



MENDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Report to Library Board of Trustees March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting

Lyla Grills Reporting

Library Support Activities:

**Grills: MCLS Plan of Service Committee Meetings Feb 5 & 27, Meeting with Monroe County Youth Board Feb 6, Long Range Planning Feb 11, Friends of MPL Feb 12, MCLS Directors Retreat Feb 18, SSOC Feb 20, Sustainability Meeting Feb 23,
English: BOAT Best of All Time Teen Services Retreat Feb 24
Paganelli: Day Care Visit Feb 26**

- The renovation of the Tichenor table and 6 chairs is complete and looks great.
- Sustainability Committee members Lori M and Deb D are creating a new Seed Library! The opening date will coincide with the April 25 Eco Fair.
- Taproot will be delivering the garden beds and soil on April 16.
- Kevin will be raising the back countertop in the staff area. This will be much better for standing while processing materials.
- The State Library is implementing a new system for collecting Annual Reports. We are awaiting the opening of this portal and have most of the data ready to input as soon as we can. We do still need to receive a 2025 financial report from The Town. The completed 2025 MPL NYS Annual Report will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the April 6 meeting.
- The "2025 Year in Review" report to the community will be printed on posterboard again and posted in several places around town.
- We are currently hosting a toothpick structure of St. Patrick's Cathedral, created by Stan the Toothpick Man!
- Save the Date: We will participate in the Mendon Carnival Parade on May 30.

Programming Highlights for March 2026

Kids: Pleased to report that we have several sponsors already for the Summer Reading Program. M&T traditionally gives \$500. This year, they're supporting us with a \$1000 program grant. We're also receiving lots of great prizes gifted from local businesses.

We've almost got the programs nailed down for Summer Reading. Look for some interesting dinosaur/earth related events. The theme is "Unearth a Story" and we're thinking up some dinosaur team events with special field notebooks to keep track of the Summer Reading achievements and events.

February break offered a glimpse at busy library programming. Patrons were appreciative of the chance to come out, have fun, and learn about terrariums, the Underground Railroad, LEGOs, Energy, Snap Circuits, Wizards, and Lunar New Year. Spring Break will be here before we know it – we've got lots of programs planned for late March/early April.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be investigating the Ralph Wilson Grant Program. We're hoping we can apply for and obtain grant monies to encourage literacy outdoors. Stay tuned.

Finally, we're working with a professor from Nazareth University to bring more and better music offerings to our Story Times. Professor Missy Reed will be meeting with Lori and Kelly on April 14th. Additional training will also be shared.

Teen Involvement: Teens enjoyed the chance to participate in a Henna Program over February Break. Miss Emily's Mario Kart February Break Program was a huge success. New teens continue to show up to assist with VolunTeens.

Adults: We'll be starting our Capacity Building Planning this month. We look forward to learning more about how we can move forward with plans for the future with Causewave sharing some great strategy.

Speaking of strategy, we're looking to strengthen our Sustainable Libraries initiative. We've made several new connections and are focusing on meeting the goals of this worthwhile program.

Knit Nook and Sweet Bites Poetry programs have been growing in popularity, too.

Upcoming Meetings, Trainings, and Events:

SLCP Meet-Up on Financial Planning, March 5, 1:00-2:00 pm
Friends of MPL Meeting, March 12, 6:30 pm
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, March 16, 7:00 pm
SLI Sustainable Futures Summit, March 18 & 19, all day
Sustainability Committee Meeting, March 23, 7:00 pm
Regular Library Board Meeting, April 6, 7:00 pm
SLCP Meet-Up on Collections, April 9, 1:00-2:00 pm
THBC Hiring and Evaluating the Library Director, April 16, 5:00 pm
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, April 20, 7:00 pm
National Libraries Week, April 20-25 (Right to Read Day 4/20, National Library Workers Day 4/21, Library Outreach Day 4/22, Take Action for Libraries Day 4/23)
Eco Fair at Harry Allen Park with activities at MPL as well, April 25
Sustainability Committee Meeting, April 27

Visits

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Jan	2912	3315	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444	3713	3288	3268
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	3268

January Circulation Statistics for MCLS Town Libraries

	Brighton	Seymour	Chili	ER	Fairport	Gates	Greece	Hamlin	Henrietta	Irondequoit
January										
Charge/Renew	24,272	6,942	11,533	1,505	28,270	10,384	21,190	2,338	20,163	19,595
Catalog Plus	1,064	368	492	111	1,209	640	1,216	136	863	893
Auto-Renewal	14,703	2,768	6,026	869	17,156	6,123	14,229	1,138	12,431	12,284
Phone Renewals	-	1	2	1	3	-	3	-	7	1
Overdrive	8,531	2,377	3,813	1,263	10,771	2,406	11,886	776	6,295	6,306
Hoopla	1,325		563		925	395	2,872			
Kanopy	318			214	316	32	8			
January 2026	50,213	12,456	22,429	3,963	58,650	19,980	51,404	4,388	39,759	39,079
January 2025	52,553	12,434	21,265	3,826	60,132	21,004	49,995	4,866	38,978	40,310
Gain/Loss	(2,340)	22	1,164	137	(1,482)	(1,024)	1,409	(478)	781	(1,231)
Percentage	-4%	0%	5%	4%	-2%	-5%	3%	-10%	2%	-3%

	Mendon	Newman Riga	Ogden	Parma	Penfield	Pittsford	Rush	Mumford	Scottsville	Webster
January										
Charge/Renew	4,728	1,144	6,396	3,321	21,012	22,389	1,576	283	1,050	19,442
Catalog Plus	146	28	321	221	961	978	47	12	85	843
Auto-Renewal	2,615	513	3,201	2,013	11,467	12,925	608	135	652	10,758
Phone Renewals	1	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	10
Overdrive	2,393	619	2,576	1,987	8,251	11,738	572	-	859	7,379
Hoopla					811	792				
Kanopy					176	862	66			75
January 2026	9,883	2,304	12,494	7,542	42,681	49,686	2,869	430	2,646	38,507
January 2025	9,130	2,149	12,179	8,347	41,852	50,403	2,855	675	2,822	39,829
Gain/Loss	753	155	315	(805)	829	(717)	14	(245)	(176)	(1,322)
Percentage	8%	7%	3%	-10%	2%	-1%	0%	-36%	-6%	-3%