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222 East Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale, MI 48220
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Library Board Meeting

AGENDA

April 16, 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 March 19, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
6. Director's report: Drew Macaulay, Director
7. **Action Required:** Acceptance of expenditures and finance report for the month of March 2026
8. **Action Required** Confirmation of bank signatories:
 - A. Confirm that the following people with the following titles are the correct signatories to the Comerica bank account:
Kelly Farrah, President; Erin Hooper, Vice President; Kevin Yezbick, Treasurer; Denise Coté, Secretary;
Anne Macaulay, Library Director; Kristin Hoekstra, Assistant Library Director; Former President
Amanda Hanlin to be removed from the account.
9. Board Calendar of Events
10. Committee reports:
 - A. Art & Exhibitions – Brianna
 - B. Building - Jonathan
 - C. Finance – Kevin
 - D. Friends of the FPL – Kelly
 - E. Personnel – Erin
 - F. Schools – Meghan
 - G. Strategic Plan – Brianna
11. **Action Required:** Committee Appointments
12. Review action items
13. Announcements/comments from board members
14. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2026

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Proposed Minutes

March 19, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Kelly Farrah at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call
Denise Coté, 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 Hooper to approve the agenda as presented; passed unanimously.
4. Public comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*
5. **Action Required:**
Approve February 19, 2026 Minutes
A MOTION BY Yezbick and seconded by Ross to approve the February 19 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; passed unanimously.
6. Director's report: Drew Macaulay, Director
Macaulay shared information on some damages sustained by the library's HVAC system during last week's windstorm, Jeff Milo's promotion, and FADL's per capita circulation.
7. **Action Required:** Acceptance of expenditures and finance report for the month of February 2026
A MOTION BY Yezbick and seconded by Hooper to approve the finance reports for February 2026; passed unanimously.
8. Discussion of publishing the CBA on the library website.
9. Update on ballot language submission: Denise Coté has filed the millage ballot language with the Oakland County Clerk and provided copies to the Ferndale Clerk and the Ferndale Schools Superintendent.
10. **Action Required** Confirmation of bank signatories:
Signatories to the Comerica account will be: Kelly Farrah, President; Erin Hooper, Vice President; Kevin Yezbick, Treasurer; Denise Coté, Secretary
A MOTION BY Coté and seconded by Foraker to approve the 2026 bank signatories.
11. Discussion of adding a supplementary meeting in April to approve the Strategic Plan.
A MOTION by Evoy and seconded by Hooper to meet on Thursday, April 23rd at 6 pm to approve the new strategic plan; passed unanimously.
12. Board Calendar of Events
13. Committee reports:
 - A. Art & Exhibitions – Brianna: report in supplemental documents
 - B. Building -Jonathan: report in supplemental documents
 - C. Finance – Kevin: No meeting this month
 - D. Friends of the FPL – Kelly: report in supplemental documents
 - E. Personnel – Erin: report in supplemental documents
 - F. Schools – Meghan: report in supplemental documents
 - G. Strategic Plan – Brianna: report in supplemental documents
14. **Action Required:** Committee Appointments

15. Review action items

Kricket or Jeff will upload the CBA in the Strategic Plan & Budget section of the library website.

Kricket will reserve the East Study Room for the additional board meeting on 4/23 at 6:00 p.m.

Drew will share the architect's presentation with the board.

Drew will publicize the special April meeting and the Strategic Planning Retreat according to the OMA

16. Announcements/comments from board members

Evoy congratulated Jeff Milo on his well-deserved promotion and thanked Macaulay for recognizing his value to the library.

17. Closed Session

A MOTION BY Hooper and seconded by Cote to enter closed session at 6:55 p.m. Roll call vote; motion passed unanimously.

Session closed to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing, in accordance with Sec. 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) MCL 15.268.

A MOTION by Yezbick seconded by Evoy to reenter open session at 8:25 p.m.; motion passed unanimously.

18. Adjournment

A MOTION by Yezbick seconded by Foraker to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2026

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Director's Report – 4/16/2026

Calendar Updates: On the Board Calendar of Events, April lists “FY 2027 draft budget process is ongoing” and a reminder that we must publish notice of a May Budget Hearing ten days before the hearing. In this packet, please find my first draft of the FY 2027 budget, previously shared with the Finance Committee. The bulk of the Finance Committee report discusses this draft budget, so I will not repeat it here. The Budget Hearing is scheduled to take place during the May Board meeting, scheduled for May 21st. Notice must be published by May 11th, and the draft budget will be made available to the public, on our website and at the adult services reference desk, on May 18th. We could schedule an interim meeting date before the May Board meeting for budget discussion if that would be helpful.

Property Adjacent Update: The electric vehicle charger in the west parking lot has been nonfunctional for about six months. The city has confirmed that in August the charging station will be replaced. There has not been a determination regarding pricing.

Staff Updates: Jeff Milo and I are presenting at the next City Council meeting on Monday, April 27th, on the millage. Attached please find the deck. We have an all-staff in-service on Friday, April 24th, and the building will be closed to the public on that day. The training for the in-service will be from ACS Stop the Bleed and will go over three techniques to quickly stop bleeding before EMTs arrive. We will also share results from the strategic planning process and discuss the millage, and there will be cross-departmental trainings allowing different departments to learn from each other's strengths.

On Thursday, June 4th, there will be an all-staff training with our community liaison police officers on active shooter responses. This training will be at 9am, before we open; however, I believe it would be in the best interest of the staff for us to delay opening that day by one hour, opening at 11 am instead of 10 am. The training will take a full 45 minutes, and if staff has questions or concerns, I would like to address them immediately after the training. This leaves very little time for the staff to ensure that all pre-opening tasks are completed, or to decompress if the training was difficult.

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Finance Committee Meeting April 9th, 2026 5:00pm

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

Revenue

404.001 Small business taxpayer property exemption reimbursement.

567 This March looks different than other Marches because Library State Aid didn't hit the bank until 4/1.

693 Sale of property Credit card receipts received from other libraries through TLN for destroyed property. Payments for 3/4 of the year.

Income Statement (Profit and Loss) - lots of library cards.

Contractual Services - looks like accountants charged us twice but, at the end of February we didn't get an ACH receipt. The ACH expired in January, nobody told us, so we paid twice in March.

Debt service on principle - bond payment. Argent Institutional Trust.

FY 2027 Forecast

Revenue

404 County hasn't yet released the LO428 - the confirmed value of all property. Last year we received it on April 23rd.

695 Miscellaneous income is the e-rate refund that MLA is saying it will be less.

699.401 No contribution from the Capital Fund because we are looking to end the transfer process so we can avoid dings for being over budget.

Expenditures

706.001 4 FTE didn't arrive as soon as expected so a little low.
New position title (Milo) goes into effect May 1st.

706.002 & 706.003 and PT Staffing updates.
Forecasting accounts for anticipated coverage for two staff going on leave.

716.1 Health Insurance Increases. Expecting 15%.

725 Two Workers Compensation claims.

742 Books Beefing up Romance and International print collections with programming cuts.
Price of books have gone up at Cengage and Ingram since the shuttering of Baker & Taylor.

743 Periodicals WT Cox and periodical costs now include licensing for games and cooking through the New York Times.

745 Audio / Visual has seen an increase in physical materials, e.g. Blu-Ray.
Video Games cost increases, new vinyl collection will also see more investment.

746 Other Non-Book - Keeping flat - covering Libby books but OverDrive is pushing up prices which has been quite unpopular across library land. Seeing similar vendor strategy trends with Kanopy and Hoopla as those formats increase in popularity and subscriptions to streaming services decline.

818 Contractual Services has been raised quite a bit due to attorney consultations regarding the millage, new Finance By-Laws needing review, CBA negotiations which have been separated out into their own line item
818.003 Labor Actions at the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

992 & 994 Last year of the bond

Review fund balance May and June

FY 2027 First Draft Budget
Ferndale Area District Library

Voted Millage = 3.5 mills, levied = 2.77 mills

FY 26 Approved
Budget Amended
1/22/2026

FY 26
Projected
Totals

FY 27 Proposed
Budget

General Fund - 101

Revenue

101-271-404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	\$ 2,732,622.00	\$ 2,732,622.00	\$ 2,771,112.00
101-271-404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 38,652.00	\$ 36,719.00
101-271-567.000 - Library State Aid	\$ 20,250.00	\$ 20,845.00	\$ 20,530.00
101-271-581.000 - Grants			
101-271-607.000 - Fees for Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,115.00
101-271-627.000 - Charge for Services	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,880.00
101-271-645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,932.00	\$ 10,000.00
101-271-656.000 - Other Fees & Fines	\$ 28,600.97	\$ 28,600.97	\$ 27,580.00
101-271-660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,206.00	\$ 1,240.00
101-271-675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	\$ 600.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 600.00
101-271-675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
101-271-675.003 - Special Event Proceeds			
101-271-675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.00
101-271-693.000 - Sale of Property	\$ 800.00	\$ 4,342.00	\$ 4,000.00
101-271-695.000 - Miscellaneous Income	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,875.00	\$ 6,000.00
101-271-699.401 - Contributions from Capital Fund	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 2,907,672.97	\$ 2,915,239.97	\$ 2,892,556.00

**FY 2027 First Draft Budget
Ferndale Area District Library**

	FY 26 Approved Budget Amended 1/22/2026	FY 26 Projected Totals	FY 27 Proposed Budget
General Fund - 101 - Expenses			
101-271-706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	\$ (750,000.00)	\$ (734,619.00)	\$ (760,982.00)
101-271-706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	\$ (218,000.00)	\$ (206,300.00)	\$ (235,489.00)
101-271-706.003 - Salaries - Subs	\$ (35,000.00)	\$ (42,931.00)	\$ (38,965.00)
101-271-715.001 - Social Security - Employee	\$ (79,500.00)	\$ (76,336.00)	\$ (80,152.00)
101-271-715.002 - Social Security - Employer	\$ (79,500.00)	\$ (76,336.00)	\$ (80,152.00)
101-271-716.100 - Health Insurance	\$ (155,000.00)	\$ (147,616.00)	\$ (169,758.00)
101-271-717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ (7,656.00)	\$ (8,983.00)
101-271-718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ (71,806.00)	\$ (75,250.00)
101-271-720.001 - Medicare - Employee	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ (18,927.00)	\$ (20,600.00)
101-271-720.002 - Medicare - Employer	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ (18,927.00)	\$ (20,600.00)
101-271-721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	\$ (100,000.00)	\$ (89,741.00)	\$ (95,000.00)
101-271-722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ (47,424.00)	\$ (50,000.00)
101-271-722.002 - MI Unemployment - Employer		\$ -	\$ -
101-271-723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (4,237.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
101-271-725.000 - Workers Compensation	\$ (1,545.00)	\$ (1,545.00)	\$ (2,200.00)
101-271-730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	\$ (24,000.00)	\$ (21,534.00)	\$ (23,000.00)
101-271-740.000 - Operating Supplies	\$ (42,000.00)	\$ (38,284.00)	\$ (42,000.00)
101-271-742.000 - Books	\$ (95,000.00)	\$ (87,865.00)	\$ (109,250.00)
101-271-743.000 - Periodicals	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ (16,520.00)	\$ (16,250.00)
101-271-745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	\$ (33,000.00)	\$ (29,015.00)	\$ (35,000.00)
101-271-746.000 - Other Non Book	\$ (118,800.00)	\$ (112,239.00)	\$ (118,800.00)
101-271-748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (4,348.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
101-271-775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	\$ (38,000.00)	\$ (37,775.00)	\$ (38,000.00)
101-271-802.000 - Audit/Actuarial Fees	\$ (7,600.00)	\$ (7,600.00)	\$ (7,790.00)
101-271-803.000 - The Library Network	\$ (62,500.00)	\$ (54,645.00)	\$ (59,775.00)
101-271-818.000 - Contractual Services	\$ (115,000.00)	\$ (121,143.00)	\$ (112,950.00)
101-271-818.003 - Labor Actions	\$ -		\$ (11,295.00)
101-271-853.000 - Phone/Communications	\$ (7,000.00)	\$ (6,810.00)	\$ (7,105.00)
101-271-885.000 - Special Programs	\$ (38,000.00)	\$ (35,182.00)	\$ (30,000.00)
101-271-888.000 - Marketing	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)
101-271-900.000 - Printing & Publishing	\$ (29,120.00)	\$ (26,135.00)	\$ (27,500.00)
101-271-914.000 - Liability Insurance	\$ (16,783.00)	\$ (16,783.00)	\$ (19,000.00)
101-271-920.000 - Utilities	\$ (45,000.00)	\$ (45,021.00)	\$ (47,000.00)
101-271-931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	\$ (58,000.00)	\$ (56,111.00)	\$ (58,000.00)
101-271-943.000 - Equipment Rental	\$ (11,000.00)	\$ (11,455.00)	\$ (12,000.00)
101-271-956.000 - Miscellaneous	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,448.00)	\$ (1,200.00)
101-271-957.000 - Training/Education	\$ (22,000.00)	\$ (21,358.00)	\$ (20,000.00)
101-271-958.000 - Memberships & Dues	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ (12,579.00)	\$ (13,000.00)
101-271-977.000 - Capital Outlay	\$ (61,000.00)	\$ (55,365.00)	\$ (5,500.00)
101-271-992.000 - Debt Svc- Principal	\$ (375,000.00)	\$ (375,000.00)	\$ (380,000.00)
101-271-996.000 - Interest Expense	\$ (30,200.00)	\$ (30,200.00)	\$ (15,200.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (2,857,548.00)	\$(2,769,816.00)	\$ (2,859,746.00)

March All Ages Programs		Program	Type	Adults	Teens/Kids	Zoom	Total
3/26/25	Outreach -Stagecrafters	Outreach		15	2		17
March Adult Programs		Program	Type	Adults	Teens/Kids	Zoom	Total
3/1/2026	Motor Om Yoga	Recurring		18			18
3/1/2026	Art Reception	Recurring		50	10		60
3/3/2026	Romance Book Club	Book Club		6			6
3/4/2026	Adult Take and Make	Craft		25			25
3/4/2026	Outreach: Withington West	Outreach		4			4
3/4/2026	Boston Tea Room: Palmistry Class (overflow ses	Presenter		25			25
3/5/2026	Gardening for Birds	Presenter		50			50
3/8/2026	Sunday Concert Series	Concert		40			40
3/10/2026	Film Club	Recurring		9	2		11
3/11/2026	SFBC: Dawn	Book Club		13		5	18
3/12/2026	Outreach: The James	Outreach		8			8
3/13/2026	Movie Night: A League of Their Own	Recurring		7			7
3/15/2026	Board Game Club	Recurring		15			15
3/17/2026	Graphic Novel Book Club: The Parable of the So	Book Club		10			10
3/20/2026	Floral Arranging 101	Presenter		28			28
3/22/2026	Art Reception, Articipate	Recurring		40			40
3/23/2026	Fiber Arts Club	Recurring		11			11
3/26/2026	Motor City Possum Rescue	Presenter		30			30
3/31/2026	313 All things Detroit	Display		32			32
3/31/2026	Womens history month display	Display		30			30
3/31/2026	FPBC - The Girls Who Grew Big	Book Club		15			15
Total				451		5	468
21 listed, 2 outreach at stagecrafter, 2 regular							
March Youth Programs		Program	Type	Adults	Kids	Total	
3/1/2026	March Take-home Kit (Mini scrapbook)	Take-home...			28	28	General
3/1/26	Winter Scavenger Hunt (3/1-3/5)	Scavenger...				0	General
3/2/2026	Outreach: Drayton	Outreach			27	27	0-5
3/4/2026	Family Storytime	Early Liter...		10	11	21	0-5
3/5/26	Middle Grade Tabletop RPG	Recurring ...			5	5	6-11
3/6/2026	Winter Scavenger Hunt (3/1-3/5)	Scavenger...			7	7	General
3/6/2026	Spring Scavenger Hunt (3/6-3/7)	Scavenger...			4	4	General
3/6/2026	Baby Storytime	Early Liter...		6	6	12	0-5
3/6/2026	Outreach: Guest Reading at FUEL (Mary Graham	Outreach		7	60	67	6-11
3/8/2026	Spring Scavenger Hunt (3/8-3/14)	Scavenger...			25	25	General
3/9/2026	Outreach: Drayton	Outreach			27	27	0-5
3/9/2026	Outreach: FMS Rainbow Club	Outreach		3	23	26	6-11
3/10/2026	Outreach: FECC Preschool Storytime	Outreach		14	130	144	0-5
3/11/2026	Family Storytime	Early Liter...		12	13	25	0-5
3/12/2026	Middle School Board Game Club	Recurring ...			4	4	6-11
3/13/2026	Baby Storytime	Early Liter...		16	13	29	0-5
3/15/2026	Spring Scavenger Hunt (3/15-3/21)	Scavenger...			20	20	General
3/16/2026	Outreach: Drayton	Outreach			27	27	0-5
3/17/2026	Outreach: Battle of the Books - Battle Day	Outreach		4	65	69	6-11
3/18/2026	Family Storytime	Early Liter...		10	10	20	0-5
3/18/2026	Outreach: UHS Black Excellence	Outreach		11	21	32	12-18
3/19/2026	Middle Grade Tabletop RPG	Recurring ...			5	5	6-11
3/20/26	Baby Storytime	Early Liter...		11	9	20	0-5
3/22/26	Spring Scavenger Hunt (3/22-3/28)	Scavenger...			26	26	General
3/24/26	Reading Rainbow	Recurring ...			5	5	6-11
3/25/26	Claytime!	One-time L...		10	13	23	
3/26/26	Outreach: UHS Library Visit	Outreach		1	19	20	12-18
3/26/26	Outreach: Brandon Township Public Library tours	Outreach		2		2	Adult
3/27/26	Outreach: Stagecrafters	Outreach		17	2	19	General
3/29/26	Spring Scavenger Hunt (3/29-3/30)	Scavenger...			15	15	General
3/30/26	Beginnger Printmaking	One-time L...		8	10	18	6-11
3/31/26	Kids Dance Party	One-time L...		26	18	44	0-5
3/30/26	Display: Food Stories	Displays			12	12	General
3/30/26	Display: Books in Verse (YA)	Displays			3	3	12-18
3/30/26	Display: World Theatre Day	Displays			5	5	General
3/30/26	Display: March is Reading Month	Displays			14	14	General
3/30/26	Display: Women's History Month	Displays			13	13	General
Total				168	695	863	0
27 Library Programs / 11 Outreach Programs							

Library Statistics FY2026	CURRENT Month	Running Monthly AVG	Year to Date	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026
Library Revenue From Service Desks															
Fees	\$ 126.00	\$87.51	\$ 788	\$ 49.58	\$ 130.99	\$ 10.00	\$ 79.07	\$ 82.98	\$ 94.01	\$ 123.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 126.00			
Fax	\$ -	\$5.00	\$ 45	\$ 2.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -			
Ref Desk (misc)	\$ 1,205.86	\$848.12	\$ 7,633	\$ 762.45	\$ 893.18	\$ 777.01	\$ 860.78	\$ 714.18	\$ 741.41	\$ 744.31	\$ 933.86	\$ 1,205.86			
Prints/Copies	\$ 33.40	\$18.01	\$ 162	\$ 15.45	\$ 17.90	\$ 5.20	\$ 67.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.75	\$ 5.20	\$ 15.25	\$ 33.40			
Lost Items	\$ 32.99	\$24.37	\$ 195	-	\$ 2.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 43.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 60.99	\$ 13.99	\$ 32.99			
Non-Res Cards	\$ 25.00	\$28.57	\$ 200	-	\$ 25.00	-	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00			
Donations	\$ 126.17	\$41.66	\$ 375	\$ 54.85	\$ 14.50	\$ 13.95	\$ 66.43	\$ 9.00	\$ 54.50	\$ 20.33	\$ 15.20	\$ 126.17			
Earbuds/Flash Drives	\$ 1.00	\$5.86	\$ 53	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 1.00			
Total Library Earnings	\$ 1,550.42	\$ 1,048.76	\$ 9,439	\$ 889.33	\$ 1,121.57	\$ 832.66	\$ 1,249.23	\$813.36	\$922.67	\$ 980.31	\$ 1,079.30	\$ 1,550.42			
Friends Earnings															
Book Store	\$ 560.50	\$ 545	\$ 4,909	\$675.25	\$ 604.00	\$ 586.00	\$ 438.01	\$ 502.10	\$492.00	\$588.75	\$ 462.06	\$ 560.50			
Swag	\$ -	\$ 34	\$ 306	\$20	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$115	\$1	\$ 95.00	\$ -			
Online Sales	\$ 140.00	\$ 225	\$ 2,029	\$58.06	\$ 444.95	\$ 262.56	\$ 300.47	\$ 254.84	\$299.86	\$82.74	\$ 185.59	\$ 140.00			
Total Friends Earnings	\$ 700.50	\$ 805	\$ 7,244	\$753.31	\$ 1,078.95	\$ 868.56	\$ 758.48	\$ 761.94	\$906.86	\$672.49	\$ 742.65	\$ 700.50			
Library Usage															
Physical Visits	11023	9643	86784	12,081	9,681	10147	10857	8593	7107	8,272	9,023	11023			
Home Delivery	2	3	27	2	5	5	2	3	3	3	2	2			
New Users	146	143	1284	175	158	167	124	124	90	166	134	146			
Public Computer Sessions	1461	1254	11289	1411	1313	1226	1321	1148	993	1164	1252	1461			
Reference Desk Interactions	1920	1793	16133	2003	1781	1837	1979	1523	1531	1855	1704	1920			
Youth Desk Interactions	684	559	5033	611	592	463	474	537	389	546	737	684			
Circulation Desk Interactions	715	1156	10401	1540	1348	1500	1621	1330	1045	655	647	715			
Teen Space Attendance	108	88	790	14	27	161	154	112	59	76	79	108			
Total Programs Offered	59	48	431	47	42	47	54	49	45	40	48	59			
Total Program Attendance	1331	1192	10728	1205	1227	1303	1220	932	1068	1277	1165	1331			
Total Library Checkouts	17990	17065	153584	18654	18267	16788	16546	16593	15599	16966	16181	17990			
Total Digital Checkouts	6751	6360	57238	6112	6245	6031	6454	6214	6561	6796	6074	6751			
Items Loaned Through ILL	2118	1902	17118	2041	1895	1758	1938	1778	1571	2043	1976	2118			
Items Loaned Through MelCat	199	189	1698	190	164	213	195	167	175	220	175	199			
Items Borrowed Through ILL	3286	3049	27440	3127	3165	3199	3042	2677	2762	3129	3053	3286			
Items Borrowed Through MelCat	138	114	1022	107	88	120	109	97	110	143	110	138			
New Items Added															
Adult Books	262	280	2523	350	252	172	332	205	319	342	289	262			
CDs	23	30	273	40	37	34	37	18	37	23	24	23			
DVDs/Blu-rays	49	52	469	76	37	55	48	52	49	57	46	49			
Audiobooks	4	7	67	8	3	12	7	0	14	12	7	4			
Kids Books	253	225	2028	243	183	273	294	188	122	248	224	253			
Teen Items	71	43	390	41	25	36	40	103	12	36	26	71			
Magazines/Newspapers	88	78	706	74	77	86	81	65	79	77	79	88			
Puzzles/Board Games	6	17	153	18	44	8	6	12	24	15	20	6			

Library Statistics FY2026	CURRENT Month	Running Monthly AVG	Year to Date	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026
Video Games	17	10	94	4	5	7	8	2	1	20	30	17			
Library of Things	5	3	28	2	4	6	0	0	8	0	3	5			
Vinyl Records	24	24	24									24			
Overdrive Advantage Titles	77	90	806	79	72	110	36	79	194	71	88	77			
Total Items (less OD Adv)	802	751	6755	856	667	689	853	645	665	830	748	802			
Circulation by Media Type															
Adult Books	6571	6190	55707	6725	6662	6057	5976	5617	5712	6555	5832	6571			
CDs	886	779	7008	816	794	800	873	717	657	691	774	886			
Audiobooks	140	103	925	81	98	99	80	102	104	117	104	140			
DVDs/Blu-rays	2424	2337	21030	2258	2180	2108	2617	2363	2346	2428	2306	2424			
Magazines/Newspapers	161	162	1455	183	150	198	113	184	223	126	117	161			
Puzzles/Boardgames	383	421	3787	486	425	315	405	395	481	461	436	383			
Video Games	285	221	1987	241	238	154	185	221	207	212	244	285			
Library of Things	87	76	687	79	79	76	75	81	63	61	86	87			
Youth Items	7314	7166	64491	8109	7971	7643	6564	7330	6320	6717	6523	7314			
Digital Circulation															
Overdrive Downloads	4538	4304	38739	4026	4236	4186	4230	4154	4562	4654	4153	4538			
Overdrive Total Users	1130	1073	9657	1007	1045	1054	1045	1036	1070	1168	1102	1130			
Overdrive New Users	75	60	541	53	54	73	29	60	65	80	52	75			
Kanopy Plays	867	769	6924	784	715	646	957	812	693	737	713	867			
Kanopy Total Users	276	242	2180	208	210	227	240	248	250	258	263	276			
Hoopla Downloads	1346	1286	11575	1302	1294	1199	1267	1248	1306	1405	1208	1346			
Hoopla Total Users	502	468	4210	463	450	438	463	441	477	515	461	502			
Hoopla New Users	43	31	280	33	19	32	27	26	34	36	30	43			
Total Digital Checkouts	6751	6360	57238	6112	6245	6031	6454	6214	6561	6796	6074	6751			
Social Media															
Facebook New Followers	75	78	703	56	52	47	71	42	105	145	110	75			
TikTok Followers	7500	6747	60721	5721	5774	6555	6686	6743	7010	7327	7405	7500			
IG New Followers	730	833	7497	80	58	75	60	494	3650	1250	1100	730			
Podcast Downloads	985	544	4895	465	200	1500	695	400	300	200	150	985			

FY 2026 Budget
Ferndale Area District Library

General Fund - 101

	March 2026	FY 2026 YTD as of 3/31/2026	FY 2026 Budget Approved 1/22/2026
Revenue			
101-271-404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	\$ 31,574.56	\$ 2,687,410.57	\$ 2,732,622.00
101-271-404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	\$ 4,962.59	\$ 43,615.17	\$ 40,000.00
101-271-567.000 - Library State Aid	\$ -	\$ 10,557.22	\$ 20,250.00
101-271-581.000 - Grants	\$ -	\$ -	
101-271-607.000 - Fees for Services	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 500.00
101-271-627.000 - Charge for Services	\$ 960.21	\$ 7,570.25	\$ 7,000.00
101-271-645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	\$ 882.65	\$ 8,717.55	\$ 10,000.00
101-271-656.000 - Other Fees & Fines	\$ -	\$ 28,600.97	\$ 28,600.97
101-271-660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 197.00	\$ 905.63	\$ 1,000.00
101-271-675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	\$ 125.67	\$ 516.91	\$ 600.00
101-271-675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 5,000.00
101-271-675.003 - Special Event Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	
101-271-675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	\$ 152.00	\$ 265.52	\$ 300.00
101-271-693.000 - Sale of Property	\$ 3,589.89	\$ 4,168.87	\$ 800.00
101-271-695.000 - Miscellaneous Income		\$ 6,875.08	\$ 6,000.00
101-271-699.401 - Contributions from Capital Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 46,694.57	\$ 2,803,678.74	\$ 2,907,672.97

General Fund - 101

	March 2026	FY 2026 YTD as of 3/31/2026	FY 2026 Budget Approved 1/22/2026
Expenses			
101-271-706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	\$ (81,775.16)	\$ (544,602.47)	\$ (750,000.00)
101-271-706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	\$ (24,136.48)	\$ (161,452.61)	\$ (218,000.00)
101-271-706.003 - Salaries - Subs	\$ (5,824.71)	\$ (31,836.37)	\$ (35,000.00)
101-271-715.001 - Social Security - Employee	\$ (5,836.91)	\$ (57,057.02)	\$ (79,500.00)
101-271-715.002 - Social Security - Employer	\$ (5,836.96)	\$ (57,057.12)	\$ (79,500.00)
101-271-716.100 - Health Insurance	\$ (12,770.15)	\$ (112,446.49)	\$ (155,000.00)
101-271-717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	\$ (713.74)	\$ (5,768.45)	\$ (8,000.00)
101-271-718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	\$ (5,644.73)	\$ (51,387.00)	\$ (75,000.00)
101-271-720.001 - Medicare - Employee	\$ (1,365.09)	\$ (13,343.99)	\$ (20,000.00)
101-271-720.002 - Medicare - Employer	\$ (1,365.06)	\$ (13,343.82)	\$ (20,000.00)
101-271-721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	\$ (5,985.73)	\$ (63,100.68)	\$ (100,000.00)
101-271-722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	\$ (3,643.55)	\$ (35,529.60)	\$ (50,000.00)
101-271-722.002 - MI Unemployment - Employer	\$ -	\$ -	
101-271-723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	\$ (313.30)	\$ (3,138.75)	\$ (5,000.00)
101-271-725.000 - Workers Compensation	\$ -	\$ (1,450.00)	\$ (1,545.00)
101-271-730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	\$ -	\$ (14,356.54)	\$ (24,000.00)
101-271-740.000 - Operating Supplies	\$ (2,107.51)	\$ (27,631.16)	\$ (42,000.00)
101-271-742.000 - Books	\$ (7,277.12)	\$ (60,548.75)	\$ (95,000.00)
101-271-743.000 - Periodicals	\$ (3,016.00)	\$ (15,255.13)	\$ (13,000.00)
101-271-745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	\$ (713.93)	\$ (18,773.92)	\$ (33,000.00)
101-271-746.000 - Other Non Book	\$ (4,392.58)	\$ (79,260.15)	\$ (118,800.00)
101-271-748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	\$ (248.70)	\$ (2,773.74)	\$ (5,000.00)
101-271-775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	\$ (3,472.99)	\$ (23,412.99)	\$ (38,000.00)
101-271-802.000 - Audit/Actuarial Fees	\$ -	\$ (7,600.00)	\$ (7,600.00)
101-271-803.000 - The Library Network	\$ -	\$ (35,093.93)	\$ (62,500.00)
101-271-818.000 - Contractual Services	\$ (14,923.33)	\$ (95,465.67)	\$ (115,000.00)
101-271-853.000 - Phone/Communications	\$ (585.29)	\$ (5,108.29)	\$ (7,000.00)

General Fund - 101	March 2026	FY 2026 YTD as of 3/31/2026	FY 2026 Budget Approved 1/22/2026
101-271-885.000 - Special Programs	\$ (1,515.71)	\$ (24,274.82)	\$ (38,000.00)
101-271-888.000 - Marketing	\$ (158.08)	\$ (703.91)	\$ (1,000.00)
101-271-900.000 - Printing & Publishing	\$ (18.00)	\$ (16,951.72)	\$ (29,120.00)
101-271-914.000 - Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ (16,783.00)	\$ (16,783.00)
101-271-920.000 - Utilities	\$ (4,195.36)	\$ (33,766.48)	\$ (45,000.00)
101-271-931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	\$ -	\$ (40,667.42)	\$ (58,000.00)
101-271-943.000 - Equipment Rental	\$ (865.05)	\$ (8,934.73)	\$ (11,000.00)
101-271-956.000 - Miscellaneous	\$ (87.00)	\$ (1,187.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
101-271-957.000 - Training/Education	\$ -	\$ (13,019.40)	\$ (22,000.00)
101-271-958.000 - Memberships & Dues	\$ (665.61)	\$ (7,788.70)	\$ (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)	\$ (61,000.00)
101-271-992.000 - Debt Svc- Principal	\$ (375,000.00)	\$ (375,000.00)	\$ (375,000.00)
101-271-994.000 - Interest Expense	\$ (15,100.00)	\$ (30,200.00)	\$ (30,200.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (589,553.83)	\$ (2,161,436.80)	\$ (2,857,548.00)
Net Income / (Loss):	\$ (542,859.26)	\$ 642,241.94	\$ 50,124.97
Fund Balance Change:		\$ 642,241.94	\$ 50,124.97
Fund Balance at the Beginning of the FY:		\$ 435,069.69	\$ 435,069.69
Fund Balance at the End of the FY:		\$ 1,077,311.63 37%	\$ 485,194.66 16.90%

**FY 2026 Budget
Ferndale Area District Library**

Capital Projects Fund - 401	March 2026	FY 2026 YTD as of 3/31/26	FY 2026 Budget Approved 1/22/2026
Revenue			
401-271-699.101 - Contributions from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Capital Projects Fund - 401	March 2026	FY 2026 YTD as of 3/31/2026	FY 2026 Budget Approved 1/22/2026
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:		\$182,206.00	\$182,206.00
Capital Fund Balance at the End of the FY:			\$127,206.00

Balance Sheet

Ferndale Area District Library
As of March 31, 2026

MAR 31, 2026

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Capital Projects Account	182,206.00
General Account	1,251,332.45
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,433,538.45

Accounts Receivable	49.00
Due From Counties	76,693.76
Total Current Assets	1,510,281.21

Total Assets	1,510,281.21
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Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Wages Payable	32,836.28
Total Current Liabilities	32,836.28

Total Liabilities	32,836.28
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Equity

Current Year Earnings	642,241.94
Retained Earnings	835,202.99
Total Equity	1,477,444.93

Total Liabilities and Equity	1,510,281.21
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Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

Ferndale Area District Library
For the month ended March 31, 2026

	MAR 2026	MAR 2025	MAR 2024
Income			
404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	31,574.56	36,590.11	35,315.91
404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	4,962.59	-	-
567.000 - Library State Aid	-	10,291.32	9,661.74
607.000 - Fees for Services	1,050.00	75.00	50.00
627.000 - Charge for Services	960.21	719.70	1,053.19
645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	882.65	842.90	981.75
660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	197.00	47.20	208.63
675.000 - Contributions	3,200.00	-	-
675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	125.67	31.10	270.00
675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	-	2,370.00	-
675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	152.00	-	-
693.000 - Sale of Property	3,589.89	-	69.00
Total Income	46,694.57	50,967.33	47,610.22
Gross Profit	46,694.57	50,967.33	47,610.22
Operating Expenses			
706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	81,775.16	49,106.36	47,700.50
706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	24,136.48	19,278.65	15,642.71
706.003 - Salaries - Subs	5,824.71	3,601.14	1,931.31
715.001 - Social Security - Employee	5,836.91	5,559.16	5,332.44
715.002 - Social Security - Employer	5,836.96	5,559.17	5,332.39
716.100 - Health Insurance	12,770.15	10,444.21	7,542.36
717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	713.74	681.13	584.10
718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	5,644.73	7,146.45	2,572.19
720.001 - Medicare - Employee	1,365.09	1,300.15	1,247.14
720.002 - Medicare - Employer	1,365.06	1,300.09	1,247.13
721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	5,985.73	6,029.97	5,946.68
722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	3,643.55	3,424.69	3,199.28
723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	313.30	196.96	99.84
730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	-	-	2,101.56
740.000 - Operating Supplies	2,107.51	2,852.82	2,777.69
742.000 - Books	7,277.12	7,818.55	7,275.24
743.000 - Periodicals	3,016.00	35.00	56.00
745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	713.93	1,582.38	2,513.24
746.000 - Other Non Book	4,392.58	9,600.40	7,355.69
748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	248.70	864.32	226.63
775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	3,472.99	3,509.30	-

	MAR 2026	MAR 2025	MAR 2024
803.000 - The Library Network	-	2,158.74	2,158.74
818.000 - Contractual Services	14,923.22	12,157.90	10,136.14
853.000 - Phone/Communications	585.29	534.97	541.57
885.000 - Special Programs	1,515.71	2,042.03	1,313.75
888.000 - Marketing	158.08	-	-
900.000 - Printing & Publishing	18.00	9.00	6,137.72
914.000 - Liability Insurance	-	1,592.00	38.00
920.000 - Utilities	4,195.36	5,753.50	4,675.41
931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	-	2,639.38	2,635.50
943.000 - Equipment Rental Alloc.- General Fund Motor Pool	865.05	834.24	943.82
956.000 - Miscellaneous	87.00	100.00	87.00
957.000 - Training/Education	-	1,173.86	(297.60)
958.000 - Memberships & Dues	665.61	662.85	710.93
977.000 - Capital Outlay	-	2,117.00	-
992.000 - Debt Svc- Principal	375,000.00	-	345,000.00
996.000 - Interest Expense	15,100.00	-	27,475.00
Total Operating Expenses	589,553.72	171,666.37	522,240.10
Operating Income	(542,859.15)	(120,699.04)	(474,629.88)
Net Income	(542,859.15)	(120,699.04)	(474,629.88)

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

Ferndale Area District Library

For the month ended March 31, 2026

Accrual Basis

	MAR 2026	FEB 2026	JAN 2026	DEC 2025	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	SEP 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Income								
Charge for Services	960.21	1,027.27	672.90	827.46	757.84	1,155.08	451.25	7,570.25
Contributions	3,200.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,200.00
Fees for Services	1,050.00	-	25.00	-	-	125.00	-	1,275.00
Fines & Forfeitures	197.00	119.00	96.00	94.01	82.98	79.07	15.00	905.63
Individual Donations & Honorariums	125.67	15.20	58.81	54.50	9.00	73.43	6.95	516.91
Library Board Fundraising	152.00	37.00	76.52	-	-	-	-	265.52
Library State Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,557.22
Miscellaneous Income	-	6,875.08	-	-	-	-	-	6,875.08
Other Fees & Fines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,600.97
Print Sales & Copies	882.65	879.75	1,233.70	896.75	768.45	1,308.45	562.20	8,717.55
Sale of Property	3,589.89	98.99	119.99	25.00	115.00	105.00	45.00	4,168.87
Voted Property Taxes	31,574.56	46,437.95	61,599.75	53,689.61	31,041.01	64,263.48	75,111.75	2,687,410.57
Voted Property Taxes - Personal	4,962.59	-	-	-	38,652.58	-	-	43,615.17
Total Income	46,694.57	55,490.24	63,882.67	55,587.33	71,426.86	67,109.51	76,192.15	2,803,678.74
Gross Profit	46,694.57	55,490.24	63,882.67	55,587.33	71,426.86	67,109.51	76,192.15	2,803,678.74
Operating Expenses								
Audio-Visual, Video	713.93	1,725.26	2,821.31	1,952.88	1,698.65	2,712.42	3,380.35	18,773.92
Audit/Actuarial Fees	-	-	-	7,600.00	-	-	-	7,600.00
Books	7,277.12	6,864.64	3,995.12	5,658.78	7,522.87	8,934.34	6,179.29	60,548.75
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	15,213.66	-	55,364.98
Contractual Services	14,923.22	18,643.97	4,961.47	13,900.78	9,119.22	14,701.72	15,299.85	95,465.67
Debt Svc- Principal	375,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	375,000.00

	MAR 2026	FEB 2026	JAN 2026	DEC 2025	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	SEP 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Equipment Rental Alloc.- General Fund Motor Pool	865.05	954.71	1,717.60	-	982.96	1,433.84	-	8,934.73
Facilities Maintenance	-	3,099.99	3,024.38	3,024.38	3,099.92	4,632.76	5,958.78	40,667.42
Federal Income Tax - Employee	5,985.73	6,023.63	6,077.29	6,445.22	6,329.90	9,549.15	6,290.70	63,100.68
Health Insurance	12,770.15	12,554.05	11,647.22	12,147.22	12,347.22	11,647.22	11,647.14	112,446.49
Interest Expense	15,100.00	-	-	-	-	-	15,100.00	30,200.00
Liability Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,783.00
Life Insurance - EE	713.74	713.74	713.74	713.74	713.74	713.74	713.74	5,768.45
Local Income Tax - Employee	313.30	312.58	310.78	310.78	310.78	507.55	352.96	3,138.75
Marketing	158.08	403.00	142.83	-	-	-	-	703.91
Materials Processing Supplies	248.70	565.15	342.60	246.05	470.00	319.76	-	2,773.74
Medicare - Employee	1,365.09	1,361.26	1,375.25	1,384.09	1,384.08	2,073.94	1,365.95	13,343.99
Medicare - Employer	1,365.06	1,361.25	1,375.24	1,384.08	1,384.05	2,073.95	1,365.88	13,343.82
Memberships & Dues	665.61	671.32	1,250.01	696.30	1,059.90	1,030.40	678.79	7,788.70
MI Income Tax - Employee	3,643.55	3,610.61	3,656.16	3,688.06	3,692.70	5,539.71	3,629.92	35,529.60
Miscellaneous	87.00	87.00	532.25	73.25	87.00	87.00	87.00	1,187.00
Operating Supplies	2,107.51	11.99	3,605.74	3,905.07	3,370.80	2,100.14	5,488.75	27,631.16
Other Non Book	4,392.58	11,211.09	11,070.43	5,795.69	8,502.42	4,141.70	14,843.24	79,260.15
Pension- ICMA-RC 401	5,644.73	2,703.18	8,142.54	5,354.53	5,291.71	5,288.00	5,277.01	51,387.00
Periodicals	3,016.00	-	540.03	8,094.30	774.03	35.00	35.00	15,255.13
Phone/Communications	585.29	731.06	585.30	-	535.20	535.17	1,068.02	5,108.29
Postage, Mail Processing	-	2,515.70	-	6,530.59	189.95	-	2,516.99	14,356.54
Printing & Publishing	18.00	4,981.74	9.00	9.00	1,210.87	450.00	7,020.92	16,951.72
Repair & Maintenance	3,472.99	713.54	1,453.00	3,047.49	7,294.37	2,957.50	783.90	23,412.99
Salaries - Full-time	81,775.16	54,642.70	54,852.32	53,653.51	52,609.07	53,355.82	78,746.84	544,602.47
Salaries - Part-time	24,136.48	12,689.87	14,115.17	15,665.22	16,947.47	17,980.75	23,279.73	161,452.61
Salaries - Subs	5,824.71	3,522.76	3,224.48	3,047.01	2,960.45	3,058.12	4,257.75	31,836.37
Social Security - Employee	5,836.91	5,820.52	5,880.41	5,918.07	5,918.15	8,867.96	5,840.37	57,057.02
Social Security - Employer	5,836.96	5,820.48	5,880.44	5,918.10	5,918.10	8,868.05	5,840.39	57,057.12

	MAR 2026	FEB 2026	JAN 2026	DEC 2025	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	SEP 2025	YEAR TO DATE
Special Programs	1,515.71	1,068.57	2,360.36	1,283.50	2,192.11	5,087.84	2,913.91	24,274.82
The Library Network	-	-	10,767.58	-	14,262.58	-	-	35,093.93
Training/Education	-	1,445.00	3,131.00	417.00	1,709.69	3,524.88	576.15	13,019.40
Utilities	4,195.36	4,943.87	4,565.46	3,629.54	2,778.11	3,123.61	3,039.17	33,766.48
Workers Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,450.00
Total Operating Expenses	589,553.72	171,774.23	174,126.51	181,494.23	182,668.07	200,545.70	233,578.49	2,161,436.80
Operating Income	(542,859.15)	(116,283.99)	(110,243.84)	(125,906.90)	(111,241.21)	(133,436.19)	(157,386.34)	642,241.94
Net Income	(542,859.15)	(116,283.99)	(110,243.84)	(125,906.90)	(111,241.21)	(133,436.19)	(157,386.34)	642,241.94



Update on
Library Millage

The Ferndale Library's 2026 Millage Proposals will be on the Primary Ballot on August 4

This is a property tax rate used to fund the library.

This is the 2nd time in our 96-year history that we've directly requested approval for funding from voters through millage proposals.

- The Library's first millage (2016) was approved by a margin of 2-1
- Duration: 10 years (2017–2027)
- Original rate: 3.5 mills
- Current rate: 2.81 mills
 - Reduced due to rising property values & Headlee Rollbacks



Quick History

2014

FADL officially becomes a district library, separating governance and finances from the city.

Operating independently, no longer a City Dept or city budget line-item.

2016

Voters approve a 3.5-mill levy, providing dedicated revenue for operations and building costs.

By 2016, library usage had increased 400% (compared to 2006).

2017

After the millage passes, the Library purchases its building from the city and takes over the existing bond, paying principal & interest directly.

Owning the building gives the library long-term control enabling it to plan, adapt, and grow to meet the community's needs



More with Less

In 2017, property values started going back up (recovering from recession), which led to Headlee rolling back our initial 3.5 millage steadily, year by year.

Library remains one of the busiest in the area, with higher volumes of circulation compared to larger nearby libraries (Oak Park, Madison Heights).

Plus: average annual visits: 120,00+

Voted Millage 3.5	Maximum allowable millage due to Headlee Rollback	Approved by the Library Board of Directo
FY 2018-2019	3.3087	3.2
FY2019-2020	3.2167	3.1
FY 2020-21 (curbside/delivery only)	3.123	2.8
FY 2021-22	3.0327	3
FY 2022-23	2.9286	2.9
FY 2023-24	2.9201	2.85
FY 2024-25	2.8646	2.85
FY 2025-26 (proposed)	2.8204	2.81

Library Usage

New Library Cards Issued 2022-2025:	7,289
Renewed Library Cards 2022-2025:	15,496
Total Library Checkouts	2022: 174,276
	2023: 195,219
	2024: 192,466
	2025: 207,028
Program Attendance (+ Outreach)	
2022	3,063
2023	8,805
2024	10,019
2025	13,087
Noteworthy 2025 Data: Special Collection Checkouts	
VDs/Blu-Rays:	27,516
Ds:	9,936
Puzzles/Board Games:	4,995
Video Games:	2,597
Library of Things:	881

These numbers represent usage of:

- The building itself
 - its technology
 - its resources
 - its loaning materials

It also demonstrates the impact of staff organizing and facilitating inventive, original programming and events that appeal to the community's desires and needs.

Another additional/significant expense...

Digital Content

E-books and digital audiobooks are licensed—libraries don't own them. The cost per circulation of an electronic title is 3.7x higher than a physical title. This comprises a significant percentage of our collections budget.

And yet their popularity continues to increase.

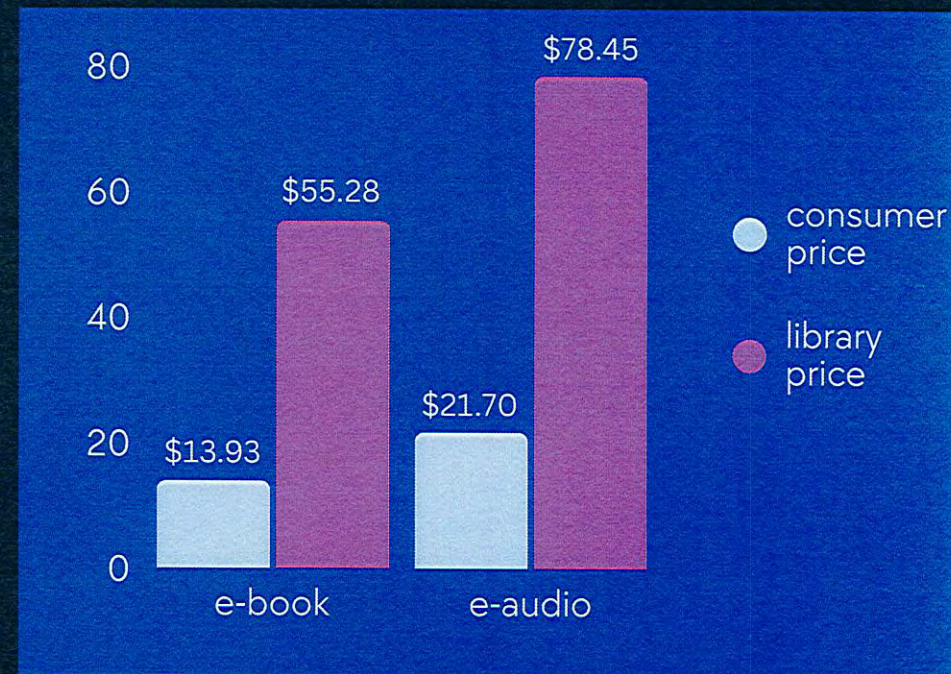
In 2024, a mid-size, suburban public library saw:

 **25%**

increase in e-book
circulation

 **15%**

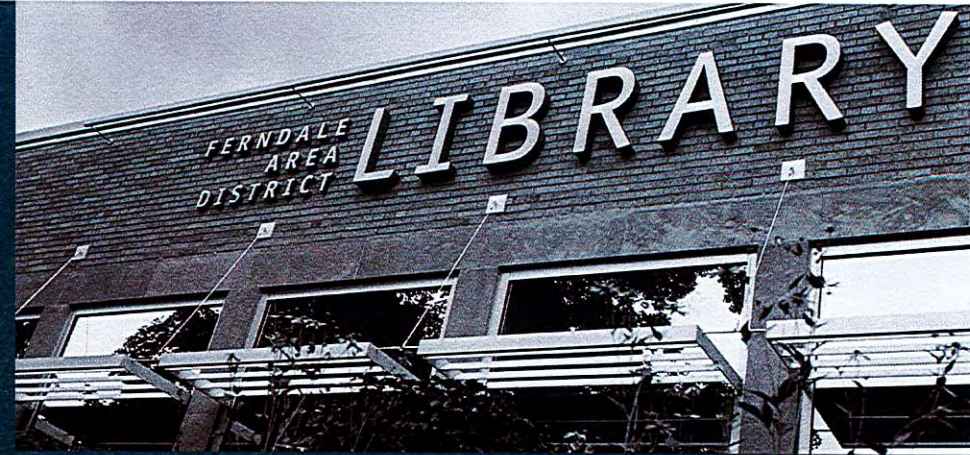
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What's on the Ballot?

Q.1

Proposing a total mill rate of 3.31 to fund daily operations: collections, programs, staff, supplies



Shall the Ferndale Area District Library be authorized **to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed 3.31 mills, of which 2.81 mills is a renewal of the previously authorized millage rate that expires in 2026, and an additional .50 mills**, against all taxable property within the Ferndale Area District Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2027 through 2036, inclusive, **for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes** authorized by law?

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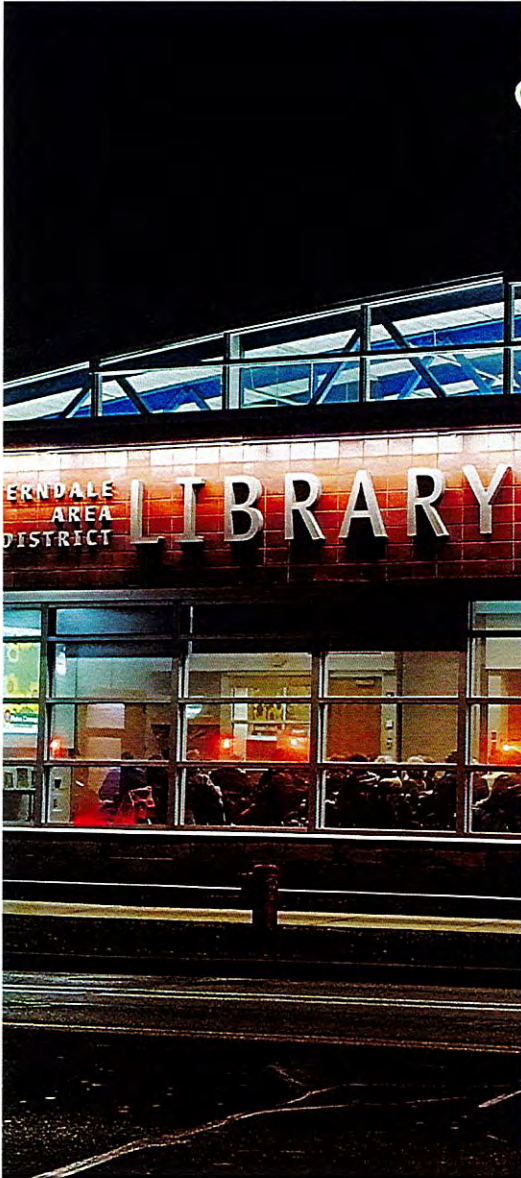
Q.2

Proposed for longer-term projects, renovations, maintenance, and building upkeep

Shall the Ferndale Area District Library be authorized **to levy a new additional millage annually in an amount not to exceed .50 mill** against all taxable property within the Ferndale Area District Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2027 through 2036, inclusive, **for the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, improving, and updating the Library's capital assets, including the building and its technology?**

Funds would be used for expenditures that:

- Increase the lifespan, accessibility, and value of library facilities and technology
- Repair or replace the geothermal HVAC system (installed in 2011)
- Address roofing, siding, and flooring needs (installed in 2010)
- Update the ethernet capacity (last updated in 2012)



If Both Millage Proposals PASS

- Updated Ethernet – faster, steadier network for all users
- Replacing Geothermal HVAC – maintain comfort and efficiency year-round
- Digital borrowing – preserving access to Hoopla & Kanopy
- Staying Open/Active 7 Days A Week
- New carpet – clean, safe, welcoming floors
- Exterior upkeep – maintain building appearance & longevity
- ADD Youth YOTO players – screen-free audio learning & stories for kids
- GROW foreign language collections – resources for youth and adults
- Grow new collections – expand vinyl, STEM kits, and more
- Expanded programming opportunities
- More off-site field trips – take library experiences outside of Ferndale
- Credit card payment for printing – convenient, modern access

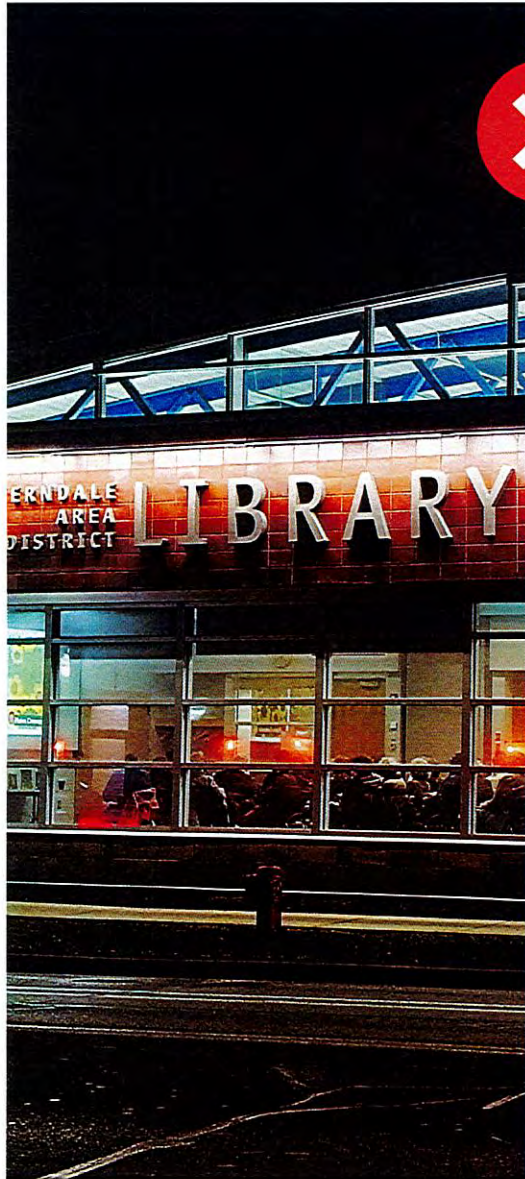


If Millage Proposals Fail to Pass

- The library will not receive the additional revenue it needs to fully support planned operations and rebuild savings, thereby limiting financial flexibility.

Staffing levels will be unaffected, but there are potential impacts, including:

- Digital Borrowing Limits Cut in Half
- Significant reduction in Programming
- Possibility of Reduction to Operating Hours
- Needing to defer some building maintenance
- No new revenue to rebuild unassigned (emergency) funds, leaving the library with limited reserves.





Looking at Library Impact



& our Role in the Community

Achievements since 2016 (What was funded)



- Expanded hours (7 Days a Week)
- Boosted Wi-Fi
- Programs with growing impact
- More Youth outreach
- New collections
 - Tools, Vinyl, Seeds, Instruments
- Program expansion
- Staff growth
- Fine-free library
- Community partnerships
- Regional collaboration
- Expanded online resources
 - Audiobooks, eBooks, Streaming Movies
- Awards (FAIAC, MLA)
- Podcast launched

More than just books... ...more than just a building

- Free Programming for All Ages
- Free Wi-Fi
- The Library of Things
- Access to Physical Media
- Assist with Dropping Streaming Services
- Seed Library
- Book Clubs Foster Community
- Concerts/Exhibitions Support the Arts
- Storytimes Support Early Literacy
- Free & Open to everyone
- Library Cards work across Oakland County
- Access to the Michigan Electronic Library
- Access to Digital Content and Databases
- Kanopy / Hoopla / Libby
 - ebooks, audiobooks, movies
- Access to the Michigan Activity Pass
 - Metro Parks, Museums & more
- Reservable Study Rooms
- Puzzles, Board Games, Video Games
 - AND MORE!

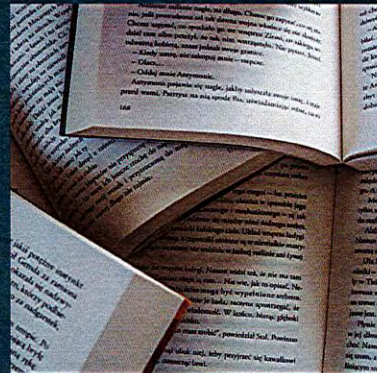
Surveys Results:

“The library, the people who work within it, and its extraordinary access to diverse books have affected my life & my family's life in such profound ways.”

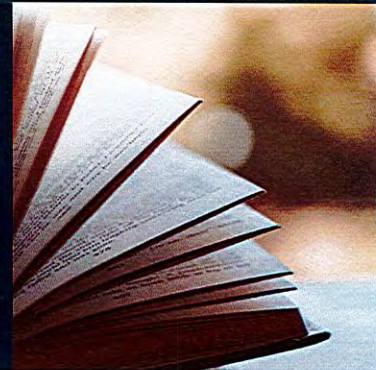
“The Library helped us survive the pandemic...”



“It's helped my kids explore and learn in new ways...”



“The library helps me align my actions to my values- sustainability, community, curiosity, and fun!”



May 30: Come see us at PRIDE!



Where we can answer questions & sign you up for (or renew) your library card

June 6: Summer Reading Kickoff Party at the Library

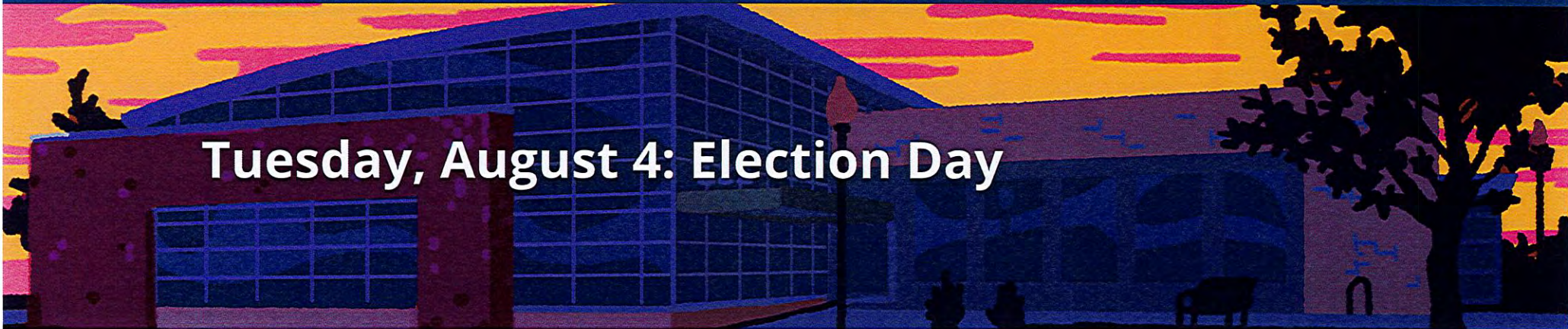
Sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge



Late June: Absentee Ballots Mail Out

July 21: Deadline to register to vote

Tuesday, August 4: Election Day



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4/16/2026

FADL Board of Directors -- Request for Board Action

From: Drew Macaulay

Subject: Adding and Correcting Board Signatories to the General Fund Account

Summary:

Comerica has informed us that we need a formal document in our meeting notes showing who should be added or removed as signatories from the bank account. Drew and Krocket believed that the bank needed only the changes to the Board verified, but discovered that Comerica wants a document with even the existing signatories, who do not have any changes, listed.

This Board should confirm that the following people with the following titles are the correct signatories to the bank account:

Kelly Farrah, President

Erin Hooper, Vice President

Kevin Yezbick, Treasurer

Denise Coté, Secretary

Anne Macaulay, Library Director

Kristin Hoekstra, Assistant Library Director

Former president Amanda Hanlin to be removed from the account.

Recommended Action: A motion to approved the changes to the bank signatories as indicated above.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the corrected bank signatories.

DIRECTOR
Drew Macaulay

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
Kricket Hoekstra

BOARD
Meghan Evoy
Kelly Farrah
Brianna Foraker
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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

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April School Outreach Update

- Drayton outreach (Youth staff) - we provide weekly curriculum support through readers' advisory. This partnership has been ongoing for 6+ years.
- UHS
 - 3/18 - Black Excellence - 21 teens, 11 adults. We participate in this event annually. The event shows off student work (poetry, art, dance, classroom projects, etc.) and celebrates families and community.
 - 3/26 - Library Visit (Erin L.) - 19 teens, 1 adult.
 - Description: UHS students interviewed witnesses, searched for evidence, and learned how to identify misinformation in order to solve the murder of one of our Youth librarians. Thankfully they were able to see through false statements and misleading emails to determine that the murderer was a shelving page who had committed the crime after falling for false information herself! There was much enthusiasm and engagement.
- FUEL 3/17 - Battle of the Books - Battle Day
 - 65 fifth graders, 19 teams
 - Winning team: Cool Kids
 - Best Team Name: The Pickle Penguins
 - The winning team will have their names engraved on the Battle of the Books plaque that is up at the school for all the students to see and awe over for years to come.



Additional Outreach

- 3/26 - Brandon Township Public Library toured Ferndale-Metis - 2 librarians from BTPL scheduled a visit to tour the youth non-fiction collection and learn more about it to help inform collection management possibilities at their library. Mary Grahame H. and Erin L. led the tour and Q&A session.
- 3/27 - Stagecrafters invited the library to share library information as a part of an outreach event they were holding before a few performances in March. Erin L. represented the Youth department alongside Emma C. (Adult Services Librarian). Engaged with 17 adults and 2 kids.



Strategic Planning Committee

April 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, Charlotte Gaden

- We are in our final stages of the strategic planning committee. The Board and members of the staff will meet on Saturday, April 18th from 10am-2:30pm at the library.
- Thanks to everyone for filling out the pre-retreat survey. Those responses will be helpful for the committee in debriefing the process and also for informing the retreat. Your individual response to question #6 on priorities should have been sent to you and you will also receive a version of the other respondents' responses to help in narrowing down to our strategic plan priorities.
- Following the retreat the board will meet in a special meeting on April 23rd to formally adopt the strategic plan.
- The next steps will include finalizing the plan and process for the FADL website, introducing to the staff at the upcoming in-service, and debriefing the process with the committee. Once the strategic plan is finalized the staff can work to develop a more detailed activity plan.
- A huge thank you to the committee for all of the hard work that they contributed to this more than 7 month process, and a special thanks to Jeff Milo. Thanks to the full board for their participation and to the community for their engagement in the process!