MENDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT TO THE MENDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 2, 2026 - LYLA GRILLS REPORTING:

Lyla has been busy with end of year budget balancing, 2027 budget planning, and covering shifts at the desk since late September and October were busy for staff time off.

The Friends Silent Auction was a success. It was extended from 4 days to 11 days. Local businesses contributed items – Thank you!

Kevin and Riley (Buildings and Grounds) will help Emily E and Volun-Teens plant some spring bulbs (and spruce up the landscaping around the entrance). Emily E received the bulbs for free at the Taproot Community Garden Fall Giveaway, along with some garlic which is now planted in our beds.

We received a $1000 Hacker Grant to fund an Environmental Film Fest in April!

Lyla, Kelly, and Matt attended a seminar on creating impactful Annual Reports.

Our Staff Training Morning is November 12. We will focus on Long Range Planning, findings from our Causewave capacity building/ marketing work earlier this year, everyday advocacy, and sustainability. The Friends are treating us to lunch.

Kelly participated in the Mendon Fire Department's Fall Festival as a story reader, and Lyla and Deb J were on duty October 31 for the Village Business Trick or Treat.

We are a collection location for Toys for Tots once again.

Lyla and Kelly will attend AI Training at Central Library on November 19.

Lyla will attend a Disaster Planning meeting at the Town Hall on November 19.

Rochester Speakers Series kindly gave us 2 tickets to their Oct 23 event with Min Jin Lee, which we raffled off.

Programming Highlights for November 2026 – Kelly P Reporting:

Kids: Story Times, LEGO Club, and Timeless Tales all were a huge success in September. Folks are turning out and pleased to participate in these offerings. Besides the Fall Weekend Parade in early October, we also branched out and had a presence at Pinehurst for Timeless Tales and the Mendon Fire Department's Fall Festival. Kelly continues to push into a home daycare for a monthly story time session.

Story Walk books have been ordered, and the school has agreed to help us laminate all the pages for installation starting in Spring 2027.

We're excited to offer a variety of offerings for kids in November including a special Thanksgiving Trivia program.

Teen Involvement: Teen programs are going strong! Teens have decorated the library for fall and have helped to put our "garden" to sleep for the off season. We're excited to be working with some educators from RIT to offer Teen and Adult Citizen Science Programming in November and December.

Our teen volunteer, Linus, continue to offer D&D at the library every other Thursday afternoon. He reports that the teens who show up have a great time!

Mrs. Kirby and her middle school students continue to visit the library on Thursday mornings to check out our new books and hear a story or two.

Adults: Adult programs this past month included a variety of offerings – financial literacy to book clubs to paranormal activity. Mark Fairchild's Fireside Science Chats has been gaining a steady following with some great discussion.

November will find us offering a special day of Constitutional Reading and Protest Songs (11/7). We'll also share some information about the great work being done at Equicenter plus a program on Veteran's Day.

The library will open late on November 12. Our staff will meet with the Town Supervisor at the start of our Staff Training. In addition, we'll discuss the Capacity Building Grant and Sustainability. Staff Training will allow us all the chance to share what's going well at the library and perhaps share some unexpected ways we're serving our community. Stay tuned for how we'll share this information out in our 2027 Impact Report.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Visits

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Jan	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444	3713	3288	3268	
Feb	3090	3292	2006	1011	3258	3928	3594	3310	
March	3852	1982	2776	2046	3892	4229	4189	3472	
April	4286	0	2490	1905	3765	4113	4061	2741	*
May	3902	0	2203	1487	3707	3904	3526	2860	*
June	3748	0	2984	1696	3652	3914	4015	1703	*meter count not working properly April-June or earlier
July	5134	4503?	3319	1759	4139	4903	5623	4139	** New sensor, July stat is July 8 3 pm-July 31 3pm
Aug	4399	1982	3062	3610	4649	4118	4685	5082	
Sept	3965	3462	2587	1902	3891	3743	3992	3967	
Oct	3996	2633	2351	2000	3749	4194	4803		
Nov	3328	2507	2247	3050	3532	3556	3523		
Dec	2512	2108	1663	2794	3219	3406	3332		
Total	**45500**	**21515**	**29451**	**24321**	**44897**	**47721**	**48631**	**30542**	

TOTAL CIRCULATIONS (PHYSICAL PLUS ELECTRONIC)

	2025	2026	% Difference Last Year to Current
JAN	9,130	9,883	8%
FEB	9,286	9,169	-1%
MAR	10,324	9,848	-5%
APR	9,870	10,150	3%
MAY	8,890	8,869	0%
JUNE	9,144	9,760	7%
JULY	11,680	12,679	9%
AUG	11,050	11,521	4%
SEP	9,520	9,874	4%
OCT	9,949		
NOV	9,180		
DEC	8,485		
TOTAL	116,508	91,753	

MPL PHYSICAL CIRCULATIONS	2025	2026
JAN	7,120	7,490
FEB	7,347	7,106
MAR	8,080	7,719
APR	7,710	8,179
MAY	6,793	6,876
JUNE	7,058	7,718
JULY	9,661	10,434
AUG	8,822	9,299
SEP	7,554	7,941
OCT	7,948	
NOV	7,173	
DEC	6,891	
TOTAL	92,157	72,762

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**	**1,993**
JUNE	**2,086**	**2,042**
JULY	**2,019**	**2,245**
AUG	**2,228**	**2,222**
SEP	**1,966**	**1,933**
OCT	**2,001**	
NOV	**2,007**	
DEC	**1,594**	
TOTAL	**24,321**	**18,991**