

Director's Report to Board of Trustees October 6, 2025 Regular Meeting

Lyla Grills Reporting

Grills Meetings and trainings: Friends meeting 9/9; 3 Board Candidate meetings 9/15, 9/16, 9/22; MLDC 9/18, RRLC Project Management workshop 9/18, SSOC 9/19, Public Relations Training 9/25, Little Libraries Meeting 9/26.

- Staff tuned in to several MCLS "Town Halls" designed for staff of all levels at every member library, on the topic of the new Integrated Library System (ILS) RFP and selection process.
- National Friends of Libraries Week is Oct 19-25.
- Lyla has been doing one-on-one staff check-ins the past few weeks and assigning SLCP tasks to individual staff.
- We will be ensuring we meet accessibility requirements for government websites. A federal law goes into effect April 2026 for municipalities with populations of 50,000+ and April 2027 for those under 50,000.
- Banned Books Week 2025 is October 5–11 with the theme "Censorship Is So 1984 Read for Your Rights". We have bookmarks to give out and have a display featuring books about book banning and a poster of The Library Bill of Rights.
- Library vendor Baker & Taylor is having major difficulties with operations. We are switching over to using Brodart for adult books, but there will be a delay in getting some of our new books in this month.
- The Causewave meeting is October 8 at 1:00 pm.
- Upcoming SLI Events: SLCP Meet Up: Water, October 9 at 1:00- 2:00 pm; Strategic Climate Communication: Insights and Tools for Effective Strategies, October 23 at 2:00-3:00 pm.

Programming Highlights for October 2025 (Kelly P. reporting)

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Kids: September found us back in action with Tuesday Story Time, Saturday Story Time, Firefly Friends, and LEGO Club. We have a lot of new participants and are thrilled that our participants are extremely grateful for these opportunities to gather, enjoy a story or activity, and make new friends.

We're also thankful for a generous donation that allowed us to purchase books at Bleak House Books. The donation was split three ways – Kids, Young Adult, and Adult.

Our new Tonies Collection is a huge hit. The Friends of Mendon Public Library provided funds for this popular offering.

For community outreach, we joined the HFL Fall Weekend Parade. We handed out books, wore our

superhero costumes, and had a great time. We're making plans to participate in the Fire Truck Parade, December 13th, too! Look for updates on Pete the Cat headed out on village streets come December.

Teen Involvement: Emily E continues to offer VolunTeens on Tuesdays and Makers, Menders and More: Teen Craft Time on Thursdays. Emily E's Bleak House Book purchase included a fantastic set of YA Fantasy, Delicious in Dungeons.

Emily E attended the HS Open House on September 25. She shared Teen Offerings and met a lot of teens, family members and library lovers!

In October we'll be offering a few Spooky offerings for teens – New York Spirits and Rochester Cemeteries!

Adults: With the election coming up in November, we were thrilled to host the League of Women Voters at the library in mid-September. This volunteer organization staffed a table at the library and answered patrons' questions about voting.

Regular adult programs continue to draw a steady crowd. Paws to Relax, Tech Training, Knit Nook, Sweet Bites Poetry, and Friday Movie Matinees will all be up and running in October. Additionally, we've got some special offerings including a movement program, online fall gardening programs, and some spooky Halloween events. Don't forget, 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
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	3526
June	4076	4126	3748	0	2984	1696	3652	3914	4015
July	4292	4741	5134	4503?	3319	1759	4139	4903	5623
Aug	4730	4296	4399	1982	3062	3610	4649	4118	4685
Sept	3383	3358	3965	3462	2587	1902	3891	3743	3992
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	36973

September, 2025 Circulations

September	Mendon			
Charge/Renew	4,726			
Catalog Plus	119			
Auto-Renewal	2,709			
Overdrive	1,966			
September 2025	9,520			
September 2024	9,959			
Gain/Loss	(439)			
Percentage	-4%			