



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees
October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Lyla Grills Reporting

- Meetings attended: Sept 10 – Friends of MPL meeting, Sept 11- “Adapting to the Changing Workforce” full day workshop by Clearpath HR Solutions presented to MCLS Directors, Sept 13- Class 1 for LIS 704 Facilities Management for Public Library Administrators, Sept 19- MLDC (Member Library Directors Council), Sept 26 -Meet & Greet with New Lima Library Director
- The carpet, tile floor, and 24 chairs were professionally cleaned in September.
- We canceled our hotspot service for the time being. MCLS has several hundred units which can be sent here on hold.
- National Friends of Libraries Week is October 20-26. Kelly sent out a press release, which also thanks outgoing president Nancy Holtby and welcomes new president Mary Church.
- Staff from RPL will be visiting MPL later this month for their Staff Day. MPL staff will visit Central in November for our Staff Training morning.

Programming Highlights for September 2024 (Kelly P. reporting)

Kids: After a busy summer and a few weeks off for Story Time in August, our Story Time is back and bigger than ever. We have several new families joining us for Tuesday Story Time. Fireflies are back, too. They are fully enrolled with ten little ones and their adults showing up for fun with Miss Jennifer every Wednesday. Miss Rosa, a retired RCSD teacher, recently started offering Story Time in Two Languages. These sessions have been taking place every Friday. We thank Miss Rosa for volunteering to lead these Story Times. Miss Lori, also a retired teacher and current staff member of MPL, has also started offering a Saturday Story Time every other Saturday when she is working. All these programs take place at 10 am. Right now, we are excited to offer Story Time on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and every other Saturday!

During September, Miss Lisa started up LEGO Club again. This will take place each month. Seventeen children and ten adults came for the first session.

Once again, The Friends of Mendon Public Library have supported our Children's area with new toys and crafting supplies. As always, we are thankful.

Look for library staff, Friends, BOT, and volunteers in the Fall Weekend Parade. We will have the Bookmobile and will be passing out library bookmarks. We will also have special programming on Indigenous People’s Day – RMSC will be sharing their Bat Program on this day off of school.

Teen Involvement: Teens continue to volunteer at the library every other Tuesday afternoon with Deb D. We are thrilled that several teens volunteer at the library. Their efforts are most appreciated. In addition, we continue to have a few young adults help us as they work with their aids to secure work experience. We have one young man who comes twice each week to clean books and a few other young people who assist with non-technical library duties on a drop-in basis.

Mrs. Kirby’s Middle School Class visits about twice monthly for library/community exposure. The staff looks forward to these visits and are thrilled to get to know these wonderful young people. Teen programs in September included a macrame air plant workshop and a pumpkin book folding workshop. We will be offering several teen events in October including an author talk with book giveaway as part of the Rochester Teen Read, Savings vs. Needs and Wants, and Spooky Halloween Program. We look forward to working with Nyla Armbruster and Eric Ahn for a special offering in November.

Our Teen and Children’s Chapter Books are in process of being shifted. Lisa R helped us utilize circulation data to capture trends and allocate appropriate shelf space for each collection. Necessary shelf cleaning allowed us to donate several boxes of discarded materials to the library at Industry in Rush. They are most thankful for these donations.

Adults: Our Tech Sessions continue to draw a steady following. Thanks to Dan B for making this possible. Book Club and Knit Nook also remain popular. October will find us offering a new “Neighbors Meet and Greet” every Thursday from 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM. A new volunteer, Carolyn, has offered to host these sessions as a friendly gathering for all.

October will find us discussing Travel Apps, Rochester Transportation History, and AI for Everyone. We will also be participating in the Great Give Back to gather needed supplies for Wild Wings.

Library Visits:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	2912	3315	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444	3713
Feb	3297	3387	3090	3292	2006	1011	3258	3928
March	3917	3840	3852	1982	2776	2046	3892	4229
April	3946	3954	4286	0	2490	1905	3765	4113
May	3664	3629	3902	0	2203	1487	3707	3904
June	4076	4126	3748	0	2984	1696	3652	3914
July	4292	4741	5134	4503?	3319	1759	4139	4903
Aug	4730	4296	4399	1982	3062	3610	4649	4168
Sept	3383	3358	3965	3462	2587	1902	3891	3742
Oct	3887	3766	3996	2633	2351	2000	3749	
Nov	3074	3429	3328	2507	2247	3050	3532	

Dec	2698	2970	2512	2108	1663	2794	3219	
Total	43876	44811	45500	21515	29451	24321	44897	36614

Hard Copy Circulations:

	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>
Jan	7287	6973	6666	6481	6158	4690	5009	6246	5241
Feb	7376	6887	6298	5957	5502	5352	4881	5759	5054
Mar	7738	7683	7232	6393	4727	5749	6420	6290	5756
April	7414	6803	6996	6638	345	5400	5528	5471	5889
May	5923	6732	5596	5787	389	4891	5144	5713	7454
June	8168	7342	7018	5886	2287	6890	6784	6292	7732
July	9173	8405	8837	8555	4225	7412	7212	6577	10033
Aug	9521	8870	7881	8012	4878	6395	7279	7297	9700
Sept	6853	6322	5789	5820	5497	5182	5512	5338	8118
Oct	6558	6776	6141	6386	5631	5194	5404	5856	
Nov	6659	6597	6662	5865	5683	5607	5360	5499	
Dec	5641	5823	5647	5063	5523	4917	5158	5249	
Total	88311	85213	80763	76843	50845	67679	69691	71587	64,977

Electronic Circulations:

	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>
Jan	892	887	991	1089	1209	1461	1498	1761	1752
Feb	795	900	974	1046	1311	1187	1431	1529	1758
Mar	891	927	960	1197	1412	1516	1522	1694	1906
Apr	892	921	990	1114	1687	1343	1467	1534	1937
May	783	878	502	1288	1864	1487	1449	1462	1895
June	691	841	998	1152	1872	1604	1367	1583	1829
July	816	946	1025	1247	1813	1589	1615	1887	2115
Aug	791	969	929	1163	1688	1628	1573	1766	1918
Sept	691	883	839	1192	1472	1424	1418	1545	1841
Oct	769	887	941	1199	1463	1406	1527	1556	
Nov	729	898	1104	1121	1371	1435	1552	1545	
Dec	849	854	1060	1146	1488	1387	1529	1584	

Total	9589	10791	11313	13954	18650	17467	17948	19446	16951
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