



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

Lyla Grills Reporting

Grills Meetings: Friends meeting 10/14; MCLS Directors Council 10/15, SSOC 10/17, New Trustee Orientation 10/22, Legislative meeting with Assemblymember Lunsford 10/29

- Lori participated in the Mendon Fire Department's Fall Festival as a special guest reader throughout the evening. Lyla and Lori greeted ~100 trick-or-treaters during the Impact Club's Business Trick-or-Treat day. The Friends provided candy and decorations. Both events were well attended, fun, and we would like to participate again next year!
- The Friends were honored with a Proclamation from the Town for National Friends of Libraries Week. Additionally, 13 Wham did a great "Bright Spot" piece about our Friends and NFOLW in general, and The Sentinel ran a story and photo as well. Charlene set up a table display about The Friends and gave away stickers, which were a big hit. A volunteer put on the Clementine mascot costume and greeted and treated visitors on the Tuesday afternoon of NFOLW. We purchased 10 books with a sustainability theme utilizing BOT funds in honor of The Friends. Book plates were put in and Lyla offered to put individual Friends' names in them, however the group decided they would like a general dedication to "The Friends of MPL."
- Another great article about the library was published in the 10/24/25 Penny Saver titled "Kelly Paganelli: Creating a Lifelong Love of Reading,"
- Staff are being assigned their annual Sexual Harassment and Violence in the Workplace online trainings to completed by the end of 2025. BOT members will be signed up for these courses as well.
- We will be closed until 1 pm on November 13 for our Staff Training morning. Staff will discuss Sustainable Libraries and our 2026 library building anniversary. The Gandhi Institute will lead a workshop for us on Appreciative Inquiry. The Friends of MPL are purchasing lunch for us from Four Seasons.
- Matt has worked hard to get up to speed on Patron Point, and our newsletter will be created and sent using this new software beginning November 1.
- Baker & Taylor unfortunately went out of business. We are now using Brodart for adult book ordering, though there are book ordering delays across the country.
- Lyla, Kelly, and Alicia met with Allyn Stelljes and another representative from Causewave on October 8. Allyn followed up with a proposal to have MPL work with Causewave on a mini-marketing plan. RRLC is opening up a grant application for Capacity Building with Causewave which we could apply for.
- LAS updated new 3-year software licenses for our patron and staff computers.

Programming Highlights for November 2025 (Kelly P. reporting)

Kids: October found us in the sweet spot of ongoing Children's events. Our Story Times appear to be developing a regular following with friendships forming and attention spans growing. LEGO Club attendance has been robust, too. Firefly Friends is fully enrolled.

The new collection of screen-free Tonies that the Friends allowed us to purchase have been a huge hit. The three players have been checked out continuously and the Tonies have been going in and out. Many parents comment that these devices are a terrific option for screen-free entertainment, and they appreciate the chance to "test drive" the system before purchasing them for their household.

Over Columbus /Indigenous Peoples' Day we welcomed Genesee & Ontario Model N-Gineers, LTD. This enthusiastic group of men shared their love of trains with patrons of all ages throughout our open hours on Monday, October 13. This was a first for our library. Hoping it becomes a regular event.

A book display shared during "Banned Book Week" prompted a patron to donate towards additional books that cover this topic for kids and teens. In this circumstance, the patron was inspired to make a gift that would benefit our collection and support Bleak House Books. Lyla and Kelly are considering how to utilize this money.

In November, the Amerks Reading Power Play program will commence. This partnership with the hockey team and library system allows us to partner with the local school to encourage students to read for the chance of winning tickets to the Amerks. This program runs through the end of January.

Teen Involvement: Our VolunTeens! meet-ups have been expanded to occur every Tuesday afternoon. Emily E works with whomever shows up to decorate, clean up, maintain our indoor and outdoor spaces. We even had one teen dress up in the "Big Clementine" costume and host a Clementine Meet & Greet in honor of Friends of the Library Week.

A few spooky Teen and Adult programs were offered in October. In November, we will offering a Tea Ceremony and a few Indigenous Peoples' programs.

Adults: Adults have been utilizing the library for quiet work time. Whether in the study rooms or at one our workspaces, we've noticed a steady stream of adult patrons working away in the library.

Program-wise, we've partnered with Pinehurst and Bleak House to offer various events. Outreach remains high on our list of library priorities, and we're pleased to continue to develop new partners. In fact, a partnership with a former employee and current college professor will give our community a chance to join a two-part book discussion during Native American Heritage Month in November.

WIRED FOR OPPORTUNITY SOLAR TABLE USAGE FOR SEPTEMBER

<u>Location</u>	<u>Data Usage (GBs)</u>	<u>Connections</u>
<u>Brockport</u>	<u>5.16</u>	<u>91</u>
<u>Connected Communities</u>	<u>3.71</u>	<u>210</u>
<u>East Rochester</u>	<u>0.99</u>	<u>136</u>
<u>Father Tracy</u>	<u>10.66</u>	<u>94</u>
<u>Freestyle Mercantile</u>	<u>0.25</u>	<u>132</u>
<u>Gandhi Institute</u>	<u>4.79</u>	<u>107</u>
<u>Greece Canal Park</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>205</u>
<u>Honeoye Falls</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>143</u>
<u>Parma</u>	<u>0.78</u>	<u>72</u>
<u>Riga</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>132</u>