



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees
June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Lyla Grills Reporting

Meetings attended: MCLS Directors Council 5/7, Friends of MPL meeting 5/13, SSOC meeting 5/16, BOT Budget Committee meeting 5/29

- Book Displays are up for Immigrant Heritage Month and Pride Month. An exhibit titled "High Hopes: Immigration and the Erie Canal," on loan from The Erie Canal Museum, will be up on our display wall through June.
- The Friends Flower Sale was a success. There was splendid weather for the pickup day!
- The NYS FY 2026 budget was finalized and includes an appropriation of \$106.325 million for Operating Aid, which is a \$2.473 million increase over FY 2025 and notably the first time since FY 2009 that funding has reached or surpassed what is statutory under NYS Law. After a \$10 million increase in FY 2025, State Aid for Library Construction has been held flat at \$44 million for FY 2026.
- Lyla was appointed as the "Small Libraries" liaison to the MCLS System Services and Operations Committee (SSOC) which meets once per month via zoom.
- We are working on a collaborative book discussion event with Bleak House to take place in November.
- We would like to utilize remaining Teen Grant funds for a project in which teen volunteers re-establish the Rain Garden beside the sidewalk leading to Monroe Street, pending Town of Mendon approval.
- We would like to purchase a few Adirondack chairs with funds from The Friends to place on the grassy area in front of the library, pending a winter storage space solution!

Programming Highlights for June 2025 - Kelly P. Reporting

Kids: May found us celebrating reading and the amazing progress of all our Story Time friends. It really is extraordinary to watch the little ones grow and learn, appreciate Story Time, and see the friendships that develop among the kids and adults. It is a joy to be involved in early literacy - if you ever need a smile, come join us on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday mornings!

Kelly attended a Children's Librarian Retreat/Training at Central and learned from Sensational Inclusion LLC about "Autism and Literacy" and "Literacy Through Play." The presentations were helpful and backed up that a lot of what happens at Mendon Public Library is important and meaningful. Lori and Kelly also participated in an online seminar about NYS Literacy Programs. Both felt proud about the work already taking place at Mendon Public Library.

On June 11 at 9 am, the Summer Reading Program Registration will open. Then on June 25th, we will kick off the Summer Reading Program. We have lots of magnificent events planned, super fun prizes

to share, and wonderful incentives from local businesses to give out. We are attempting to get the word out through social media, distribution of our pamphlet and signage around town, and tabling at Cougar Creations (Kelly) and Mendon Fireman's Carnival (Friends). The Book Bike will also make an appearance at the Carnival thanks to The Friends of Mendon Public Library.

Teen Involvement: Emily English has moved comfortably into our library and has BIG plans for teen activities this summer. We are thankful that the Rochester Regional Library Council funded this grant and are super excited to see how much the teens will enjoy additional programming.

During the summer, teens will have designated programming available every Thursday, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Additional programs will be open to teens, and we are hopeful that teen volunteers will support children's programming throughout the summer as volunteers. Deb D and the wonderful Tuesday Teen Volunteers have created decorations for Summer Reading.

Adults: Adult programming in May included some timely and interesting topics, including Lafayette's Visit to Our Area, Pet Well-Being, Mycology, and Immigrant Stories.

Adult Book Groups are going strong, meeting both at the library and at sites around town. We are hoping to grow our adult offerings with poetry/journaling in the coming months.

Adult volunteers have kept busy creating take home crafts and Summer Reading take home kits. We hope to have 125 kid craft kits for each week of Summer Reading.

During a half-day staff training, Mendon Public Library staff were able to discuss the Sustainable Library Initiative, Summer Reading, and policy revision. At the conclusion of the training, The Friends of Mendon Public Library provided lunch to all the staff and the new Director of the Rochester Public Library and Monroe County Library System, Emily Clasper. Emily seemed to really enjoy getting to know our library and shared with us some exciting new initiatives that will impact our community in the coming months.

STATISTICS

Library Visits

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	2912	3315	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444	3713	3288
Feb	3297	3387	3090	3292	2006	1011	3258	3928	3594
March	3917	3840	3852	1982	2776	2046	3892	4229	4189
April	3946	3954	4286	0	2490	1905	3765	4113	4061
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	4118	
Sept	3383	3358	3965	3462	2587	1902	3891	3743	
Oct	3887	3766	3996	2633	2351	2000	3749	4194	
Nov	3074	3429	3328	2507	2247	3050	3532	3556	
Dec	2698	2970	2512	2108	1663	2794	3219	3406	
Total	43876	44811	45500	21515	29451	24321	44897	47721	15132

