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Library Board Meeting

PROPOSED AGENDA

September 17, 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: Approve August 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
6. Website Platform
 - A. Website Platforms Presentation, Jeff Milo and Everett Pine
 - B. Board discussion of website platform options
 - C. **Action Required:** Decision on website platform
7. Director's report: Drew Macaulay, Director
8. **Action Required:** Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of August 2026
9. Review of Board Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Discussion
10. Board Calendar of Events
11. 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
12. **Action Required:** Committee Appointments
13. Review action items
14. Announcements/comments from board members

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2026

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Proposed Minutes

August 20, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Kelly Farrah at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll call

Denise Coté, Meghan Evoy, Kelly Farrah, Erin Hooper, Jonathan Ross, Kevin Yezbick.

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

Brianna Foraker was delayed.

3. Action Required: Approval of agenda

A MOTION BY Hooper and seconded by Evoy to approve the agenda with the removal of item 16; passed unanimously.

Foraker arrived at 6:04 pm.

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

5. Action Required: Minutes: Approve June 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

A MOTION BY Evoy and seconded by Ross to approve the June 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented; passed unanimously.

6. Millages Outcome

Farrah reported that both millage questions passed and expressed gratitude to the community for the support. Ross thanked everyone who helped organize the Yes Committee. Macaulay expressed gratitude to the board members for going above and beyond to help share millage information.

7. Director's report: Drew Macaulay, Director

Macaulay shared that the Library received the Ferndale Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Commission's award for going beyond ADA requirements to create welcoming spaces in the community. She also reported on building updates, staff updates, and the wrap-up of Summer Reading.

A Strategic Plan assessment was provided as part of the Director's report.

8. Action Required: Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the months of June and July 2026.

A MOTION BY Coté and seconded by Hooper to approve the finance reports for June 2026; passed unanimously.

A MOTION BY Ross and seconded by Coté to approve the finance reports for July 2026; passed unanimously.

9. Review of Board Policies and Procedures Discussion

In September, the board will begin a routine review of their policies and procedures for potential updates.

10. MLA conference and potential board attendance

The Board of Trustees is encouraged to attend the Michigan Library Association's conference, which will take place in Novi from October 28-30th.

11. Board Calendar of Events

12. Committee reports:

- A. Art & Exhibitions** – Brianna: report in supporting documents
- B. Building** - Jonathan: will meet the first week in September
- C. Finance** – Kevin: met twice; reports in supporting documents
- D. Friends of the FPL** – Kelly: report in supporting documents
- E. Personnel** – Erin: report in supporting documents
- F. Schools** – Meghan: report in supporting documents

13. Action Required: Committee Appointments

14. Review action items

Board members will look at the program for the Michigan Library Association's conference in Novi and register if interested before September 6th. Registration costs should be reported to Drew & Cricket for reimbursement from the library.

15. Announcements/comments from board members

Evoy interviewed Head of Youth Services Everett Pine for a graduate class assignment (on school partnerships in the community) and was grateful to Everett for his professionalism and information. Her professor was impressed with the level of partnership between FADL Youth Services and the Ferndale Schools.

Hooper commended the Yes Committee, specifically Chair Savannah Camplin for their hard work and success. She shared that the Detroit Zoo's millage will be on the November election and they will be re-using their signs from the last millage.

Farrah also commended Savannah Camplin for being indefatigable and to Jeff Milo for inviting the Detroit Party Marching Band to the election night gathering.

Foraker, Evoy, and Yezbick echoed all of these sentiments.

16. Adjourn

A MOTION by Côté and seconded by Hooper to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.; motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2026

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FADL Website Contract Proposal 2026

Website maintenance limitations, reliability, and security concerns have required the Ferndale Area District Library to reconsider our website platform needs. A redesigned website platform under a new host will support communications and outreach efforts while creating a resource for patrons to engage with the library through access to information, physical and digital resources, and program registration. FADL staff has reviewed EBSCO's renewal quote as well as new account quotes and demonstrations from Spring Share, Weblinx, Civic Plus, and Revize. The review compared provider services, site usability, likely compliance with accessibility standards, and cost. The FADL staff most involved with maintaining and developing the website recommend not renewing the current contract with EBSCO and migrating services to Weblinx.

Problem:

Over the course of FADL's five-year contract with EBSCO Stacks as our website provider, we have had persistent platform limitations consuming staff time, restricting innovation, and creating unacceptable security risks. The user experience has not been reliable, especially on mobile devices.

Purpose:

The purpose of the new website is to provide a dependable digital extension of the library for patrons to access information and resources through clear communication, usability, reliability, and responsiveness.

Recommendation:

Based on research and testing, the FADL staff most responsible for website development and maintenance recommend transitioning to Weblinx. This option provides the best return on investment by giving staff the tools to develop the website's appearance and maintain the usability effectively and efficiently at a moderate price point. To ensure a full transition without needing to renew our EBSCO contract, we are requesting an action to purchase Weblinx services as the library's website provider within the month on September.

Considerations/ Library Needs:

Five years of experience with the current platform and a recent discussion with EBSCO confirmed the consistent limits to FADL's ability to maintain a functional, accessible, modern, and responsive website are permanent structural limitations that are not expected to improve. The current website also has usability and reliability concerns. Pages and features do not consistently display or function properly on phones. Lag is excessive on both desktop and mobile devices. These limitations directly affect how patrons find information, register for programs, use library services, and interact with the site.

FADL began using EBSCO in 2021, and initial impressions with the website product were disappointing. A subsequent upgrade in 2024 underscored concerns the platform's functionality. The migration from Stacks 3.3 to 4.0 resulted in broken links, outdated or incorrectly migrated content, and required recreating previously completed work. In one particularly serious example, the Battle of the Books website migrated incorrectly during the program period, leaving patrons with outdated book lists and incorrect catalog links. Staff had to rebuild the site themselves because EBSCO could not promptly identify or resolve the problem. The upgrade also failed to meet our event registration needs, prompting us to adopt LocalHop as an add-on to make the EBSCO hosted site more functional.

Website maintenance takes an unreasonable amount of staff time with simple edits, aesthetic updates, page creation, and layout changes often requiring workarounds or help-desk tickets. Many of the requested changes or functionality requests are not possible in EBSCO Stacks. Because we cannot independently edit the site's CSS, preview changes before publication, or reliably control how pages appear across devices, we are effectively editing a live website with limited control over its appearance, functionality, and user experience. We have also experienced incidents that raise security concerns, including a temporary redirect of fadl.org to an unrelated university website in Dubai and a recent SSL certificate issue that displayed a warning screen indicating the site might have been compromised. The difficulty and delay involved in resolving these issues was unacceptable for a public-facing library service.

By contracting with a new provider, FADL is hoping to gain:

- Greater staff autonomy over routine website updates and design changes
- A more intuitive content-management system with a shorter learning curve
- The ability to create, edit, and reorganize pages more efficiently
- A staging or preview environment where changes can be reviewed before publication
- Greater control over visual presentation, including CSS and page styling
- A responsive, mobile-friendly website adapting reliably to different screen sizes
- A more consistent patron experience
- Reliable page migrations, updates, links, and integrations
- Faster support with better communication when technical problems occur

Budget Considerations:

Migrating to Weblinx will balance current needs and future growth with cost effectiveness. Other considerations for the budget include staff time to maintain and develop the website. Costs associated with migration, first year implementation, and on-going service over five years are as follows:

- **EBSCO**
 - Current provider- no migration fees

- Yearly fee: \$6,161.00
- 5-year total: \$30,805
- **Weblinx**
 - First year: \$17,945
 - Yearly fee: \$2,430
 - 5-year: \$27,665
- **Spring Share: Option 1** (no patron portal, with setup fee and migration)
 - First year: \$15,272
 - Yearly fee: \$3,298
 - 5-year total: \$28,464
- **Revize**
 - First year: \$9,400
 - Yearly fee \$2,400.00
 - 5-year total: \$19,000.00
- **Civic Plus**
 - First Year: \$10,500 (at \$1,000 migration costs, could be more)
 - Yearly Fee \$9,000.00
 - 5-year total \$46,500

Vendor Discussion:

EBSCO

This is the current website provider so there would be no need to migrate any of the content. This contract renews in April of 2027. It may be possible to negotiate a contract of less than a year if needed to bridge between vendors, but no specifics have been provided. Under the current contract, we have experienced poor customer service, significant lag in website function, security issues, a lack of customization options as most features are locked down, a non-remediable unresponsive design that is not mobile friendly, and an inability to preview pages before publication. Additionally, we have not been able to get a commitment from EBSCO that the required accessibility standards will be met by the federal deadline of April 2027. Simply using the site for its intended purposes has required significant use of staff time for maintenance and development. The cost for this provider is in the middle range at \$30,805 for the next five years.

Spring Share

This vendor features responsive design elements, drag-and-drop development tools, and an accessibility checker—although this is presented as an after-creation tool with additional cost. There are several tiered options at different price points available, each with supplementary feature at additional cost. This vendor does not

allow editing of CSS, which controls how elements display on a website, and most of the offerings are designed for institutions with dedicated IT specialists. We believe the level of in-house technical maintenance needed for Spring Share could not be met with our current staffing. The suite of services provided appears to be geared toward academic or government institutions.

We experienced a distinct lack of transparency in communications from the Spring Share team, with the need to repeatedly reach out with the same information requests to get responsive answers. The cost for this option is in the middle of the quoted services at \$28,464 over five years without the patron portal and the second highest at \$45,110 over five years for the option with the patron portal. For this provider, there is the option to split migration costs across multiple fiscal years. While Spring Share does offer some useful development features and a moderate level of accessibility, it is not ideal for use in a public library setting.

Civic Plus

This vendor offers a responsive drag-and-drop development tool; although, updating webpages can be unwieldy. There is no ability to edit CSS after the initial setup and minimal HTML editing capabilities limiting future development. Civic Plus only offers document hosting as an add-on option and would require purchasing a tiered service passed on page volume. This additional fee would be necessary to post Board, policy, and other documents to the website. Further, this provider does not offer a mobile preview option meaning changes could only be tested on a live page. Civic Plus comes in at the highest 5-year cost at \$46,500 per five-year period. Civic Plus is not cost effective and is not capable of providing the services needed for FADL's needs.

Revize

This vendor provides a fair amount of autonomy with design, and an events calendar is included at no additional charge. With this provider, there would be a steep learning curve for staff developing and maintaining the site as the design tools are not intuitive and are awkward to use. This option has the lowest cost at \$19,000 over five years but would require a significant amount of staff time and would not remedy most of the issues we currently experience with EBSCO. It is not a suitable choice moving forward.

Weblinx

Weblinx provides user-friendly navigation, and delivers responsive design with an intuitive staff interface. We are able to preview edits before publication on both desktop and mobile interfaces. The ability to edit CSS, along with included security certificates and search engine optimization, and dedicated live help desk support will result in quicker response times for staff making edits or addressing issues. Primary responsibility for managing backend publication of the website remains with FADL staff. Weblinx has committed in writing to meeting ADA accessibility compliance standards in the creation of the new site.

While there is no built-in program registration or room booking software, Weblinx integrates easily with LocalHop and JotForm—platforms the library already uses. This quote is the second lowest of the options considered, coming in at \$27,000 for five years. Initial development costs can be broken down into four payments over two fiscal years. Weblinx provides the best option for an accessible patron-facing website that meets the needs of FADL with room for continued development and growth.

Conclusion:

After review of EBSCO, Weblinx, Spring Share, Civic Plus, and Revize as potential website providers, the staff that develop and maintain the FADL's website propose that the Board elect to contract with and migrate services to Weblinx. Doing so will ensure a reliable patron interface across a variety of screen sizes, clear communication with our vendor, and greater staff autonomy to update and maintain our site. Contracting with Weblinx will aid in Library communication and outreach efforts while controlling costs and alleviating ongoing issues with our current provider.

Detailed Costs:

EBSCO:

- Standard-Core package: \$6,161 / year
 - Current provider

Weblinx:

- Part One: Migration and Build
 - Deposit — Phase 1: \$3,842.50
 - Installment 2 — Phase 2: \$3,842.50
 - Installment 3 — Phase 3: \$3,842.50
 - Final installment — Phase 4: \$3,842.50
- Total project investment: \$15,370
 - Project rate: 106 hours at \$145/hour
 - Additional website pages: \$100/page
- Part Two: Regular annual costs
 - WordPress CMS and plug-in security maintenance: Starting at \$400/year
 - Daily website backups: \$275/year
 - AccessiBe access widget integration — Standard Plan \$120/year
 - Additional website pages — annual fee: \$1,490/year
 - Integration fee: \$290 in the first year
 - Ongoing integration fee: \$145/year beginning in the second year
- First-year total: \$2,575 per year
 - Includes the \$290 first-year integration fee.
- Ongoing annual total: \$2,430 per year ←
 - Includes the \$145 annual integration fee beginning in year two.

Spring Share:

- Option 1
 - LibGuides with LibSites \$3,298.00 / year
 - LibSites - Setup Fee \$250.00
 - LibCal Core - \$1,349.00 / year
 - Annual subtotal \$4,647.00
 - + One-time set-up fee subtotal \$250.00
- Total \$4,897.00
- Option 2
 - LibGuides with LibSites+Patron Portal \$5,198.00 / year
 - LibSites + Patron Portal - Setup Fee \$2,000.00
 - LibCal Core - \$1,349.00 / year

- Annual subtotal \$6,547.00
 - + One-time subtotal \$2,000.00
- Total \$8,547.00
- Migration Cost, including
 - Page migration of up to 75 pages (simple/minor updates)
 - Page migration of up to 16 pages (complex/major updates)
- Total: \$10,375.00
- Likely best option: Option 1 + Migration
 - \$15,272
 - Followed by an annual fee of \$3,298

Revize:

- Setup Fee: \$7,000.00
 - Annual Fee: \$2,400.00 per year
 - Optional Five-Year Payment Plan: \$3,800.00 per year, which breaks up the setup fee over five years.
- Total migration cost: \$9,400.00

Civic Plus/Streamline:

- Website migration: \$500 to \$2,500 depending on final page count (50 to 250 pages)
- Pricing tier: Streamline recommendation tier: \$500/mo (\$6,000/year)
- DocAccess: separate, based on document page volume (\$3,000/yr for 5k pages is our lowest tier + \$500 implementation fee)

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9/17/2026

FADL Board of Directors -- Request for Board Action

From: Drew Macaulay

Subject: Approval of New Vendor for Website Development and Hosting

Summary:

Jeff Milo and Everett Pine presented to the Board information about and quotes from potential website vendors to replace our current vendor, EBSCO. After appropriate discussion, the Board needs to determine 1) whether we move forward with a new vendor; and 2) which vendor to retain.

Recommended Actions:

A motion to approve contract with

Civic Plus.

Revize.

Spring Share. or

Weblinx.

OR

A motion to continue our contract with EBSCO.

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Director's Report – 9/17/2026

Calendar Updates – Strategic Plan Assessment: Community Poll Results

As I mentioned last month, our strategic plan's priority 1, goal 2: "Actively assess and respond to the evolving needs of the community through intentional information gathering," requires ongoing community engagement and feedback assessment. During August, beginning the day after the primary election, we conducted a three-question poll online asking "How often do you physically visit the library?", "How often do you use your library card (including digital apps like Libby)?", and "What is the first word that pops into your head when you think of the library?" Our goal was to track any changes in how our patrons perceived the library immediately after the millage.

We received 212 unique responses, putting the data at about a 95% confidence level, and about a 6.6 +/- margin of error. The most common answer regarding frequency of library visits was one to three visits a month, the most common answer regarding frequency of library card use was once a month or more.

Only two individuals left the free response section blank, so we received 210 descriptive words. We grouped the answers into six response-type categories: compliments directed to our library and staff, positive value statements regarding libraries in general, positive associations with our library as a place of community, associations with collections and services, neutral words, and negative comments. Negative words accounted for 4.8% of responses and neutral words accounted for 1.9%, meaning that 93.3% of responses were positive in meaning and tone. The most common word given was "community," at 40 responses, followed by "books" at 17, and welcoming at 11. Three responses described the library as expensive, and two described the library as waste. Frequency of use, both of the space and of resources through library card usage, was positively correlated with positive word associations. Of the 72 respondents who visit the library once a week or more, all had positive word association with the library.

Thank you to Head of Marketing and Communications Jeff Milo and Head of Adult Services Kelly Hovinga for designing, distributing, and analyzing the poll and its results.

Building Updates

For the past three years, we have not had a water supply to the courtyard, which has limited how we maintain the landscaping there. We had our plumbers out twice to assess and repair the spigot connection, and it is now working correctly. This will allow us to consider growing more flowering plants

and fewer grasses in the courtyard next planting season. Additionally, we repaired the lights in the courtyard that were failing and had the external windows and overhangs cleaned.

Staff Updates

Circulation Specialist 2 Caius Scharke welcomed his son Irwyn on September 8th. Caius and his wife Aida are doing well. Baby Wynn timer was 7 pounds, 10 ounces, has a handsome head of hair, and is expected to attend story times in the near future.

Webpage Updates

As we work toward finding a new website platform that will better serve our informational needs, Jeff Milo updated our digital resources page to having clearer links/buttons, to scroll better on mobile devices, and to have linked use guides where available. Check it out at <https://www.fadl.org/digital-resources>

New Digital Access Library Cards

We now have instant digital access library cards through online card sign-ups for adults. This is only for Ferndale resident adults at this time. The sign-up portal is hosted through TLN and did not require any additional cost or man hours. This new card type gives the patron access to all of our digital resources, but no physical item checkouts or holds. Patrons can email circulation or come in for a full-access card after they submit the info for a digital card if they want physical items too.

This new card type will help provide even more library access and help us better track patrons who are online use only. It will also help us save on postage as we aren't mailing library cards to patrons who may not use them. As of 9/15/26, two weeks into availability, we had 25 digital only cards in use.

Library Card Sign Up Month

Our September celebration of all thing library card related continues. Two weeks in, we have 64 participants signed up with 102 completed activities. I'll have final engagement numbers available in October.

Holidays

I am out of the office Monday, 9/21 observing Yom Kippur. Please contact Cricket that day should you need an administrator.

We will again follow our usual scheduling standards for Thanksgiving, being closed Thursday through Saturday of Thanksgiving week (the 26th through the 28th), reopening Sunday, the 29th. For Christmas, we will be closed Thursday the 24th and Friday the 25th, reopening Saturday the 26th. We will be open from 10 am to 6pm on Monday the 28th through Wednesday the 30th, then closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. We will return to regular hours on Saturday, January 2nd.

Balance Sheet

Ferndale Area District Library As of August 31, 2026

AUG 31, 2026

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Capital Projects Account	182,206.00
General Account	2,765,780.43
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,947,986.43

Accounts Receivable	549.00
Due From Counties	76,693.76
Total Current Assets	3,025,229.19

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Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	15,903.02
Wages Payable	32,836.28
Total Current Liabilities	48,739.30

Total Liabilities	48,739.30
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Equity

Current Year Earnings	1,920,772.35
Retained Earnings	1,055,717.54
Total Equity	2,976,489.89

Total Liabilities and Equity	3,025,229.19
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Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

Ferndale Area District Library

For the month ended August 31, 2026

	AUG 2026	JUL 2026	JUN 2026	MAY 2026	APR 2026	MAR 2026	FEB 2026
Income							
404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	2,054,763.84	226,197.36	86,369.11	58.05	25.62	31,574.56	46,437.95
404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	-	-	-	3,028.46	-	4,962.59	-
567.000 - Library State Aid	-	10,571.20	-	-	10,287.86	-	-
581.000 - Grants	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
607.000 - Fees for Services	25.00	-	25.00	25.00	-	1,050.00	-
627.000 - Charge for Services	720.21	831.33	899.70	1,018.79	1,023.14	960.21	1,027.27
645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	1,311.10	586.85	912.05	1,798.35	685.85	882.65	879.75
656.000 - Other Fees & Fines	29,674.64	-	-	-	-	-	-
660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	92.89	31.00	144.00	34.00	89.00	197.00	119.00
675.000 - Contributions	-	-	(4.00)	4.00	(3,200.00)	3,200.00	-
675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	29.00	63.85	69.40	34.03	8.67	125.67	15.20
675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	-	78.94	(77.94)	-	3,250.00	-	-
675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	-	20.00	146.55	-	-	152.00	37.00
693.000 - Sale of Property	71.00	72.00	29.34	10.00	32.99	3,589.89	98.99
695.000 - Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,875.08
Total Income	2,087,687.68	238,452.53	88,513.21	6,010.68	12,203.13	46,694.57	55,490.24
Gross Profit	2,087,687.68	238,452.53	88,513.21	6,010.68	12,203.13	46,694.57	55,490.24
Operating Expenses							
706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	70,589.69	57,548.51	53,113.92	51,938.94	53,337.02	81,775.16	54,642.70
706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	15,831.77	12,706.37	10,990.01	12,231.82	13,292.02	19,200.16	12,689.87
706.003 - Salaries - Subs	5,071.00	5,404.96	6,655.79	4,152.22	4,312.73	5,824.71	3,522.76
715.001 - Social Security - Employee	7,567.36	6,159.18	5,786.03	5,642.29	8,658.02	5,836.91	5,820.52
715.002 - Social Security - Employer	7,567.36	6,159.12	5,786.00	5,642.32	8,658.05	5,836.96	5,820.48
716.100 - Health Insurance	10,625.20	30,657.12	(210.18)	12,380.39	11,632.57	12,770.15	12,554.05
717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	746.96	746.96	746.96	746.96	746.96	713.74	713.74

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

	AUG 2026	JUL 2026	JUN 2026	MAY 2026	APR 2026	MAR 2026	FEB 2026
718.000 - Pension-ICMA-RC 401	9,386.08	5,833.21	5,535.94	5,379.09	8,232.97	5,644.73	2,703.18
720.001 - Medicare - Employee	1,769.78	1,440.40	1,353.22	1,319.57	2,024.86	1,365.09	1,361.26
720.002 - Medicare - Employer	1,769.79	1,440.44	1,353.17	1,319.61	2,024.85	1,365.06	1,361.25
721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	10,611.69	6,755.88	6,049.86	6,043.53	8,768.58	5,985.73	6,023.63
722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	4,807.67	3,843.37	3,592.65	3,508.51	5,363.62	3,643.55	3,610.61
723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	404.32	323.12	301.89	312.94	467.07	313.30	312.58
725.000 - Workers Compensation	-	-	2,045.00	883.52	52.00	-	-
730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	2,777.57	-	2,525.12	314.75	-	12.05	2,515.70
740.000 - Operating Supplies	3,069.29	2,665.35	3,820.77	3,023.08	2,341.51	4,080.85	11.99
742.000 - Books	4,163.43	9,603.27	12,125.97	9,661.22	8,714.25	7,655.48	6,864.64
743.000 - Periodicals	3,165.00	1,458.40	45.00	45.00	435.03	3,061.00	-
745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	22.44	3,676.88	4,506.36	2,576.47	1,536.71	2,999.22	1,725.26
746.000 - Other Non Book	8,568.55	13,624.31	11,925.94	4,369.22	8,319.85	7,791.32	11,211.09
748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	623.81	386.13	259.36	113.93	276.23	248.70	565.15
775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	849.00	1,400.77	3,182.04	1,817.00	7,456.37	3,714.59	713.54
803.000 - The Library Network	-	10,767.58	2,580.25	-	10,767.58	-	-
818.000 - Contractual Services	3,249.60	3,077.90	4,257.30	3,597.41	11,088.90	15,103.22	18,643.97
818.003 - Labor Actions	160.20	-	-	-	-	-	-
853.000 - Phone/Communications	586.16	-	1,169.80	584.90	585.30	585.29	731.06
885.000 - Special Programs	58.18	2,919.73	5,904.67	6,263.87	2,719.07	1,789.15	1,068.57
888.000 - Marketing	112.33	498.11	(47.48)	207.69	331.95	465.57	403.00
900.000 - Printing & Publishing	3,056.46	-	3,256.83	489.21	-	18.00	4,981.74
914.000 - Liability Insurance	(590.00)	19,630.00	-	-	-	-	-
920.000 - Utilities	3,306.90	2,919.94	2,491.65	2,729.17	3,409.34	4,195.36	4,943.87
931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	4,379.42	4,119.95	8,338.57	1,613.33	7,678.91	-	3,099.99
943.000 - Equipment Rental Alloc.- General Fund Motor Pool	1,097.00	855.99	1,909.69	124.25	850.05	865.05	954.71
956.000 - Miscellaneous	73.25	59.50	59.50	59.50	73.25	87.00	87.00
957.000 - Training/Education	1,186.94	239.41	302.70	1,322.89	390.20	2,418.00	1,595.00
958.000 - Memberships & Dues	1,081.44	700.36	782.43	672.14	3,513.13	750.61	671.32

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

	AUG 2026	JUL 2026	JUN 2026	MAY 2026	APR 2026	MAR 2026	FEB 2026
992.000 - Debt Svc-Principal	-	-	-	-	-	375,000.00	-
996.000 - Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	15,100.00	-
Total Operating Expenses	187,745.64	217,622.22	172,496.73	151,086.74	198,058.95	596,215.71	171,924.23
Operating Income	1,899,942.04	20,830.31	(83,983.52)	(145,076.06)	(185,855.82)	(549,521.14)	(116,433.99)
Net Income	1,899,942.04	20,830.31	(83,983.52)	(145,076.06)	(185,855.82)	(549,521.14)	(116,433.99)

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

Ferndale Area District Library

For the month ended August 31, 2026

	AUG 2026	AUG 2025	AUG 2024
Income			
404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	2,054,763.84	2,171,837.75	2,034,873.06
581.000 - Grants	1,000.00	-	-
607.000 - Fees for Services	25.00	25.00	25.00
627.000 - Charge for Services	720.21	994.18	888.22
645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	1,311.10	1,125.55	1,426.05
656.000 - Other Fees & Fines	29,674.64	28,600.97	26,560.07
660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	92.89	131.99	109.51
675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	29.00	46.35	1,003.20
693.000 - Sale of Property	71.00	43.00	108.00
Total Income	2,087,687.68	2,202,804.79	2,064,993.11
Gross Profit	2,087,687.68	2,202,804.79	2,064,993.11
Operating Expenses			
706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	70,589.69	63,218.22	59,451.29
706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	15,831.77	20,192.21	20,232.46
706.003 - Salaries - Subs	5,071.00	2,897.36	1,788.64
715.001 - Social Security - Employee	7,567.36	7,160.88	6,764.52
715.002 - Social Security - Employer	7,567.36	7,160.81	6,764.49
716.100 - Health Insurance	10,625.20	14,399.98	13,808.70
717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	746.96	733.25	701.63
718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	9,386.08	8,474.94	2,958.99
720.001 - Medicare - Employee	1,769.78	1,674.71	1,581.98
720.002 - Medicare - Employer	1,769.79	1,674.65	1,581.97
721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	10,611.69	9,989.75	9,785.82
722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	4,807.67	4,488.97	4,228.32
723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	404.32	416.88	129.31
730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	2,777.57	2,603.31	2,376.21
740.000 - Operating Supplies	3,069.29	4,273.78	2,929.47
742.000 - Books	4,163.43	5,473.54	9,239.73
743.000 - Periodicals	3,165.00	2,335.74	14.40
745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	22.44	1,703.08	2,386.18
746.000 - Other Non Book	8,568.55	11,973.80	12,274.71
748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	623.81	318.49	181.06
775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	849.00	1,599.29	720.78
818.000 - Contractual Services	3,249.60	740.48	3,275.80
818.003 - Labor Actions	160.20	-	-
853.000 - Phone/Communications	586.16	534.01	534.49

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

	AUG 2026	AUG 2025	AUG 2024
885.000 - Special Programs	58.18	851.62	2,247.96
888.000 - Marketing	112.33	-	-
900.000 - Printing & Publishing	3,056.46	9.00	634.77
914.000 - Liability Insurance	(590.00)	(1,407.00)	(1,359.00)
920.000 - Utilities	3,306.90	4,057.41	2,942.42
931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	4,379.42	10,938.75	6,182.06
943.000 - Equipment Rental Alloc.- General Fund Motor Pool	1,097.00	1,265.47	971.65
956.000 - Miscellaneous	73.25	87.00	158.25
957.000 - Training/Education	1,186.94	1,993.90	1,109.82
958.000 - Memberships & Dues	1,081.44	1,018.18	1,676.42
977.000 - Capital Outlay	-	29,989.32	294.49
Total Operating Expenses	187,745.64	222,841.78	178,569.79
Operating Income	1,899,942.04	1,979,963.01	1,886,423.32
Net Income	1,899,942.04	1,979,963.01	1,886,423.32

**FY 2027 Budget
Ferndale Area District Library**

General Fund - 101

Revenue

	August 2026	FY 2027 YTD as of 8/31/2026
101-271-404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	\$ 2,054,763.84	\$ 2,280,961.20
101-271-404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-567.000 - Library State Aid	\$ -	\$ 10,571.20
101-271-581.000 - Grants	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
101-271-607.000 - Fees for Services	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
101-271-627.000 - Charge for Services	\$ 720.21	\$ 1,551.54
101-271-645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	\$ 1,311.10	\$ 1,897.95
101-271-656.000 - Other Fees & Fines	\$ 29,674.64	\$ 29,674.64
101-271-660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 92.89	\$ 123.89
101-271-675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	\$ 29.00	\$ 92.85
101-271-675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	\$ -	\$ 78.94
101-271-675.003 - Special Event Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 20.00
101-271-693.000 - Sale of Property	\$ 71.00	\$ 143.00
101-271-695.000 - Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-699.401 - Contributions from Capital Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 2,087,687.68	\$ 2,326,140.21

General Fund - 101

Expenses

	August 2026	FY 2027 YTD as of 8/31/2026
101-271-706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	\$ (70,589.69)	\$ (128,138.20)
101-271-706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	\$ (15,831.77)	\$ (28,538.14)
101-271-706.003 - Salaries - Subs	\$ (5,071.00)	\$ (10,475.96)
101-271-715.001 - Social Security - Employee	\$ (7,567.36)	\$ (13,726.54)
101-271-715.002 - Social Security - Employer	\$ (7,567.36)	\$ (13,726.48)
101-271-716.100 - Health Insurance	\$ (10,625.20)	\$ (41,282.32)
101-271-717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	\$ (746.96)	\$ (1,493.92)
101-271-718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	\$ (9,386.08)	\$ (15,219.29)
101-271-720.001 - Medicare - Employee	\$ (1,769.78)	\$ (3,210.18)
101-271-720.002 - Medicare - Employer	\$ (1,769.79)	\$ (3,210.23)
101-271-721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	\$ (10,611.69)	\$ (17,367.57)
101-271-722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	\$ (4,807.67)	\$ (8,651.04)
101-271-722.002 - MI Unemployment - Employer	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	\$ (404.32)	\$ (727.44)
101-271-725.000 - Workers Compensation	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	\$ (2,777.57)	\$ (2,777.57)
101-271-740.000 - Operating Supplies	\$ (3,069.29)	\$ (5,734.64)
101-271-742.000 - Books	\$ (4,163.43)	\$ (13,766.70)
101-271-743.000 - Periodicals	\$ (3,165.00)	\$ (4,623.40)
101-271-745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	\$ (22.44)	\$ (3,699.32)
101-271-746.000 - Other Non Book	\$ (8,568.55)	\$ (22,192.86)
101-271-748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	\$ (623.81)	\$ (1,009.94)
101-271-775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	\$ (849.00)	\$ (2,249.77)
101-271-802.000 - Audit/Actuarial Fees	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-803.000 - The Library Network	\$ -	\$ (10,767.58)
101-271-818.000 - Contractual Services	\$ (3,249.60)	\$ (6,327.50)
101-271-818.003 - Labor Actions	\$ (160.20)	\$ (160.20)

General Fund - 101	August 2026	FY 2027 YTD as of 8/31/2026
101-271-853.000 - Phone/Communications	\$ (586.16)	\$ (586.16)
101-271-885.000 - Special Programs	\$ (58.18)	\$ (2,977.91)
101-271-888.000 - Marketing	\$ (112.33)	\$ (610.44)
101-271-900.000 - Printing & Publishing	\$ (3,056.46)	\$ (3,056.46)
101-271-914.000 - Liability Insurance	\$ 590.00	\$ (19,040.00)
101-271-920.000 - Utilities	\$ (3,306.90)	\$ (6,226.84)
101-271-931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	\$ (4,379.42)	\$ (8,499.37)
101-271-943.000 - Equipment Rental	\$ (1,097.00)	\$ (1,952.99)
101-271-956.000 - Miscellaneous	\$ (73.25)	\$ (132.75)
101-271-957.000 - Training/Education	\$ (1,186.94)	\$ (1,426.35)
101-271-958.000 - Memberships & Dues	\$ (1,081.44)	\$ (1,781.80)
101-271-960.000 - County Delinquent Tax Chargeback	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-965.401 - Contributions to Capital Fund	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-977.000 - Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-992.000 - Debt Svc- Principal	\$ -	\$ -
101-271-996.000 - Interest Expense	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ (187,745.64)	\$ (405,367.86)
Net Income / (Loss):	\$ 1,899,942.04	\$ 1,920,772.35
Fund Balance Change:	\$ 1,899,942.04	\$ 1,920,772.35
Fund Balance at the Beginning of the FY:	\$ 655,726.85	\$ 655,726.85
Fund Balance at the End of the FY:		\$ 2,576,499.20
		90%

FY 2027 Budget
Ferndale Area District Library

Capital Projects Fund - 401	FY 2027 YTD as of 8/31/26	FY 2027 Budget Approved 5/21/2026
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Revenue

401-271-699.101 - Contributions from General Fund	\$	-	\$	-
Total Revenue	\$	-	\$	-

Capital Projects Fund - 401	FY 2027 YTD as of 8/31/2026	FY 2027 Budget Approved 5/21/2026
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Expenses

401-271-965.101 - Contributions to General Fund	\$	-	\$	-
401-271-977- Capital Outlay	\$	-	\$	(5,500.00)
Total Expenses	\$	-	\$	(5,500.00)

Capital Fund Balance Change:	\$0.00	-\$5,500.00
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Capital Fund Balance at the Beginning of the FY:	\$182,206.00	\$182,206.00
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Capital Fund Balance at the End of the FY:		\$176,706.00
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Library Statistics 2026	CURRENT Month	Running Monthly AVG	Year to Date	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026	Sept 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026
Library Revenue From Service Desks															
Fees	\$ 123.00	\$95.74	\$ 766	\$ 123.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 29.89	\$ 123.00				
Fax	\$ 0.50	\$1.31	\$ 11	\$ 8.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 0.50				
Ref Desk (misc)	\$ 748.21	\$910.74	\$ 7,286	\$ 744.31	\$ 933.86	\$ 1,205.86	\$ 1,193.28	\$ 737.60	\$ 950.05	\$ 772.73	\$ 748.21				
Prints/Copies	\$ 16.65	\$17.61	\$ 141	\$ 5.20	\$ 15.25	\$ 33.40	\$ 14.10	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.20	\$ 43.70	\$ 16.65				
Lost Items	\$ -	\$24.29	\$ 194	\$ 60.99	\$ 13.99	\$ 32.99	\$ 29.99	\$ -	\$ 16.34	\$ 40.00	\$ -				
Non-Res Cards	\$ 25.00	\$15.63	\$ 125	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00				
Donations	\$ 30.00	\$45.89	\$ 367	\$ 20.33	\$ 15.20	\$ 126.17	\$ 24.20	\$ 29.00	\$ 65.75	\$ 56.50	\$ 30.00				
Earbuds/Flash Drives	\$ 14.00	\$4.75	\$ 38	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 14.00				
Total Library Earnings	\$ 957.36	\$1,114.51	\$ 8,916	\$ 980.31	\$ 1,079.30	\$ 1,550.42	\$ 1,356.57	\$ 859.95	\$1,187.34	\$ 944.82	\$ 957.36				
Friends Earnings															
Book Store	\$ 748.50	\$ 614	\$ 4,915	\$588.75	\$ 462.06	\$ 560.50	\$ 530.00	\$ 544.00	\$732.00	\$749.55	\$ 748.50				
Swag	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 156	\$1	\$ 95.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$10	\$ -				
Online Sales	\$ 682.01	\$ 289	\$ 2,309	\$82.74	\$ 185.59	\$ 140.00	\$ 118.99	\$ 236.34	\$285.22	\$577.90	\$ 682.01				
Total Friends Earnings	\$ 1,430.51	\$ 923	\$ 7,380	\$672.49	\$ 742.65	\$ 700.50	\$ 648.99	\$ 830.34	\$1,017.22	\$1,337.45	\$ 1,430.51				
Library Usage															
Physical Visits	12,235	10618	84944	8,272	9,023	11023	10379	10095	11987	11,930	12,235				
Home Delivery	3	3	23	3	2	2	1	2	4	6	3				
New Users	217	158	1267	166	134	146	116	150	165	173	217				
Public Computer Sessions	1440	1300	10398	1164	1252	1461	1250	1202	1291	1338	1440				
Reference Desk Interactions	1776	1775	14203	1855	1704	1920	1849	1679	1705	1715	1776				
Youth Desk Interactions	754	655	5242	546	737	684	525	444	772	780	754				
Circulation Desk Interactions	994	734	5874	655	647	715	690	594	639	940	994				
Teen Space Attendance	20	71	566	76	79	108	141	96	25	21	20				
Total Programs Offered	41	49	393	40	48	59	52	47	56	50	41				
Total Program Attendance	1128	1261	10087	1277	1165	1331	975	1530	1542	1139	1128				
Total Library Checkouts	18980	17357	138853	16966	16181	17990	16645	15312	17475	19304	18980				
Total Digital Checkouts	7392	6834	54671	6796	6074	6751	6534	6952	6962	7210	7392				
Items Loaned Through ILL	2027	1973	15783	2043	1976	2118	1897	1794	1749	2179	2027				
Items Loaned Through MelCat	168	177	1415	220	175	199	155	150	175	173	168				
Items Borrowed Through ILL	3180	3055	24439	3129	3053	3286	2961	2716	2844	3270	3180				
Items Borrowed Through MelCat	109	125	996	143	110	138	134	137	110	115	109				
New Items Added															
Adult Books	286	310	2479	342	289	262	330	318	208	444	286				
CDs	29	24	191	23	24	23	23	29	6	34	29				
DVDs/Blu-rays	62	56	450	57	46	49	64	57	16	99	62				
Audiobooks	7	11	90	12	7	4	0	13	40	7	7				
Kids Books	260	262	2099	248	224	253	248	445	153	268	260				
Teen Items	31	48	387	36	26	71	39	67	47	70	31				
Magazines/Newspapers	77	77	614	77	79	88	77	70	80	66	77				
Puzzles/Board Games	8	13	106	15	20	6	13	4	31	9	8				

Library Statistics 2026	CURRENT Month	Running Monthly AVG	Year to Date	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	Aug 2026	Sept 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026
Video Games	6	13	102	20	30	17	3	5	1	20	6				
Library of Things	3	3	22	0	3	5	9	1	0	1	3				
Vinyl Records	6	18	109			24	48	23	2	6	6				
Overdrive Advantage Titles	67	65	518	71	88	77	68	99	0	48	67				
Total Items (less OD Adv)	775	831	6649	830	748	802	854	1032	584	1024	775				
Circulation by Media Type															
Adult Books	7064	6466	51724	6555	5832	6571	6185	5969	6209	7339	7064				
CDs	734	793	6341	691	774	886	807	703	912	834	734				
Audiobooks	71	99	791	117	104	140	90	77	105	87	71				
DVDs/Blu-rays	2354	2268	18147	2428	2306	2424	2150	1948	2260	2277	2354				
Magazines/Newspapers	128	130	1041	126	117	161	115	107	187	100	128				
Puzzles/Boardgames	254	395	3157	461	436	383	392	322	419	490	254				
Video Games	251	246	1967	212	244	285	210	204	291	270	251				
Library of Things	111	94	751	61	86	87	76	81	115	134	111				
Youth Items	8116	7138	57105	6717	6523	7314	6950	5937	7359	8189	8116				
Digital Circulation															
Overdrive Downloads	4776	4537	36298	4654	4153	4538	4470	4442	4632	4633	4776				
Overdrive Total Users	1191	1139	9108	1168	1102	1130	1133	1129	1123	1132	1191				
Overdrive New Users	92	78	623	80	52	75	70	73	88	93	92				
Kanopy Plays	1191	934	7471	737	713	867	758	1117	930	1158	1191				
Kanopy Total Users	313	280	2243	258	263	276	272	282	281	298	313				
Hoopla Downloads	1425	1363	10902	1405	1208	1346	1306	1393	1400	1419	1425				
Hoopla Total Users	529	500	4000	515	461	502	483	506	479	525	529				
Hoopla New Users	29	33	260	36	30	43	28	33	21	40	29				
Total Digital Checkouts	7392	6834	54671	6796	6074	6751	6534	6952	6962	7210	7392				
Social Media															
Facebook New Followers	95	99	790	145	110	75	90	90	85	100	95				
TikTok Followers	7945	7648	61187	7327	7405	7500	7595	7730	7818	7867	7945				
IG New Followers	140	533	4265	1250	1100	730	460	375	85	125	140				
Podcast Downloads	500	617	4935	200	150	985	825	700	725	850	500				

August Adult Programs	Program	Type	Adults	Teens/Kids	Zoom	Total
	8/2/2026 Community Yoga	Recurring	8			8
	8/3/2026 Junk Journaling	Recurring	6			6
	8/4/2026 Romance Book Club	Book Club	9			9
	8/5/2026 Withington Outreach	Outreach	4			4
	8/5/2026 Sacred Time	Presenter	10			10
	8/6/26 Writers Group	Recurring	8			8
	8/10/2026 Tiny Art	Craft	50			50
	8/10/2026 Computer workshop -	Presenter	3			3
	8/11/26 Unpacking Odysseus	Presenter	57			57
	8/12/26 Sci Fi Book Club: Native Tongue	Book Club	18		4	22
	8/13/26 Outreach: The James	Outreach	7			7
	8/13/26 Mermaid Sensory Bottles	Craft	10			10
	8/19/26 Summer Concert: Queens of the Song Age	Concert	110	11		121
	8/23/2026 Romance Book Swap	Recurring	9			9
	8/24/26 Fiber Arts Club	Recurring	16			16
	8/25/26 FPBC: Disco witches of fire island	Book Club	15			15
	8/27/2026 Thurs Aft Bk Club: Britt-Marie was here	Book Club	5			5
	8/27/2026 Album Club: Nirvana (at MOTO)	Recurring	9			9
	8/31/2026 Back to School Display	Display	23			23
	8/31/2026 Dog Days of Summer	Display	20			20
Total		20	397		4	412
August Youth Programs	Program	Type	Adults	Kids	Total	
	8/1/2026 August Take-home Kit	Take-home Kits		24	24	General
	8/1/2026 Summer Scavenger Hunt (8/1)	Scavenger Hunts		4	4	General
	8/1/2026 Summer Reading: Summer Reading Party	SRP (one-time)	80	85	165	General
	8/2/2026 Summer Scavenger Hunt (8/2-8/8)	Scavenger Hunts		19	19	General
	8/5/2026 Family Storytime	Early Literacy	10	16	26	0-5
	8/6/2026 Middle Grade Tabletop RPG	Recurring Lib. Prog.		6	6	6-11
	8/7/2026 Baby Storytime	Early Literacy	14	12	26	0-5
	8/9/2026 Summer Scavenger Hunt (8/9-8/13)	Scavenger Hunts		19	19	General
	8/12/2026 Family Storytime	Early Literacy	5	6	11	0-5
	8/13/2026 Middle School Board Game Club	One-time Lib. Prog.		2	2	6-11
	8/16/2026 Summer Scavenger Hunt (8/16-8/22)	Scavenger Hunts		17	17	General
	8/19/2026 Outreach: Storytime in the Park (Wanda Park)	Early Literacy	18	18	36	0-5
	8/23/2026 Summer Scavenger Hunt (8/23-8/29)	Scavenger Hunts		18	18	General
	8/25/2026 Outreach: Teacher Day at FHS	Outreach	47	0	47	Adult
	8/25/2026 Reading Rainbow	Recurring Lib. Prog.		7	7	6-11
	8/26/2026 Evening Family Storytime	Early Literacy	4	4	8	0-5
	8/27/2026 Outreach: UHS Orientation	Outreach	74	70	144	12-18
	8/28/2026 Afternoon Baby Storytime	Early Literacy	10	6	16	0-5
	8/30/2026 Summer Scavenger Hunt (8/30-8/31)	Scavenger Hunts		7	7	General
	8/30/2026 Outreach: Schiffer Park (moved to library atrium di	Outreach		14	14	General
	8/31/2026 Outreach: Summer 2026 Story Trail (June-Septem	Outreach		0	0	General
	8/31/2026 Display: National Cat & Dog Days	Displays		45	45	General
	8/31/2026 Display: National Lighthouse Day	Displays		10	10	General
	8/31/2026 Display: National Dog Day (YA)	Displays		6	6	12-18
	8/31/2026 Display: Women's Suffrage	Displays		8	8	General
	8/31/2026 Display: Magical Creatures	Displays		31	31	General
	Library Programs	Outreach Programs				
Total		21	262	454	716	

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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

August 2026 Ferndale Library Patron Survey

Survey conducted by Jeff Milo; data compiled by Kelly Hovinga.

Executive Summary:

Shortly after the millage passed, Jeff administered a short survey to patrons via the e-newsletter, social media, and the website. 212 people responded to the three-question survey, which asked how frequently they come to the library, how frequently they use their library card, and for one word they associate with the library. Of the 212 people who responded, 92.5% had positive word associations with the library, 68.4% visited the library more than once a month, and 77.4% used their library card at least once a month. Negative perceptions of the library focused on the institution's cost, while positive perceptions centered on the library as a community hub for services, acceptance, and information.

Survey Composition:

The Ferndale Area District Library administered the survey through the month of August, immediately following the mileage passing. The survey was administered online via social media, our website, and our e-newsletter. We received 212 unique responses, meaning the data is around a 95% confidence level with a $\pm 6.69\%$ margin of error. The data is skewed towards more computer-literate individuals and library users. The survey consisted of three questions, one asking the survey taker how frequently they visited the library, another asking how frequently they used their library card, and a final question asking for a single word they associated with the library.

Data Summary:

Question 1: "How often do you physically visit the library?"

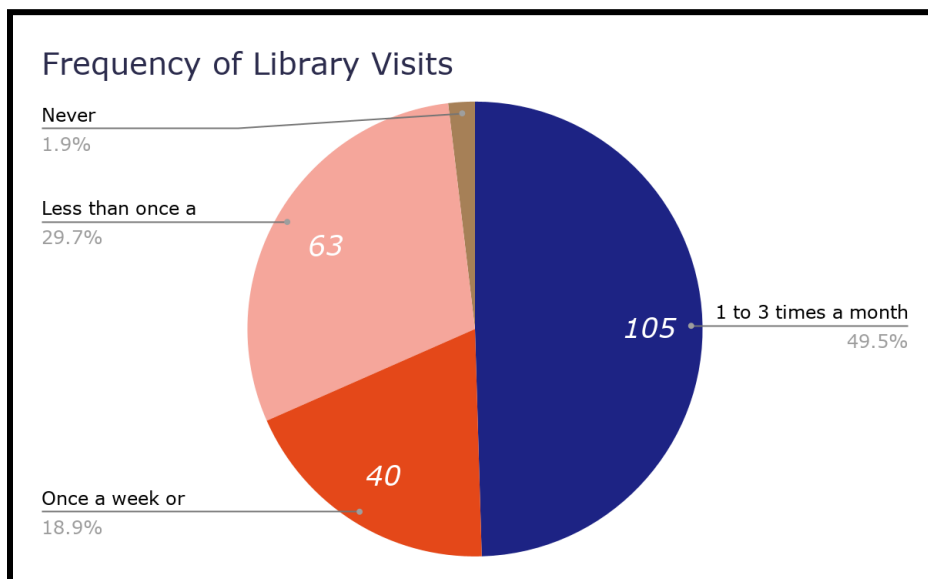


Chart Summary:

105 patrons stated that they visit the Library once a month or more, or 49.5% of respondents. 63 respondents, or 29.7%, said they visit the library less than once a month. 40 respondents said they visit the library once a week or more, or 18.9%. Two respondents said they have never visited the library, or 1.9%.

Question 2: “How often do you use your library card to check out materials (including digital apps like Libby, etc)?”

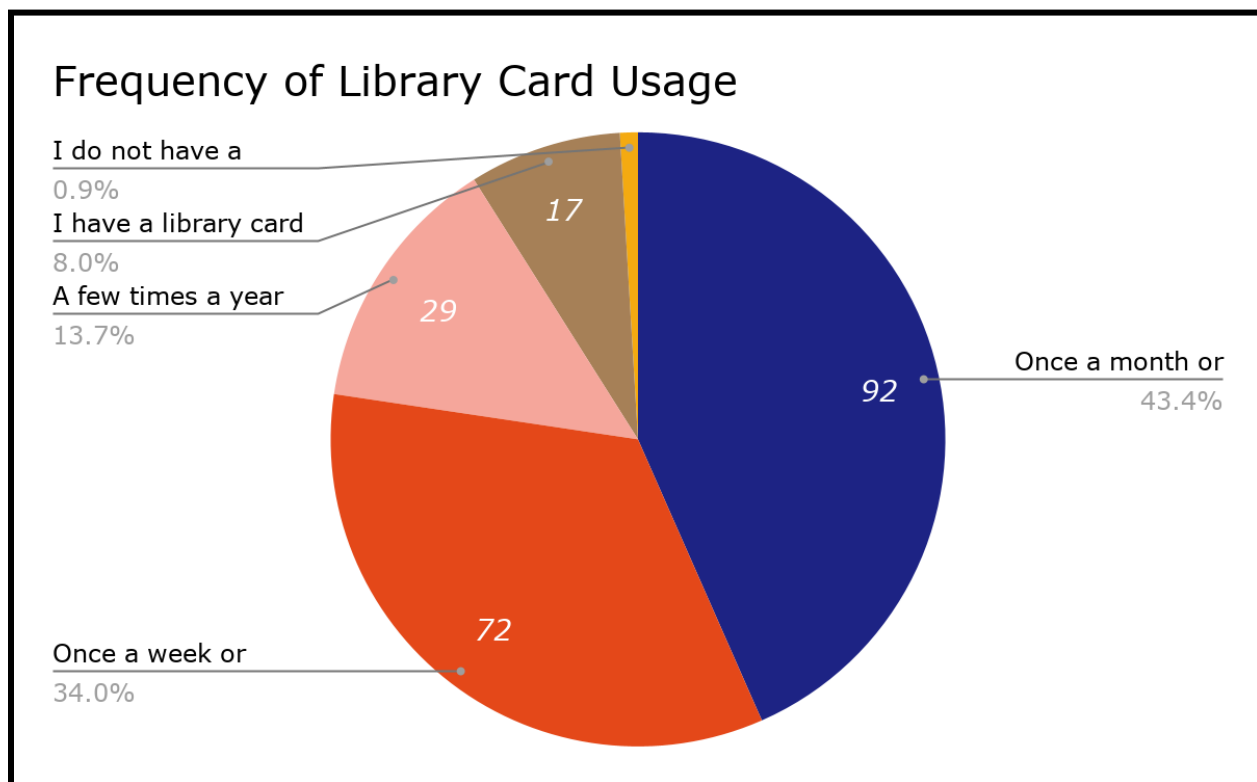


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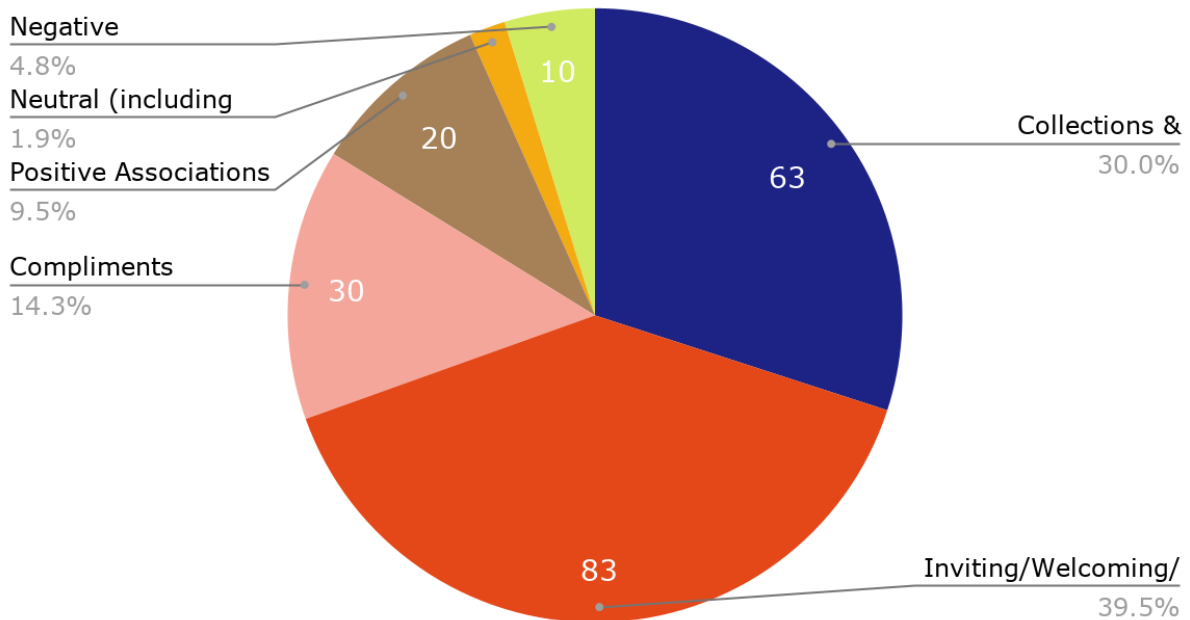
The most common response was that patrons use their library card once a month, with 92 people marking this choice, or 43.4%. The second most common response was once a week at 34%, or 72 responses. 29 respondents said they use their library card a few times a year, or 13.7%. 17 people said they have a library card that they do not use, while two people said they did not have a library card at all.

Question 3:

“What is the first word that pops into your head when you think of the library? **Please only provide one word.**”

Of the 212 responses, only two individuals left this question blank. We grouped answers into six response-type categories. These categories included: compliments directed to our library and staff, positive value statements regarding libraries in general, positive associations with our library as a place of community, associations with collections and services, neutral words, and negative comments.

Word Association Breakdown



Buckets	# of responses	Frequent words	Notable Words
Inviting/Welcoming/Community	83	Community (40), Welcoming (11), Comfortable (5), Fun (4), Safe (4), Haven (3), Friendly (3)	Inclusive, Sanctuary, Peaceful
Collections & Services	63	Books (17), Resources (10), Access (5), Convenient (3), Helpful (3), Free (3)	Enrichment, Quality, Equipped
Compliments	30	Great (4), Nice (4)	Pride, Fantastic, Resourceful, Splendid, Favorite, Amazing, Fabulous, Joy, [heart emoji]
Positive Associations with Libraries in general	20	essential (5)	Foundational, Necessary, Treasure, Crucial, Pivotal, Priceless
Negative Associations	10	Expensive (3), Waste (2), Closed (2)	Taxrip, Unstewardly
Neutral (including blanks)	4	2 blanks	Busy, Quiet

Chart & Table Summary:

The largest percentage of responses were regarding positive associations with our library as a source of community, which was 83 responses or 39.5% of responses. Of this group, 40 of the responses were specifically the word “community.” The second most common type of response was those dealing with the collections and services of the library at 63 words, or 30% of responses. The most common word in this category was “books” at 17, followed by “resources” at ten. Variations on digital resources accounted for eight responses. General compliments accounted for 30 responses, or 14.3%. Positive statements about libraries conceptually accounted for 20 responses, or 9.5%. The most common word in this group was “essential” in five instances. Four statements were neutral, which includes the two blank responses. Finally, ten words, or 4.8% of responses, were overtly negative, with the most common word being “expensive” at three.

Data Analysis:

The majority of respondents have a positive relationship with the library, suggested by the word association question. 92.5% of the word association responses fell into the categories that either complimented our library in particular, valued libraries as general, or saw the library as a community hub. Overall, the data seems to suggest that individuals who visit the library and use their library card for services tend to have more positive word associations with the library. There is also a strong correlation between negative word associations and limited library use. Additionally, positive word association seems to have a stronger correlation with high library card usage than high library visitation, although both are positively related to pro-library sentiments.

Negative Word Association Respondents:

Most of the respondents who have negative library associations focused on the expense of library operations as it relates to taxes. It is worth noting that because this survey was administered immediately after the election, said individuals were likely expressing concern about their taxes increasing. Of the negative responses, more than half the individuals are in the library less than once a month, and one patron said they are never in the library. However, two of the responders said they were in the library one to three times a month. This suggests that the majority of negative responders are not regular library visitors. Additionally, this group also seems to rarely use their library cards online or in general, with two saying they use their card maybe a few times a year, one saying they do not have a library card, three saying they rarely use their library card, and two saying they use their library card once a month, and one person saying they use their card once a week. The one user with a negative word association who frequently used their library card stated that the library was “closed”. In conclusion, the data suggests that individuals who have negative to neutral associations with the library are infrequent visitors to the physical space, and do not use their library cards to access the resources which the library provides.

Positive Word Association and Library Visits:

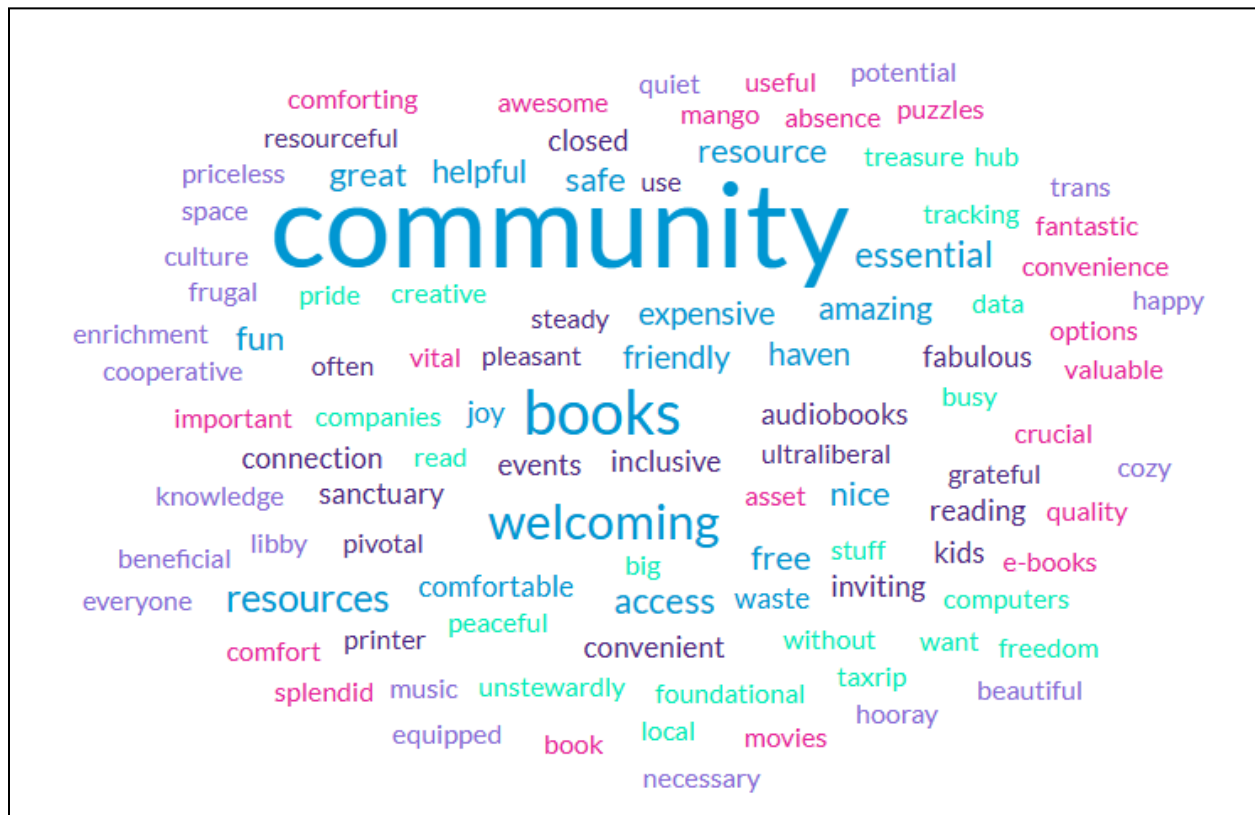
The majority of people who visit the library regularly have a positive association with libraries in general and ours in particular. Of the 72 respondents who visit the library once a week, all had positive word association with the library. Of those positive word correlations, the majority fell into the library as a community space. Additionally, more individuals use their library card once a week or more than visit the library once a week or more. The difference in numbers may represent the increased number of library patrons who use Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

Interestingly, although there is a strong correlation between not liking the library and not coming to the library, there is not a strong correlation between not coming to the library and liking the library. Essentially, there are more respondents who have a positive word association with the library who do not visit than individuals with a negative association who do not visit. Of the four people who never come to the library, three of them had positive associations with libraries in general. This data may be more related to the sample, which focused on people who engage with the library online.

Library Card Usage and Word Association:

There are 24 respondents who only use their library card a few times a year. Ten of these individuals come to the library once to three times a month, while the other fourteen come less than once a month to the library. Of these ten individuals who come to the physical space much more frequently than they use their card, half of them associated the library with the word “community.” These individuals may come to the library to study, use computers, attend programming, or print. Seventeen users stated that they have a library card, but rarely use it. This group accounts for slightly less than a third of the negative word associations. Of the 71 respondents who use their library card once a week or more, 35 of them are in the library with significantly less frequency, while 28 are in the library about as frequently as they are using their card. The 35 users who are using their library cards with great frequency are probably database users who are relying on Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, and NYT digital access. All respondents who use their library card once a week or more had positive word associations with the library. This data suggests that more positive outcomes are associated with library card usage than usage of the library’s physical space.

Word Cloud: A visual representation of the most frequently used descriptive words



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Building Committee Meeting

September 10, 2026

Attendance: Drew Macaulay, Kricket Hoekstra, Jonathan Ross, Eric Blaine, Paul Beasley

Doors: Automated doors are on preventative maintenance with Integrity Doors

Grounds: The landscapers are a bit pricey but they're "crushing it"

Courtyard: In an attempt to alleviate overnight usage of the courtyard, signage has been added to both entrances, specifying sunup to sundown hours

Roofing: Per a quarterly maintenance visit from Molnar Roofing, one subsection of the roof needs repair, quoted at \$1,500. With proper maintenance, we can expect more systemic failures in the next 5-7 years. This gives us time to prioritize other capital projects, but it will need to be addressed.

Document purging: Kricket made space upstairs by shredding old and unneeded documents in the storage area

Window cleaning: Michigan Elite Windows did a good job—external window cleaning should happen every 6 months or so

Bathrooms: Paper towel dispensers have been removed, so that we can see the plumber less often

Foyer: A new outlet has been added to the foyer for the use of a TV that will be used as digital signage for events/info

Chairs: Kricket inventoried all the library's chairs, to identify which can be repaired, and which must be replaced. Chair replacement process is pending support by finance cmte

Cleaners: Service with JAN-PRO started recently; while not perfect, they seem receptive to feedback

Pest control: Canine inspections have been increased to once monthly as a preemptive measure against expensive pest-related treatments and closures

Cigarette butt disposal: Cigarette waste disposal and dousing is going to be more structured, in order to reduce fire risk

Ongoing:

Entrance doors: Need to be rehung. Drew will get a quote for our next meeting

Carpet: A big capital expense on the horizon! We have one quote, and should be proactive about getting the required two additional, as the process can take months

Water access in courtyard: The spigot in the courtyard was broken six years ago, and we have plumbers coming out to assess repair/replacement

Electrical: The library recently exceeded temps of 80° and restarting the HVAC pumps did not fix the issue. Drew is going to acquire a quote from an electrician, as a potential culprit may be building electrical issues (frequent, short outages that affect lights, WiFi, etc)

Ducts in Kids Corner: This area is getting very little air movement from the ducts. It does not seem to be an issue with the blowers (pump #5 has been a previous offender). More investigation needed, possibly including a visit from our HVAC vendor

External building repair: Drew and Eric walked the exterior of the building to assess degradation to window mullions. They are decorative and won't cause leaks, but need repair regardless

Pump repair: Drew approved a repair, quoted at \$3,154, for a damaged fan blade following the storm

Bamboo: the bamboo planted on the southern side of the building is dying, and not native anyway. April or May of next fiscal year we want to remove and replace with something else (low growth sumac?)

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Finance Committee Meeting September 16, 2026

Attendance: Director Drew Macaulay, Board Members: Kevin Yezbick, *Chair*, Jonathan Ross (Via Zoom)

Revenue

404 - Voted Property Taxes

581 - Grants - Melissa Moore secured a grant from Vibe for Community Engagement that went towards September Library Card Sign-Up Month, including KickOff Party on 9/12, prizes, bingo cards, promotional mailer

656 - Other Fees & Fines - Annual State of Michigan Penal Fines (distributed by the county)

Expenditures

706 - Salaries - CBA 2% Gross Salary

730 - Postage, Mail Processing - Large Autumn Mailer sent out

885 - Special Programs - Refund from Bubble Performers who weren't at Summer Reading Program finale

914 - Liability Insurance - Received Dividend from municipal insurance

Comerica / Fifth Third Transition - Completed over Labor Day Weekend. Notified of New Charges. Recommend researching options.

September 2026 Ferndale Area District Library (FADL) Personnel Committee Report

*Committee: Board Chair Erin Hooper
Board Co-Chair Denise Cote
Director Drew Macaulay
Asst. Director Kricket Hoekstra*

The committee met for its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on Sept. 16, 2026.

Discussed were the next steps in an ongoing grievance, as well as a patron complaint filed Sept. 10, 2026. Hooper and Cote are concluding responses to both situations.

It was suggested that Macaulay and Hoekstra follow up internally with staff regarding the patron complaint.

An October meeting was requested by Macaulay to review and discuss potential updates to the Employee Handbook. That date was TBD at the time this report was drafted.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Dec. 11, 2026.

Youth Outreach Updates

9/17/26 Library Board Meeting



Storytime in the Park

- With the help of Ferndale Parks & Rec we were able to reserve pavilions in 3 parks for our Storytime in the Park programs.
- **August 19 at Wanda Park** - Everett P. Stats: 18 kids and 18 adults



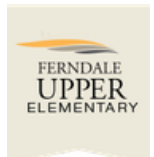
Schiffer Park - Erin L. and Melissa M.

- The Library was invited to this event to share information about the Library Card Sign Up month challenge on Beanstack. Due to bad weather a table was set up in the library instead.
- **August 30** - 24 adults and 14 kids signed up for the challenge.



Back to School Outreach

- This is a great opportunity to reconnect with teachers, families, and students as they start the school year. We share information about library cards (including sign ups and renewals), programs, and resources.
- **August 25** - Teacher Day
 - Erin L. and Everett P. spoke with over 47 teachers as part of the teacher's professional development week.
- **August 27** - UHS Orientation
 - Damon V. and Julia H. engaged with 74 adults and 70 teens.
- **September 9** - Lower Curriculum Night
 - Damon V. and Julia H. engaged with 45 adults and 29 kids.
- **September 10** - Upper Curriculum Night
 - Erin L. and Mary Grahame H. engaged with 66 adults and 136 kids



School Year Outreach Begins

- Throughout the school year we partner with teachers & principals across the schools to bring them programs and resources based on students' expressed interests and needs.
- **FECC Preschool Storytime** - monthly storytime run by Damon V.
- **FMS Rainbow Club** - social group for LGBTQ+ middle schoolers and allies run by Mary Grahame H.
- **UHS D&D and Library Visits**
 - New! Teens asked for a D&D club last year and Erin L. is running campaigns this year!
 - Library Visits will continue this year, run by Everett P.



Youth Outreach Updates

9/17/26 Library Board Meeting



(continued)

School Year Outreach Begins

- **New! FHS Prism Club**
 - 9th graders at FHS who had attended FMS Rainbow Club wished they had something similar at FHS.
 - In response, Julia H. and Everett P. worked with school staff to create this new social group for LGBTQ+ teens and allies at FHS.



Highlights

- **August 20** - A group of teens new to the Teen Space were excited to learn we had Giant Uno and spent the afternoon playing the game together.
- **September 10** - At FUEL Curriculum Night a library regular shared: "I'm always so happy and impressed [with the library and youth staff]. You guys are sweetie pies."
- **September 11** - A homeschooling parent shared that they couldn't homeschool their kids without the diverse collection of resources and knowledgeable staff here at the library.

