



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees
December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Lyla Grills Reporting

- L. Grills Meetings attended: Directors Council November 6, Member Libraries Directors Council November 21
- Staff Training Day was very well received by the 13 staff who attended! We had a fabulous tour of Central Library and lunch together (sponsored by the Friends)
- ROC the Day is December 3 and The Friends of MPL are participating.
- The Friends 2025 budget includes \$12,000 for library programs plus another \$6,000 for Book Page, Fishtank Maintenance, Staff Appreciation, Welcome Bags, Library Decorations, New Initiatives, and a Scholastic Book Giveaway for HFL Kindergarteners.
- Holiday décor has gone up! Clerk Deb D has been our main creative mind behind this, with teen volunteers and other staff contributing.
- The new Puzzle Collection has been unveiled!
- Minor sprucing up of some interior spaces has continued: new covered trash can by entryway, new display racks, etc.
- We have purchased a bunch of Cricut supplies with the Teen Grant.

Programming Highlights for December 2024 – Kelly P reporting

- Kids: We LOVE our young patrons at Mendon Public Library. Thankfully, they love it here, too. Story Time has been a hit on Tuesdays and on Saturdays. Miss Jennifer's Firefly Friends on Wednesdays is very much appreciated, too. Our programs in November were well attended – especially the Corn Husk Doll Making. Speaking of toys, we received a bounty of hand carved wooden toys from a local woodworker. We will be sharing these toys in the library, as prizes for Summer Reading, and as “thank you” for volunteers.
- December will find us reintroducing Two Language Story Time on Fridays for preschoolers. Miss Rosa is back and ready to volunteer January – April. In addition, we'll have a Curious George Day complete with Curious George (in costume thanks to The Friends), crafts, stories and parade marching. The Zoo will be back over break to share a special Animal Story Time event. We will also have a Zumba Class for kids prior to New Years.
- Teen Involvement: We are thankful for Nyla and Nipa Armbruster's Epilepsy Awareness Event held during Epilepsy Awareness month. In November, teens also enjoyed a wire bracelet making event. And, thankfully, teens showed up throughout the month and on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to help decorate the library for

the holidays. Under Deb D’s excellent supervision, the library is all decked out and looking bright.

- We have a few volunteers offering terrific programs for teens in December, including a “Magic the Gathering” Card Night and “Sew Fun – Basics of Machine Sewing.” Our Volunteers are AMAZING!
- Adults: The Staff thoroughly enjoyed the Field Trip to Central Library in mid-November. Everyone learned a great deal about all the programs Central and MCLS offer. Following the grand tour of the facility, the staff dined at Dinosaur BBQ for lunch. It was a beautiful day!
- Adult programs received decent attendance in November. We’re slowing down a bit with adult offerings in December but will be back in January with a full slate of activities.
- Adult volunteers continue to give us much to be thankful for. Mary Anne checks our inventory on Mondays, Rory cleans our books on Tuesday and Thursday, Melinda and her Mom bring Finley for Paws to Relax on Tuesdays, Nancy shelves on Tuesdays, Dan teaches tech on Wednesdays, Cathy typically assembles Take & Makes on Wednesdays, and Alice waters the plants on Thursdays. Miss Rosa, Miss Jane, Miss Stephanie, and Miss Jennifer offer programming for patrons of all ages. And our Friends continue to raise money and share that bounty with funding support for our programs and environment. In this month of giving thanks, we recognize the goodness that surrounds us.

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	4194
Nov	3074	3429	3328	2507	2247	3050	3532	
Dec	2698	2970	2512	2108	1663	2794	3219	
Total	43876	44811	45500	21515	29451	24321	44897	40,808

Hard Copy Circulations:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
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	7607
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	72,584

Electronic Circulations:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
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	1827
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	18778



MPL Staff in the Rundel lobby after our tour of Central Library.