

Director's Report to Board of Trustees December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting

Lyla Grills Reporting

Grills Meetings and Trainings: Friends meeting 11/13; MCLS Directors Council 11/12

- MCLS will provide new WiFi Hotspots to be housed at individual libraries in the new year.
- MPL is participating in the Holiday Parade on the evening of December 13. Trustees are welcome to march.
- An advocacy meeting with Senator Helming is coming up on December 5.
- At the November Friends meeting, Lyla presented a 2026 Wish List which included funding for Book Page subscription, Aquarium Maintenance, Tonies Collection, and \$12,000 for programming.
- ROC the Day is December 5 and The Friends are participating in this fundraiser.
- The Friends meeting dates were changed to the second Thursday of each month. There will be a working group meeting before the December meeting to start writing an annual appeal letter for next year.

Programming Highlights for November 2025 (Kelly P. reporting)

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Kids: Children's events went off without incident in November. Story Times were well attended on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Firefly Friends was fully enjoyed, too.

We had a few young people at our "Stories from Across Turtle Island: Stories from Native Tribes across the Country with Perry Ground." Perry does a terrific job grabbing the attention of young people and adults.

Looking towards the holidays, we are thrilled to be trying a new program in conjunction with Pinehurst. On Thursday, December 11th, we will offer a "Timeless Tales" Story Time at Pinehurst complete with songs, stories, and multi-generational cookie decorating. After that, we will have Pete the Cat making an appearance at several library events. He will show up first on Friday, December 12th for a special program with Mrs. Kirby's Life Skills Class. Then on Saturday, December 13, Pete the Cat will make a special guest appearance at Mrs. Lori's Saturday Story Time. We have special crafts prepared to share! Following that, Pete the Cat will be in the truck bed of Charlie Paganelli's pickup in the Honeoye Falls Fire Truck Parade.

Over the holidays, we will offer a few fun kids events, including a Drawing Program, Family Puzzle Contest, Flute Story Time, and End of Year Magic Show. We will start the New Year off right with a Kid-friendly Recycling Story Time.

We're also pleased to report that we'll have some exciting collaborative programs on Martin Luther King Day, including: a special School-Age Story Time, All-Ages Paper Collage Day with Mill Arts Center, Mid-Day Hot Cocoa Bar courtesy of the Kiwanis, LEGO Club, and Book Club! FIVE impressive library events in one day!

Teen Involvement: Our VolunTeens have done a terrific job sprucing up the library's interior and exterior spaces. We are thankful to have Miss Emily leading the crew every Tuesday afternoon. Over break week, we will host our first-ever Super Smash Bros Tournament! Also, the monies received from Assemblymember Lunsford "Teen Grant" will be fully allocated by year-end. Look for a new multi-point charging station and desktop grow station coming soon.

Adults: The Native American programs offered in November with a few new collaborators proved super successful. Our community turned out for book discussions, off-hour film screenings, and off-site book talks. The ongoing Poetry Program and Voice the Constitution event proved similarly successful.

Staff participated in a Training Day in November with "Team Building through Appreciative Inquiry" offered by staff from the Gandhi Institute. We also discussed the Sustainable Library Initiative and enjoyed a lovely lunch from Four Seasons thanks to The Friends.

January will find us offering a new "Wired for Opportunity" computer class in conjunction with local, state, and federal support.

Finally, Lyla and Kelly are working on a grant from RRLC to get funding for a Marketing/Capacity Building Program with Causewave. Hopefully, by the next BOT meeting, we will have positive news to report.

Sustainable Libraries Events (Can count towards Trustee Training requirement):

December 5, 1:00-2:00 pm - SLCP Meet Up: Collective Impact
December 11, 2:00-3:00 pm - Introduction to the Sustainable Libraries Initiative
December 12, 10:00-11:00 am - Introduction to the Sustainable Libraries Certification Program

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	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	4803
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	41776

October, 2025 Circulations

October	Mendon			
Charge/Renew	4,830			
Catalog Plus	126			
Auto-Renewal	2,992			
Overdrive	2,001			
October 2025	9,949			
October 2024	9,434			
Gain/Loss	515			
Percentage	5%			