,294.37	2,957.50	783.90	1,599.29	2,090.91	8,912.72	17,773.46
802.000 - Audit/Actuarial Fees	7,600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,600.00
803.000 - The Library Network	-	14,262.58	-	-	-	10,063.77	527.25	24,326.35
818.000 - Contractual Services	11,444.48	9,119.22	14,701.72	15,299.85	740.48	3,174.96	5,687.33	54,480.71
833.000 - Phone/Communications	535.20	535.17	1,068.02	534.01	534.24	(539.91)	-	3,206.64
885.000 - Special Programs	1,283.50	2,192.11	5,087.84	2,913.91	851.62	7,001.20	8,304.90	19,330.18
900.000 - Printing & Publishing	9.00	1,210.87	450.00	7,020.92	9.00	3,243.19	-	11,942.98
914.000 - Liability Insurance	-	-	-	(1,407.00)	-	18,190.00	-	16,783.00
920.000 - Utilities	3,629.54	2,778.11	3,123.61	3,039.17	4,057.41	3,433.95	2,885.50	20,061.79
931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	3,024.38	3,099.92	4,632.76	5,958.78	10,938.75	6,888.46	1,050.00	34,543.05
943.000 - Equipment Rental Alloc.- General Fund Motor Pool	-	982.96	1,433.84	-	1,265.47	1,715.10	-	5,397.37
956.000 - Miscellaneous	73.25	87.00	87.00	87.00	87.00	59.50	(114.03)	480.75
957.000 - Training/Education	417.00	1,709.69	3,524.88	576.15	1,993.90	221.78	315.00	8,443.40
958.000 - Memberships & Dues	696.30	1,059.90	1,030.40	678.79	1,018.18	718.19	731.43	5,201.76

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

	DEC 2025	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	SEP 2025	AUG 2025	JUL 2025	JUN 2025	YEAR TO DATE
965.101 - Contributions to General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,000.00
977.000 - Capital Outlay	-	-	15,213.66	-	29,989.32	10,162.00	10,089.96	55,364.98
996.000 - Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	15,100.00	-	-	15,100.00
Total Operating Expenses	178,408.98	182,668.07	200,545.70	233,578.49	222,841.78	204,854.07	411,165.58	1,222,897.09
Operating Income	(122,821.65)	(111,241.21)	(133,436.19)	(157,386.34)	1,979,963.01	(40,363.45)	(118,229.49)	1,414,714.17
Net Income	(122,821.65)	(111,241.21)	(133,436.19)	(157,386.34)	1,979,963.01	(40,363.45)	(118,229.49)	1,414,714.17

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1/22/2026

FADL Board of Directors -- Request for Board Action

From: Drew Macaulay

Subject: Proposed Millage Ballot Language

Summary:

In August of this year we will be requesting that voters approve a millage renewal and a new capital maintenance millage. This Board previously discussed the utility of having two separate millage questions: one for operational expenses, and one for maintaining our physical structures and technological systems. I propose the following language for each question:

Proposed question 1: Operational Millage - Should the Ferndale Area District Library, of Oakland County, Michigan, renew the existing millage of 2.81 mills and levy an additional millage not to exceed 0.500 mills, in order to fund all operational district library purposes authorized by law? This would be a ten (10) year millage, from 2027 to 2036, totaling 3.31 mills on all taxable property in the Library's service area (\$3.31 per \$1,000 of taxable value). If approved and levied in 2027, the Library would collect an estimated \$3,311,329, a portion of which may be required to be distributed to the City of Ferndale Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Proposed question 2: Capital Maintenance Millage - Should the Ferndale Area District Library, of Oakland County, Michigan, levy a new additional millage not to exceed 0.500 mills (1/2 of one mill), for the sole purpose of maintaining and updating library capital assets, including the building and its technology? This ten (10) year millage, from 2027 to 2036, would be set at \$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Library's service area. Funds would be used for expenditures that materially increase the value, accessibility, and lifespan of library facilities and technology, such as replacing the HVAC system (installed in 2011), repairing or replacing roofing and siding (installed in 2010), replacing flooring that sustains hundreds of daily visitors, and updating ethernet capacity (last updated in 2012). If approved and levied in 2027, the Library would collect an estimated \$500,200, a portion of which may be required to be distributed to the City of Ferndale Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Recommended Action:

A motion to adopt the proposed language for question one.

A motion to adopt the proposed language for question two.

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2026 Board Calendar of Events

January:

- *Mid-Year Budget Amendments
- *Presentation of library audit
- *Library Director Personnel Review – Director submits self-evaluation
- *Board Offices and Committee Chairs
- *Proposed millage ballot information due to attorney

February:

- *Due: Feb. 1st, Annual State Library Survey – Complete and submitted
- *FY 2027 budget process begins
- *Library Director Personnel Review – Library Board completes Director evaluation forms

March:

- *Strategic Planning – Quarterly Review
- *FY 2027 budget process continues – board input
- *Director's Annual Evaluation – Closed Session

April:

- *FY 2027 draft budget presented to board
- *Publish in a newspaper the notice for the May Budget Hearing (required 10 days before the date of hearing)

May:

- *FY 2027 Budget Hearing
- *Proposed millage ballot language due to the City

June:

- *Due: L-4029 signed millage tax rate form to Oakland County & City of Ferndale
- *Final budget amendments for FY 2026
- *Approve renewal of Library General Property & Liability Insurance policy for FY 2027
- *Strategic Planning – Quarterly Review

July:

- *Begin new FY 2027
- *No Library Board Meeting

August:

- * Millage Election – August 4, 2026

September:

- *Strategic Planning – Quarterly Review

October:

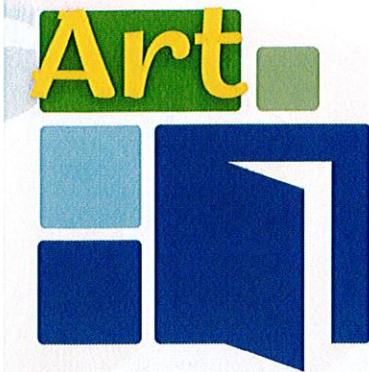
- *MLA Annual Conference (Novi) October 28-30

November:

- *Conduct the annual library financial audit
- *Election Day November 3
- *Personnel Committee gives Board and Director review of how Director evaluation works

December:

- *Due: Audit must be filed with the State of Michigan by December 31
- *Due: Annual continuing disclosure paperwork for the library bond must be filed by December 31
- *Due S&P Global Ratings annual bond/audit filing response
- *Strategic Planning – Quarterly Review



Ferndale Area District Library

Art & Exhibitions Committee

January 2025 Arts & Exhibitions Committee Board Report

FADL Arts & Exhibition Committee Members:

Jeff Milo, FADL Marketing Coordinator
Eileen Toro, Community Member
Michelle Ouellette, Community Member
Ernest Fackler, Community Member
Brianna Foraker, FADL Board Liaison

General

The Arts & Exhibitions Committee rescheduled its meeting this past weekend but will be involved in judging:

Ferndale Library Photo Contest

Chopped Culinary Arts Contest Submissions

Ferndale Library Card Contest

Current Exhibit

Justin Bean, Dreams of Equilibrium

Reception is January 25 at 2pm

Upcoming Exhibits

January-February- Justin Bean- Abstract Painting

March-April- Articipate Group Show

- March 8 Installation / Reception on March 22

Display Case Exhibits

Leslie Abraham prints on display in the Corridor Gallery through February 22

Friends of the Ferndale Library (FFL)
Liaison (Kelly Farrah) Report for 1/22/2026 FADL Board Meeting



FFL December 15, 2025 Meeting Highlights:

The Friends continue to grow with membership at 239.

The newly designed Friends T-shirts are available for purchase.

The Book-it 5K reading challenge has been rebranded to Ferndale Reads: [challenge name], with 3 challenges: 5K Read, Passport Challenge, and Fun Run Read (under 5K pages). The Passport challenge will include the library bookstore and participating Ferndale bookstore, that will provide gift cards. The event starts in January and ends in April.

VP Savannah Camplin accepted a \$1,500 grant at the 12/15/2025 City Council meeting from the Ferndale Community Foundation to fund the 12 Days of Giftmas for 2026.

VP Camplin volunteered to get door prizes for the three Strategic Planning Community Engagement sessions.

Bookstore Co-Chairs June Axelrad and Mel Williams are coordinating holiday gifts for the bookstore volunteers.

FFL January 22, 2026 Meeting Highlights:

Staff Liaison Pietro O'Rourke reported a 2025 total of \$8,862 from Bookstore, Amazon, eBay and FFL swag received by the circulation desk. (And President Emily Bosch Garner reported on the Friends Instagram site that \$12,553 had been raised by the Friends in 2025 to support the library.)

Current/Upcoming Events:

- Ferndale Reads, now through the finale event on 4/11.
- Meads and Reads, 1/30 7-9pm at B. Nektar; event to share book recommendations.
- Bookstore Volunteer Appreciation event 4/11.

The Friends are seeking a new Secretary and Treasurer for their board.

A big thank you to the Friends for their participation on the Strategic Planning Committee and the great door raffle prizes for the Community Engagement sessions.

Reminder: Check out the FFL Facebook and Instagram sites and Website for information on upcoming Friends events. The Friends continue to waive any fees or dues to join and become a member. Just go to their website: ferndalefriends.org and click on "Get Involved." This is a wonderful way to support the library and the library's mission in the community. And they are always looking for active Friends to attend meetings and become more involved.

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Finance Committee Meeting

January 20th, 2026

Attendance: Director Drew Macaulay, Board Members: Kevin Yezbick, Jonathan Ross

Overview

Nothing too exciting. Revenue is normal. Seeing a trend of people spending less - fewer donations and fees for services - e.g. library cards for non-residents.

Highlights

743 - Periodicals - WT Cox fee - partner with TLN. Changing their subscription year. Now running March 2026 through June 2027. Periodical prices went up dramatically. Fees for dropping during the subscription. Cost went up 25%.

818 - Contractual services. Millage and strategic planning expenses. Attorney fees. Personnel - workers compensation claim. Bill from our accountants for audit prep. Bill for financial advisors - filings to State of Michigan. Fraud / Bond / Debt.

802 - Audit fees.

730 - Postage - 8 page mailer went out in December.

Budget Amendments

Revenue

404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal - trending lower. Delinquent Tax Revolving Funds (DTRF). The County determines how aggressive they are in pursuing these funds.

607 - Fees for services - less cards.

693 - Sale of Property Slightly less aggressive about damaged materials. Sold some tables.

Expenses

706.003 - Salaries Subs - PTO being used - need for subs has increased. PTO accrual stops at 120 hours. Some circulation staff have gone back to school and are using PTO more.

716.100 - Health Insurance increase - administrative and age rating - age rating has gone up significantly more.

723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee - Three employees moved to Detroit / Hazel Park.

730 - Postage - We sent a postcard for library card signup month.

740 - Operating Supplies. Equipment replacements - phones have started to fail. Three have been replaced. Planning to replace one a quarter until they have all been replaced. New RFID scanner.

745 - Audio-Visual, Video - less materials available for purchase - decline of physical media.

748 - Materials Processing Supplies - less impact from tariffs than anticipated.

775 - Repair and Maintenance - Door repairs.

802 - Audit/Actuarial Fees Gabridge raised fees.

818 - Contractual Services - Attorney fees. Millage and CBA expectations.

888 - Marketing - new line item. Not just marketing programming anymore - strategic planning and millage - Marketing the Library.

931 - Facilities Maintenance - Landscaping and bed bug blocking.

943 - Equipment Rental - Printers - some dispute on the amount of copies being made - seems to only be affecting color. Discussing with Millennium Business Systems.

957 - Training/Education - Sending Everett to PLA.

School Outreach report from Everett Pine, Head of Youth Services

School year outreach

- Drayton outreach (Youth staff) - we provide weekly curriculum support through readers' advisory. This partnership has been going on for 6+ years.
- 12/8 - Ferndale Middle School Rainbow Club - monthly (Mary Grahame H.) - 27 middle schoolers and 2 adults.
- 12/9 - Ferndale Early Childhood Center Preschool storytime - monthly (Damon V.) - 120 preschoolers and 18 adults.

Battle of the Books

- 12/11 (rescheduled due to 12/10 school closure) - Kickoff at Ferndale Upper Elementary (Youth staff)
 - We told FUEL 5th graders about Battle, how they can sign up, and announced the book titles.
 - Attendance: 150 fifth graders
 - Teams signed up so far: 30 teams (95 students)

Highlights

- A look back at 2025 youth outreach:
 - 35 programs for ages 0-5 (2087 attendance)
 - 23 programs for ages 6-11 (1430 attendance)
 - 15 programs for teens (244 attendance)
 - 7 programs for adults (171 attendance)
- 12/18 - Teens excited to be in the library at the start of winter break (Julia H., Savannah Good News! report)
 - "When I went to set up the Teen Space, there were three teens hanging out by the fireplace. When they saw me heading over, they started saying "yes!! it's 2 o'clock finally!" and ran into the Teen Space to hang out."

Strategic Planning Committee

January 26 Report

Committee Members: Brianna Foraker, Jonathan Ross, Kelly Farah, Jeff Milo, Drew Macaulay, Mary Grahame Hunter, Caius Schneider, Michelle Williamson, Shantel Denton, Denise Cote, Savannah Camplin

- The committee has continued to meet and is currently focussing on the community engagement sessions.
- Surveys:
 - The patron survey closed on January 17th
 - We received over 600 responses
 - The staff survey is open Jan 12 - Feb 9
- Community Engagement Sessions:
 - The Friends of the Ferndale Library have secured donations from local businesses for raffle prizes (along with Friends Swag)!
 - We held our 1st stakeholder engagement session on January 12th at 6pm, Ferndale Public Schools
 - We had around 20 community members attend the session (including some children)
 - Committee members and staff volunteered and facilitated small group discussions around 5 different topics to help inform the strategic plan: Role / Values of the Library, Experiences / Stories, Programming, Technology/Space, and Gaps/Opportunities
 - We had good engagement and creative ideas generated from the discussion.
 - Our next two Community Engagement Sessions are set for:
 - 2nd stakeholder engagement session: February 2nd at 11pm, Ferndale Senior Group at Library
 - 3rd stakeholder engagement session: March 4th at Urbanrest
- We will meet again on January 27th to debrief our first session and finalize the preparation for the next Community Engagement session.