



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees  
March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting**

**Lyla Grills Reporting**

- L. Grills meetings and trainings attended: 2/18 Friends of MPL meeting, 2/26 MCLS Annual Directors Retreat
- Kevin (Town Maintenance) has been a huge help fixing a lighting timing issue, keeping up with snow and ice removal, moving and storing some items, and problem solving various other minor building repairs here!
- The Friends began distributing MPL magnets to attract new people. They will distribute special bookmarks here next week for "Read Across America Week." The Friends will have their annual flower sale in May. They purchased some puzzles from Bleak House for our collection and 2 kids picnic tables.
- Our Intern Job Announcement was posted with a March 15 deadline to apply.
- Our introductory Sustainable Libraries meeting is scheduled for March 5.
- Photographer Paul Bergwall's exhibit has been a big hit.
- A new cycle of evaluating and an RFP process for MCLS's Library Management System (LMS) will begin soon. Current LMS CarlX is under contract until the end of 2027.

**Programming Highlights for March 2025- Kelly P. reporting:**

Kids: February Break week was full of great fun at the Mendon Public Library. Although the weather may have decreased the numbers at a few programs, most were full. The programs were sometimes musical, often creative, full of fun and made even sweeter with Hot Cocoa supplied by the Kiwanis.

Lots of planning is going on behind the wings for the Summer Reading Program. Collaborations are being developed with the Mill Art Center and Gallery, Equicenter, Memorial Art Gallery and local business and civic organizations. The Friends have purchased two kid-sized picnic tables for use with our three full-sized picnic tables. Look for them outside once the weather warms up. As far as Summer Reading is concerned, we're in the process of setting up programs, securing grants, and organizing where everything will take place. Typically, we use several outdoor spaces and hope to make that happen again this year. We may have some difficulty securing a few prime spots but continue to monitor the situation and will make due the best we can.

This March we look forward to a collaboration with PJ Library for a special Ruth Bader Ginsberg Kids Story Time and Craft opportunity in mid-March. The end of March will find us welcoming back composer and musician JacylN Breeze as she presents "Train Tales" Story Time and Concert. Importantly, we'll have representatives from U of R's Injury Free Coalition for Kids of Rochester

tabling at the library on March 18th for Poison Prevention Week. Stop by to learn more. All ages welcome.

Teen Involvement: Tuesday Teen Volunteer Time is in full swing with great “Stained Art” in process for Summer Reading Decoration.

In March, we’ll have a floral terrarium workshop, talks with Susan B Anthony House, and women’s history presentations on Joan of Arc and Jeanette Rankin. April presents a great opportunity to showcase HFL HS Green Team as they present their research on Earth-Inspired Topics.

Adults: A travel talk featuring Ireland and Scotland was very well received in February. We look forward to continuing the theme with a presentation by the Dunleavy School of Irish Dance on March 8. We’ll also offer a Tea Ceremony, History Talks (mentioned above), and opportunities to gather over a cup of coffee on Monday mornings or meet up for movie matinees on Fridays.

**JANUARY 2025 STATISTICS**

<b>January 2025 Circulations</b>	<b>Mendon</b>
Charge	4,428
Catalog Plus	132
Autorenewal	2,560
Phone Renewal	-
Overdrive	1,993
Kanopy	17
<b>January 2025</b>	<b>9,130</b>
<b>January 2024</b>	<b>6,993</b>
<b>Gain</b>	<b>2,137</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>31%</b>

**Visits**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Jan</b>	2912	3315	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444	3713	3288
<b>Feb</b>	3297	3387	3090	3292	2006	1011	3258	3928	
<b>March</b>	3917	3840	3852	1982	2776	2046	3892	4229	
<b>April</b>	3946	3954	4286	0	2490	1905	3765	4113	
<b>May</b>	3664	3629	3902	0	2203	1487	3707	3904	
<b>June</b>	4076	4126	3748	0	2984	1696	3652	3914	
<b>July</b>	4292	4741	5134	4503?	3319	1759	4139	4903	
<b>Aug</b>	4730	4296	4399	1982	3062	3610	4649	4118	
<b>Sept</b>	3383	3358	3965	3462	2587	1902	3891	3743	
<b>Oct</b>	3887	3766	3996	2633	2351	2000	3749	4194	
<b>Nov</b>	3074	3429	3328	2507	2247	3050	3532	3556	
<b>Dec</b>	2698	2970	2512	2108	1663	2794	3219	3406	
<b>Total</b>	<b>43876</b>	<b>44811</b>	<b>45500</b>	<b>21515</b>	<b>29451</b>	<b>24321</b>	<b>44897</b>	<b>47721</b>	<b>3288</b>