



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees
May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting**

Lyla Grills Reporting

Grills Meetings and Trainings: 2 Causewave Meetings (4/7 and 4/23), Meeting with Supervisor Alati (4/8), Directors Council (4/8), SLCP Meetup (4/9), Friends of Borgne (4/9), Policies Committee (4/13), Payroll Meeting (4/14), SSOC (4/17), LR Planning Committee (4/20), Met with Mary Church/Friends (4/22), Met with Alicia ZC for Director Evaluation (4/22), Legislative Breakfast (4/24), Sustainability Committee (4/27)

- The 2025 NYS Annual Report was submitted.
- Our Seed Library opened on April 25, thanks to the hard work of clerks Deb D and Lori M!
- We will be advertising to hire a seasonal page for the summer months. We may need to add another PT clerk as well.
- We started a small YA Wonderbooks collection.
- Friends of MPL news: The Flower Sale pickup date is May 9. Mary C has been working extra hard on Friends fundraising, writing an annual appeal letter and scheduling numerous meetings with local groups to give her presentation! The Friends presented each staff member with a \$5 gift card treat to Main Street Café for National Library Week - Library Workers Day!
- Library volunteer Mary Anne Magee has been doing a wonderful job compiling historical information about the library so that we can use it in our 15-+year celebrations!
- We enjoyed hosting artwork from Pinehurst residents in April. We had a fun reception with a few of the artists during National Library Week Outreach Day!
- For May, we have displays on National Pet Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Better Speech and Hearing Month.
- Staff Training Morning is May 14 and we will be completing a Waste Audit, reviewing the plan for Unearth a Good Story: Summer Reading 2026, gathering staff input for our Long-Range Planning, and having lunch, provided by The Friends.
- The Mendon Carnival Parade is May 30 and we will be marching and handing out books from the Book Bike. Trustees are invited to join us!
- MCLS faces a budget gap of \$107,000 for FY 2027, driven primarily by a \$200,000+ increase in system services costs. State and county funding will most likely remain flat. Member libraries' cost shares will most likely increase by 5% and some patron services may be cut.

Programming Highlights for May 2026 (Kelly P reporting)

- Kids: Story Time continues to be a growing draw. Miss Rosa's Bilingual Story Time is gaining traction. Miss Kelly's Tuesday Story Time pulls in a nice crowd and Miss Lori's bi-weekly Saturday Story Time is increasingly popular! We'll have a couple of special Friday Story Times - we just had "Getting to Know our Muslim Neighbors" and will soon host "Getting to Know our Jewish Neighbors."

- Professor Missy Reed of Nazareth came to our library in April and was impressed by the work Kelly and Lori are doing. We were thrilled to learn some new ways to incorporate music into our Story Time sessions.
- Our Diverse BookFinder Collection Analysis Tool indicates these differences from 2025 to 2026:
 - 6623 to 6973 items submitted by the Mendon Public Library.
 - 286 to 274 items, including duplicates, matched those in the DBF collection.
 - 279 to 268 unique titles that matched those in the DBF collection.
 - 4.3183 to 3.9294 percent of your collection features BIPOC characters (this number may not be accurate if you submitted more than picture books). We did, in fact, include JNF and EZ Readers.

This isn't as much as I had hoped for, but we did submit more books, so, I think we're keeping up with improving our diverse book offerings.

- In May, we'll be offering our third Timeless Tales Story Time Program at Pinehurst. We've really enjoyed this new collaboration. The kids enjoy visiting a new place and all the attention. The adults at Pinehurst really love being around the children. EVERYONE loved the stories.
- We're finishing planning for Summer Reading. We will be promoting at the Staff Training Day on May 14, at Cougar Creations on May 19th, and before the Afghan Family Program on May 20th at the Presbyterian Church. We will pass out Bookmarks and other materials at the Mendon Parade and at the schools.
- Teen Involvement: Rory Allison and Charlotte Staples were nominated for the Monroe County Youth Citizenship Awards due to their work at the library. We're thrilled that they will be recognized in a late April Ceremony at Monroe Community College.
- Emily E's VolunTeens and Craft Programs have been terrific. They're gearing up to plant the new garden beds that Taproot Collective donated! Look for growth this spring and summer!
- Adults: Sweet Bites Poetry has developed a loyal following. The patrons that attend fully appreciate the chance to slow down and talk poetry.
- All the adults and teens that assisted us in the library received a simple Volunteer Month Appreciation Gift.
- Representatives of the Friends, BOT, and staff continue their work with Causewave to discuss "Capacity Building" opportunities tied in with how to best position the library for growth down the road.

Recommended Reading: [State of America's Libraries: A Snapshot of 2025 | ALA](#)

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

May 14, 1:00 – SLCP Meetup on Final Presentations

May 22, 1:00 - Minimum Standards for Libraries - Confidentiality of Library Records, presented by NYS Library

May 28, 10:00 - Minimum Standards for Libraries - Internal Library Policies Related to Personnel, Disaster Preparedness, and Financial Controls, presented by NYS Library

STATISTICS:

Library Visits

	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	3310
March	3917	3840	3852	1982	2776	2046	3892	4229	4189	3472
April	3946	3954	4286	0	2490	1905	3765	4113	4061	2741
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	12791

Circulations

MPL TOTAL CIRCULATIONS

	2025	2026
JAN	9,130	9,883
FEB	9,286	9,169
MAR	10,324	9,848
APR	9,870	
MAY	8,890	
JUNE	9,144	
JULY	11,680	
AUG	11,050	
SEP	9,520	
OCT	9,949	
NOV	9,180	
DEC	8,485	
TOTAL	116,508	28,900

% Difference Last Year to Current

8%
-1%
-5%

MPL PHYSICAL CIRCULATIONS

	2025	2026
JAN	7120	7490
FEB	7347	7106
MAR	8080	7719
APR	7710	
MAY	6793	
JUNE	7058	
JULY	9661	
AUG	8822	
SEP	7554	
OCT	7948	
NOV	7173	
DEC	6891	
TOTAL	92157	22315

MPL DIGITAL CIRCULATIONS

	2025	2026
JAN	2,010	2,393
FEB	1,909	2,063
MAR	2,244	2,129
APR	2,160	1,971
MAY	2,097	
JUNE	2,086	
JULY	2,019	
AUG	2,228	
SEP	9,520	
OCT	9,949	
NOV	9,180	
DEC	9,044	
TOTAL	54,446	8,556