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Library Board Meeting

PROPOSED AGENDA

November 19, 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 October 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
6. Director's report: Drew Macaulay, Director
7. Action Required: Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of October 2026
8. MLA Conference Recap
9. Board Calendar of Events
10. Discussion: Calendar year 2027 meeting dates.
11. Action Required:

Motion: Accept the proposed revision of the current bylaws to be shared publicly on the Library website by the Board Secretary by December 1, 2026, to be formally adopted in January 2027.

Motion: Approve the formation of a Nominating Committee. It will be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for Board offices to be filled at the January meeting. Before the election at the January meeting, nominations from the floor will be permitted. First meeting of this committee will occur in December 2026, either in-person or online.

Motion: Approve the formation of a Standing Policy Committee to manage the systematic review of the Board and Library policies. This committee will include the Library Director and Assistant Director. This Policy Committee will be formed with members recruited and nominated by the newly formed Nominating committee at the January 2027 meeting**.**

12. 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

13. Action Required: Committee Appointments
14. Review action items
15. Announcements/comments from board members

NEXT MEETING: December 17, 2026

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Library Board Meeting

PROPOSED MINUTES

October 15, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Board Meeting

1. Call to order
Meeting called to order by Kelly Farrah at 6:02 p.m.
2. Roll call
Meghan Evoy, Kelly Farrah, Erin Hooper, Jonathan Ross, Brianna Foraker, Kevin Yezbick.
Director Drew Macaulay and Head of Access Services/Recording Secretary Melissa Moore also present.
Denise Coté was absent with notice.
3. Action Required: Approval of agenda
A MOTION BY Evoy and seconded by Foraker to approve the agenda; passed unanimously.
4. Public comment – *Total time not to exceed 30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker*
Farrah requested public comment. No public commenters.
5. Action Required: Minutes: Approve September 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
A MOTION BY Hooper and seconded by Evoy to approve the September 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented; passed unanimously.
6. Library of Michigan Foundation 2026 Citation of Excellence Award
Farrah reported FADL earned the Citation of Excellence award in 2026 for MLA. Submission by Jeff Milo.
Drew discussed how the award was chosen. $1,000 award given at awards ceremony Oct 28th.
7. Director's report: Drew Macaulay, Director
Macaulay reported on the Banned Together Book Festival in partnership with Love and Other Books that took place last weekend. Librarians Emma Clemons and Damon Verdema recognition for running the program desk, Jeff Milo for coordinating with external resources.
Reported on HVAC and plumbing work.
Reported on staff award. Kerrie Patterson, Technical Services Specialist, won 2026 MLA Support Staff of the Year Award. Drew discussed Kerrie's outstanding work and leadership with FADL. Congratulations from Farrah, Hooper, and Foraker.
Drew out of office from: Oct 23rd through Oct 26th and at MLA conference on Oct 27th and 28th. Kricket available for admin needs.
Banking transfer from Comerica to Fifth Third has been completed.
8. Action Required: Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of August 2026:
Correction: reports are for September
A MOTION BY Evoy and seconded by Yezbick to approve the finance reports for September 2026; Approved unanimously
9. Review of Board Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

The board discussed setting up a task force to review b bylaws and policy to bring to the board for a future vote with a goal of having the bylaws ready for a vote in January 2027. Denise will work with Farrah on an ad hoc committee/task force. Foraker volunteered for the task force. Comment by Evoy, Hooper, Farrah, Foraker, with input from Macaulay

10. Board Calendar of Events

In supporting documents

Hooper: question about director review procedure and timing.

11. Committee reports:

- **A.** Art & Exhibitions – Brianna: report in supporting documents
- **B.** Building - Jonathan: did not meet since last meeting: report in supporting documents
- **C.** Finance – Kevin: met Oct 14th; report in supporting documents
- **D.** Friends of the FPL – Kelly: report in supporting documents
- **E.** Personnel – Erin: met on Oct 13th; report in supporting documents, discussion on posting the facilities manager position
- **F.** Schools – Meghan: report in supporting documents
- **G.** Strategic Plan - Brianna: Meeting every other month; report in supporting documents

12. Action Required: Committee Appointments

No appointments made.

13. Review action items

Add ad hoc committee for review and update of Board Bylaws and Library Policies

Request for feedback on Director review process

14. Announcements/comments from board members

Evoy: Recognize Kerrie for award; encouraging people to vote

Ross: meet and greet coming up. Corner shop 2-4 meet board candidates this coming Sat

Yezbick: congrats to staff for citation and Kerrie, kudos for the school outreach newsletter and the coffee shop outreach

Farrah: congrats to the library and Kerrie

15. Adjourn

A MOTION by Foraker and seconded by Ross to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.; motion passed unanimously.

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Director's Report – 11/19/2026

Building Updates

On November 9th, our fire alarm and fire suppression systems were assessed. All of our sprinklers and pipe connections were assessed as sound. Brilar Landscaping completed their fall cut down and were able to dig out a lot of bindweed that frequently tries to take over our beds.

More Ferndale Metis, Less Dewey

On October 20th, technical services and the youth department worked together to transition the entire young adult nonfiction collection from the Dewey decimal classification system to the Ferndale Metis classification we use in youth. It was a shockingly efficient switch over to a classification system better designed to support how our patrons interact with the collection. Thank you to youth librarian Erin Luetz for overseeing the transition and to technical services staff who carried out the switch.

Events with Community Partners

MDHHS' "Eat Safe Fish" outreach team sent Sarah Stein from the Environmental Health Bureau to man a table in the atrium sharing information about eating safe fish with library patrons. Oakland County Community Parks Division shared an exhibit on hibernating animals for our circulation area display case.

During our community engagement session on October 28th, we had ten visitors stop by Treat Dreams to see us, and three tables asked open-ended questions about the three priorities laid out in our strategic plan. The questions were meant to build broader awareness of the library's focus on these priorities and gather feedback on how we can do that, or to reveal any areas or aspects we haven't already considered in our drafted Activities. Attendees stayed for nearly 70 minutes engaging with staff, board members, and Friends.

Our next Community Engagement Session will be in April (or May), likely hosted in partnership with Ferndale Public Schools.

Holiday Closure

We are closed Thursday, the 26th through Saturday the 27th for Thanksgiving. We resume normal horus on Sunday the 29th.

Balance Sheet

Ferndale Area District Library
As of October 31, 2026

	OCT 31, 2026
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Capital Projects Account	182,206.00
General Account	2,544,637.30
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	**2,726,843.30**
Accounts Receivable	505.00
Due From Counties	76,693.76
Total Current Assets	**2,804,042.06**
Total Assets	**2,804,042.06**
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	16,538.40
Wages Payable	32,836.28
Total Current Liabilities	**49,374.68**
Total Liabilities	**49,374.68**
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	1,698,998.84
Retained Earnings	1,055,668.54
Total Equity	**2,754,667.38**
Total Liabilities and Equity	**2,804,042.06**

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

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

	OCT 2026	OCT 2025	OCT 2024
Income			
404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	81,733.98	64,263.48	79,590.66
404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	-	-	39,952.71
607.000 - Fees for Services	50.00	125.00	25.00
627.000 - Charge for Services	757.45	1,155.08	515.39
645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	984.10	1,308.45	584.80
660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	23.00	79.07	4.00
675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	5.00	73.43	61.00
693.000 - Sale of Property	157.99	73.00	43.00
Total Income	**83,711.52**	**67,077.51**	**120,776.56**
Gross Profit	**83,711.52**	**67,077.51**	**120,776.56**
Operating Expenses			
706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	57,296.87	53,355.82	76,833.70
706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	13,485.84	17,980.75	22,951.02
706.003 - Salaries - Subs	4,109.04	3,058.12	3,219.20
715.001 - Social Security - Employee	6,100.90	8,867.96	8,426.00
715.002 - Social Security - Employer	6,100.83	8,868.05	8,426.01
716.100 - Health Insurance	10,625.20	11,647.22	10,311.32
717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	746.96	713.74	688.06
718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	5,823.70	5,288.00	8,324.12
720.001 - Medicare - Employee	1,426.81	2,073.94	1,970.65
720.002 - Medicare - Employer	1,426.81	2,073.95	1,970.61
721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	6,754.23	9,549.15	9,776.54
722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	3,818.89	5,539.71	5,135.24
723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	217.12	507.55	154.26
730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	237.58	-	735.11
740.000 - Operating Supplies	2,124.69	2,100.14	1,680.14
742.000 - Books	3,989.15	8,934.34	6,172.96
743.000 - Periodicals	55.00	35.00	390.03
745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	2,797.74	2,712.42	1,752.00
746.000 - Other Non Book	4,736.42	4,141.70	4,703.30
748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	966.60	319.76	322.29
775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	1,777.40	2,957.50	5,950.00
803.000 - The Library Network	11,202.02	-	19,944.85
818.000 - Contractual Services	21,778.01	14,701.72	3,345.90
853.000 - Phone/Communications	586.13	535.17	534.54
885.000 - Special Programs	2,295.69	5,087.84	1,060.91

	OCT 2026	OCT 2025	OCT 2024
900.000 - Printing & Publishing	468.00	450.00	6,121.03
920.000 - Utilities	2,328.84	3,123.61	2,550.81
931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	6,036.91	4,632.76	3,731.55
943.000 - Equipment Rental Alloc.- General Fund Motor Pool	906.26	1,433.84	731.33
956.000 - Miscellaneous	-	87.00	260.53
957.000 - Training/Education	699.21	3,524.88	5,973.72
958.000 - Memberships & Dues	860.18	1,030.40	1,036.69
977.000 - Capital Outlay	-	15,213.66	51,305.76
996.000 - Interest Expense	-	-	22,300.00
Total Operating Expenses	**181,779.03**	**200,545.70**	**298,790.18**
Operating Income	**(98,067.51)**	**(133,468.19)**	**(178,013.62)**
Net Income	**(98,067.51)**	**(133,468.19)**	**(178,013.62)**

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

Ferndale Area District Library

For the month ended October 31, 2026

	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	AUG 2026	JUL 2026	JUN 2026	MAY 2026	APR 2026	YEAR TO DATE
Income								
404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	81,733.98	112,532.61	2,054,763.84	226,197.36	86,369.11	58.05	25.62	2,475,227.79
404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	-	-	-	-	-	3,028.46	-	-
567.000 - Library State Aid	-	-	-	10,571.20	-	-	10,287.86	10,571.20
581.000 - Grants	-	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
607.000 - Fees for Services	50.00	50.00	25.00	-	25.00	25.00	-	125.00
627.000 - Charge for Services	757.45	843.22	720.21	831.33	899.70	1,018.79	1,023.14	3,152.21
645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	984.10	637.75	1,311.10	586.85	912.05	1,798.35	685.85	3,519.80
656.000 - Other Fees & Fines	-	-	29,674.64	-	-	-	-	29,674.64
660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	23.00	113.50	92.89	31.00	144.00	34.00	89.00	260.39
675.000 - Contributions	-	-	-	-	(4.00)	4.00	(3,200.00)	-
675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	5.00	9.00	29.00	63.85	69.40	34.03	8.67	106.85
675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	-	-	-	78.94	(77.94)	-	3,250.00	78.94
675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	-	-	-	20.00	146.55	-	-	20.00
693.000 - Sale of Property	157.99	204.00	54.00	72.00	29.34	10.00	32.99	487.99
Total Income	**83,711.52**	**114,390.08**	**2,087,670.68**	**238,452.53**	**88,513.21**	**6,010.68**	**12,203.13**	**2,524,224.81**
Gross Profit	**83,711.52**	**114,390.08**	**2,087,670.68**	**238,452.53**	**88,513.21**	**6,010.68**	**12,203.13**	**2,524,224.81**
Operating Expenses								
706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	57,296.87	86,476.87	70,589.69	57,548.51	53,113.92	51,938.94	53,337.02	271,911.94
706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	13,485.84	19,782.19	15,831.77	12,706.37	10,990.01	12,231.82	13,292.02	61,806.17
706.003 - Salaries - Subs	4,109.04	7,130.88	5,071.00	5,404.96	6,655.79	4,152.22	4,312.73	21,715.88
715.001 - Social Security - Employee	6,100.90	9,190.66	7,567.36	6,159.18	5,786.03	5,642.29	8,658.02	29,018.10
715.002 - Social Security - Employer	6,100.83	9,190.61	7,567.36	6,159.12	5,786.00	5,642.32	8,658.05	29,017.92
716.100 - Health Insurance	10,625.20	11,225.20	10,625.20	30,657.12	(210.18)	12,380.39	11,632.57	63,132.72

	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	AUG 2026	JUL 2026	JUN 2026	MAY 2026	APR 2026	YEAR TO DATE
717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	746.96	746.96	746.96	746.96	746.96	746.96	746.96	2,987.84
718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	5,823.70	5,809.14	9,386.08	5,833.21	5,535.94	5,379.09	8,232.97	26,852.13
720.001 - Medicare - Employee	1,426.81	2,149.42	1,769.78	1,440.40	1,353.22	1,319.57	2,024.86	6,786.41
720.002 - Medicare - Employer	1,426.81	2,149.40	1,769.79	1,440.44	1,353.17	1,319.61	2,024.85	6,786.44
721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	6,754.23	10,023.89	10,611.69	6,755.88	6,049.86	6,043.53	8,768.58	34,145.69
722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	3,818.89	5,736.53	4,807.67	3,843.37	3,592.65	3,508.51	5,363.62	18,206.46
723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	217.12	426.02	404.32	323.12	301.89	312.94	467.07	1,370.58
725.000 - Workers Compensation	-	-	-	-	2,045.00	883.52	52.00	-
730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	237.58	2,634.74	2,777.57	-	2,525.12	314.75	-	5,649.89
740.000 - Operating Supplies	2,124.69	2,623.22	4,068.68	2,665.35	3,820.77	3,023.08	2,341.51	11,481.94
742.000 - Books	3,989.15	4,001.42	6,890.64	9,603.27	12,125.97	9,661.22	8,714.25	24,484.48
743.000 - Periodicals	55.00	435.03	3,165.00	1,458.40	45.00	45.00	435.03	5,113.43
745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	2,797.74	3,355.63	188.33	3,676.88	4,506.36	2,576.47	1,536.71	10,018.58
746.000 - Other Non Book	4,736.42	8,545.31	8,907.42	13,624.31	11,925.94	4,369.22	8,319.85	35,813.46
748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	966.60	483.60	623.81	386.13	259.36	113.93	276.23	2,460.14
775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	1,777.40	2,271.50	1,197.75	1,400.77	3,182.04	1,817.00	7,456.37	6,647.42
803.000 - The Library Network	11,202.02	1,985.25	-	10,767.58	2,580.25	-	10,767.58	23,954.85
818.000 - Contractual Services	21,778.01	7,268.70	3,249.60	3,077.90	4,257.30	3,597.41	11,088.90	35,374.21
818.003 - Labor Actions	-	347.10	267.00	-	-	-	-	614.10
853.000 - Phone/Communications	586.13	-	586.16	-	1,169.80	584.90	585.30	1,172.29
885.000 - Special Programs	2,295.69	1,426.68	908.19	2,919.73	5,904.67	6,263.87	2,719.07	7,550.29
888.000 - Marketing	-	268.83	112.33	498.11	(47.48)	207.69	331.95	879.27
900.000 - Printing & Publishing	468.00	4,599.86	3,056.46	-	3,256.83	489.21	-	8,124.32
914.000 - Liability Insurance	-	-	(590.00)	19,630.00	-	-	-	19,040.00
920.000 - Utilities	2,328.84	2,510.08	3,306.90	2,919.94	2,491.65	2,729.17	3,409.34	11,065.76
931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	6,036.91	8,979.41	4,462.42	4,119.95	8,338.57	1,613.33	7,678.91	23,598.69
943.000 - Equipment Rental Alloc.- General Fund Motor Pool	906.26	936.96	1,097.00	855.99	1,909.69	124.25	850.05	3,796.21
956.000 - Miscellaneous	-	193.30	73.25	59.50	59.50	59.50	73.25	326.05

	OCT 2026	SEP 2026	AUG 2026	JUL 2026	JUN 2026	MAY 2026	APR 2026	YEAR TO DATE
957.000 - Training/Education	699.21	865.38	1,186.94	239.41	302.70	1,322.89	390.20	2,990.94
958.000 - Memberships & Dues	860.18	1,089.39	1,081.44	700.36	782.43	672.14	3,513.13	3,731.37
996.000 - Interest Expense	-	7,600.00	-	-	-	-	-	7,600.00
Total Operating Expenses	**181,779.03**	**232,459.16**	**193,365.56**	**217,622.22**	**172,496.73**	**151,086.74**	**198,058.95**	**825,225.97**
Operating Income	**(98,067.51)**	**(118,069.08)**	**1,894,305.12**	**20,830.31**	**(83,983.52)**	**(145,076.06)**	**(185,855.82)**	**1,698,998.84**
Net Income	**(98,067.51)**	**(118,069.08)**	**1,894,305.12**	**20,830.31**	**(83,983.52)**	**(145,076.06)**	**(185,855.82)**	**1,698,998.84**

FY 2027 Budget

Ferndale Area District Library

Capital Projects Fund - 401	FY 2027 YTD as of 10/31/26	FY 2027 Budget Approved 5/21/2026
Revenue		
401-271-699.101 - Contributions from General Fund	$ -	$ -
Total Revenue	$ -	$ -

Capital Projects Fund - 401	FY 2027 YTD as of 10/31/2026	FY 2027 Budget Approved 5/21/2026
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
Capital Fund Balance at the Beginning of the FY:	$182,206.00	$182,206.00
Capital Fund Balance at the End of the FY:		**$176,706.00**

FY 2027 Budget
Ferndale Area District Library

General Fund - 101 Revenue	October 2026	FY 2027 YTD as of 10/31/2026	FY 2027 Budget Approved 5/21/2026
101-271-404.000 - Voted Property Taxes	$ 81,733.98	$ 2,475,227.79	$ 2,771,112.00
101-271-404.001 - Voted Property Taxes - Personal	$ -	$ -	$ 36,719.00
101-271-567.000 - Library State Aid	$ -	$ 10,571.20	$ 20,530.00
101-271-581.000 - Grants	$ -	$ 500.00	
101-271-607.000 - Fees for Services	$ 50.00	$ 125.00	$ 2,115.00
101-271-627.000 - Charge for Services	$ 757.45	$ 3,152.21	$ 8,880.00
101-271-645.000 - Print Sales & Copies	$ 984.10	$ 3,519.80	$ 10,000.00
101-271-656.000 - Other Fees & Fines	$ -	$ 29,674.64	$ 27,580.00
101-271-660.000 - Fines & Forfeitures	$ 23.00	$ 260.39	$ 1,240.00
101-271-675.001 - Individual Donations & Honorariums	$ 5.00	$ 106.85	$ 600.00
101-271-675.002 - Contributions from Library Friends	$ -	$ 78.94	$ 3,500.00
101-271-675.003 - Special Event Proceeds	$ -	$ -	
101-271-675.004 - Library Board Fundraising	$ -	$ 20.00	$ 280.00
101-271-693.000 - Sale of Property	$ 157.99	$ 487.99	$ 4,000.00
101-271-695.000 - Miscellaneous Income	$ -	$ -	$ 6,000.00
101-271-699.401 - Contributions from Capital Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Revenue	**$ 83,711.52**	**$ 2,523,724.81**	**$ 2,892,556.00**

General Fund - 101 Expenses	October 2026	FY 2027 YTD as of 10/31/2026	FY 2027 Budget Approved 5/21/2026
101-271-706.001 - Salaries - Full-time	$ (57,296.87)	$ (271,911.94)	$ (760,982.00)
101-271-706.002 - Salaries - Part-time	$ (13,485.84)	$ (61,806.17)	$ (235,489.00)
101-271-706.003 - Salaries - Subs	$ (4,109.04)	$ (21,715.88)	$ (38,965.00)
101-271-715.001 - Social Security - Employee	$ (6,100.90)	$ (29,018.10)	$ (80,152.00)
101-271-715.002 - Social Security - Employer	$ (6,100.83)	$ (29,017.92)	$ (80,152.00)
101-271-716.100 - Health Insurance	$ (10,625.20)	$ (63,132.72)	$ (169,758.00)
101-271-717.000 - Life Insurance - EE	$ (746.96)	$ (2,987.84)	$ (8,983.00)
101-271-718.000 - Pension- ICMA-RC 401	$ (5,823.70)	$ (26,852.13)	$ (75,250.00)
101-271-720.001 - Medicare - Employee	$ (1,426.81)	$ (6,786.41)	$ (20,600.00)
101-271-720.002 - Medicare - Employer	$ (1,426.81)	$ (6,786.44)	$ (20,600.00)
101-271-721.001 - Federal Income Tax - Employee	$ (6,754.23)	$ (34,145.69)	$ (95,000.00)
101-271-722.001 - MI Income Tax - Employee	$ (3,818.89)	$ (18,206.46)	$ (50,000.00)
101-271-722.002 - MI Unemployment - Employer	$ -	$ -	$ -
101-271-723.001 - Local Income Tax - Employee	$ (217.12)	$ (1,370.58)	$ (5,000.00)
101-271-725.000 - Workers Compensation	$ -	$ -	$ (2,200.00)
101-271-730.000 - Postage, Mail Processing	$ (237.58)	$ (5,649.89)	$ (23,000.00)
101-271-740.000 - Operating Supplies	$ (2,124.69)	$ (11,481.94)	$ (42,000.00)
101-271-742.000 - Books	$ (3,989.15)	$ (24,484.48)	$ (109,250.00)
101-271-743.000 - Periodicals	$ (55.00)	$ (5,113.43)	$ (16,250.00)
101-271-745.000 - Audio-Visual, Video	$ (2,797.74)	$ (10,018.58)	$ (35,000.00)
101-271-746.000 - Other Non Book	$ (4,736.42)	$ (35,813.46)	$ (118,800.00)
101-271-748.000 - Materials Processing Supplies	$ (966.60)	$ (2,460.14)	$ (5,000.00)
101-271-775.000 - Repair & Maintenance	$ (1,777.40)	$ (6,647.42)	$ (38,000.00)
101-271-802.000 - Audit/Actuarial Fees	$ -	$ -	$ (7,790.00)
101-271-803.000 - The Library Network	$ (11,202.02)	$ (23,954.85)	$ (59,775.00)
101-271-818.000 - Contractual Services	$ (21,778.01)	$ (35,374.21)	$ (112,950.00)
101-271-818.003 - Labor Actions	$ -	$ (614.10)	$ (11,295.00)

General Fund - 101	October 2026	FY 2027 YTD as of 10/31/2026	FY 2027 Budget Approved 5/21/2026
101-271-853.000 - Phone/Communications	$ (586.13)	$ (1,172.29)	$ (7,105.00)
101-271-885.000 - Special Programs	$ (2,295.59)	$ (7,550.29)	$ (30,000.00)
101-271-888.000 - Marketing	$ -	$ (879.27)	$ (2,000.00)
101-271-900.000 - Printing & Publishing	$ (468.00)	$ (8,124.32)	$ (27,500.00)
101-271-914.000 - Liability Insurance	$ -	$ (19,040.00)	$ (19,000.00)
101-271-920.000 - Utilities	$ (2,328.84)	$ (11,065.76)	$ (47,000.00)
101-271-931.000 - Facilities Maintenance	$ (6,036.91)	$ (23,598.69)	$ (58,000.00)
101-271-943.000 - Equipment Rental	$ (906.26)	$ (3,796.21)	$ (12,000.00)
101-271-956.000 - Miscellaneous	$ -	$ (326.05)	$ (1,200.00)
101-271-957.000 - Training/Education	$ (699.21)	$ (2,990.94)	$ (20,000.00)
101-271-958.000 - Memberships & Dues	$ (860.18)	$ (3,731.37)	$ (13,000.00)
101-271-960.000 - County Delinquent Tax Chargeback	$ -	$ -	
101-271-965.401 - Contributions to Capital Fund	$ -	$ -	
101-271-977.000 - Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	$ (5,500.00)
101-271-992.000 - Debt Svc- Principal	$ -	$ -	$ (380,000.00)
101-271-996.000 - Interest Expense	$ -	$ (7,600.00)	$ (15,200.00)
Total Expenses	**$ (181,778.93)**	**$ (825,225.97)**	**$ (2,859,746.00)**
Net Income / (Loss):	**$ (98,067.41)**	**$ 1,698,498.84**	**$ 32,810.00**
Fund Balance Change:	**$ (98,067.41)**	**$ 1,698,498.84**	**$ 32,810.00**
Fund Balance at the Beginning of the FY:	**$ 655,726.85**	**$ 655,726.85**	**$ 655,726.85**
Fund Balance at the End of the FY:		**$ 2,354,225.69**	**$ 688,536.85**
		82%	**24%**

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	$ 23.00	$86.84	$ 868	$ 123.00	$ 92.00	$ 126.00	$ 94.00	$ 59.00	$ 119.00	$ 29.89	$ 123.00	$ 79.50	$ 23.00		
Fax	$ 2.00	$1.25	$ 13	$ 8.00	$ 1.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1.00	$ -	$ 0.50	$ -	$ 2.00		
Ref Desk (misc)	$ 934.00	$903.20	$ 9,032	$ 744.31	$ 933.86	$ 1,205.86	$ 1,193.28	$ 737.60	$ 950.05	$ 772.73	$ 748.21	$ 812.12	$ 934.00		
Prints/Copies	$ 53.40	$22.80	$ 228	$ 5.20	$ 15.25	$ 33.40	$ 14.10	$ 6.35	$ 6.20	$ 43.70	$ 16.65	$ 33.70	$ 53.40		
Lost Items	$ 142.99	$54.13	$ 541	$ 60.99	$ 13.99	$ 32.99	$ 29.99	$ -	$ 16.34	$ 40.00	$ -	$ 204.00	$ 142.99		
Non-Res Cards	$ 50.00	$22.50	$ 225	$ 25.00	$ -	$ 25.00	$ -	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ -	$ 25.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00		
Donations	$ 5.10	$38.03	$ 380	$ 20.33	$ 15.20	$ 126.17	$ 24.20	$ 29.00	$ 65.75	$ 56.50	$ 30.00	$ 8.00	$ 5.10		
Earbuds/Flash Drives	$ 9.00	$4.90	$ 49	$ 5.00	$ 8.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 3.00	$ 4.00	$ 2.00	$ 14.00	$ 2.00	$ 9.00		
Total Library Earnings	$ 1,219.49	$1,132.49	$ 11,325	$ 980.31	$ 1,079.30	$ 1,550.42	$ 1,356.57	$ 859.95	$1,187.34	$ 944.82	$ 957.36	$ 1,189.32	$ 1,219.49		
Friends Earnings															
Book Store	$ 690.00	$ 623	$ 6,230	$588.75	$ 462.06	$ 560.50	$ 530.00	$ 544.00	$732.00	$749.55	$ 748.50	$ 624.50	$ 690.00		
Swag	$ -	$ 16	$ 156	$1	$ 95.00	$ -	$ -	$ 50.00	$ -	$10	$ -	$ -	$ -		
Online Sales	$ 429.88	$ 327	$ 3,270	$82.74	$ 185.59	$ 140.00	$ 118.99	$ 236.34	$285.22	$577.90	$ 682.01	$ 531.49	$ 429.88		
Total Friends Earnings	$ 1,119.88	$ 966	$ 9,656	$672.49	$ 742.65	$ 700.50	$ 648.99	$ 830.34	$1,017.22	$1,337.45	$ 1,430.51	$ 1,155.99	$ 1,119.88		
Library Usage															
Physical Visits	12124	10811	108107	8,272	9,023	11023	10379	10095	11987	11,930	12,235	11039	12124		
Home Delivery	8	4	35	3	2	2	1	2	4	6	3	4	8		
New Users	159	162	1615	166	134	146	116	150	165	173	217	189	159		
Public Computer Sessions	1372	1294	12938	1164	1252	1461	1250	1202	1291	1338	1440	1168	1372		
Reference Desk Interactions	1833	1767	17673	1855	1704	1920	1849	1679	1705	1715	1776	1637	1833		
Youth Desk Interactions	592	640	6403	546	737	684	525	444	772	780	754	569	592		
Circulation Desk Interactions	970	772	7719	655	647	715	690	594	639	940	994	875	970		
Teen Space Attendance	187	94	938	76	79	108	141	96	25	21	20	185	187		
Total Programs Offered	63	50	500	40	48	59	52	47	56	50	41	44	63		
Total Program Attendance	1232	1228	12276	1277	1165	1331	975	1530	1542	1139	1128	957	1232		
Total Library Checkouts	17745	17311	173112	16966	16181	17990	16645	15312	17475	19304	18980	16514	17745		
Total Digital Checkouts	6971	6860	68600	6796	6074	6751	6534	6952	6962	7210	7392	6958	6971		
Items Loaned Through ILL	1945	1973	19728	2043	1976	2118	1897	1794	1749	2179	2027	2000	1945		
Items Loaned Through MelCat	161	171	1706	220	175	199	155	150	175	173	168	130	161		
Items Borrowed Through ILL	3461	3106	31060	3129	3053	3286	2961	2716	2844	3270	3180	3160	3461		
Items Borrowed Through MelCat	93	117	1172	143	110	138	134	137	110	115	109	83	93		
New Items Added															
Adult Books	305	310	3098	342	289	262	330	318	208	444	286	314	305		
CDs	261	48	481	23	24	23	23	29	6	34	29	29	261		
DVDs/Blu-rays	41	55	552	57	46	49	64	57	16	99	62	61	41		
Audiobooks	9	10	103	12	7	4	0	13	40	7	7	4	9		
Kids Books	261	252	2516	248	224	253	248	445	153	268	260	156	261		
Teen Items	43	44	437	36	26	71	39	67	47	70	31	7	43		
Magazines/Newspapers	69	75	752	77	79	88	77	70	80	66	77	69	69		
Puzzles/Board Games	30	15	150	15	20	6	13	4	31	9	8	14	30		

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Video Games	13	12	119	20	30	17	3	5	1	20	6	4	13		
Library of Things	1	3	25	0	3	5	9	1	0	1	3	2	1		
Vinyl Records	4	17	135			24	48	23	2	6	6	22	4		
Overdrive Advantage Titles	75	68	680	71	88	77	68	99	0	48	67	87	75		
Total Items (less OD Adv)	1037	837	8368	830	748	802	854	1032	584	1024	775	682	1037		
Circulation by Media Type															
Adult Books	6391	6410	64098	6555	5832	6571	6185	5969	6209	7339	7064	5983	6391		
CDs	740	775	7754	691	774	886	807	703	912	834	734	673	740		
Audiobooks	85	94	937	117	104	140	90	77	105	87	71	61	85		
DVDs/Blu-rays	2557	2315	23148	2428	2306	2424	2150	1948	2260	2277	2354	2444	2557		
Magazines/Newspapers	101	126	1260	126	117	161	115	107	187	100	128	118	101		
Puzzles/Boardgames	371	389	3891	461	436	383	392	322	419	490	254	363	371		
Video Games	232	241	2413	212	244	285	210	204	291	270	251	214	232		
Library of Things	91	95	948	61	86	87	76	81	115	134	111	106	91		
Youth Items	7609	7169	71694	6717	6523	7314	6950	5937	7359	8189	8116	6980	7609		
Digital Circulation															
Overdrive Downloads	4448	4509	45091	4654	4153	4538	4470	4442	4632	4633	4776	4345	4448		
Overdrive Total Users	1141	1139	11389	1168	1102	1130	1133	1129	1123	1132	1191	1140	1141		
Overdrive New Users	111	82	815	80	52	75	70	73	88	93	92	81	111		
Kanopy Plays	1108	979	9793	737	713	867	758	1117	930	1158	1191	1214	1108		
Kanopy Total Users	307	287	2866	258	263	276	272	282	281	298	313	316	307		
Hoopla Downloads	1415	1372	13716	1405	1208	1346	1306	1393	1400	1419	1425	1399	1415		
Hoopla Total Users	511	502	5021	515	461	502	483	506	479	525	529	510	511		
Hoopla New Users	32	32	321	36	30	43	28	33	21	40	29	29	32		
Total Digital Checkouts	6971	6860	68600	6796	6074	6751	6534	6952	6962	7210	7392	6958	6971		
Social Media															
Facebook New Followers	33	87	873	145	110	75	90	90	85	100	95	50	33		
TikTok Followers	8190	7744	77437	7327	7405	7500	7595	7730	7818	7867	7945	8060	8190		
IG New Followers	255	472	4720	1250	1100	730	460	375	85	125	140	200	255		
Podcast Downloads	875	634	6335	200	150	985	825	700	725	850	500	525	875		

October Adult Programs	Program	Type	Adults	Teens/Kids	Zoom	Total
10/1/2026	Writers Group	Recurring	7			7
10/3/2026	Clothing Swap	One-Off	21	4		25
10/4/2026	Yoga	Recurring	15			15
10/4/2026	Puzzle Palooza	One-Off	10			10
10/5/2026	Spooky Crystal Ball Candlesticks p.2	Craft	18			18
10/6/2026	Romance Book Club	Book Club	10			10
10/7/2026	Magic The Gathering 101	One-Off	9			9
10/7/2026	Adult Take & Make - Spider Window Catchers	Craft	23			23
10/7/2026	Outreach Withington West	Outreach	2			2
10/8/2026	Outreach: The James	Outreach	8			8
10/10/2026	Banned Together Bookfest	One-Off	270			270
10/11/2026	Sunday Concert Series: songwriters in the round	Concert	43			43
10/12/2026	Chopped Challenge	Recurring	30			30
10/13/2026	Film Club - Weapons (2025)	Recurring	10			10
10/14/2026	SFBC: I Who Have Never Known Men	Book Club	19		6	25
10/15/2026	Books and Beans	Outreach	8			8
10/17/2026	Silent Book Club	Book Club	6			6
10/20/2026	Graphic Novel Book Club	Book Club	11			11
10/21/2026	History of Horror - Gregory Black	Presenter	31			31
10/22/2026	Thursday Afternoon Book Club	Book Club	4			4
10/22/2026	Strange, Spooky, Wicked Michigan	Presenter	37			37
10/25/2026	Art Reception	Art Reception	35	5		40
10/27/2026	FPBC - Haunting of Hill House	Book Club	17			17
10/28/2026	Album Club: Fiona Apple	Recurring	6			6
10/30/2026	Nightmare Cinema	Display	36			36
10/30/2026	Terrifying Screams That Aren't Stephen King	Display	50			50
10/31/2026	Seed Library recipes	Display	44			44
10/31/2026	Seed library book	Display	3			3
Total	**28 (3 outreach, 6 passive)**		**627**	**9**	**6**	**642**

October Youth Programs	Program	Type	Adults	Teens/Kids	Total	Ages (State Aid)	
10/1/2026	October Take-home Kit	Take-home Kits		20	20	General	
10/1/26	Fall scavenger hunt (10/1-10/3)	Scavenger Hunts		2	2	General	
10/1/2026	Middle Grade Tabletop RPG	Recurring Lib. Prog.		5	5	6-11	
10/2/2026	Baby Storytime	Early Literacy	9	10	19	0-5	
10/4/2026	Fall scavenger hunt (10/4-10/10)	Scavenger Hunts		20	20	General	
10/6/2026	Pokepals	Recurring Lib. Prog.		10	10	6-11	
10/7/2026	Family Storytime	Early Literacy	10	13	23	0-5	
10/9/2026	Baby Storytime	Early Literacy	7	9	16	0-5	
10/11/2026	Fall scavenger hunt (10/11-10/17)	Scavenger Hunts		11	11	General	
10/12/2026	Outreach: FMS Rainbow Club	Outreach	2	23	25	6-11	
10/12/2026	Line Sculpture	One-time Lib. Prog.	6	7	13	6-11	
10/13/2026	Outreach: FECC Preschool Storytime	Outreach	18	120	138	0-5	
10/13/2026	Outreach: UHS D&D Club	Outreach		10	10	12-18	
10/14/2026	Family Storytime	Early Literacy	11	12	23	0-5	
10/15/2026	Outreach: UHS Library visit	Outreach	1	13	14	12-18	
10/15/2026	Outreach: Coffee Shop (Mary Grahame H. and En	Outreach	8		8	General	
10/15/2026	Middle Grade Tabletop RPG	Recurring Lib. Prog.		3	3	6-11	
10/16/2026	Baby Storytime	Early Literacy	9	7	16	0-5	All Ages Program
10/16/2026	Outreach: FLEL Principal library tour	Outreach	1		1	0-5	
10/18/2026	Fall scavenger hunt (10/18-10/24)	Scavenger Hunts		14	14	General	
10/20/2026	Outreach: FLEL First Fives Library Tour #1	Outreach	2	16	18	0-5	
10/21/2026	Family Storytime	Early Literacy	14	13	27	0-5	
10/20/2026	Outreach: FLEL First Fives Library Tour #2	Outreach	1	13	14	0-5	
10/22/2026	Outreach: FHS Prism Club	Outreach	2	5	7	12-18	
10/24/2026	Outreach: DDA Jack-o-Lantern Coloring challenge	Outreach		26	26	General	
10/25/2026	Fall scavenger hunt (10/25-10/31)	Scavenger Hunts		6	6	General	
10/27/2026	Outreach: UHS D&D Club	Outreach		8	8	12-18	
10/27/26	Reading Rainbow	Recurring Lib. Prog.		9	9	6-11	
10/31/2026	Outreach: Fall Story Trail - Spring book survey at t	Outreach		8	8	General	
10/31/2026	Outreach: Fall Story trail - Spring book voting in Ki	Outreach		12	12	General	
10/31/2026	Outreach: Fall 2026 Story Trail (October-February	Outreach	11		11	General	
10/31/2026	Display: Scary Books (YA)	Displays		2	2	12-18	
10/31/2026	Display: World Animal Day	Displays		13	13	General	
10/31/2026	Display: Indigenous Peoples' Day	Displays		12	12	General	
10/31/2026	Display: Dictionary Day	Displays		7	7	General	
10/31/2026	Display: Spooky Books	Displays		19	19	General	
	Library Programs	**Outreach Programs**					
Total	**23**	**12**	**112**	**478**	**590**		

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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 – Finance Committee Feedback
*Director's Annual Evaluation – Closed Session

April:
*FY 2027 draft budget process is ongoing
*Tentative: strategic planning retreat
*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 – Review

July:
*Begin new FY 2027
*No Library Board Meeting

August:
* Millage Election – August 4, 2026

September:
*Strategic Planning – Assessment

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 12/31
*Due S&P Global Ratings annual bond/audit filing response
*Strategic Planning – Review

Friends of the Ferndale Library (FFL)
Liaison (Kelly Farrah) Report for 11/19/2026 FADL Board Meeting

FFL October 19, 2026 Meetings Highlights:

- 🕮 Active membership in The Friends is at 284!
- 🕮 Bookstore, Swag, Amazon and eBay sales continue to generate revenue every month, fueled in part by the quality and quantity of book donations.
- 🕮 Ferndale Fall Festival was well attended the Friends giving away over 150 giveaways.
- 🕮 Banned Together Book Fest went well with the bookstore pulling "banned" books to sell.
- 🕮 FFL voted to hold the Dipoff Event to a date closer to the Superbowl.
- 🕮 The Friends and the library will have a table at the City of Ferndale's Jingle Mingle event on November 14th.
- 🕮 Giftmas* gift list continues to be assembled.
- 🕮 FFL approved the purchase of a new book cart for exclusive use of the bookstore, and approved a book price change for hard cover books from $1 to $2, with the bookstore checking in with the FFL board on how the new price is being received.
- 🕮 The Friends also discussed purchasing new swag and using a new swag producer.

FFL November 16, 2026 Meetings Highlights:

- 🕮 New swag is available for purchase in the Bookstore (with employees being able to purchase one swag item at cost.) Bookstore volunteers will also receive gift cards in December.
- 🕮 The Friends' table at Ferndale's Jingle Mingle event went well.
- 🕮 The new date for the Dipoff event is January 30, 2027.
- 🕮 Giftmas* gift list continues to be vetted assembled.
- 🕮 The Friends will also continue the annual Jolabokaflod this December** as a way to engage with the community.
- 🕮 Ferndale Reads (previously named "Book It to 5K) will begin in January.
- 🕮 If attending the Friends December 21st meeting there will be a book exchange (bring a gift wrapped book to exchange.)

*Giftmas is 12 days of gifts to the library from the Friends of the Ferndale Library. Every year FFL asks staff from each department to put together a wish list of items they want for FADL, and the Friends give them a gift a day for the 12 days leading up to Christmas. These gifts are featured on FFL social media.

**Jolabokaflod is an Icelandic holiday tradition of book giving. FFL invites people in the community to share who they would give a book to and what book it is, FFL selects a winner, obtains the book, and gift warps it for the winner to pick up before Christmas.

Strategic Planning Committee - November 26 Report

Committee Members: Brianna Foraker, Jeff Milo, Drew Macaulay

Strategic Plan Priorities:

1.) Expand Accessibility
   a. *GOAL 1: Improve and expand access to library materials and services to make them easier and more comprehensive for the entire community.*
   b. *GOAL 2: Actively assess and respond to the evolving needs of the community through intentional information gathering.*

2.) Connect People to Information
   a. *GOAL 1: Advance the library as a hub of information sharing.*
   b. *GOAL 2: Improve digital and technological functionality.*

3.) Invest Responsibly
   a. *GOAL 1: Maintain responsible stewardship of the library space and services, and identify avenues for improvement.*
   b. *GOAL 2: Create opportunities for skill-building and foster a culture of support for staff.*

Of the 39 currently listed activities, 34 of them are already in progress and 4 are completed.

Complete: Another activity under ‘Connect People to Information’' is completed: [Investigate and assess web service providers for the Library website.]

Ongoing: One activity under 'Invest Responsibly' that is ongoing: [Establish an approach to support staff succession and development.]

Nearing Completion: Nearing completion for the year is an activity under ‘Expand Accessibility’: [Conduct semi-annual Community Engagement Sessions, surveys, & polls.]

In October, we conducted our first in-person Community Engagement Session since adopting our current Strategic Plan, and we’re already outlining arrangements for the next one, in early Spring, 2027.

At the MLA conference Jeff, Denise, and I attended a session on the implementation of strategic planning: “So You Have a Strategic Plan Now What?” While we were encouraged to be doing many of the things covered in the session we had some new ideas to discuss as a committee and potentially implement to do this even better.

Youth Outreach Updates

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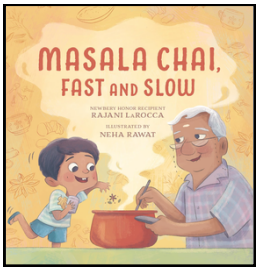
Story Trail at Martin Road Park



- **Community vote for next story trail book**
  - Starting fall 2026 we are asking the community to vote for our next book. This fall they are voting for our spring book.
  - Votes are in and the spring book will be *Masala Chai, Fast and Slow* by Rajani LaRocca, illustrated by Neha Rawat.
  - Total of 20 votes (8 from the trail; 12 from the Kids Corner)
- **Newsletter survey** - 8 responses in the last month (4 people learned about the trail!)

School Year Outreach

- 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.
  - 10/13 - 120 kids and 18 adults.
  - 11/10 - 100 kids and 12 adults
- **FMS Rainbow Club**
  - Social group for LGBTQ+ middle schoolers and allies run by Mary Grahame H.
  - 10/12 - 23 kids and 2 adults
  - 11/9 - 19 kids and 2 adults
- **UHS D&D**
  - D&D group at the school for UHS teens run by Erin L.
  - 10/13 - 10 teens
  - 10/27 - 8 teens
- **UHS Library Visits**
  - UHS teens visit and learn about the library. Run by Everett P.
  - 10/15 - Library Trivia: 13 teens and 1 adult
  - 11/5 - Library Scavenger Hunt: 5 teens and 1 adult
- **FHS Prism Club**
  - Social group for LGBTQ+ teens and allies run by Julia H.
  - Oct 22 - 5 teens and 2 adults
- **FUEL Battle of the Books**
  - Battle Kickoff: Wed, Dec 9
  - We will tell the 5th graders all about Battle, how to sign up, drop off books, and announce the 6 titles.

Youth Outreach Updates

11/19/26 Library Board Meeting

(School Year Outreach continued)

- **FLEL First Five library tours**
  - Two kindergarten classes toured the library. They specifically learned about the library as a community resource.
  - 10/20 - 16 kids and 2 adults. Run by Damon V.
  - 10/21 - 13 kids and 1 adult. Run by Mary Grahame H.
  - In addition to a tour and scavenger hunt, there was a read-loud of *No Cats in the Library* by Lauren Emmons, *I'm So Happy You're Here: a Celebration of Library Joy* by Mychal Threets, and *The Loud Librarian* by Jenna Beatrice.
- **FLEL Principal library tour**
  - 10/16 - Everett P. gave a library tour to the new Lower principal, Ryan Smith who is excited to work with the library.

New Coffee Shop Outreach

- Mary Grahame H. and Emma C. have spearheaded a new, creative way to reach patrons outside the building to sign folks up for library cards, market programs, and answer library questions.
- First event: Thu, Oct 15 at Red Hook - 8 adults (including parents)

DDA Jack-o-Lantern Coloring Challenge collaboration

- During October kids had the opportunity to color in pumpkins using the DDA provided coloring sheets. These were featured in the library atrium for the Downtown Trick or Treat on Oct 24.

Highlights



- **10/13 - A middle schooler enthusiastically recognized Mary Grahame H. from FMS Rainbow Club**
  - This chat led to some JFIC and YA Graphic Novel readers' advisory with the assistance of Emma C. and Damon V.
- **10/16 - A child recognized Damon V. and specifically came to FADL (they are Oak Park residents) to see Librarian Damon.**
  - This is because of their enthusiastic and dedicated work on the FECC preschool storytime.
- **10/21 - A patron appreciates All Ages Clothing Swap** - this was co-run by Julia H. and Michelle W.
- **10/26 - Word of Ferndale-Metis has reached a school librarian at Imagine South Lake Charter in Orlando, FL** who is very interested in adopting our system and ditching Dewey! (the whole Youth team)

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Building Committee Meeting

November 16, 2026

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

Updates and Successes:

- The toilet in the staff restroom has been resealed, slaying the Stank Monster
- Our new (second) crew with JanPro cleaners has been doing a good job cleaning and communicating!
- Damaged staff chairs have been replaced, still under warranty
- Electronic signage has been hung in the atrium
- Good news for plants: water access in courtyard has been fixed
- No WiFi outages recently (more on this below). Melissa borrowed backup batteries while we wait for new ones to ship and arrive
- HVAC ERV fan has been fixed

In Progress:

- Facilities Manager (part-time) job opening has been posted, no applicants yet. Building committee is open to any leads! "Respond by" date is Monday 12/7. Posting can be found on FADL.org>About Us>Employment
- Still waiting on a quote for reupholstering the benches in kid's corner
- Need to replace a broken table in the program room
- There is a slow drip leak upstairs that will require replacement parts from Motor City Heating & Cooling; Drew has approved quotes
- Doors have been assessed, and some need to be rehung. We have quotes but no work scheduled yet
- After an electrical assessment of the building by Diversified Electric, we have taken their suggestion to "wait and see" for 3 months if problems persist (none recently). We are not the only building in the area to experience these brief outages, which may have been the fault of unpublicized work by DTE (fingers crossed)
- Ducts need to be cleaned, but it can wait until larger HVAC repairs happen, which will require library closure
- We still need 2 more quotes for library carpet replacement *(Jonathan action item)*

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November Finance Committee Notes

Contractual Services expenses are high in the October expenditures. There is a duplicate payment to Maner ($2,500) I need to address. Also, Mango language training services renewed ($2,739), and Niche Academy renewed ($1,730).

Drew and Melissa Moore met today with Millennium Business Services to discuss the overage charges we refuse to pay. The overage is not much ($808 on a contract worth over $12,000 annually with three years remaining), but we will not pay it in full because we were not provided the necessary printer driver information to prevent it. Only Millennium had the information that could have prevented the overage, yet their own techs couldn't figure it out in three separate visits to our site. Millennium is open to negotiating down the amount owed and will get back to us before the next billing cycle.

Last week was field work for the audit, it went without issue with Drew provided documentation for every journal entry and transaction examined. We are now in the phase of passively waiting for the audit draft.