

HUNTSVILLE MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 22 @ 4:00 pm
Meeting Site: Downtown Public Library

AGENDA

Call to Order	G.W. Boon III, Chair	
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Tonia Stulting	Carissa Callan	
Lara Person	Dr. Marisa Allison	
Rachel Homolak		

Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
Location: Madison Public Library

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
July 21st, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairperson.

Present: Doug Martinson, Vice-Chair
Elisa Ferrell, Member
Dr. Carla Clift, Member
Brad Garland, Member
Maura Wroblewski, Member
Connie Chow, Executive Director
Stephen Efird, Deputy Director
Brooke Rawlins, Development Director
Kara Riethmaier, HR Director, Recorder

Public Comments:

Tonia Stulting	Scott Nagle
Maggie Minsk	Susan Stewart
Dr. Marisa Allison	Carissa Callan

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Martinson called for any changes to the agenda. Motion was made to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Ferrell. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Martinson called for any additions or corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. There were no requests for changes to the minutes. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wroblewski. Motion passed.

Library Foundation Report

Ms. Rawlins reported that the Library Foundation has many upcoming events. Ms. Rawlins spoke about the upcoming “Are You Smarter Than A Librarian” trivia night on July 30th at the Beer Hog in Madison. The event is open to everyone with a \$25 participation fee and a \$15 spectator fee. All proceeds will go to benefit the library. Some of the upcoming authors events

will be an afternoon with Kelly Rimmer and an evening with Beatriz Williams. All ticket proceeds from these events go to benefit the Foundation. Ms. Rawlins reported on a new funding appeal that has seen some success, “Clear the Holds”, where donations of \$25 or more can be made to purchase high-demand titles. The list will change based on demand and will update every Tuesday. Ms. Rawlins reported that the Library Foundation’s 40th Vive le Livre will be September 16th and will be featuring guest author, Mitch Albom. Ticket sales for sponsorship tables are available now with individual ticket sales available August 1st. Ms. Rawlins spoke about the Great Big Book Festival event on November 7th at the Downtown Library. There will be about 70 vendors and will be free to the public. The keynote author will be Ariel Lawhon.

Governance Committee Report

Mr. Martinson discussed the Blast Music acceptance policy. This policy was approved by the Governance Committee. Mr. Martinson called for the motion to be seconded. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Ferrell. Motion passed. Mr. Martinson discussed the Makers Local 256 MOU, the purpose of this MOU is to allow equipment servicing of 3D printers and other Makerspace equipment repairs. Mr. Martinson called for the motion to be seconded. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Ferrell. Motion passed. Finally, Mr. Martinson discussed the library closing schedule for 2027. This schedule was approved in the Governance Committee meeting. Mr. Martinson called for the motion to be seconded. Motion was seconded by Mr. Garland. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Garland went over the financials that covered the period through June 30th. Mr. Garland spoke about the report and while it showed that all financials are on track, there are some small differences that are due to timing of expenses but no big outliers. Mr. Martinson made the motion to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wroblewski. Motion passed. Mr. Garland spoke about the LSTA technology grant application for the expansion of the holds locker unit at Mark Russell Recreation Center. This grant funding would allow for the capacity of the holds locker to increase from 47 units to 77 units with an award cap of \$50,000 with no local match. Mr. Garland made the motion to approve the application for the LSTA technology grant. Motion was seconded by Mr. Martinson. Motion passed. Mr. Garland spoke about the renewal of the existing investment policy. The renewal of the investment policy would have no changes from the prior year’s policy. Mr. Garland made the motion to approve the renewal of the investment policy. Motion was seconded by Mr. Martinson. Motion passed.

Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Chow shared statistics from the activity reports for May and June. System-wide circulation saw a decrease of 5% in May and 2% in June for physical materials. Downloadables circulation increased by 5.5% in May and increased 7.6% in June. The Madison Library is the leader in circulating materials, followed by South Huntsville and Downtown libraries. Some notable increases in circulation are at the New Hope, North Huntsville and Triana branches. The Cove holds locker saw an increase in usage by 13% in May and 22% in June. The system-wide visitors

statistics for May increased by 2% and then increased again by 9% in June. Program attendance saw a slight decrease in May but an increase in June by 5%. The branch with the most visitors is South Huntsville Library with Downtown and Madison following.

Ms. Chow spoke about the top circulating books in May and June. The top circulating adult print was Emily Henry's "Funny Story". The top circulating YA print was Suzanne Collins' "Sunrise on the Reaping". The top juvenile print was "Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild" by Dav Pilkey. The book with the most holds is "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett. The top circulating digital audio book is "The Last Letter" by Rebecca Yarros. Finally, the top circulating eBook is "Seeking Persephone" by Sarah M. Eden.

Ms. Chow spoke about the highlighted programs from May and June. The Summer Reading Kickoff events began at the end of May and into June. The South Huntsville Library had 277 attendees at their Summer Celebration event. The Adult Summer Reading kickoff at The Camp at MidCity had 206 attendees, with Monrovia, Hazel Green and North Huntsville locations also being very busy with their kickoff events. The youth programs also had high attendance, some notable programs were Reptiles with Beth Girard at Gurley, Nutty Scientists at South Huntsville, Therapy Partners at Hazel Green, Silly Sidewalk at Madison, Fossil Digging at Cavalry Hill, and Rise Raptors at Triana. Ms. Chow also spoke about some adult program highlights with the notable programs being: Book Bedazzling at Madison, Watercolor Exploration at New Hope, Cookbook Club at Downtown, Festive Wreaths at Gurley, and the author event with Robert Bailey at the Beer Hog in Madison.

Ms. Chow shared a new program, BrainHQ, which is set to launch soon. This is a brain health program with the subscription being funded by Dr. Noel and Betsy Estopinal. This program offers six categories of brain exercise programs such as: memory, attention, brain speed, people skills, intelligence, and navigation. This program is accessible through iOS, Android devices, and desktop computers. This program is free for one year to all patrons.

Public Comments

Mr. Martinson called for approval to add speakers, Dr. Marisa Allison, Scott Nagle, Maggie Minsk, Susan Stewart, and Carissa Callan. Motion was made to accept. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wroblewski. Motion passed.

Tonia Stulting

Ms. Stulting spoke about dispelling misconceptions about the diverse group of individuals who believe that we should be careful about what we put in front of children. Ms. Stulting stated that they are not religious fanatics, do not want to ban books, do not hate or fear gay people, do not hate or fear trans people, and are not "Nazis". Ms. Stulting's overall goal is to care about kids and does not want them harmed by what they see in the library.

Dr. Marisa Allison

Dr. Allison spoke about a book under review titled, *Flor Fights Back: A Stonewall Riots Survival Story*. Dr. Allison states that this book is a beautiful piece of historical fiction that features a trans teenage girl growing up in New York City in the 1960's. Dr. Allison states she believes the book should be kept where it is and for the Board to "push back against the State".

Scott Nagle

Mr. Nagle expressed gratitude to Mr. Martinson and Ms. Chow for their presentation at the City Council meeting on May 28th. Mr. Nagle encouraged the Board to continue the process of developing a solid proposal for facility improvements to get to the City and County leaders for implementation to start in 2027.

Susan Stewart

Ms. Stewart expressed strong opposition to censorship in our libraries, defining moving books to make them harder for children to find as censorship. Ms. Stewart recapped the APLS board actions and impacts stating them as policies reflecting their own agenda, not local communities.

Carissa Callan

Ms. Callan spoke about clarifying their belief that believing something is inappropriate for children does not equate to being against certain groups of people, values, or attempting to force conformity. Ms. Callan states that the public library is for everyone and should offer materials for all, maintaining a balance. Ms. Callan noted that many homeschool families no longer visit the library in person, opting to place books on hold due to distrust in what their children might find in the juvenile or young adult sections. Ms. Callan states that if certain books are set aside, it would allow everyone to browse the library comfortably.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, at 4:00pm at the Downtown Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Approved:

Kara Riethmaier

GW Boon III, Chair



A city cannot be great without a great library. The mission of the Huntsville-Madison County Library Foundation is *to advocate for the Library and to acquire resources that enhance the Library's value to the community.*

Thank you!

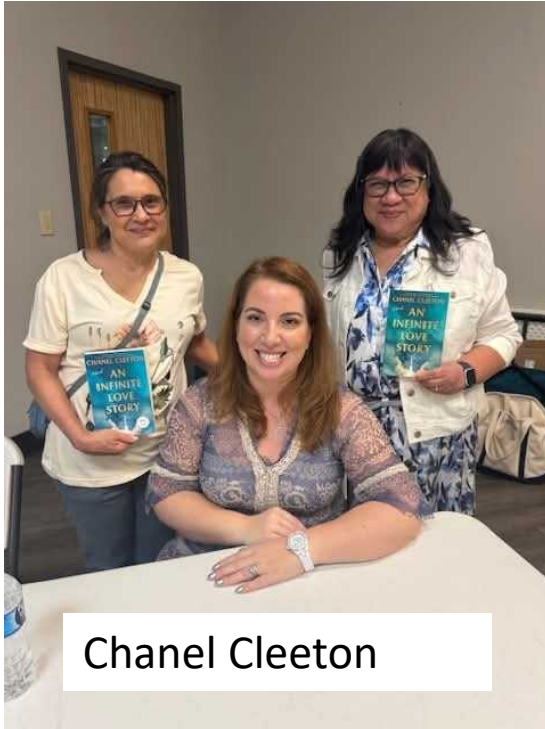
2026 Vive le Livre



Recent Grants

- Senator Arthur Orr gifted \$5,000 to the Triana Public Library.
- Representative Marilyn Lands gifted \$20,000 to the Downtown Huntsville Public Library, Madison Public Library, and Triana Public Library.
- The Kiwanis Foundation of Huntsville granted the HMCPL \$3,000 to support Summer Reading 2027.
- The PNC Foundation provided a \$10,000 grant to fund Ready Readers for the 2026-2027 school year.

July & August Foundation Events



Chanel Cleeton



Are You Smarter Than a Librarian? Trivia Night



Beatriz Williams
and Karen White



Kelly Rimmer

Upcoming Events

LIVE *from*
the STACKS

WITH GREG SCREWS AND STEVE JOHNSON
TWO WELL-READ NEWSMEN TALKING BOOKS, FAVORITE STORIES,
AND WHAT KEEPS THEM TURNING THE PAGE

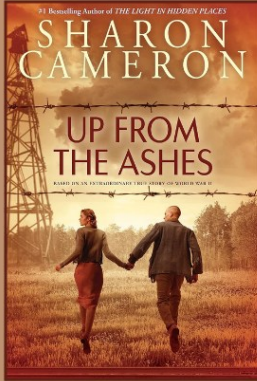


**SOUTH HUNTSVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
OCTOBER 15 | 6:00 P.M.

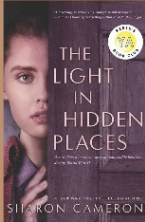


HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY
LIBRARY FOUNDATION

AN EVENING with
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
SHARON CAMERON



OTHER WORKS INCLUDE:



MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY
OCTOBER 19 | 6:30 P.M.



HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY
LIBRARY FOUNDATION



BLUE
APPLE
BOOKS



Keynote Author:

Ariel Lawhon

Two Events On November 7:

12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

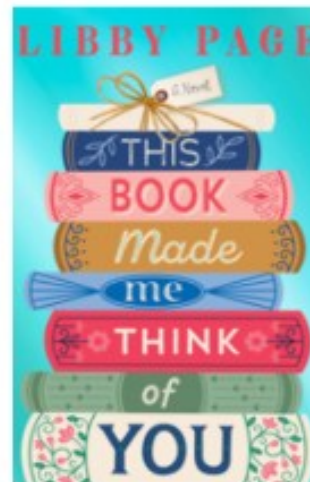
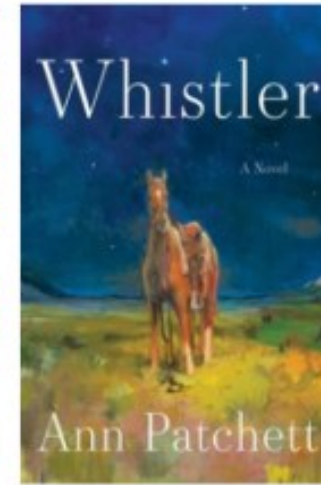
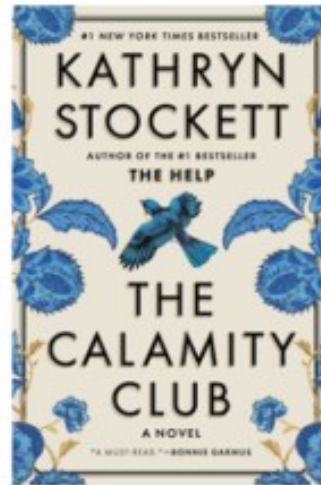
The 3 p.m. is sold out!

Ticket Prices:

Admission Ticket: \$15

Ticket with Book: \$40

Total Raised: \$2,500
Books Purchased: 140



**Stop by and say hello to the HMCPL
scarecrow at the Botanical Garden this fall!**



Huntsville Public Library
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2026

						Aug 31, 26
ASSETS						
	Current Assets					
	Checking/Savings					
	Cash and cash on hand					
	VISA DEBIT CARDS					
	VISA GIFT CARD-RAMP 7692					1,000.00
	Total VISA DEBIT CARDS					1,000.00
	Servis1st Bank-Master Account					
	Servis1st Bank-Master-Rainy Day					2,706,473.20
	Servis1st Bank-Master Account - Other					2,355,965.73
	Total Servis1st Bank-Master Account					5,062,438.93
	Servis1st Bank-Gifts					545,499.34
	Servis1st Bank-Merchant Acct					19,398.85
	Servis1st Bank-Payroll					21,570.74
	Petty cash					1,572.00
	TRUIST BANK CD RAINY DAY-MMA					596,497.66
	Total Cash and cash on hand					6,247,977.52
	Certificates of Deposit					
	UNITED COMMUNITY-KYSER CD 3550					50,000.00
	UNITED COMMUNITY-CD 45954					189,728.82
	Firstbank - 54304					199,398.51
	UNITED COMMUNITY-RAINY DAY					276,002.71
	UNITED COMMUNITY-CUMMER					107,508.14
	Firstbank EME Funds					99,869.77
	Servis1st CD Mccalin 371138					30,617.64
	Total Certificates of Deposit					953,125.59
	Investments					
	C. Schwab HMCPL 3703-9063					949,371.68
	C. Schwab M. Pruitt 4478-8529					120,438.06
	C.Schwab Jean Payne 7587-0478					86,472.25
	C. Schwab- Roberts 4311-4986					24,300.74
	Total Investments					1,180,582.73
	Total Checking/Savings					8,381,685.84
	Accounts Receivable					
	Accounts Receivable					-321.30
	Total Accounts Receivable					-321.30
	Other Current Assets					
	Lease Receivable - ST					11,087.82
	Miscellaneous Receivables					76,258.45
	Prepays					115,785.97
	Total Other Current Assets					203,132.24
	Total Current Assets					8,584,496.78
	Fixed Assets					
	Library collection					1,739,902.69
	Miscellaneous fixed assets					7,387,662.80
	Donated photographs					126,077.00
	Acc deprec - library collection					-1,956,200.93
	Acc deprec - misc fixed assets					-4,774,977.70
	Lease Asset					69,730.61
	Acc Amortization - Lease					-26,302.17
	Total Fixed Assets					2,565,892.30

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Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2026

						Aug 31, 26
					Other Assets	
					Lease Receivable - LT	12,874.39
					Total Other Assets	12,874.39
					TOTAL ASSETS	11,163,263.47
					LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
					Liabilities	
					Current Liabilities	
					Other Current Liabilities	
					Lease Liability - ST	16,472.47
					Accrued liabilities	
					Clinic	65.00
					Accrued Comp Absences	185,092.22
					Accrued Expenses	88,045.55
					Accrued payroll	119,694.86
					Accrued payroll taxes	8,573.45
					Retirement payable	39,720.37
					Withheld Accident Ins(pretaxed)	-15.26
					Withheld Critical Illness Princ	0.55
					Withheld Voluntary Life Prem	-34.06
					Withheld Health Ins (pretaxed)	-12,298.71
					Withheld Health Ins (taxed)	10,596.07
					Withheld LTD Principal	11.77
					Withheld STD Principal	263.13
					Withheld Vision (pretaxed)	-349.54
					Withheld Vision (taxed)	287.76
					Total Accrued liabilities	439,653.16
					Deferred revenue	
					Deferred revenue - grants	35,560.08
					Total Deferred revenue	35,560.08
					Total Other Current Liabilities	491,685.71
					Total Current Liabilities	491,685.71
					Long Term Liabilities	
					Lease - Deferred Inflow of Reso	25,308.59
					Lease Liability - LT	28,932.13
					Total Long Term Liabilities	54,240.72
					Total Liabilities	545,926.43
					Equity	
					Investment in Fixed Assets	2,926,306.12
					Restricted Fund	359,349.75
					Retained Earnings	4,207,211.72
					UNRESTRICTED-GENERAL FUND	1,755,685.55
					Net Income	1,368,783.90
					Total Equity	10,617,337.04
					TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	11,163,263.47

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS
OCTOBER 2025 – AUGUST 2026

TOTAL						
	Oct '25 - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES SHOULD BE AT 91.67%	
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT						
Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT	7,810,176.40	7,846,100.00	-35,923.60	99.54%		
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT	130,846.07	128,800.00	2,046.07	101.59%		
FOUNDATION SUPPORT	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00	100.0%		
Total INVESTMENT INCOME	157,465.33	173,675.00	-16,209.67	90.67%		
Total FEES	199,108.43	134,915.00	64,193.43	147.58%		
Total GIFTS and GRANTS	247,319.21	0.00	247,319.21	100.0%		
Total MISCELLANEOUS	25,051.79	0.00	25,051.79	100.0%		
Total PROGRAM REVENUES	190.00	0.00	190.00	100.0%		
Total Income	8,645,157.23	8,358,490.00	286,667.23	103.43%		
Gross Profit	8,645,157.23	8,358,490.00	286,667.23	103.43%		
Expense						
Total AUTOMATED SERVICES	162,354.10	221,365.00	-59,010.90	73.34%	AUTOMATED SERVICES: Paid Annual Bywater fee.	
Total BUILDING OPERATIONS	980,637.27	1,257,985.00	-277,347.73	77.95%		
Total GENERAL OPERATING	284,115.43	255,068.00	29,047.43	111.39%		
Total MATERIALS	649,149.14	761,310.00	-112,160.86	85.27%		
Total SALARIES & BENEFITS	5,058,642.32	5,862,762.00	-804,119.68	86.28%		
Total GRANT EXPENSES	24,667.49	0.00	24,667.49	100.0%		
Total OTHER GIFT EXPENSES	113,696.08	0.00	113,696.08	100.0%		
Total Expense	7,276,373.33	8,358,490.00	-1,082,116.67	87.05%		
Net Ordinary Income	1,368,783.90	0.00	1,368,783.90	100.0%		
Net Income	1,368,783.90	0.00	1,368,783.90	100.0%		

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROFIT/LOSS ACTUAL VS BUDGET
OCTOBER 2025 – AUGUST 2026

TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES SHOULD BE AT 91.67%		Total COH			
		Oct '25 - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
	Income				
	GOVERNMENT SUPPORT				
	Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT	6,147,960.74	6,098,458.00	49,502.74	100.81%
	FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT	105,247.14	105,000.00	247.14	100.24%
	FOUNDATION SUPPORT	66,817.00	66,817.00	0.00	100.0%
	Total INVESTMENT INCOME	157,465.33	173,675.00	-16,209.67	90.67%
	Total FEES	125,001.15	85,620.00	39,381.15	146.0%
	Total GIFTS and GRANTS	187,329.71	0.00	187,329.71	100.0%
	Total MISCELLANEOUS	16,267.00	0.00	16,267.00	100.0%
	Total PROGRAM REVENUES	160.00	0.00	160.00	100.0%
	Total Income	6,806,248.07	6,529,570.00	276,678.07	104.24%
	Gross Profit	6,806,248.07	6,529,570.00	276,678.07	104.24%
	Expense				
	Total AUTOMATED SERVICES	99,102.01	126,366.00	-27,263.99	78.43%
	Total BUILDING OPERATIONS	902,777.23	1,160,399.00	-257,621.77	77.8%
	Total GENERAL OPERATING	224,043.82	195,272.00	28,771.82	114.73%
	Total MATERIALS	472,514.61	558,958.00	-86,443.39	84.54%
	Total SALARIES & BENEFITS	3,831,372.04	4,488,575.00	-657,202.96	85.36%
	Total GRANT EXPENSES	22,129.43	0.00	22,129.43	100.0%
	Total OTHER GIFT EXPENSES	84,999.72	0.00	84,999.72	100.0%
	Total Expense	5,640,050.36	6,529,570.00	-889,519.64	86.38%
	Net Ordinary Income	1,166,197.71	0.00	1,166,197.71	100.0%
	Net Income	1,166,197.71	0.00	1,166,197.71	100.0%

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TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES SHOULD BE AT 91.67%		Total Gurley			
		Oct '25 - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT					
Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT		114,155.30	115,833.00	-1,677.70	98.55%
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
FOUNDATION SUPPORT		1,364.00	1,364.00	0.00	100.0%
Total INVESTMENT INCOME		0.00			
Total FEES		2,064.24	1,690.00	374.24	122.14%
Total GIFTS and GRANTS		3,518.95	0.00	3,518.95	100.0%
Total MISCELLANEOUS		454.60	0.00	454.60	100.0%
Total PROGRAM REVENUES		0.00			
Total Income		123,557.09	120,887.00	2,670.09	102.21%
Gross Profit		123,557.09	120,887.00	2,670.09	102.21%
Expense					
Total AUTOMATED SERVICES		3,832.62	6,367.00	-2,534.38	60.2%
Total BUILDING OPERATIONS		1,025.51	1,525.00	-499.49	67.25%
Total GENERAL OPERATING		3,334.86	3,892.00	-557.14	85.69%
Total MATERIALS		9,236.92	11,293.00	-2,056.08	81.79%
Total SALARIES & BENEFITS		96,257.54	97,810.00	-1,552.46	98.41%
Total GRANT EXPENSES		0.00			
Total OTHER GIFT EXPENSES		1,142.70	0.00	1,142.70	100.0%
Total Expense		114,830.15	120,887.00	-6,056.85	94.99%
Net Ordinary Income		8,726.94	0.00	8,726.94	100.0%
Net Income		8,726.94	0.00	8,726.94	100.0%

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROFIT/LOSS ACTUAL VS BUDGET
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TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES SHOULD BE AT 91.67%		Total Hazel Green			
		Oct '25 - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT					
Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT		141,294.00	141,294.00	0.00	100.0%
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT		486.30	0.00	486.30	100.0%
FOUNDATION SUPPORT		1,364.00	1,364.00	0.00	100.0%
Total INVESTMENT INCOME		0.00			
Total FEES		7,506.67	4,810.00	2,696.67	156.06%
Total GIFTS and GRANTS		9,397.98	0.00	9,397.98	100.0%
Total MISCELLANEOUS		659.32			
Total PROGRAM REVENUES		30.00	0.00	30.00	100.0%
Total Income		160,738.27	147,468.00	13,270.27	109.0%
Gross Profit		160,738.27	147,468.00	13,270.27	109.0%
Expense					
Total AUTOMATED SERVICES		5,148.96	8,639.00	-3,490.04	59.6%
Total BUILDING OPERATIONS		5,645.56	7,181.00	-1,535.44	78.62%
Total GENERAL OPERATING		5,146.67	5,329.00	-182.33	96.58%
Total MATERIALS		11,875.16	14,532.00	-2,656.84	81.72%
Total SALARIES & BENEFITS		102,681.81	111,787.00	-9,105.19	91.86%
Total GRANT EXPENSES		0.00			
Total OTHER GIFT EXPENSES		2,318.83	0.00	2,318.83	100.0%
Total Expense		132,816.99	147,468.00	-14,651.01	90.07%
Net Ordinary Income		27,921.28	0.00	27,921.28	100.0%
Net Income		27,921.28	0.00	27,921.28	100.0%

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TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES SHOULD BE AT 91.67%		Total Madison			
		Oct '25 - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT					
Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT		992,874.62	1,075,375.00	-82,500.38	92.33%
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT		18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	100.0%
FOUNDATION SUPPORT		1,363.00	1,363.00	0.00	100.0%
Total INVESTMENT INCOME		0.00			
Total FEES		49,866.92	34,600.00	15,266.92	144.12%
Total GIFTS and GRANTS		17,217.01	0.00	17,217.01	100.0%
Total MISCELLANEOUS		6,248.83	0.00	6,248.83	100.0%
Total PROGRAM REVENUES		0.00			
Total Income		1,085,570.38	1,129,338.00	-43,767.62	96.12%
Gross Profit		1,085,570.38	1,129,338.00	-43,767.62	96.12%
Expense					
Total AUTOMATED SERVICES		43,507.55	60,931.00	-17,423.45	71.41%
Total BUILDING OPERATIONS		61,736.99	73,079.00	-11,342.01	84.48%
Total GENERAL OPERATING		36,271.68	35,588.00	683.68	101.92%
Total MATERIALS		131,106.70	146,643.00	-15,536.30	89.41%
Total SALARIES & BENEFITS		712,813.00	813,097.00	-100,284.00	87.67%
Total GRANT EXPENSES		529.18	0.00	529.18	100.0%
Total OTHER GIFT EXPENSES		14,308.37	0.00	14,308.37	100.0%
Total Expense		1,000,273.47	1,129,338.00	-129,064.53	88.57%
Net Ordinary Income		85,296.91	0.00	85,296.91	100.0%
Net Income		85,296.91	0.00	85,296.91	100.0%

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROFIT/LOSS ACTUAL VS BUDGET
OCTOBER 2025 – AUGUST 2026

TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES SHOULD BE AT 91.67%		Total Monrovia			
		Oct '25 - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT					
Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT		205,120.00	205,120.00	0.00	100.0%
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
FOUNDATION SUPPORT		1,364.00	1,364.00	0.00	100.0%
Total INVESTMENT INCOME		0.00			
Total FEES		10,904.37	5,990.00	4,914.37	182.04%
Total GIFTS and GRANTS		5,550.00	0.00	5,550.00	100.0%
Total MISCELLANEOUS		1,116.22	0.00	1,116.22	100.0%
Total PROGRAM REVENUES		0.00			
Total Income		226,054.59	214,474.00	11,580.59	105.4%
Gross Profit		226,054.59	214,474.00	11,580.59	105.4%
Expense					
Total AUTOMATED SERVICES		7,932.10	13,084.00	-5,151.90	60.62%
Total BUILDING OPERATIONS		4,995.61	6,466.00	-1,470.39	77.26%
Total GENERAL OPERATING		8,318.25	7,664.00	654.25	108.54%
Total MATERIALS		12,557.63	15,287.00	-2,729.37	82.15%
Total SALARIES & BENEFITS		155,211.31	171,973.00	-16,761.69	90.25%
Total GRANT EXPENSES		2,008.88			
Total OTHER GIFT EXPENSES		5,960.31	0.00	5,960.31	100.0%
Total Expense		196,984.09	214,474.00	-17,489.91	91.85%
Net Ordinary Income		29,070.50	0.00	29,070.50	100.0%
Net Income		29,070.50	0.00	29,070.50	100.0%

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROFIT/LOSS ACTUAL VS BUDGET
OCTOBER 2025 – AUGUST 2026

TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES SHOULD BE AT 91.67%		Total New Hope			
		Oct '25 - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT					
Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT		117,038.74	116,487.00	551.74	100.47%
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT		3,112.63	1,800.00	1,312.63	172.92%
FOUNDATION SUPPORT		1,364.00	1,364.00	0.00	100.0%
Total INVESTMENT INCOME		0.00			
Total FEES		1,815.32	1,010.00	805.32	179.74%
Total GIFTS and GRANTS		3,300.00	0.00	3,300.00	100.0%
Total MISCELLANEOUS		186.35			
Total PROGRAM REVENUES		0.00			
Total Income		126,817.04	120,661.00	6,156.04	105.1%
Gross Profit		126,817.04	120,661.00	6,156.04	105.1%
Expense					
Total AUTOMATED SERVICES		1,853.92	3,312.00	-1,458.08	55.98%
Total BUILDING OPERATIONS		3,844.46	4,556.00	-711.54	84.38%
Total GENERAL OPERATING		3,839.99	4,016.00	-176.01	95.62%
Total MATERIALS		6,029.86	7,455.00	-1,425.14	80.88%
Total SALARIES & BENEFITS		89,662.85	101,322.00	-11,659.15	88.49%
Total GRANT EXPENSES		0.00			
Total OTHER GIFT EXPENSES		1,674.35	0.00	1,674.35	100.0%
Total Expense		106,905.43	120,661.00	-13,755.57	88.6%
Net Ordinary Income		19,911.61	0.00	19,911.61	100.0%
Net Income		19,911.61	0.00	19,911.61	100.0%

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROFIT/LOSS ACTUAL VS BUDGET
OCTOBER 2025 – AUGUST 2026

TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSES SHOULD BE AT 91.67%		Total Triana			
		Oct '25 - Aug 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT					
Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT		91,733.00	93,533.00	-1,800.00	98.08%
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT		0.00			
FOUNDATION SUPPORT		1,364.00	1,364.00	0.00	100.0%
Total INVESTMENT INCOME		0.00			
Total FEES		1,949.76	1,195.00	754.76	163.16%
Total GIFTS and GRANTS		1,180.00	0.00	1,180.00	100.0%
Total MISCELLANEOUS		119.47	0.00	119.47	100.0%
Total PROGRAM REVENUES		0.00			
Total Income		96,346.23	96,092.00	254.23	100.27%
Gross Profit		96,346.23	96,092.00	254.23	100.27%
Expense					
Total AUTOMATED SERVICES		976.94	2,666.00	-1,689.06	36.64%
Total BUILDING OPERATIONS		611.91	4,779.00	-4,167.09	12.8%
Total GENERAL OPERATING		3,160.16	3,307.00	-146.84	95.56%
Total MATERIALS		5,828.26	7,142.00	-1,313.74	81.61%
Total SALARIES & BENEFITS		70,643.77	78,198.00	-7,554.23	90.34%
Total GRANT EXPENSES		0.00			
Total OTHER GIFT EXPENSES		3,304.18	0.00	3,304.18	100.0%
Total Expense		84,525.22	96,092.00	-11,566.78	87.96%
Net Ordinary Income		11,821.01	0.00	11,821.01	100.0%
Net Income		11,821.01	0.00	11,821.01	100.0%

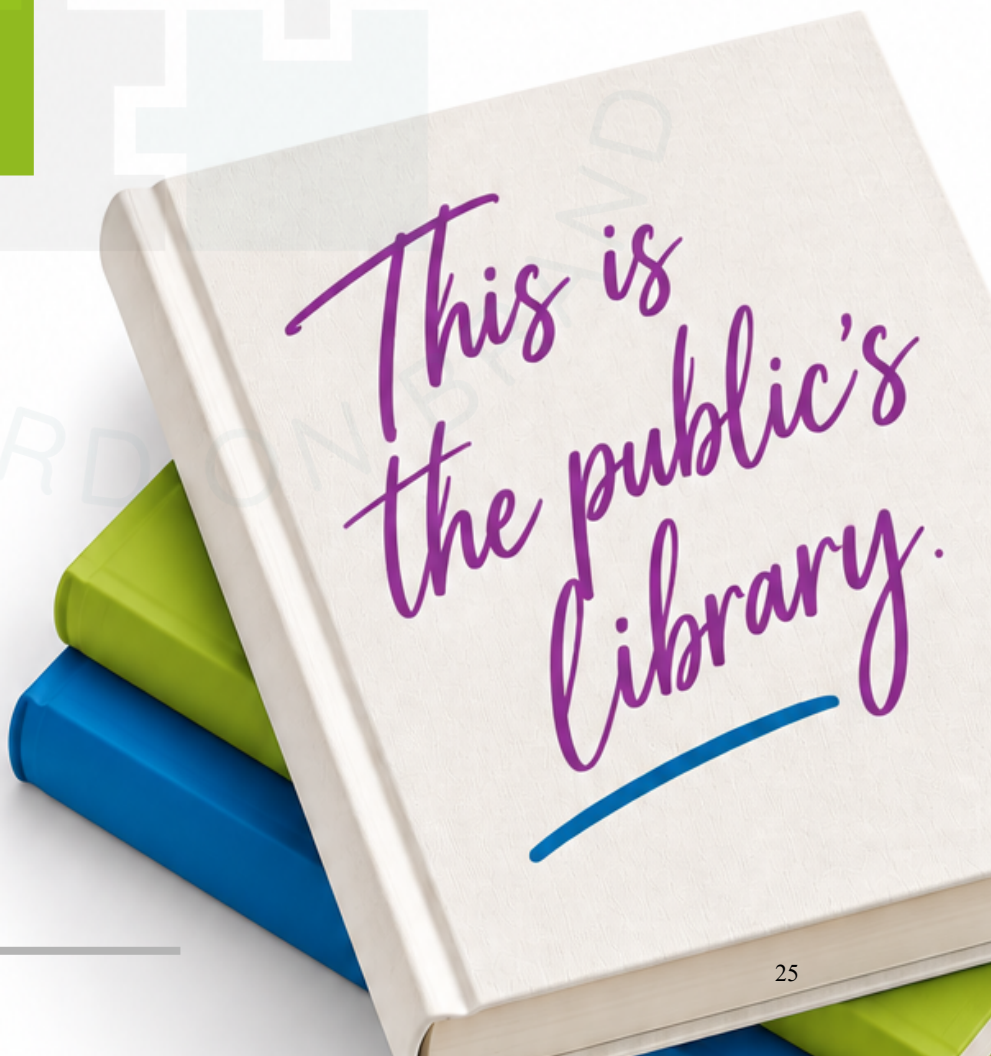
	CAV-HILL (COH)	DOWNTOWN (COH)	NHV (COH)	OUTREACH COH	SHV (COH)	Total COH	GUR	HAZ	MAD	MON	NEW	TRI	TOTAL
	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget	26/27 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense													
Income													
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT													
Total STATE OF ALABAMA SUPPORT	19,093.00	258,361.00	37,781.00	19,971.00	43,182.00	378,388.00	32,671.00	33,695.00	6,011.00	55,775.00	36,009.00	8,415.00	550,964.00
MADISON COUNTY SUPPORT													
District 1								30,000.00					30,000.00
District 3							10,000.00				10,000.00		20,000.00
District 4										36,500.00			36,500.00
MADISON CO - GEN FUND	11,376.00	29,928.00	16,048.00	12,000.00	19,000.00	88,352.00	65,667.00	81,530.00	30,359.00	115,997.00	68,542.00	49,553.00	500,000.00
MADISON COUNTY-RENTS		6,544.00				6,544.00							6,544.00
Total MADISON COUNTY SUPPORT	11,376.00	36,472.00	16,048.00	12,000.00	19,000.00	94,896.00	75,667.00	111,530.00	30,359.00	152,497.00	78,542.00	49,553.00	593,044.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPORT													
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE	107,795.00	3,776,728.00	773,726.00	225,898.00	1,122,853.00	6,007,000.00							6,007,000.00
CITY OF MADISON									1,063,766.00				1,063,766.00
TOWN OF GURLEY							20,704.00						20,704.00
CITY OF NEW HOPE											8,000.00		8,000.00
TOWN OF TRIANA												38,400.00	38,400.00
Total MUNICIPAL SUPPORT	107,795.00	3,776,728.00	773,726.00	225,898.00	1,122,853.00	6,007,000.00	20,704.00		1,063,766.00		8,000.00	38,400.00	7,137,870.00
Total GOVERNMENT SUPPORT	138,264.00	4,071,561.00	827,555.00	257,869.00	1,185,035.00	6,480,284.00	129,042.00	145,225.00	1,100,136.00	208,272.00	122,551.00	96,368.00	8,281,878.00
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUPPORT		90,000.00			17,000.00	107,000.00	2,000.00		18,000.00	2,000.00	1,800.00		130,800.00
FOUNDATION SUPPORT	1,364.00	61,363.00	1,364.00	1,363.00	1,363.00	66,817.00	1,364.00	1,364.00	1,363.00	1,364.00	1,364.00	1,364.00	75,000.00
Total INVESTMENT INCOME		153,900.00				153,900.00							153,900.00
Total FEES	1,235.00	37,010.00	18,495.00		28,830.00	85,570.00	1,460.00	5,495.00	35,850.00	6,640.00	1,095.00	1,270.00	137,380.00
Gross Profit	140,863.00	4,413,834.00	847,414.00	259,232.00	1,232,228.00	6,893,571.00	133,866.00	152,084.00	1,155,349.00	218,276.00	126,810.00	99,002.00	8,778,958.00
Expense													
Total AUTOMATED SERVICES	6,547.00	132,136.00	48,716.00	0.00	86,940.00	274,339.00	9,795.00	12,194.00	63,842.00	16,116.00	7,237.00	7,008.00	390,531.00
Total BUILDING OPERATIONS	5,426.00	783,374.00	211,435.00	1,552.00	257,183.00	1,258,970.00	1,460.00	7,163.00	72,453.00	6,375.00	4,594.00	975.00	1,351,990.00
Total GENERAL OPERATING	5,985.00	148,478.00	19,449.00	9,226.00	29,341.00	212,479.00	4,403.00	5,689.00	36,659.00	8,483.00	4,507.00	3,944.00	276,164.00
Total MATERIALS	8,088.00	493,343.00	21,666.00	6,055.00	37,535.00	566,687.00	11,846.00	14,417.00	134,669.00	14,880.00	7,468.00	7,164.00	757,131.00
Total SALARIES & BENEFITS	114,817.00	2,856,503.00	546,148.00	242,399.00	821,229.00	4,581,096.00	106,362.00	112,621.00	847,726.00	172,422.00	103,004.00	79,911.00	6,003,142.00
Total Expense	140,863.00	4,413,834.00	847,414.00	259,232.00	1,232,228.00	6,893,571.00	133,866.00	152,084.00	1,155,349.00	218,276.00	126,810.00	99,002.00	8,778,958.00
Net Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



STRATEGIC PLAN

2027 - 2029

Building on momentum.
Shaping what's next.



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A Message from the Executive Director

The **Huntsville-Madison County Public Library** has served this community for more than two centuries, but our work has never stood still. Madison County continues to grow, technology continues to reshape how people learn and connect, and our residents continue to ask more of the places and institutions they trust.

HMCPL enters this season from a position of strength. More people are visiting our libraries than ever before. In FY2025, our locations welcomed more than 1.4 million visits, our community checked out nearly 3 million physical and digital items, and over **17,000 new library cards** were issued. We are proud to lead the state in materials checked out and to remain a place where people of every age and background can **read, learn, work, gather, and belong**.

At the same time, growth brings real pressure. Our funding must keep pace with demand. Our buildings must be maintained, modernized and planned as a system and not one branch at a time. Our staff must feel prepared, connected and supported. And our community must clearly understand who the library is, what it provides and why it is essential.

This document carries forward the strongest commitments of our 2024-2026 plan while sharpening our focus for what's next. It centers five priorities: **future-ready places, prepared people, sustainable support and public trust, equitable access and responsive service, and learning and connection**. It also creates a stronger accountability rhythm so the plan remains a guiding resource, one that encourages meaningful actions and delivers lasting value to the community we serve.

This is the public's library. We invite our staff, Board, government partners, donors, community organizations and patrons to help us carry this plan forward - **together**.

Sincerely,



Executive Director, HMCPL



Huntsville-Madison County Public
LIBRARY
CREATE. EXPLORE. CONNECT.

Mission, Vision and Strategic Commitments

MISSION

This is the public's library. We empower individuals to create their own futures, explore the universe of ideas, and connect with our community and the world.

VISION

HMCPL will be a vibrant community hub for strengthening 21st century literacy skills, delivering equitable access, and providing an atmosphere for remarkable experiences.

Strategic Aspirations

Commitment	What it means
Public value	We will make decisions based on the value created for residents and the long-term health of the library system.
Equitable access	We will strive to reduce barriers and work to ensure people across Madison County can reach relevant materials, technology, spaces and services.
Human-centered service	We will support the people who deliver the experience and design services around real patron needs.
Trust and transparency	We will communicate clearly, listen consistently and provide visible evidence of progress.
Stewardship	We will align resources, partnerships and facilities with the priorities that matter most.
Learning and adaptation	We will use data, feedback and quarterly review to adjust without losing strategic focus.

Strategic Framework at a Glance

GOAL 1: FUTURE-READY PLACES AND SPACES

Plan, maintain, and advocate for a system of safe, accessible and adaptable facilities that keeps pace with growth.

GOAL 2: PREPARED PEOPLE AND A CONNECTED CULTURE

Attract, develop, and retain library professionals who feel trained, supported, and connected across the system.

GOAL 3: SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT AND A TRUSTED COMMUNITY PRESENCE

Grow and diversify resources while strengthening advocacy, visibility, and public understanding of HMCPL's essential value.

GOAL 4: EQUITABLE ACCESS, RESPONSIVE COLLECTIONS AND SEAMLESS SERVICE

Make it easier for every resident to access relevant materials, technology, and services across physical and digital channels.

GOAL 5: LEARNING, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Deliver focused programs, partnerships, and welcoming experiences that respond to changing community needs.

Cross-cutting enablers

- Financial sustainability and advocacy
- Equity and accessibility
- Internal and external communication
- Data quality and performance management
- Partnership stewardship
- Technology and continuous improvement

First 100 Days After Adoption

Action	Expected result
1. Assign accountability	Name the executive sponsor, goal lead, and primary departments for every objective.
2. Confirm baselines	Validate definitions and current values for the enterprise scorecard and goal-level measures.
3. Select annual priorities	Choose the limited set of milestones HMCPL will actively advance in Year 1 based on impact, readiness, dependencies, and resources.
4. Align the budget	Identify funded work, gaps, grant, or advocacy opportunities and decisions needed.
5. Build the dashboard	Create the quarterly reporting format and evidence repository. (i.e. Centrum Server)
6. Communicate the plan	Provide staff, Board, government partners, and the public with audience-appropriate explanations of the refreshed priorities.
7. Hold the first quarterly session	Test the review process, resolve early barriers, and adjust the implementation approach as needed.

GOAL 1

Future-Ready Places and Spaces

STRATEGIC PROMISE

HMCPL will plan, maintain, and advocate for a system of safe, accessible, and adaptable facilities that keeps pace with community growth and the services residents need.

Why this goal matters

Facilities emerged as the most consistent future-capacity concern across leadership, staff and steering committee feedback. HMCPL must continue advancing the future of the Downtown Library while also addressing renovation, maintenance, capacity and accessibility needs across the full system. The central question is not simply whether a building is open; it is whether the space still supports the people, collections, programs, technology and community functions expected of a modern public library.

1.1 Establish a systemwide facilities and capital roadmap

Create a living, evidence-based roadmap for renovation, replacement, expansion, and modernization across all HMCPL locations.

Priority actions

- Complete or update condition, capacity, utilization, and life-cycle assessments for every facility.
- Evaluate the renovation or replacement path for the Downtown Library within the context of systemwide priorities.
- Identify branches where growth, service demand, or space limitations require near-, mid-, or long-term intervention.
- Develop order-of-magnitude cost ranges, dependencies, and potential funding pathways for priority capital projects.

Expected outcomes

- A transparent, defensible, capital priority sequence.
- Facility decisions reflect both current deficiencies and projected community growth.
- Government and philanthropic partners receive a clear case for investment.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Baseline assessments complete; Systemwide priorities approved; Capital and advocacy roadmap adopted; Top-priority projects advanced
Primary departments involved	Executive Leadership; Facilities; Finance; Branch Leadership; Development; Public Relations; Information Technology
Measures of progress	Facility assessment completion; priority projects with documented scope and cost; capital dollars secured; progress against approved roadmap
Resource considerations	Capital planning, professional assessments, design and construction will require significant external and internal resources.

1.2 Strengthen preventive maintenance, safety and resilience

Move from reactive repairs toward consistent, documented stewardship of HMCPL's physical assets.

Priority actions

- Maintain a system wide preventive-maintenance schedule and work-order process.
- Define response standards for critical, high-priority, and routine facility needs.
- Track warranties, life cycles, deferred maintenance, and replacement schedules.
- Integrate emergency preparedness, environmental sustainability, and operational resilience into facility decisions.

Expected outcomes

- Fewer avoidable disruptions and emergency repairs.
- Safer, more reliable environments for patrons and staff.
- Better long-term cost control and asset stewardship.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Asset inventory validated; Service standards adopted; Quarterly maintenance dashboard active; Annual capital-maintenance forecast updated
Primary departments involved	Facilities; Finance; Branch Leadership; Security; Information Technology
Measures of progress	Percent preventive work completed on schedule; open high-priority work orders; average resolution time; unplanned closure hours
Resource considerations	Ongoing maintenance funding and planned reserves should be aligned with the facilities roadmap.

1.3 Design spaces for access, flexibility and belonging

Ensure that library spaces support current services, changing technology, individual focus, group learning, and the library's third-place role.

Priority actions

- Evaluate accessibility and ADA-related barriers throughout the system.
- Assess the need for quiet space, meeting and study rooms, program capacity, technology access, makerspaces, outdoor space, and flexible furniture.
- Use patron and staff feedback when designing or renovating service areas.
- Explore additional service points such as holds lockers, outreach stops, or mobile access where buildings alone cannot meet demand.

Expected outcomes

- Spaces align more closely with how patrons actually use the library.
- Reduced physical and geographic barriers.
- Stronger capacity for learning, connection, and community use.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Accessibility review completed; Space-use standards defined; Pilot improvements implemented; Lessons integrated into capital roadmap
Primary departments involved	Facilities; Public Services; Branch Leadership; Outreach; Information Technology; Finance
Measures of progress	Accessibility improvements completed; utilization of study/meeting/program spaces; patron experience ratings; use of alternative service points
Resource considerations	Some improvements may be phased through existing budgets; major renovations require capital support.

GOAL 2

Prepared People and a Connected Culture

STRATEGIC PROMISE

HMCPL will attract, develop, and retain library professionals who feel trained, supported, and connected across branches, departments, and roles.

Why this goal matters

Patrons rate HMCPL staff highly, yet staff feedback points to training gaps, communication barriers, staffing pressure, morale concerns, and limited capacity to keep pace with demand. Protecting the public experience requires protecting and preparing the people who deliver it. HMCPL will build a robust professional - development model, strengthen cross-system connections, and create clearer pathways for growth and retention.

2.1 Build a robust learning and professional-development system

Create a coordinated approach that prepares employees for their roles today and the changing needs of tomorrow.

Priority actions

- Establish a designated training-coordination function with responsibility for curriculum, records, onboarding, and evaluation.
- Define core competencies by role and level, including customer service, safety, de-escalation, intellectual freedom, technology, AI and digital literacy, accessibility, complaint response, and inclusive service.
- Create a consistent onboarding pathway for new hires and newly promoted managers.
- Expand cross-training, conference participation, peer-led learning, and access to library-specific professional education.

Expected outcomes

- Employees understand what they need to know and how to develop.
- More consistent service across branches and departments.
- Reduced single points of failure and stronger internal bench strength.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Training needs assessment completed; Competency framework approved; Onboarding and annual curriculum launched; Training effectiveness reviewed quarterly
Primary departments involved	Human Resources; Executive Leadership; Public Services; Branch Leadership; Information Technology; Public Relations
Measures of progress	Core training completion; onboarding completion; employee confidence/preparedness; cross - trained roles; internal promotion rate
Resource considerations	A training coordinator or clearly assigned training capacity, learning platforms and course resources may require new investment.

2.2 Strengthen recruitment, retention and career pathways

Make HMCPL a place where qualified professionals can build sustainable careers.

Priority actions

- Regularly assess compensation competitiveness, staffing levels, and hard-to-fill roles.
- Clarify career pathways, promotion criteria, and development opportunities.
- Use stay interviews, exit feedback, and workforce data to identify retention drivers.
- Evaluate tuition assistance, credential support, conference access, and recognition practices as resources allow.

Expected outcomes

- Improved retention of skilled employees.
- Stronger applicant pools and reduced vacancy pressure.
- Employees see realistic pathways for growth within HMCPL.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Workforce baseline established; Priority roles and retention risks identified; Career pathways published; Annual workforce strategy reviewed
Primary departments involved	Human Resources; Executive Leadership; Finance; Department and Branch Leadership
Measures of progress	Turnover and vacancy rates; applications per opening; time to fill; internal promotions; employee tenure; stay/exit themes
Resource considerations	Competitive compensation and expanded benefits depend on sustainable operating support.

2.3 Build connection, communication and morale across the system

Reduce silos and strengthen trust, collaboration, and shared identity across HMCPL.

Priority actions

- Create consistent communication standards for decisions, programs, policies, and operational changes.
- Schedule structured cross-branch activities such as staff field visits, manager connection sessions, and peer mentorship.
- Use periodic pulse surveys and listening sessions to identify barriers and track morale.
- Recognize collaboration, service, innovation, and learning, not only output volume.

Expected outcomes

- Employees receive timely, useful information.
- Greater connection among branches, departments, and new leaders.
- Improved morale, trust, and willingness to collaborate.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Communication channels and expectations clarified; Peer mentorship/field-visit pilot launched; Quarterly pulse process active; Annual findings translated into actions
Primary departments involved	Executive Leadership; Human Resources; All Departments and Branches; Internal Communications
Measures of progress	Communication effectiveness; employee engagement/pulse results; participation in cross-system activities; reported collaboration barriers
Resource considerations	Primarily staff time and facilitation capacity; some activities may require modest program resources.

2.4 Align roles and staffing with service demand

Ensure that staffing structures and responsibilities reflect growth, complexity, and emerging community needs.

Priority actions

- Review staffing patterns using visits, service volume, program demand, hours, facility needs and risk.
- Reassess work that has shifted between central departments and branches to identify opportunities for specialization or shared support.
- Clarify decision rights, responsibilities, and escalation paths.
- Evaluate emerging and nontraditional roles in training, facilities, safety, technology, outreach, and community engagement.

Expected outcomes

- Staff time is aligned with the highest-value work.
- Reduced duplication, confusion, and operational bottlenecks.
- Service capacity better reflects patron demand.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Workload and role assessment completed; Priority redesign opportunities selected; Updated responsibilities implemented; Impact reviewed after two quarters
Primary departments involved	Executive Leadership; Human Resources; Finance; Department and Branch Leadership
Measures of progress	Staffing-to-demand indicators; overtime and vacancy pressure; role clarity; process cycle time; service coverage
Resource considerations	Role changes and new positions should be supported by workload evidence and multiyear financial planning.

GOAL 3

Sustainable Support and a Trusted Community Presence

STRATEGIC PROMISE

HMCPL will grow and diversify resources while strengthening advocacy, visibility, and public understanding of the library's essential value.

Why this goal matters

Funding affects every strategic priority: staffing, collections, facilities, technology, outreach, and programs. At the same time, misinformation and incomplete understanding about who the library is can weaken public trust and support. HMCPL must tell a clear and consistent story of value, equip its advocates, and cultivate relationships that translate into sustained resources and shared impact.

3.1 Build a multiyear financial sustainability strategy

Align public funding, philanthropy, grants, earned revenue and resource allocation with HMCPL's growth and strategic priorities.

Priority actions

- Develop a three-year financial outlook tied to staffing, collections, technology, facilities, and service demand.
- Define priority funding requests for city, county, and other public partners using clear service and impact evidence.
- Coordinate fundraising priorities with the HMCPL Foundation and Friends groups.
- Expand corporate, grant, sponsorship, planned-giving, and collection-support opportunities while protecting HMCPL's mission and public trust.

Expected outcomes

- More predictable and diversified support.
- Resource decisions reflect strategic priorities and documented need.
- Funders understand the connection between investment and community outcomes.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Financial baseline and funding gap defined; Unified case for support completed; Priority public and philanthropic asks launched; Annual resource-growth review completed
Primary departments involved	Executive Leadership; Finance; Development; Board of Directors; Foundation; Public Relations
Measures of progress	Public funding growth; private and grant revenue; sponsor and donor retention; unrestricted support; strategic priorities with identified funding
Resource considerations	Funding targets should be finalized after baseline and governmental funding assumptions are confirmed. A draft aspiration is 10% growth in nonroutine external resources over the plan period.

3.2 Reintroduce HMCPL and strengthen public understanding

Build a cohesive public narrative that explains who HMCPL is, what it provides, and why it is essential.

Priority actions

- Create a systemwide message platform centered on access, literacy, workforce support, trusted information, connection, and public value.
- Proactively address recurring misinformation with clear facts, values and service explanations.
- Bring residents, elected officials, and partners into library spaces to experience services directly.
- Use impact stories and performance data consistently across branches, digital channels, presentations, and annual reporting.

Expected outcomes

- Improved public understanding and reputation.
- Greater awareness of services beyond books.
- Stronger confidence among patrons, funders, and partners.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Audience and perception baseline established; Message platform and FAQ toolkit launched; Library reintroduction campaign activated; Annual perception review completed
Primary departments involved	Public Relations; Executive Leadership; Development; Branch Leadership; Public Services; Board of Directors
Measures of progress	Awareness and perception measures; campaign reach and engagement; earned media; referrals to services; stakeholder understanding
Resource considerations	Requires coordinated staff time, creative capacity and potential campaign investment.

3.3 Build an advocacy network with clear roles and tools

Equip Board members, leaders, staff, partners, and patrons to advocate accurately and effectively for HMCPL.

Priority actions

- Develop an annual advocacy agenda tied to the budget, capital roadmap, and service priorities.
- Create briefing materials explaining how local government decisions affect library service.
- Clarify who engages which public officials, what messages are appropriate, and how engagement is documented.
- Cultivate library champions who can share authentic stories and mobilize support when needed.

Expected outcomes

- Consistent, informed advocacy throughout the year.
- Stronger relationships with public decision-makers.
- More visible community support for funding and capital priorities.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Stakeholder map completed; Advocacy toolkit approved; Annual government and community engagement calendar active; Advocacy outcomes reviewed quarterly; Open house events
Primary departments involved	Executive Leadership; Board of Directors; Public Relations; Development; Finance; Branch Leadership
Measures of progress	Government and stakeholder touchpoints; advocates trained; funding/capital actions supported; commitments and follow-ups completed
Resource considerations	Primarily staff and volunteer leadership time; selected advocacy communications may require budget.

3.4 Manage strategic partnerships for value and accountability

Move from informal relationships to a focused partnership portfolio aligned with HMCPL priorities.

Priority actions

- Identify and tier existing and prospective partners by strategic purpose, including employers, educational institutions, civic groups, arts organizations, government, nonprofits, and incoming businesses.
- Use consistent criteria, points of contact, agreements, and relationship records.
- Prioritize partnerships that expand expertise, access, funding, advocacy or measurable patron outcomes.
- Review partnership performance and close, redesign or deepen relationships based on value.

Expected outcomes

- Partnerships are coordinated and mission-aligned.
- Reduced duplication and stronger institutional memory.
- Outside expertise and resources extend HMCPL's reach.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Partnership inventory complete; Criteria and stewardship process adopted; Priority relationships assigned; Annual portfolio review completed
Primary departments involved	Foundation; Public Relations; Public Services; Outreach; Executive Leadership; Branch Leadership
Measures of progress	Active strategic partnerships; resources leveraged; participants reached; partner renewal; documented outcomes
Resource considerations	Most partnership work uses existing capacity; priority initiatives may require shared investment or dedicated coordination.

GOAL 4

Equitable Access, Responsive Collections and Seamless Service

STRATEGIC PROMISE

HMCPL will make it easier for every resident to access relevant materials, technology, and services across physical and digital channels.

Why this goal matters

Collections remain the library's most widely used service, and demand for print, eBooks, and audiobooks continues to grow. Patrons also rely on HMCPL for computers, Wi-Fi, meeting space, assistance, and digital access. The refreshed plan makes collections and access explicit strategic commitments while continuing the prior plan's focus on efficient systems and simpler interactions.

4.1 Sustain responsive physical and digital collections

Use data, professional judgment, and community feedback to maintain collections that reflect demand, learning needs, and equitable access.

Priority actions

- Establish collection-investment priorities using circulation, holds, wait times, turnover, cost, format demand, and service-area needs.
- Balance print and digital investment while clearly communicating digital licensing constraints to patrons and stakeholders.
- Strengthen coordinated collection-development, maintenance, and weeding practices across the system.
- Monitor access to high-demand materials and differences among branches and user groups.

Expected outcomes

- Patrons can find relevant materials in the formats they use.
- Collection dollars are allocated transparently and strategically.
- Reduced avoidable gaps in availability and branch-level access.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Collection baseline and demand indicators defined; Investment priorities adopted; Digital - license education launched; Quarterly collection dashboard active
Primary departments involved	Collection Management/Technical Services; Public Services; Branch Leadership; Finance; Information Technology; Public Relations
Measures of progress	Circulation by format; holds-to-copy ratio; wait time; collection turnover; digital use; materials budget per capita; patron-reported availability
Resource considerations	Collection growth goals must reflect sustainable recurring funding and vendor licensing conditions.

4.2 Reduce barriers across the patron journey

Identify and simplify the steps patrons take to discover, join, reserve, borrow, learn, and receive help.

Priority actions

- Map high-volume patron journeys across in-person, web, and mobile channels.
- Improve room reservation, library card registration and renewal, address verification, and service discovery.
- Review hours, policies, fees, and documentation requirements for unnecessary barriers.
- Test changes with patrons and frontline staff before systemwide rollout.

Expected outcomes

- Simpler, more consistent access to services.
- Reduced staff time spent resolving preventable friction.
- Improved experience for new users and people navigating barriers.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Priority journeys selected; Baseline time/error data collected; Pilot improvements launched; Successful changes standardized
Primary departments involved	Public Services; Information Technology; Branch Leadership; Executive Leadership; Finance; Public Relations
Measures of progress	Completion and abandonment rates; cycle time; staff handling time; patron satisfaction; complaints; new and renewed cards
Resource considerations	Some changes can be process-based; technology integrations or vendor changes may require investment.

4.3 Expand digital inclusion and future-ready literacy

Help residents navigate technology, AI, online systems, and information with confidence and safety.

Priority actions

- Offer targeted digital-literacy learning for older adults, job seekers, families, and residents with limited access.
- Develop practical AI literacy and responsible-use programming for the public and staff.
- Maintain access to Wi-Fi, public computers, devices, databases, and one-on-one assistance.
- Improve marketing and discoverability of online classes, databases, and digital collections.

Expected outcomes

- Residents gain practical skills and confidence.
- HMCPL remains a trusted guide amid technology change.
- Greater use of underutilized digital resources.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Digital-needs assessment completed; Core learning pathway launched; AI literacy offerings piloted; Usage and learning outcomes reviewed
Primary departments involved	Information Technology; Public Services; Workforce Development; Branch Leadership; Public Relations; Community Partners
Measures of progress	Program participation and completion; self-reported skill gain; digital-resource usage; computer/Wi-Fi sessions; repeat participation
Resource considerations	Technology, licensing, instructor and device needs should be incorporated into annual budgets and partnerships.

4.4 Use data and feedback to keep service responsive

Create a repeatable listening and analysis cycle that includes users, non-users and underserved communities.

Priority actions

- Establish an annual community listening plan using surveys, focus groups, branch feedback, and partner intelligence.
- Seek perspectives from youth, young adults, non-users, residents with disabilities, and communities underrepresented in existing data.
- Create service and resource inventories to identify gaps, duplication and underutilization.
- Translate findings into documented decisions and communicate what HMCPL heard and changed.

Expected outcomes

- Decisions are grounded in a fuller picture of community need.
- Missing voices are intentionally included.
- Programs, collections, and access strategies adjust without losing focus.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Listening calendar adopted; Prioritize engaging missing audiences; Annual needs-and-response brief published; Decisions tracked through quarterly review
Primary departments involved	Executive Leadership; Public Relations; Public Services; Outreach; Branch Leadership; Data/Assessment Function
Measures of progress	Participation diversity; nonuser engagement; issues resolved; decisions linked to feedback; awareness of changes made
Resource considerations	May require research support, accessible engagement methods and partner assistance.

GOAL 5

Learning, Connection and Community Impact

STRATEGIC PROMISE

HMCPL will deliver focused programs, partnerships, and welcoming experiences that respond to changing community needs and strengthen belonging.

Why this goal matters

HMCPL is a place to read and borrow, but it is also a place to learn, work, connect, and belong. As one of the few community spaces where people can gather without being required to make a purchase, the library serves as a vital third place. The refreshed plan builds on HMCPL's programming strength while calling for greater focus, educational value, coordination, inclusion, and evidence of impact.

5.1 Focus programming on priority community outcomes

Align programs with literacy, workforce readiness, technology confidence, youth development, culture, health, creativity, and civic understanding.

Priority actions

- Define a small set of system-wide program outcome areas and use them to guide planning and resource allocation.
- Expand targeted learning for workforce and job skills, older-adult technology needs, youth and teen engagement, AI/digital literacy, and civic navigation.
- Use community partners and subject-matter experts where they strengthen quality and reach.
- Balance local branch responsiveness with a coherent system-wide program portfolio.

Expected outcomes

- Programs are more clearly connected to community needs and HMCPL's mission.
- Resources support high-value learning rather than activity volume alone.
- Participants can identify what they learned, gained, or connected to.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Program outcome framework approved; Current portfolio mapped; Priority gaps addressed; Annual portfolio review completed
Primary departments involved	Public Services; Programming; Workforce Development; Youth Services; Outreach; Branch Leadership; Community Partners
Measures of progress	Programs and attendance by outcome area; participant learning/benefit; repeat participation; cost per participant; reach to priority audiences
Resource considerations	Program growth should be targeted and matched to staff, space, partner and funding capacity.

5.2 Strengthen HMCPL's role as an inclusive third place

Create welcoming spaces and service practices where people across age, income, background, and ability can safely access resources and belong.

Priority actions

- Define the service and environmental qualities that make HMCPL welcoming, safe, and inclusive.
- Strengthen staff preparation for serving people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, and patrons navigating crisis or isolation.
- Review programs, spaces, and communication for accessibility and cultural responsiveness.
- Protect free and low-cost access to gathering, learning, and individual-use spaces.
- Partner with City task force as needed or applicable to support these actions.

Expected outcomes

- More residents experience the library as a place for them.
- Staff feel better prepared for complex human needs.
- HMCPL's public value extends beyond transactions and attendance.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Third-place service standards defined; Accessibility/inclusion training active; Priority improvements implemented; Belonging and access feedback reviewed
Primary departments involved	Public Services; Human Resources; Facilities; Security; Branch Leadership; Outreach
Measures of progress	Welcoming/belonging survey items; accessibility improvements; meeting/study-space use; incident trends; staff preparedness
Resource considerations	Improvements may require training, facility changes, security resources and community-service partnerships.

5.3 Improve systemwide program coordination and learning

Create shared practices that reduce duplication, encourage collaboration, and capture what works.

Priority actions

- Maintain a system-wide program calendar and clear coordination expectations.
- Use a standard program plan and post-program reflection for significant or recurring offerings.
- Support cross-branch program teams, shared resources, and staff exchanges.
- Identify signature events and scalable models while preserving appropriate local variation.

Expected outcomes

- Fewer conflicts and stronger use of staff expertise.
- Successful ideas travel across the system.
- Program quality and consistency improve over time.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Coordination standards adopted; Shared planning tools active; Signature/scalable programs identified; Quarterly learning review incorporated
Primary departments involved	Programming; Public Services; Branch Leadership; Public Relations; Information Technology
Measures of progress	Scheduling conflicts; cross-branch collaborations; use of shared tools; program outcomes; staff time and resource efficiency
Resource considerations	Primarily staff coordination and platform capacity; selected signature programs may require dedicated support.

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5.4 Extend impact through outreach and community presence

Reach residents who do not regularly enter a branch and connect them to relevant HMCPL services.

Priority actions

- Use branch, BookMobile, holds-locker, school, employer, and community-partner data to prioritize outreach.
- Increase HMCPL presence at strategically selected community events and locations.
- Connect outreach to card registration, collections, digital resources, learning and follow-up, not visibility alone.
- Measure which outreach channels successfully convert awareness into access and sustained use.

Expected outcomes

- Broader access across geography and population groups.
- More non-users and underserved residents connect to HMCPL.
- Outreach investments produce measurable service use and relationships.

Implementation element	Draft direction
Milestone markers	Outreach priorities and audiences defined; Conversion measures established; Priority pilots launched; Annual reach and impact review completed
Primary departments involved	Outreach; Public Services; Branch Leadership; Public Relations; Community Partners
Measures of progress	People reached; cards issued; referrals and follow-through; repeat use; geographic and demographic reach; partner-supported service delivery
Resource considerations	Expansion should be matched to staffing, vehicles, technology and sustainable operating resources.

Implementation and Accountability

This plan is designed to be managed, not merely published. HMCPL will use a quarterly strategy-review cycle to maintain focus, surface barriers, make decisions, and communicate progress. The review process should be integrated into existing leadership and Board rhythms whenever possible.

Quarterly strategy sessions

Quarterly marker	Primary purpose
Quarter 1: Commit	Confirm annual priorities, owners, baselines, targets, dependencies, and budget alignment.
Quarter 2: Learn	Review early progress, implementation quality, staff and patron feedback, and emerging risks.
Quarter 3: Adjust	Address barriers, re-allocate effort where appropriate and prepare budget or advocacy needs for the next cycle.
Quarter 4: Account	Assess annual performance, document lessons, publish a progress summary (internal), (external i.e., Annual Report), and set the next year's priorities.

Each quarterly session should answer five questions

1. What did we commit to complete by this point?
2. What evidence shows progress or lack of progress?
3. What is blocking the work and what decision is needed?
4. What has changed enough to justify an adjustment?
5. What will we complete before the next review, and who is accountable?

Roles in the accountability model

Role	Accountability
Board of Directors	Approves the plan; monitors strategic and financial progress; supports advocacy and resource development; holds the Executive Director accountable for implementation.
Executive Director	Owns enterprise implementation; assigns executive sponsors and goal leads; resolves cross-functional barriers; ensures plan and budget alignment.
Executive Sponsor / Goal Lead	Maintains the goal workplan and dashboard; convenes departments; validates status; escalates risks and decisions.
Primary Departments Involved	Deliver initiatives, maintain evidence and collaborate across functions and branches.
Finance / Data Support	Maintains agreed definitions, baselines and reporting; connects strategy to budget and capacity.
All Staff	Understand how their work contributes, provide feedback and participate in learning and improvement.

How Progress Will Be Managed

Status definitions

Status	Definition
On track	Milestones and measures are progressing as expected; no intervention is needed.
Watch	Progress is at risk or a dependency is unresolved; corrective action has been identified.
Off track	A material milestone or target is unlikely to be achieved without a decision, resource change or revised approach.
Complete	The intended deliverable or outcome has been achieved and verified.
Recalibrated	The scope, target, or approach was intentionally changed through the approved review process.

Required quarterly dashboard fields

- Goal, objective, and annual priority
- Accountable goal lead
- Current status with supporting evidence if needed
- Milestone due before the next review
- Budget/resource status
- Barrier, risk, or decision required
- Actions, owner, and due date

Change Control

The strategic direction should remain stable across the plan period, but initiatives may evolve. Material changes to a goal, objective, or adopted target should be documented with the reason, evidence, implications, and approving authority. This protects the plan from becoming rigid while preventing quiet abandonment of commitments.

Annual Public Accountability

At the close of each fiscal year, HMCPL's annual report should incorporate concise strategic plan progress updates highlighting major accomplishments, selected performance measures, key challenges, approved adjustments, and priorities for the year ahead. Progress communications should be clear enough for patrons and partners to understand and not limited to internal project language.

Organization Scorecard

The following measures provide a proposed HMCPL system-level view. Goal teams may maintain additional operational measures. Baselines should use the most recent validated fiscal-year data, and final targets should be adopted during the first implementation quarter.

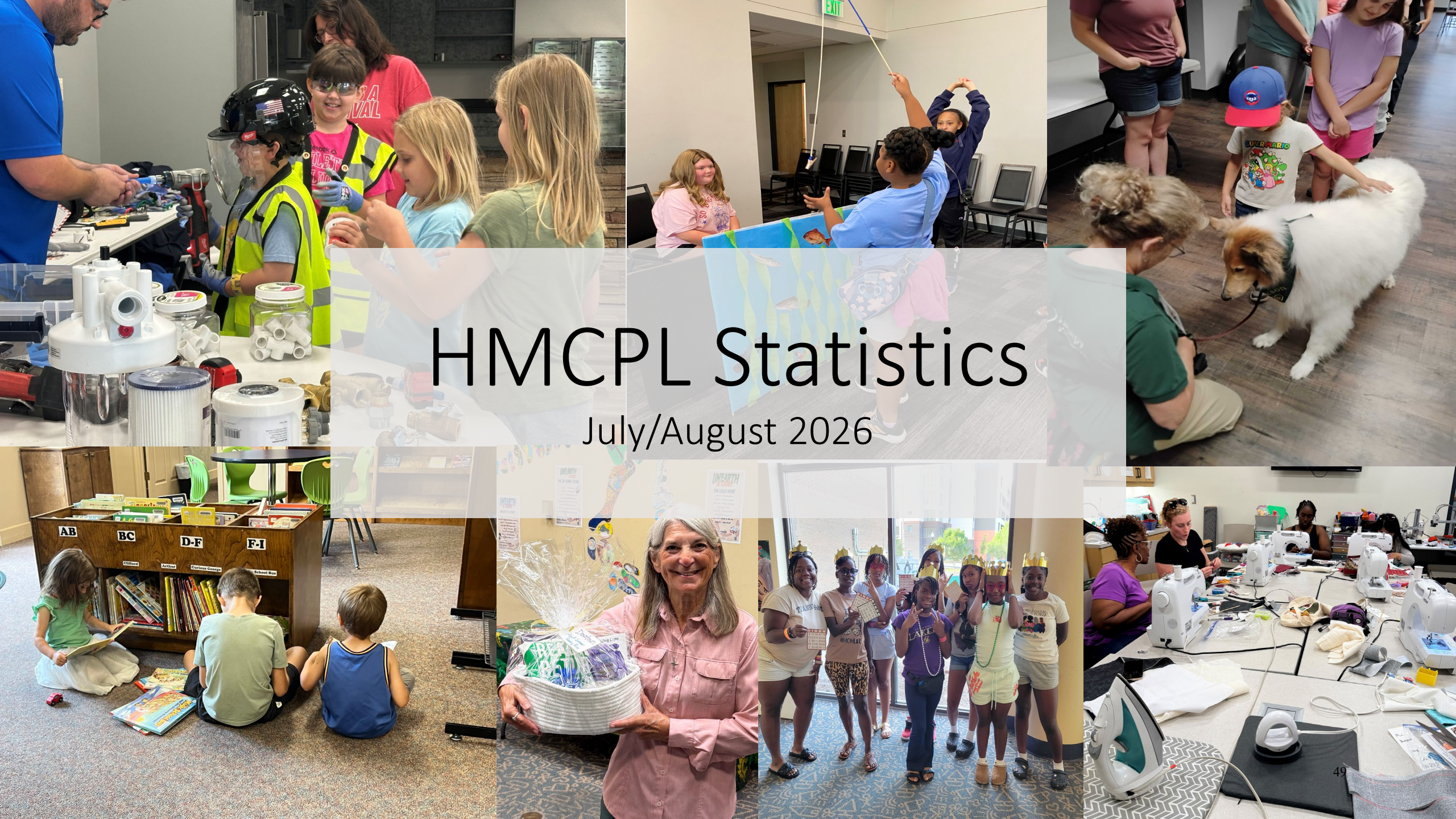
Enterprise dimension	Proposed measures
Public use and value	Library visits; total circulation by format; active cardholders/new cards; satisfaction/recommendation; awareness of services
Access and equity	Materials availability/wait time; digital-resource use; outreach conversion; accessibility improvements; reach to priority audiences
People and culture	Turnover/vacancy; training completion; preparedness; internal communication effectiveness; engagement/morale
Facilities	Roadmap progress; high-priority projects advanced; preventive maintenance completion; work-order resolution; unplanned closure hours
Sustainability and trust	Public and private support; funding gap; donor/partner retention; advocacy activity; perception/understanding measures
Operational effectiveness	Priority patron journeys improved; cycle time/error reduction; cross-branch coordination; quarterly priorities on track
Learning and impact	Participation by outcome area; learning/benefit measures; workforce/digital-literacy outcomes; belonging and connection indicators

BASELINE RULE

A percentage or growth target should not be finalized until the definition, data source, owner and baseline have been validated. Where data quality is limited, the first milestone is to build the baseline not to invent precision.

Suggested first-year enterprise targets

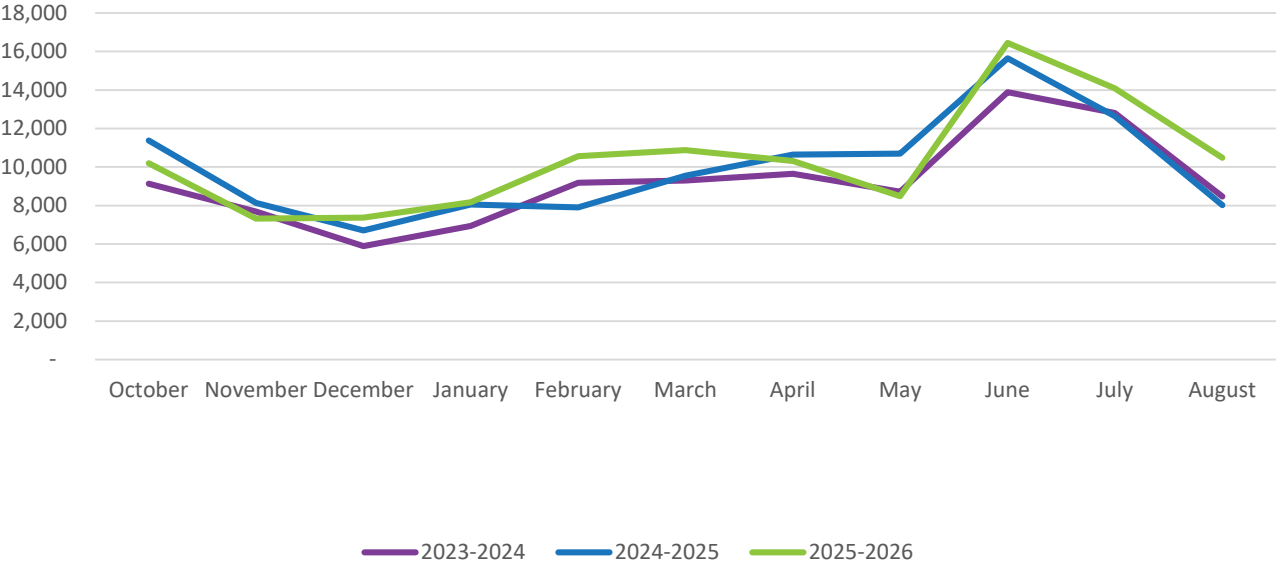
- Assign an executive sponsor and goal lead for 100% of objectives.
- Establish validated baselines and approved targets for every enterprise scorecard measure.
- Complete four quarterly strategy review sessions and document decisions and follow-up.
- Publish one annual public progress update.
- Achieve at least 80% of first-year milestone commitments on track or complete, with corrective plans for all off-track commitments.



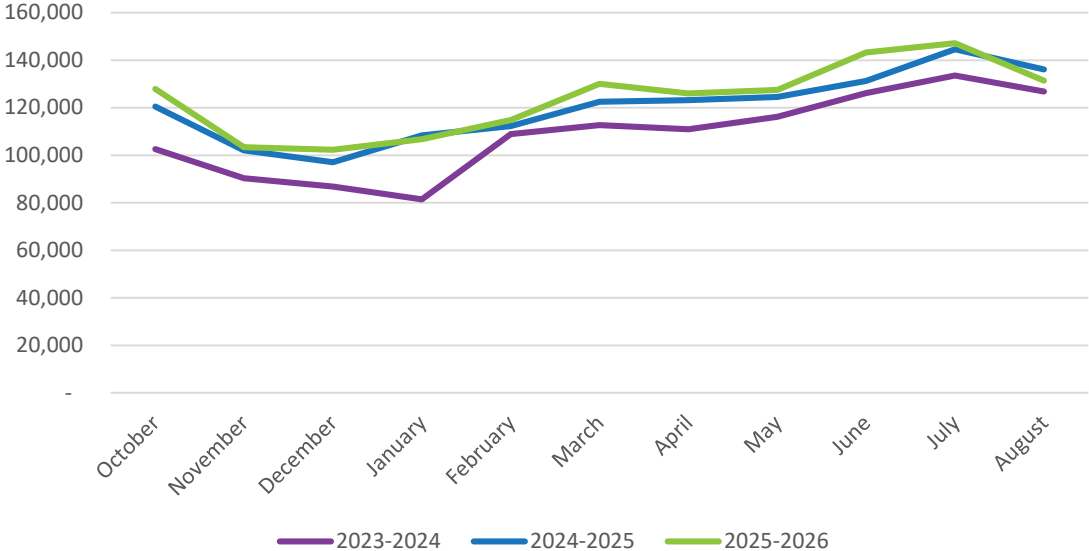
HMCPL Statistics

July/August 2026

Program Attendance



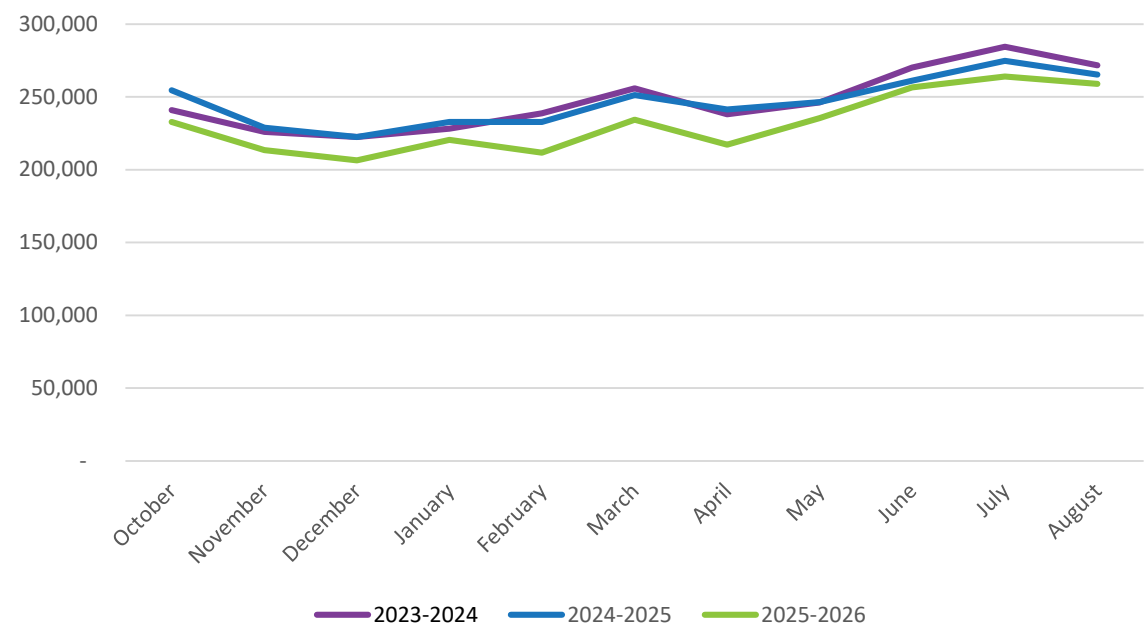
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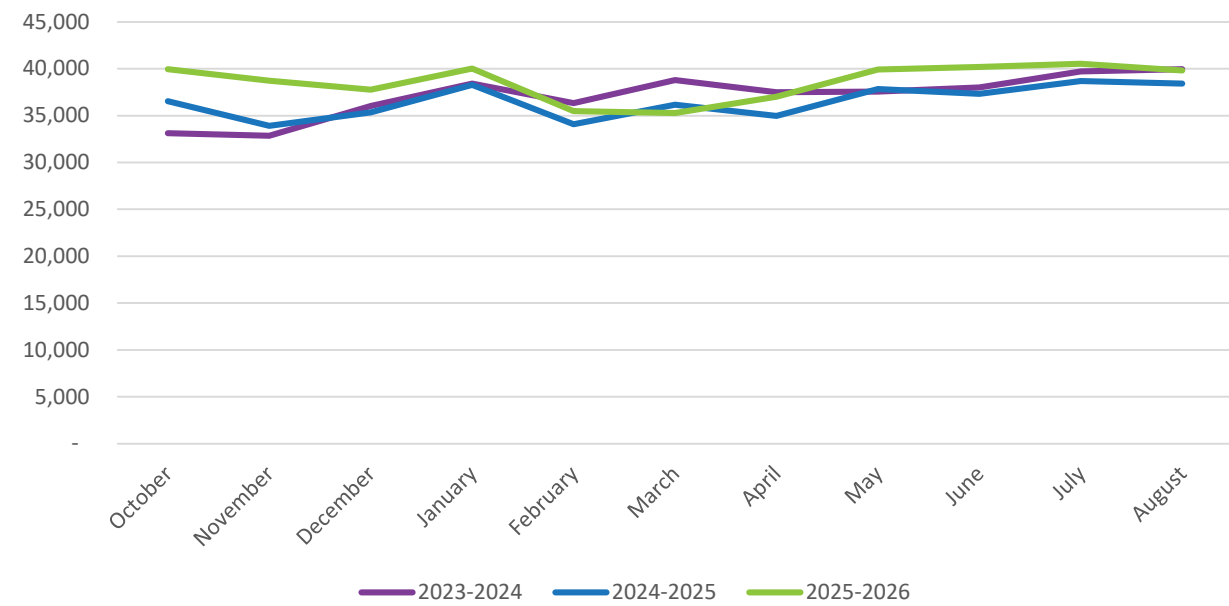
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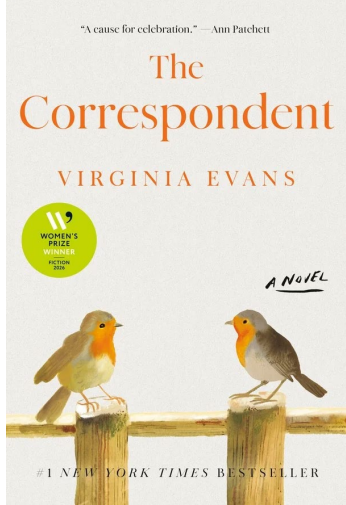
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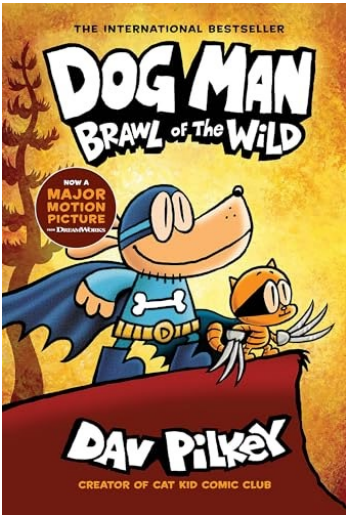
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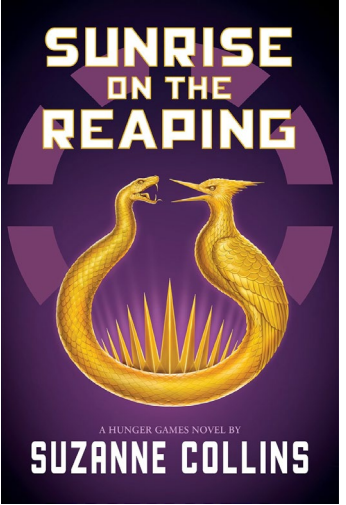
Books We Loved in July and August



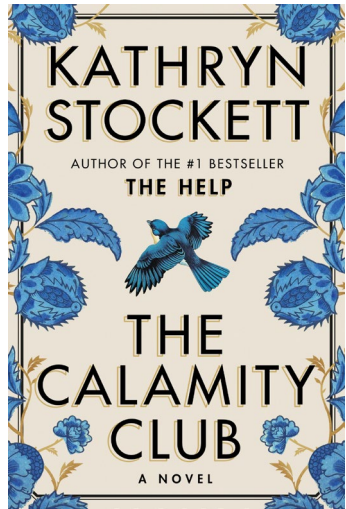
Top circulating adult book (print):
The Correspondent, by Virginia Evans
106 Checkouts



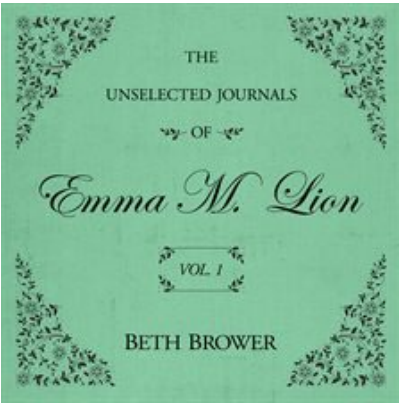
Top circulating juvenile book (print):
Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild
by Dav Pilkey, 146 Checkouts



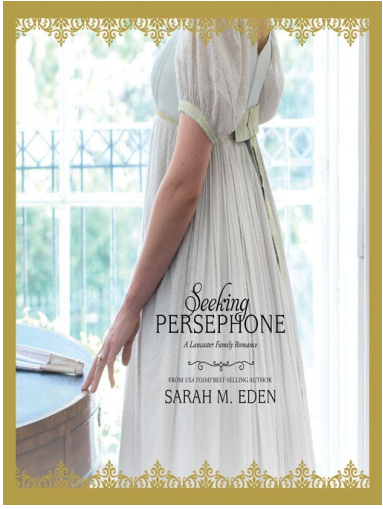
Top circulating YA book (print):
Sunrise on the Reaping
by Suzanne Collins, 100 Checkouts



Highest demand book (print):
The Calamity Club, by Kathryn Stockett
232 Holds



Top circulating book (digital audiobook):
The Unselected Journals of Emma M. Lion
Volume 1 by Beth Brower, 112 checkouts



Top circulating book (ebook):
Seeking Persephone by Sarah M. Eden
37 Checkouts

Summer Reading Overview:

Adult Stats:

- New Adult Library Cards Issued: 2,444
- Circulation: 134,083
- Number of Adult Programs: 345
- Number of Adult Program Attendees: 3,815

Youth Stats:

- Circulation: 315,713 (78,437 on children's accounts)
- Attendees: 29,494
- Programs: 587
- New Juvenile Cards: 1036 (18% increase from last year)

Summer Reading Programs



Dino Drawing Party with Special guest Bob Shea at the Madison Branch (176 attendees)



Highest attended program: The Summer Reading Kickoff at Monrovia, with 400 people!



Rise Raptor Project at Tillman D. Hill Public Library (186 attendees)



Nutty Scientists at South Huntsville branch (182 attendees)

Summer Reading Programs



Teddy Bear Clinic at Cavalry Hill



Alabama Paleontologist Society at
Gurley



Rec 'n Read at North Huntsville

Five Priorities. One Public Library.



01 Future-Ready Places & Spaces

Facilities that keep pace with growth.

02 Prepared People & a Connected Culture

Trained, supported and connected professionals.

03 Sustainable Support & a Trusted Community Presence

Resources, advocacy and public trust.

04 Equitable Access, Responsive Collections & Seamless Service

Easier access to materials, technology and services.

05 Learning, Connection & Community Impact

Programs, partnerships and welcoming experiences.

August 2026 HMCPL Statistics

Systemwide Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	240,972	254,563	235,632	-7.44%
November	225,955	228,833	213,516	-6.69%
December	222,394	222,409	206,287	-7.25%
January	228,175	232,744	219,809	-5.56%
February	238,653	232,769	211,621	-9.09%
March	255,940	251,114	234,283	-6.70%
April	238,005	241,256	217,179	-9.98%
May	246,220	247,708	235,438	-4.95%
June	270,150	262,194	256,406	-2.21%
July	284,311	276,461	263,906	-4.54%
August	271,744	265,810	258,996	-2.56%
September	258,523	245,941		
Year	2,981,042	2,961,802	2,553,073	

Systemwide totals include downloadables.

*Totals from May 2025 to January 2026 updated to reflect more accurate Hoopla counts.

hmcpl.org				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	980,175	1,302,802	4,497,198	245.19%
November	571,206	1,154,788	3,027,126	162.14%
December	1,375,626	740,217	1,061,065	43.35%
January	762,577	1,092,199	1,374,112	25.81%
February	1,106,513	3,173,713	1,120,545	-64.69%
March	769,715	1,806,841	1,141,105	-36.85%
April	857,334	1,757,554	996,089	-43.33%
May	805,616	2,147,226	1,126,728	-47.53%
June	748,271	624,764	1,416,303	126.69%
July	876,127	712,466	1,439,272	102.01%
August	813,124	3,019,405	1,070,604	-64.54%
September	931,270	3,873,606		
Year	10,597,554	21,405,581	18,270,147	

Number of visits to hmcpl.org website including our public catalog .

Downloadables				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	33,133	36,546	39,969	9.37%
November	32,852	33,914	38,738	14.22%
December	36,014	35,331	37,773	6.91%
January	38,408	38,294	40,038	4.55%
February	36,349	34,091	35,485	4.09%
March	38,798	36,169	35,261	-2.51%
April	37,494	34,963	37,007	5.85%
May	37,165	37,835	39,919	5.51%
June	38,006	37,333	40,184	7.64%
July	39,699	38,678	40,536	4.80%
August	39,948	38,406	39,817	3.67%
September	39,436	36,608		
Year	447,302	438,168	424,727	

*Downloadables include digital media from Hoopla, Overdrive, Blast, & Kanopy

*Totals from May 2025 to January 2026 updated to reflect more accurate Hoopla counts.

Music Downloadables				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	544	620	797	28.55%
November	546	503	548	8.95%
December	3,722	1,327	1,050	-20.87%
January	1,522	1,419	682	-51.94%
February	1,094	879	562	-36.06%
March	1,467	1,290	464	-64.03%
April	1,201	1,373	655	-52.29%
May	965	1,154	831	-27.99%
June	505	1,229	699	-43.12%
July	937	731	666	-8.89%
August	582	1,193	639	-9.60%
September	778	593		
Year	13,863	12,311	7,593	

*Music Downloadables includes Blast and Hoopla (music)

Wi-Fi # of Logins				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	18,432	21,588	19,665	-8.91%
November	16,301	18,100	16,241	-10.27%
December	15,031	17,326	15,997	-7.67%
January	13,109	17,766	16,625	-6.42%
February	24,324	18,723	18,189	-2.85%
March	18,740	20,077	19,430	-3.22%
April	19,378	21,061	19,814	-5.92%
May	20,990	20,778	18,701	-10.00%
June	18,562	20,229	20,579	1.73%
July	21,625	23,092	21,765	-5.75%
August	20,965	21,542	20,242	-6.03%
September	20,422	20,953		
Year	227,879	241,235	207,248	

*February 2024 had an unexplained one day increase in wifi logins

Public Computer Use				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	6,201	6,044	5,877	-2.76%
November	5,294	4,925	4,865	-1.22%
December	4,912	5,079	5,137	1.14%
January	4,590	5,681	5,130	-9.70%
February	6,585	5,832	5,928	1.65%
March	6,313	6,178	6,123	-0.89%
April	5,909	5,699	6,029	5.79%
May	6,044	5,768	5,319	-7.78%
June	6,308	6,097	5,981	-1.90%
July	7,080	7,005	6,393	-8.74%
August	6,576	6,731	6,022	-10.53%
September	5,991	6,245		
Year	71,803	71,284	62,804	

Reference Questions				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	10,066	11,930	16,128	35.19%
November	8,870	14,005	10,841	-22.59%
December	9,628	12,366	10,427	-15.68%
January	10,396	16,385	11,609	-29.15%
February	10,387	15,296	9,452	-38.21%
March	11,347	13,695	10,862	-20.69%
April	11,322	12,318	10,864	-11.80%
May	10,922	12,378	12,358	-0.16%
June	10,394	11,733	10,744	-8.43%
July	11,397	12,896	9,718	-24.64%
August	10,454	12,197	10,419	-14.58%
September	14,330	15,018		
Year	129,513	160,217	123,422	

Online Database Use				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	32,487	42,205	61,025	44.59%
November	34,795	34,783	71,261	104.87%
December	35,511	30,511	181,779	495.78%
January	29,284	69,861	19,173	-72.56%
February	40,203	67,281	32,997	-50.96%
March	53,113	50,900	79,709	56.60%
April	39,090	56,268	35,189	-37.46%
May	40,574	18,970	25,702	35.49%
June	25,536	23,262	28,327	21.77%
July	66,117	32,681	55,964	71.24%
August	24,118	55,639	26,315	-52.70%
September	166,299	28,986		
Year	587,127	511,347	617,441	

*December 2024 missing Britannica and EBSCO

*September 2025 missing Britannica

New Library Card Signups				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	2,067	1,752	1,969	12.39%
November	1,477	1,412	1,451	2.76%
December	1,409	1,343	1,390	3.50%
January	1,851	2,010	1,936	-3.68%
February	1,951	1,879	1,748	-6.97%
March	2,012	2,060	1,794	-12.91%
April	1,677	1,694	1,536	-9.33%
May	1,999	2,090	2,196	5.07%
June	2,477	2,320	2,544	9.66%
July	2,351	2,402	2,292	-4.58%
August	2,168	2,086	2,159	3.50%
September	1,907	2,051		
Year	23,346	23,099	21,015	

*Includes Online Registrations

Cavalry Hill Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	574	342	316	-7.60%
November	556	384	250	-34.90%
December	445	426	223	-47.65%
January	487	262	181	-30.92%
February	479	263	184	-30.04%
March	659	245	207	-15.51%
April	775	283	166	-41.34%
May	714	305	232	-23.93%
June	735	388	340	-12.37%
July	572	474	309	-34.81%
August	516	354	204	-42.37%
September	470	282		
Year	6,982	4,008	2,612	

Cove Holds Locker Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	797	1,475	1,425	-3.39%
November	716	1,576	1,320	-16.24%
December	756	1,404	1,221	-13.03%
January	972	1,762	1,509	-14.36%
February	1,164	1,856	1,744	-6.03%
March	1,083	1,624	1,978	21.80%
April	1,057	1,472	1,918	30.30%
May	1,403	1,540	1,750	13.64%
June	1,632	1,567	1,914	22.14%
July	1,654	1,591	1,855	16.59%
August	1,689	1,677	2,031	21.11%
September	1,641	1,643		
Year	14,564	19,187	18,665	

Downtown Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	36,729	40,163	34,241	-14.74%
November	34,489	36,445	30,783	-15.54%
December	33,948	34,833	30,938	-11.18%
January	32,793	34,088	32,837	-3.67%
February	36,142	39,739	32,128	-19.15%
March	38,860	43,458	36,704	-15.54%
April	36,840	40,909	32,889	-19.60%
May	37,557	38,255	35,461	-7.30%
June	41,176	41,190	40,414	-1.88%
July	44,389	44,231	41,846	-5.39%
August	41,959	40,727	41,016	0.71%
September	41,136	37,884		
Year	456,018	471,922	389,257	

Gurley Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	6,514	5,223	4,875	-6.66%
November	6,894	4,975	4,318	-13.21%
December	7,474	4,870	4,136	-15.07%
January	4,206	4,961	4,482	-9.66%
February	4,623	4,554	4,317	-5.20%
March	5,312	4,762	5,146	8.06%
April	4,875	5,031	4,190	-16.72%
May	4,717	4,785	3,725	-22.15%
June	4,987	5,160	4,350	-15.70%
July	5,591	5,799	4,926	-15.05%
August	5,593	4,963	5,033	1.41%
September	5,656	5,504		
Year	66,442	60,587	49,498	

Hazel Green Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	9,130	9,149	7,806	-14.68%
November	7,907	7,434	7,128	-4.12%
December	7,884	7,458	7,417	-0.55%
January	7,512	7,695	7,902	2.69%
February	7,974	7,998	7,535	-5.79%
March	8,820	8,812	8,547	-3.01%
April	7,570	8,876	7,596	-14.42%
May	8,167	9,089	8,263	-9.09%
June	9,496	9,906	7,856	-20.69%
July	10,148	10,410	8,870	-14.79%
August	9,208	9,752	9,207	-5.59%
September	9,110	8,491		
Year	102,926	105,070	88,127	

Madison Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	66,672	67,866	62,550	-7.83%
November	59,189	59,793	55,686	-6.87%
December	57,796	57,948	53,278	-8.06%
January	60,209	61,846	57,170	-7.56%
February	63,796	59,040	55,788	-5.51%
March	68,117	66,288	61,411	-7.36%
April	63,480	63,116	55,330	-12.34%
May	65,800	65,011	62,122	-4.44%
June	74,462	71,006	67,820	-4.49%
July	77,592	75,172	70,845	-5.76%
August	73,510	71,339	67,500	-5.38%
September	68,681	63,935		
Year	799,304	782,360	669,500	

Monrovia Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	14,423	15,313	13,635	-10.96%
November	13,702	14,665	12,424	-15.28%
December	12,959	13,522	12,299	-9.04%
January	13,546	13,492	13,073	-3.11%
February	14,343	13,316	12,574	-5.57%
March	14,741	13,981	13,755	-1.62%
April	13,652	14,122	13,198	-6.54%
May	14,636	15,104	13,642	-9.68%
June	15,530	15,354	15,657	1.97%
July	15,947	16,568	15,763	-4.86%
August	16,010	16,509	14,784	-10.45%
September	14,763	15,808		
Year	174,252	177,754	150,804	

New Hope Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	1,904	2,641	1,983	-24.91%
November	1,952	2,242	1,787	-20.29%
December	1,941	2,049	1,683	-17.86%
January	1,880	1,974	1,725	-12.61%
February	2,021	1,950	1,950	0.00%
March	2,300	2,161	2,331	7.87%
April	2,235	2,197	2,271	3.37%
May	2,500	2,283	2,327	1.93%
June	3,153	2,582	2,727	5.62%
July	3,549	2,556	2,499	-2.23%
August	3,069	2,537	2,415	-4.81%
September	2,587	2,096		
Year	29,091	27,268	23,698	

* August 2026 Monrovia Closed half day 28th, full day 29th & 31st

North Huntsville Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	11,629	11,090	8,707	-21.49%
November	10,253	9,853	7,710	-21.75%
December	9,017	8,557	7,274	-14.99%
January	8,593	8,689	7,604	-12.49%
February	9,410	9,263	8,564	-7.55%
March	9,974	10,031	9,667	-3.63%
April	9,381	10,110	9,025	-10.73%
May	10,278	9,792	8,534	-12.85%
June	11,312	10,020	10,628	6.07%
July	11,155	11,037	10,987	-0.45%
August	10,410	10,158	10,980	8.09%
September	10,190	9,445		
Year	121,602	118,045	99,680	

Outreach Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	496	2,873	2,143	-25.41%
November	2,447	1,294	1,770	36.79%
December	326	2,913	2,714	-6.83%
January	2,749	2,763	2,298	-16.83%
February	986	1,928	1,675	-13.12%
March	2,107	1,597	3,102	94.24%
April	1,440	2,102	1,225	-41.72%
May	940	956	1,159	21.23%
June	1,697	1,531	1,712	11.82%
July	833	1,274	1,140	-10.52%
August	2,252	2,171	2,222	2.35%
September	2,384	2,078		
Year	18,657	23,480	21,160	

South Huntsville Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	57,571	60,006	55,754	-7.09%
November	53,693	54,952	49,412	-10.08%
December	52,450	51,888	45,523	-12.27%
January	55,579	55,389	49,405	-10.80%
February	59,855	57,048	47,799	-16.21%
March	63,456	60,016	54,045	-9.95%
April	57,795	59,258	50,310	-15.10%
May	60,699	60,869	56,080	-7.87%
June	66,113	64,037	60,609	-5.35%
July	71,340	65,795	62,043	-5.70%
August	65,938	64,745	61,448	-5.09%
September	60,762	60,193		
Year	725,251	714,196	592,428	

Triana Circulation				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	1,400	1,876	2,228	18.76%
November	1,305	1,306	2,190	67.69%
December	1,384	1,210	1,808	49.42%
January	1,241	1,529	1,585	3.66%
February	1,511	1,723	1,878	9.00%
March	1,713	1,970	2,129	8.07%
April	1,411	2,107	2,054	-2.52%
May	1,644	1,884	2,224	18.05%
June	1,851	2,120	2,195	3.54%
July	1,842	2,876	2,287	-20.48%
August	1,642	2,472	2,339	-5.38%
September	1,707	1,974		
Year	18,651	23,047	22,917	

Cavalry Hill Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	1,827	1,818	1,509	-17.00%
November	1,755	1,301	1,265	-2.77%
December	1,852	1,245	1,266	1.69%
January	1,343	1,398	1,223	-12.52%
February	1,904	1,336	1,246	-6.74%
March	2,157	1,655	1,374	-16.98%
April	2,298	1,638	1,334	-18.56%
May	2,361	1,617	1,339	-17.19%
June	2,795	1,782	2,091	17.34%
July	3,259	2,129	1,835	-13.81%
August	2,624	1,706	1,501	-12.02%
September	1,731	1,541		
Year	25,906	19,166	15,983	

Downtown Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	26,454	28,369	27,180	-4.19%
November	21,831	22,716	20,898	-8.00%
December	20,051	21,780	21,739	-0.19%
January	19,544	23,850	23,423	-1.79%
February	26,254	25,468	25,992	2.06%
March	25,932	25,851	27,816	7.60%
April	25,957	25,022	26,722	6.79%
May	26,159	25,626	26,034	1.59%
June	26,583	26,492	30,119	13.69%
July	29,176	29,632	32,424	9.42%
August	29,144	27,927	24,853	-11.01%
September	24,176	27,047		
Year	301,261	309,780	287,200	

*Downtown Closed for Maintenance August 5th-10th, half day 11th

Gurley Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	1,417	1,217	2,655	118.16%
November	681	1,019	1,988	95.09%
December	627	1,910	2,282	19.48%
January	922	2,332	2,469	5.87%
February	1,022	2,292	2,569	12.09%
March	1,044	2,292	2,927	27.71%
April	1,157	2,959	2,815	-4.87%
May	1,194	2,746	2,201	-19.85%
June	1,346	3,034	2,804	-7.58%
July	1,584	2,876	2,667	-7.27%
August	1,569	2,117	2,348	10.91%
September	1,255	2,719		
Year	13,818	27,513	27,725	

Hazel Green Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	2,271	2,963	4,261	43.81%
November	2,958	2,324	3,667	57.79%
December	2,093	3,195	3,720	16.43%
January	2,177	3,845	4,160	8.19%
February	2,690	4,262	4,099	-3.82%
March	2,859	4,595	4,653	1.26%
April	2,554	4,308	4,344	0.84%
May	2,927	5,008	4,501	-10.12%
June	3,123	5,402	4,052	-24.99%
July	3,190	4,993	5,495	10.05%
August	2,682	4,678	4,653	-0.53%
September	2,636	4,400		
Year	32,160	49,973	47,605	

Madison Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	20,358	22,865	23,849	4.30%
November	16,753	19,330	19,366	0.19%
December	16,030	17,274	18,867	9.22%
January	15,642	17,970	20,468	13.90%
February	21,868	16,615	20,326	22.34%
March	22,139	20,694	23,394	13.05%
April	19,619	20,761	22,217	7.01%
May	22,177	23,745	25,644	8.00%
June	25,384	22,926	28,400	23.88%
July	25,198	28,387	28,383	-0.01%
August	24,544	29,068	25,516	-12.22%
September	22,923	25,454		
Year	252,635	265,089	256,430	

Monrovia Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	4,223	4,581	6,717	46.63%
November	3,672	4,157	5,467	31.51%
December	3,440	5,420	5,886	8.60%
January	3,587	6,447	6,618	2.65%
February	4,253	6,507	6,382	-1.92%
March	4,294	6,719	6,780	0.91%
April	4,570	6,965	7,254	4.15%
May	4,911	7,827	7,754	-0.93%
June	4,924	8,092	8,695	7.45%
July	4,894	8,229	8,131	-1.19%
August	3,932	7,394	7,062	-4.49%
September	4,699	6,908		
Year	51,399	79,246	76,746	

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New Hope Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	1,171	1,100	1,288	17.09%
November	982	893	890	-0.34%
December	901	869	896	3.11%
January	877	941	1,031	9.56%
February	1,077	968	1,104	14.05%
March	1,158	1,082	1,281	18.39%
April	1,085	1,047	1,357	29.61%
May	1,205	1,172	1,215	3.67%
June	1,306	1,226	1,605	30.91%
July	1,359	1,333	1,434	7.58%
August	1,162	1,223	1,321	8.01%
September	1,025	1,248		
Year	13,308	13,102	13,422	

North Huntsville Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	12,287	15,106	15,140	0.23%
November	11,465	12,079	12,090	0.09%
December	10,546	10,768	10,752	-0.15%
January	7,864	11,532	11,218	-2.72%
February	12,676	12,415	13,438	8.24%
March	13,414	14,455	15,688	8.53%
April	14,828	14,776	15,158	2.59%
May	14,610	12,563	15,133	20.46%
June	15,695	14,880	16,684	12.12%
July	15,412	16,245	16,780	3.29%
August	15,572	15,627	16,978	8.65%
September	14,828	15,697		
Year	159,197	166,143	159,059	

South Huntsville Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	30,915	40,441	41,209	1.90%
November	29,385	36,623	34,482	-5.85%
December	29,789	32,573	33,736	3.57%
January	28,769	37,642	34,917	-7.24%
February	35,116	38,996	37,419	-4.04%
March	37,000	41,518	42,683	2.81%
April	36,681	42,267	41,362	-2.14%
May	37,785	41,056	40,302	-1.84%
June	41,126	43,880	44,857	2.23%
July	45,460	46,801	46,185	-1.32%
August	43,749	43,954	44,849	2.04%
September	40,756	43,690		
Year	436,531	489,441	442,001	

Triana Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	1,600	2,085	4,139	98.51%
November	898	1,638	3,254	98.66%
December	1,555	1,960	3,122	59.29%
January	719	2,429	1,264	-47.96%
February	2,067	3,445	2,196	-36.26%
March	2,644	3,590	3,512	-2.17%
April	2,224	3,388	3,469	2.39%
May	2,834	3,162	3,377	6.80%
June	3,854	3,493	3,947	13.00%
July	3,968	3,985	3,757	-5.72%
August	1,871	2,412	2,340	-2.99%
September	1,953	3,900		
Year	26,187	35,487	34,377	

*January and February 2026 counts are low due to people counter malfunction.

Systemwide Visitors				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	102,523	120,545	127,947	6.14%
November	90,380	102,080	103,367	1.26%
December	86,884	96,994	102,266	5.44%
January	81,444	108,386	106,791	-1.47%
February	108,927	112,304	114,771	2.20%
March	112,641	122,451	130,108	6.25%
April	110,973	123,131	126,032	2.36%
May	116,163	124,522	127,500	2.39%
June	126,136	131,207	143,254	9.18%
July	133,500	144,610	147,091	1.72%
August	126,849	136,106	131,421	-3.44%
September	115,982	132,604		
Year	1,312,402	1,454,940	1,360,548	

*The Library was closed a full week in January 2024 due to weather.

Cavalry Hill Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	20	74	14	-81.08%
November	7	7	-	-100.00%
December	17	7	-	-100.00%
January	38	-	-	0.00%
February	43	-	32	
March	87	125	8	-93.60%
April	153	75	4	-94.67%
May	120	22	9	-59.09%
June	531	409	357	-12.71%
July	64	196	132	-32.65%
August	20	-	-	
September	34	26		
Year	1,134	941	556	

Downtown Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	1,500	2,429	2,518	3.66%
November	778	1,450	1,380	-4.83%
December	548	1,345	1,415	5.20%
January	877	1,632	1,678	2.82%
February	1,190	1,614	1,896	17.47%
March	1,063	1,517	1,747	15.16%
April	867	1,697	1,810	6.66%
May	1,057	2,014	2,375	17.92%
June	1,996	3,486	3,792	8.78%
July	2,295	2,793	3,268	17.01%
August	1,291	1,894	1,889	-0.26%
September	1,273	1,890		
Year	14,735	23,761	23,768	

Gurley Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	452	236	322	36.44%
November	298	216	244	12.96%
December	167	194	240	23.71%
January	342	284	301	5.99%
February	565	273	324	18.68%
March	409	244	457	87.30%
April	323	370	315	-14.86%
May	262	313	201	-35.78%
June	353	572	412	-27.97%
July	404	342	452	32.16%
August	137	147	114	-22.45%
September	169	299		
Year	3,881	3,490	3,382	

Hazel Green Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	197	311	292	-6.11%
November	193	275	278	1.09%
December	185	171	290	69.59%
January	275	243	341	40.33%
February	290	281	310	10.32%
March	312	361	395	9.42%
April	364	337	353	4.75%
May	493	414	398	-3.86%
June	734	859	536	-37.60%
July	545	329	679	106.38%
August	235	260	221	-15.00%
September	267	319		
Year	4,090	4,160	4,093	

Madison Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	2,066	2,514	2,018	-19.73%
November	1,611	1,400	1,292	-7.71%
December	1,358	1,516	2,074	36.81%
January	1,550	1,537	1,558	1.37%
February	2,116	1,848	3,056	65.37%
March	2,381	2,295	2,638	14.95%
April	2,326	2,239	2,346	4.78%
May	2,228	3,227	1,463	-54.66%
June	2,601	2,484	2,813	13.24%
July	2,797	2,525	2,947	16.71%
August	2,305	2,315	3,504	51.36%
September	1,914	1,443		
Year	25,253	25,343	25,709	

Monrovia Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	626	532	413	-22.37%
November	472	530	342	-35.47%
December	346	222	219	-1.35%
January	371	266	336	26.32%
February	494	288	413	43.40%
March	472	515	417	-19.03%
April	477	486	536	10.29%
May	852	717	659	-8.09%
June	799	1,052	945	-10.17%
July	516	489	449	-8.18%
August	353	664	391	-41.11%
September	303	332		
Year	6,081	6,093	5,120	

New Hope Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	209	782	272	-65.22%
November	146	180	119	-33.89%
December	120	131	81	-38.17%
January	149	126	143	13.49%
February	129	112	180	60.71%
March	117	202	254	25.74%
April	104	226	328	45.13%
May	276	270	207	-23.33%
June	389	365	632	73.15%
July	229	295	307	4.07%
August	120	175	296	69.14%
September	116	184		
Year	2,104	3,048	2,819	

North Huntsville Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	490	414	380	-8.21%
November	403	363	342	-5.79%
December	283	308	288	-6.49%
January	303	392	333	-15.05%
February	425	344	541	57.27%
March	476	508	612	20.47%
April	504	445	505	13.48%
May	585	491	571	16.29%
June	1,210	1,336	1,305	-2.32%
July	852	702	844	20.23%
August	304	175	512	192.57%
September	304	445		
Year	6,139	5,923	6,233	

South Huntsville Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	2,721	3,042	2,938	-3.42%
November	2,503	2,663	2,127	-20.13%
December	1,906	1,769	1,716	-3.00%
January	1,953	2,679	2,470	-7.80%
February	2,563	2,375	2,699	13.64%
March	2,837	3,001	3,007	0.20%
April	3,358	3,820	2,957	-22.59%
May	2,769	2,175	2,433	11.86%
June	4,889	4,493	4,944	10.04%
July	4,625	4,508	4,017	-10.89%
August	3,622	2,302	3,312	43.87%
September	2,712	4,560		
Year	36,458	37,387	32,620	

Triana Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	97	188	145	-22.87%
November	86	95	208	118.95%
December	176	144	256	77.78%
January	86	106	146	37.74%
February	250	170	208	22.35%
March	98	213	237	11.27%
April	78	181	193	6.63%
May	74	168	142	-15.48%
June	389	582	600	3.09%
July	421	409	445	8.80%
August	83	88	90	2.27%
September	136	170		
Year	1,974	2,514	2,670	

Outreach Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	755	851	887	4.23%
November	1,196	948	990	4.43%
December	791	902	795	-11.86%
January	999	794	864	8.82%
February	1,121	603	894	48.26%
March	1,043	559	1,104	97.50%
April	1,100	774	970	25.32%
May	-	876	26	-97.03%
June	-	-	106	100.00%
July	56	56	28	-50.00%
August	-	-	129	
September	945	903		
Year	8,006	7,266	6,793	

Systemwide Program Attendance				
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	% +/-
October	9,133	11,373	10,199	-10.32%
November	7,693	8,127	7,322	-9.91%
December	5,897	6,709	7,374	9.91%
January	6,943	8,059	8,170	1.38%
February	9,186	7,908	10,553	33.45%
March	9,295	9,540	10,876	14.00%
April	9,654	10,650	10,317	-3.13%
May	8,716	10,687	8,484	-20.61%
June	13,891	15,638	16,442	5.14%
July	12,804	12,644	14,081	11.37%
August	8,470	8,020	10,480	30.67%
September	8,173	10,571		
Year	109,855	119,926	114,298	

*FY24 and FY25 program attendance numbers from annual statistics

Number of Library Programs by Branch									
	Cavalry Hill			Downtown			Gurley		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
October	18	9	4	112	130	134	28	16	18
November	22	5	8	97	99	118	24	14	15
December	22	2	-	64	84	111	15	12	14
January	14	3	5	93	108	124	18	19	20
February	7	-	9	104	110	134	36	20	21
March	7	8	4	84	108	147	24	24	26
April	15	7	5	90	108	150	26	26	23
May	10	5	10	93	104	129	20	13	11
June	15	11	12	112	145	180	24	20	15
July	9	7	5	120	137	166	28	19	15
August	3	-	-	98	121	120	13	13	6
September	7	5		95	135		10	17	
Year	149	62	62	1,162	1,389	1,513	266	213	184

	Hazel Green			Madison			Monrovia		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
October	14	16	18	109	103	88	24	25	21
November	12	15	15	88	76	79	22	20	18
December	12	11	16	71	75	81	20	13	16
January	16	13	16	88	86	84	22	14	20
February	18	16	15	108	92	102	25	14	23
March	18	18	21	109	104	104	21	20	22
April	20	19	20	108	107	102	26	22	24
May	18	12	17	98	87	79	24	17	17
June	20	17	12	116	110	107	24	26	29
July	20	12	17	115	107	96	21	18	18
August	14	15	9	98	98	91	21	19	19
September	15	17		101	97		20	21	
Year	197	181	176	1,209	1,142	1,013	270	229	227

	New Hope			North Huntsville			South Huntsville		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
October	23	18	31	78	38	40	80	67	63
November	24	19	26	40	32	36	71	51	51
December	15	23	25	27	27	27	51	40	49
January	26	18	25	36	38	39	47	50	65
February	21	21	30	40	37	42	61	51	65
March	20	22	35	37	41	49	65	54	81
April	21	21	31	47	50	44	66	66	75
May	22	18	26	36	28	36	59	40	60
June	29	32	30	44	52	52	61	56	82
July	30	27	31	47	43	40	65	59	77
August	19	26	32	31	28	41	53	49	71
September	19	28		36	45		56	66	
Year	269	273	322	499	459	446	735	649	739

	Triana			Outreach			Total Number of Library Programs		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
October	11	14	16	17	25	28	514	461	461
November	11	13	16	27	24	26	438	368	408
December	21	17	15	17	24	28	335	328	382
January	15	14	11	23	16	25	398	379	434
February	16	14	17	25	15	25	461	390	483
March	14	15	19	22	16	28	421	430	536
April	15	15	15	28	23	31	462	464	520
May	14	14	12	-	-	5	394	338	402
June	31	34	27	-	-	5	476	503	551
July	34	28	25	1	1	4	490	458	497
August	16	10	8	-	-	8	366	379	408
September	18	17		26	24		403	472	
Year	197	205	181	186	168	213	5,158	4,970	5,082

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2025 Statement of Concern Submissions

Submitted	Title	Author	Format	Status	Decision	Completion Date
1/12/2025	The End of the Fxxing World	Charles Forsman	Book	Completed	Moved from YA Graphic to Adult Graphic for adult themes and content	3/7/2025
2/4/2025	The Boys' Guide to Growing Up	Terri Couwenhoven	Book	Completed	Moved from Juv Nonfiction to Adult Nonfiction for sexually explicit content	4/21/2025
2/5/2025	A Small Thing but Big	Tony Johnston	Book	Completed	Committee recommended to keep book in collection with no changes in placement; Certified letter returned 4/30/25; Letter emailed 5/6/25	5/6/2025
2/12/2025	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen Chbosky	Book	Completed	Moved from YA Fiction to Adult Fiction for sexually explicit content	4/14/2025
2/24/2025	Thirteen Reasons Why	Jay Asher	Book	Completed	Moved to Adult Ficiton for sexually explicit content. Certified letter delivery attempt 5/6/25 & 5/11/25; Certified letter returned 5/30/25 but not received by sender; Letter emailed 7/7/25.	7/7/2025
5/29/2025	Together: A First Conversation about Love	Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, & Anne/Andy Passchier	Book	Completed	Moved to Adult Nonfiction - Parenting due to need for parental guidance to discuss terms and vocabulary.	8/13/2025
6/18/2025	A Friend Like You	Frank Murphy & Charnaie Gordon	Book	Completed	Committee recommended to keep book in collection with no changes in placement; Received email from initiator requesting further review; Explained the process and requested confirmation of board review from initiator, and there was no request for further action.	8/20/2025
8/20/2025	What Are Your Words?: A Book About Pronouns	Katherine Locke	Book	In Process	Mailed 10/20/25. Notice Left (No Authorized Recipient Available) 10/23/25. Delivery re-attempted 10/28/25 with reminder to recipient to schedule redelivery of item. Unclaimed by recipient and sent back to sender 11/24/25. Received by sender 12/26/25. Due to newest administrative code update, title will be reevaluated once decision is made on any updates to collection development policy and letter will be resent.	
12/18/2025	Changing You : A Guide to Body Changes and Sexuality	Gail Salz	Book	Completed	Mailed 2/26/26. Notice left 3/2/26 and delivery rescheduled on 3/3/26. Emailed letter 3/11/26. Committee recommended to move the title from Young Adult Non-Fiction to Adult Non-Fiction based on content being more appropriate for parents to share with children.	3/11/2026

2026 Statement of Concern Submissions

Submitted	Title	Author	Format	Status	Decision	Completion Date
1/13/2026	Drama	Raina Telgemeier	Book	Completed	Mailed 3/13/26. Letter received 3/16/26. Committee recommended to keep book in collection with no changes in placement.	3/16/2026
3/10/2026	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Sherman Alexie	Book	Completed	Mailed 5/8/26. Emailed 5/18/26. Committee recommended to keep book in collection with no changes in placement	5/18/2026
6/5/2026	Flor Fights Back : A Stonewall Riots Survival Story	Joy Michael Ellison	Book	In Process	Emailed 8/5/26. Due to newest administrative code update, title will be reevaluated once decision is made on any updates to collection development policy and letter will be resent.	
7/7/2026	Is It Wrong to Try to Pick Up Girls In a Dungeon? Volume 1	Fujino Omori	Book	In Process	Mailed 9/4/26. Letter received 9/10/26. Committee recommended to keep book in collection with no changes to placement.	9/10/2026
8/24/2026	Undercover Princess (Rosewood Hall series)	Connie Glynn	Book	In Process		