



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees  
September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting**

**Lyla Grills Reporting**

- Meetings and Trainings Attended: MCLS Directors Council (DC), System Services and Operations Council (SSOC). Library Support Activity: Tabling at Mendon Fest
- Thanks to The Friends, we have a new collection of Tonies and Tonie Boxes (figurines and machines that plays children's stories and songs).
- We created an Adult Graphic Novel collection, shelved where the Book Discussion Kits formerly resided. The Book Discussion Kits are now next to the newspapers, which we think provides the proper visibility for people to discover these.
- Our current art display was created by staff member Lori M, representing the variety of classes she has taken at The Mill Art Center & Gallery. The Mill is hosting an End of Summer Paint Out by the Library on September 13.
- The carpets were professionally cleaned and upholstered chairs were cleaned in-house by our staff cleaner.
- The driveway and parking lot were scheduled to be sealed and striped Sept 5-6.
- A recruiter from Monroe County Human Resources tabled here one afternoon and had numerous people stop by to talk about job opportunities. Because of this success, she will return to do a program later this fall.
- MCLS news: More types of text and email notifications have been rolled out with the new Patron Point system. At the end of the year, telephone notifications will be discontinued. Publicity is going out to alert patrons to activate text and email notifications for holds before the end of the year if they can. A plan is being developed to inform those who will still be unable to use text or email notifications.

**Programming Highlights for September 2025 (Kelly P. reporting)**

Kids: Summer Reading was a tremendous success. We had great participation in our program with lots of positive feedback from kids and their families. Attendance at programs was off the charts! Our patrons showed up for our events, had lots of fun, and let us know that they really appreciated the programming that was offered. Look for a more formal SRP Pictorial Report coming soon.

In other news, The Friends approved \$800 toward Tonies! We're hoping to start a new collection of these screen-free, audio materials. According to our patrons and statistics from other libraries, these items are super popular, entertaining and easy to use.

The Friends also purchased Scholastic paperback books for all kindergartners! We added a "Courtesy of Mendon Public Library Friends" labels and Mendon Public Library operating hours bookmarks to each book.

Regular Story Time, Firefly Friends, and bi-monthly Saturday Story Times will continue in September.

Teen Involvement: Summer Reading was embraced by our Tween/Teen population this year. Thanks to the grant we received from the Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC), Emily E was hired to host programs twice each week throughout the summer. Volunteens on Tuesdays (1-3 PM) was a huge hit. The teens really enjoyed coming together to do good things for our community. Teen Craft Time on Thursdays was also super popular.

Because of this success, Emily E was offered a position to continue this work at MPL. We're happy to announce that Emily E has accepted a position at the MPL! We're thrilled to have her on staff 8 hours/week, with one Saturday/month.

Adults: We had a lot of adults participate in Summer Reading this year. Whether they tagged along to kid/family programs or submitted a book review, numbers for adult participation were up this summer.

This fall, we will continue to offer Tech Help, Knit Nook, Paws to Relax, and Book Club. We also will add in a new recurring event, "Sweet Bites Poetry Discussion" once a month. Additional programming will be sprinkled in each month. In September we'll be featuring - Composting, Raised Bed Gardening, History Talk - T. Roosevelt, and "Stuck in Our Screens" Book Discussion.

The Mendon Public Library is part of the Wired for Opportunity initiative. In October, we will be offering a basic introduction to using computers. In this class, we'll go over the computer's hardware and how to use it, how to get on the internet, and how to create your own email. Maximum of 10 participants, no experience necessary, registration required. This class will take place at the Mendon Community Center located at 167 N Main Street, Honeoye Falls. This is a series of 4 classes as a part of the Wired for Opportunity program. Those under the age of 14 need to have an adult with them. If participants complete all 4 classes, they will receive a free Chromebook to take home. Limit of one device per person per household while supplies last. This project is supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLFRP0206 awarded to Monroe County, New York by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

	Visits								
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Jan</b>	2912	3315	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444	3713	3288
<b>Feb</b>	3297	3387	3090	3292	2006	1011	3258	3928	3594
<b>March</b>	3917	3840	3852	1982	2776	2046	3892	4229	4189
<b>April</b>	3946	3954	4286	0	2490	1905	3765	4113	4061
<b>May</b>	3664	3629	3902	0	2203	1487	3707	3904	3526
<b>June</b>	4076	4126	3748	0	2984	1696	3652	3914	4015
<b>July</b>	4292	4741	5134	4503?	3319	1759	4139	4903	5623
<b>Aug</b>	4730	4296	4399	1982	3062	3610	4649	4118	4685
<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>32981</b>

<b>August 2025 Circulations</b>	<b>Mendon</b>
Charge/Renew	5,135
Catalog Plus	143
Auto-Renew	3,544
Phone Renew	-
Overdrive	2,228
<b>Aug 2025</b>	<b>11,050</b>
<b>Aug 2024</b>	<b>11,618</b>
<b>Gain/Loss</b>	<b>(568)</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>-5%</b>