



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees
January 5, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Lyla Grills Reporting

Grills Meetings and Trainings: Friends meeting 12/11; MCLS Directors Council 12/3, MCLS Meeting with Senator Helming 12/5, MCLS Directors Training "Owning the Moment"

- Our new phone/tablet charging station arrived and is located near the fireplace.
- Matt created a slideshow featuring some of the best photos around MPL in 2025. It's currently playing on a loop in the Reading Room and will be linked to our website home page and our January e-newsletter.
- We've already acquired our fun end-of-year statistics on the top circulating items in categories including adult books, YA books, J books, and DVDs. Check out social media and our digital screens to discover what made the list!
- Soon we will be receiving and compiling all our statistics for 2025 for the NYS Annual Report. NYS Library does not yet have a replacement product for capturing all of the stats, but our MCLS office has been working hard to have a system in place for member libraries to record everything in the meantime ("Collect Connect" was the old software, and it was suddenly discontinued when Baker & Taylor went out of business). Statistics are so far painting a very good picture of MPL's usage and accomplishments. Anecdotally, patrons have shared many fond memories and great comments throughout the year!
- We will also be compiling an Annual Report for the community, which will contain some key statistics, projects, and accomplishments of 2025. We will mention our involvement in the SLCP.
- The Friends held a meeting on December 11 at which Mary Church provided a pre-meeting dinner and discussion about the 2026 Annual Appeal.
- Supervisor Alati plans on coming to the Feb 2 Library Board Meeting.
- January Virtual SLCP Events: *SLCP Meetup on Social Cohesion*, January 8, 1:00-2:00 pm; *AI and the Environment*, January 22, 2:00-3:00 pm

Programming Highlights for January 2026 (Kelly P reporting)

Kids: December found us enjoying all kinds of special events at the library. Wonderful story times, special break week events, and even special guest visits and parading with everyone's

favorite character, Pete the Cat. We were also pleased to offer a special event at Pinehurst – Holiday Story Time for Young Children and Seniors. Everyone in attendance enjoyed singing, reading, and decorating delicious holiday cookies.

Our community seems to be fully engaged in our programming and appreciates the opportunities for gathering and learning that the library provides. That's a great gift to all of us who work hard to put on these events. We're also very thankful to our wonderful volunteers who help create crafts, decorate the library, keep things tidy and organized, and even step into character roles to help us out.

So far, we have fifty-two entries for the Amerks Reading Power Play Program. That's 156 books read! This program runs through the end of January, so hopefully, we will have even more books read to report then.

Book (BOT) and Program (Friends) Budgets for 2026 should allow us to build our collections, including the ever-popular Tonies (\$1,000 from Friends for Tonies) and events, as our community has grown accustomed to.

Planning for the 2026 Summer Reading Program, "Unearth a Story" is already in progress. We typically try to have everything set by March. This year, the Kickoff for Summer Reading might be even more eventful as we celebrate the 15th Anniversary of our beautiful building.

Teen Involvement: The VolunTeens group has been meeting each week with camaraderie and fun building with each session. Miss Emily has led them in some tasks that just had not worked their way to the top of the "to-do list." Our thanks to our teens for getting things done!

We cannot wait to hold our first-ever Super Smash Brothers Video Game event in early January. New video games purchased with Teen Grant monies will also be on the shelves in the new year.

Adults: Our grant application to RRLC to get funding for a Marketing/Capacity Building Program with Causewave was submitted by the December 17th deadline. We're hoping to find out if we have received this grant by January 19th.

Adult programs continue to attract varied groups of community members. Knitters, poets, gardeners, readers, and movie fans can all find something to enjoy at the MPL.

Finally, staff have been working through several of the Sustainable Library initiatives. We've checked off several boxes and are seeking new partnerships and programming opportunities with environmental groups as we try to complete all of Section A. Look for new alliances and more environmental programs in 2026.

Statistics:

	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	3523
Dec	2698	2970	2512	2108	1663	2794	3219	3406	3332
Total	43876	44811	45500	21515	29451	24321	44897	47721	48631

Danny Bassette provided statistics for his 2025 Tech Tutoring sessions. Danny generously volunteered his time every Wednesday



