



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees  
April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting**

**Lyla Grills Reporting**

**Grills Meetings and Trainings:**

NYS Library Construction Grant meeting 3/2, MCLS Directors Council 3/4 , Rural Libraries Grant Meeting 3/4 , Causewave 3/9, Tech Soup QuickBooks for Non-Profits (Lyla & Lisa R) 3/5, Member Libraries Directors Council 3/12, New Directors Handbook Club 3/13, LR Planning 3/16, SSOC 3/20, Sustainability 3/23

- The NYS Annual Report new collection portal opened up. Lyla will bring this to the BOT for approval at the May meeting.
- Lisa and Lyla met with Janet Way, new Town Finance Officer. The Town will be moving to a new payroll processing company, Complete Payroll, this month. Janet also followed up with Lyla regarding NYS mandated annual training: NYS Harassment & Discrimination, Workplace Violence Prevention, Cybersecurity Awareness, Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazard Communications
- Educational leader Johnny from Borgne, Haiti (Honeoye Falls' Sister City) will be visiting MPL on April 9 at 4:00 pm along with some representatives from Friends of Borgne. Trustees are invited to attend!
- Lyla submitted an application for the Ralph C Wilson Rural Libraries Grant to get a StoryWalk.
- Trustees and Town Liaison should have received invitations to attend a special Legislative Breakfast event, hosted by MCLS, on Friday, April 24.
- The Seed Library is coming along and is still on track to open on April 25. Deb D and Lori have done a fantastic job getting seed donations from local companies (Ace Hardware and Tractor Supply) as well as non-local seed companies and individuals.
- Spring Break Week was a success. Kelly planned and executed a lot of fun programs including Family Bingo, RMSC Women in Space, and a Mushroom Walk at Mendon Ponds.
- Our current art exhibit features works from residents of Pinehurst.
- Kevin completed the work to raise our processing counter to standing height. This is a big ergonomic improvement for those who do prolonged work there!

- Lyla, Kelly, Katie G, and Mary C will be meeting next with Causewave on April 7.
- Matt created a new logo for the library's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, to be unveiled during National Libraries Week, and used throughout our June celebrations and the rest of the year.



#### Programming Highlights for April 2026 – Kelly P reporting

Kids: March will end with a bang with lots of Spring Break Programs in the works. Our families seem very thankful for these opportunities to try new things and learn something new over break weeks. We're thankful to the Friends for funding these programs. Rock painting, bike safety, fish painting, women in space, castaway (science) challenge, mushroom walk, polymers, getting to know our Muslim neighbors and BINGO are just a few of the offerings in late March/ early April.

Lyla has been busy investigating the Ralph Wilson Grant Program. Monies from this program aim to encourage literacy outdoors. Our idea – A Story Walk at Semmel Road Park. Lyla has investigated vendors, Town interest, and library allies. Grant applications need to be submitted quickly with expenditure in 2026.

Professor Missy Reed of Nazareth will be providing a few Music Story Time training in March and April. Lori and Kelly are excited to learn more. And, it's a free training opportunity!

Teen Involvement: Miss Emily's VolunTeens has been very well attended. She is also garnering a solid following for the Thursday Maker, Mender, and More Program. Anecdotally, teens really do appear to be utilizing the library more for after school studying and meet ups.

Emily has started to work with the Teens to create materials for Summer Reading. Look for some awesome activities/crafts/programming inspired by the Teens.

Adults: As I write this report, we've met with Causewave twice to begin the Capacity Building of Mendon Public Library. Lyla, Kelly, Katie G, and Mary have talked with our Causewave partners to determine what we're doing well and how we might best share our goals for the future.

Work on the Sustainable Libraries Initiative has encouraged us to look beyond our normal programming and try to partner with and/or explore new opportunities. Each month, we've added at least two sustainable programs.

On April 25th the Mendon Public Library will celebrate its journey in conjunction with the Eco-Fair, hosted by the Village of Honeoye Falls. We are planning a variety of programs to celebrate, educate and inspire, including:

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM - SATURDAY STORY TIME WITH MISS LORI - SPRING SEED THEME

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM - RECYCLE RIGHT- Presentation & Tabling w/Monroe County's Dept. of Environmental Science

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Plastic and Microplastics Awareness and Action with CCE Monroe County

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Various in-library opportunities, including:

Mendon Public Library “Seed Library” OPEN for business!

Pop Up Sale of Gardening Books.

Friends Tabling w/ Information on Flower Sale.

Statistics:

**Visits**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>Jan</b>	2912	3315	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444	3713	3288	3268
<b>Feb</b>	3297	3387	3090	3292	2006	1011	3258	3928	3594	3310
<b>March</b>	3917	3840	3852	1982	2776	2046	3892	4229	4189	3472
<b>April</b>	3946	3954	4286	0	2490	1905	3765	4113	4061	
<b>May</b>	3664	3629	3902	0	2203	1487	3707	3904	3526	
<b>June</b>	4076	4126	3748	0	2984	1696	3652	3914	4015	
<b>July</b>	4292	4741	5134	4503?	3319	1759	4139	4903	5623	
<b>Aug</b>	4730	4296	4399	1982	3062	3610	4649	4118	4685	
<b>Sept</b>	3383	3358	3965	3462	2587	1902	3891	3743	3992	
<b>Oct</b>	3887	3766	3996	2633	2351	2000	3749	4194	4803	
<b>Nov</b>	3074	3429	3328	2507	2247	3050	3532	3556	3523	
<b>Dec</b>	2698	2970	2512	2108	1663	2794	3219	3406	3332	
<b>Total</b>	<b>43876</b>	<b>44811</b>	<b>45500</b>	<b>21515</b>	<b>29451</b>	<b>24321</b>	<b>44897</b>	<b>47721</b>	<b>48631</b>	<b>10050</b>

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

SLI Meetup on Collections, April 9

THBC: Hiring and Evaluating the Library Director, April 16