



Library Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Columbus Public Library - 223 W. James Street

Call to Order

Roll Call of Members, Introduction of Visitors, Public Input

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- [1.](#) Meeting Minutes from 8-18-2026

Reports

2. Financial Secretary's Report

- [3.](#) Bills-\$6,693.39

- [4.](#) Library Director's Report

- [5.](#) Library Director Goals

- [6.](#) Budget Comparison

Literacy Council

Friends of the Library

Correspondence

Committee Reports

- [7.](#)
 1. Investment Policy
 2. Gifts and Memorials Policy
 3. First look at Legacy Giving brochure

Unfinished Business

- [8.](#) 2027 Library Budget

New Business

Adjourn

The next meeting of the Library Board will be on October 20 at 5:00 PM

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Call to Order: Pete Kaland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Pete Kaland, Amanda Wakeman, Jim Schieble, Nora Vieau, Deb Haeffner, Trina Reid, Sue Salter, Shirley Berkley, Merry Anderson
Absent: Dana Pike

Roll Call, Introduction of Visitors Public Input:

Approval of the Agenda: Shirley moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of June Minutes:

Shirley moved and Dana seconded a motion to approve the July 21, 2026, minutes.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report:

The SCLS account was down slightly. CDAR1 renews 8/27/26 at 3.72%. Merry moved and Jim seconded a motion to move \$15,000 to the SCLS account. Motion carried.

Bills: Bills of \$2,998.59 submitted. Merry moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Budget Comparison: No report available.

Library Director's Report:

8-11: Summer Library Program had 679 participants and wrapped up with a party at the Columbus Aquatic Center. The Kiwanis Club provided and helped serve food. Jack and the great CAAC team and Janet from the Friends of the Library also helped.

In August and September we encouraged patrons to visit other Carnegie Libraries. With three visits they qualify to win a gift basket donated by local businesses.

Community Partnerships:

CPL assisted the Police Department in creating graphics for their Culver's event and posting on Facebook

CPL attended National Night Out with six staff featuring crafts and giveaways. We also assisted the Department of Public Works with putting handprints on new snowplow

Youth Services:

July 28-Library Director Storytime with Amanda plus Catherine and Pippa, her new puppy.

July 29-Harry Potter Birthday Party on the Library lawn with games, crafts and snacks.

July 29-Utilities Director Randy Myrum joined us with the new snowplow and special guest, Scuba Steve, one of the Fireman's Park goats.

August 4-City Administrator Matt Amundson was joined by Irie and JJ for adventure storytime.

Adult Services:

CPL hosted a luncheon for the Libby Reads Event for *I See You Called in Dead*.

Our new morning Stay Crafty group started and will meet monthly on Friday mornings.

Coming Up:

Book clubs continue to thrive.

August 20-3rd Thursday Book Club: *The Emperor of Gladness*

August 27-Books & Beer with Margaret Mizushima

August 19-Trivia Night

August 25-Cookbook Club and Tasting: Summer Snacks

August 28-Stay Crafty Morning Craft Group

September 7-Library Closed for Labor Day

September 10-Teen and Adult Puzzle Competition

September 12-Let's Get Green and Growing! at the Community Center

Meetings:

August 3-Annual SCLS visit with Tracie Miller. We shared everything we have been working on, goals for next year and how SCLS can help.

September 15-20-Amanda will be gone to attend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Montgomery, Alabama.

Buildings and Grounds:

Smell noted in the elevator. The space beneath the elevator floor is clogged. Amanda will coordinate with the plumber and elevator company to resolve.

Other: We discussed the negative impact of inaccurate stats due to new computer system on budget allocations.

Library Director's Goals:

Goal 1. Two meetings with City HR to learn new payroll system.

Goal 2. Work begun on 2027 budget. Also worked with Columbia County Library Board to create a plan for the county library budget which will be presented on September 25.

Goal 3. Wrapped up Summer Library Program with record participation.

President's Report: None

Literacy Council Report: None

Friends of the Library: Attended Back to School Night on August 26 offering pencil giveaway.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: Trina will check the assessment rolls to determine ownership of building on the west side of the library.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Received preliminary budget from the City for review and discussion. The City may approve a 2.5% salary increase. It now offers merit pay but CPL does not so CPL will request a different percentage. The 2025 increase was 2.5%. The range is 2.5% to 5% (\$316,201 to \$323,913). The Cost of Living estimate is 3.6%. Sue made a preliminary motion, dependent on final budget, to approve a staff salary increase of 3.6%. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Jim moved and Sue seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next scheduled board meeting – September 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Merry Anderson, Secretary

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8/18/2026

David Rogers	Music of Arabian Spain	\$ 400.00
Thierno Diallo	Author Talk	\$ 100.00
Valerie Biel	Pathways to Publishing	\$ 250.00
Xandra Kauth	Summer Intern Stipend	\$ 500.00
Penworthy	Youth Books	\$ 770.76
Ingram	Books	\$ 1,599.69
		\$ 3,620.45

9/1/2026

Chad Lewis	History of Halloween	\$ 350.00
Bureau Veritas	Elevator Inspection	\$ 110.00
WendWorks	All Ages Train Program	\$ 600.00
	Service Renewal for RFID Station and	
Envisionware	prograted for Self-Checkout	\$ 419.95
Cintas	Cleaning and Rugs	\$ 181.75
Rhyme	Copier Lease	\$ 218.47
	DVDs, NNO supplies, SLP Supplies, AD Books,	
	AD Craft Programs, Custom stickers,	
US Bank (Amazon)	garbage bags	\$ 1,192.77
		\$ 3,072.94

Library News:

- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! To celebrate, Columbia County Libraries are handing out puzzle pieces at each library for patrons. Put all the pieces together to complete the puzzle and turn it in at any library to win a prize!
- Patrons have until the end of September to complete their Carnegie Library Passport and turn it in to win a gift basket. In Columbus the basket includes a Hydroponic Garden set.
- With having less magazine subscriptions, we have added to our Library of Things. A few new things of note are a bird watching kit, a yarn winder and swift, a color analysis kit, and more. Be sure to stop by to see what you can check out at the Library!
- The Library will get new flooring in the Program Room, stairs, and entryway. The Library will remain open on Tuesday, September 22 for the Program Room floor replacement. On Friday, September 25 we will close for the new flooring on the stairs and in the entryway.

Community Partnerships:

- Helen attended the open house at Columbus Elementary School on August 26. The Friends of the Library provided color changing pencils to hand out to students. We also took some to Zion, St. Jerome's, and Fall River schools.

Youth Services:

- Youth programming took a small break at the end of summer, but is now back! There are weekly storytimes, with the first Wednesday of the month taking place at Home Again Assisted Living. Music & Motion returns for one week each month. There is also Art Studio, Stitching Stars, Chess and Lego Club, and Book Dragons creative writing.
- The Homeschool Group took a break for the summer but had a planning meeting on September 2 and will be back for another year, meeting every Monday afternoon. Amanda will be facilitating the first Monday of each month this year.
- To follow up our very popular 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, we will be launching a 500 Books Before Middle School program.

Adult Services:

- There was a fun trivia night on August 19 with 14 people attending.
- We have several craft opportunities at the Library and all of them are very popular! Twice a month we hold Craft-In where patrons can come and work on any craft project they like. Hooked on Books and Yarn led by Catherine meets one a month to crochet together. Craft Night led by Kristen, and Stay Crafty led by Amy have both had max capacity with guided craft projects.

Upcoming Events:

- Book Clubs
 - September 17- Third Thursday Book Club: Not Quite Dead Yet
 - September 21- Romantasy Book Club: Daughter of No Worlds
 - September 24- Books & Beer: Author Sara Dahmen
 - October 1- After Hours Book Club: Never Lie
- Programs and Author Talks
 - September 16- Author Talk: How to Give Your Child a Smart Start
 - September 18- David Rogers Classical Guitar
 - September 22- Author Talk: Thierno Diallo
 - September 23- Adult Craft Night: Mini Succulents
 - September 29- Pathway to Publication with Valerie Biel
 - October 9- Author Talk: Kate Bender, dealing with children's grief

Meetings and Professional Engagment:

- Amanda is gone to the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Montgomery, Alabama from September 15 through September 20.
- The Columbia County Library Board will meet on Friday, September 18.
- The Columbia County Libraries will present to the County Finance Committee on Friday, September 25.
- The SCLS Foundation Cornerstone will take place on Thursday, October 8 in Madison.
- Kristen will be attending the Back in Circulation Conference in Madison October 5 and 6.

Library Statistics		2026 Current Month	2026 YTD	2025 Previous Month	2025 Total	% Change from 2025 to 2026
	Visits	4,894	38,277	48,063	67,988	-20%
	Circulation	3,966	35,826	42,005	59,674	-15%
	Digital Items Borrowed	1,292	10,537	9,458	14,551	+11%
	Books sent by Mail	19	107	97	135	+10%
	Public Wi-Fi Use	6,470	46,740	39,324	39,324	+19%
	Public Computer Use	286	1,979	1,808	2,592	+9%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing	89	715	650	993	+10%
	Community Use of Rooms	81	881	775	1,135	+14%
	Patrons Added	*	*	237	346	*

Statistics Updates:

- The door count is down due to purchasing a door counter that is less sensitive than our old one. While the number is lower, it is more accurate than in the past.
- We still don't have all the missing reports for Patrons Added, but we do now have May and June, which shows 87 patrons added in Columbus over those two months.
- Circulation numbers are still not looking right. Amanda has reached out to SCLS to hopefully find out why there is such a change, and there isn't an answer right now. They did indicate that several libraries have reached out with the same question.

Program Statistics	Amount of Programs	Program Attendance	Self-Directed Activities
Future Readers	6	146	4
Children	3	21	0
Teen	2	18	0
Adult	12	140	1
General Interest	5	284	103

1. Has the Director demonstrated Leadership and Management Skills with respect to the Library and staff?	
- Facilitate regular staff meetings to support continuous learning and enhance collaboration and cohesion among team members. - Actively promote and assist staff in identifying relevant continuing education opportunities.	5/2026- Kristen attended the Adult Library Services Program Swap at the Oregon Library (Catherine was on vacation). 5/2026- All staff will participate in monthly online trainings through NeoGov via the City of Columbus. In May, the training course is titled "A Guide to Healthy Communication." 7/2026- Helen attended the Play Make Learn Conference in Madison. 8/2026- Hosted 2 staff meetings with HR for staff to learn the new payroll system. 9/2026- Kristen will be attending the Back in Circulation Conference held by UW Madison on October 5-6.
2. Has the Director demonstrated their ability to provide Budgetary, Fiscal, and Infrastructure Information to the Board?	
- Assess current and future space needs and make informed recommendations to the Board to enhance service to patrons. - Create a strategic budget that promotes sustainable growth in staffing, building improvements, collection development, and programming.	5/2026- Installed new Self-Checkout in the children's area 6/2026- We are the recipients of a Literacy Bridges: Empowering 21st Century Communities grant from the Association for Small & Rural Libraries backed by the Carnegie Corporation. This \$25,000 grant will go for adult basic and digital literacy needs over the next two years. 8/2026- Started working on a preliminary budget for 2027 8/2026- Worked with the Columbia County Library Board to create a plan for the county library budget for 2027. 9/2026- Completed a preliminary budget that includes a 3.6% cost of living increase for all staff, as well as continued support for programs. 9/2026- Will be presenting to the County Finance Committee on September 25 and to the Columbus City Council on October 6.
3. Has the Director managed and/or developed Programming Initiatives and Resources for the Library and its patrons?	
- Collect and analyze patron feedback to design and implement new programs that meet community needs. - Build upon and actively promote existing library programs to ensure continued engagement and success.	5/2026- Catherine is gathering information and working on creating a Mahjong group at the Library 6/2026- The new Mah Jongg group will begin meeting on Fridays starting on June 26. 6/2026- The Summer Library Program launched on June 8. We currently have about 100 people more signed up this year than we did last year at this time. 6/2026- We are starting another craft class at the library. This one will be in the morning and will be lead by Amy. 7/2026- We continue to promote the Summer Library Program. We have surpassed last year's number of participants and are continually getting new registrations.

	8/2026- Wrapped up the Summer Library Program with almost 700 participants and a great end of the program party at the Columbus Aquatic Center. 9/2026- Patrons can fill in a Carnegie Library Passport by visiting at least 3 Carnegie Libraries to win a prize basket. 9/2026- We are participating with the other Columbia County Libraries in a puzzle that can be completed by patrons by visiting all 10 Columbia County Libraries.
4. Has the Director maintained Public Services/Relations and Communications with the Columbus community and surrounding areas?	
• Increase community awareness of the library's current and future growth needs. • Actively communicate the value of current library services and highlight opportunities for expanded offerings. • Create and implement a Legacy and Memorial Donation program and promote it to the community.	4/2026- Added a TV screen upstairs for announcements and to share statistics with the library users. 6/2026- Attended a webinar about relationships between Libraries and Municipalities. 7/2026- Started working on a brochure about leaving a financial legacy at the Library.
5. Has the Director demonstrated her ability to provide the Board with Policy Assistance and/or Development Support pertaining to local, state, and national developments in the library field?	
• Create and maintain a centralized policy manifest that documents all policies and their last review dates. • Ensure policies are reviewed and updated on a regular cycle, prioritizing those not reviewed in the past two years. • Develop and implement any missing policies to support effective operations and compliance.	5/2026- Went through all our policies and renamed them using the last date they were updated. 5/2026- Attended a director's roundtable with SCLS staff where Library User Policies were discussed. We updated this policy last year and it does not need any further changes. 6/2026- This month the Policy of the Month club is looking at Social Media policies. We just updated ours in 2025 and it is in line with what the POTM club recommends. 7/2026- Attended a zoom webinar led by DPI about policies and updating policies. 9/2026- Worked with Peter and Merry to update the Investment Policy and the Gifts and Memorials Policy.

Account Number	Account description	Short account description	Account Type	2026 Actual 09/09/2026	2026 Budget	Notes From Amanda-
210-00-41110-000-000	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	Revenues	304093.37	304,093.37	*This was officially moved to our account
210-00-46710-000-000	COUNTY LIBRARY FUNDS	COUNTY LIBRARY FUNDS	Revenues	166,584.94	166,084.94	
210-00-46711-000-000	SCLS FUNDS	SCLS FUNDS	Revenues	0	500	
210-00-46712-000-000	FINES & FEES	FINES & FEES	Revenues	232.29	800	
210-00-46713-000-000	FAX & COPIES	FAX & COPIES	Revenues	3,891.09	4,500.00	
210-00-48100-000-000	INTEREST REVENUE	INTEREST REVENUE	Revenues	1,287.57	1,000.00	
210-00-48200-000-000	RENTAL INCOME - ANNEX	RENTAL INCOME - ANNEX	Revenues	2,470.00	5,760.00	
210-00-48211-000-000	GRANT REVENUES	GRANT REVENUES	Revenues	35,400.00	0	
210-00-48500-000-000	DONATIONS	DONATIONS	Revenues	7,453.55	2,000.00	
210-00-49200-000-000	TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS FUNDS	TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS FUNDS	Revenues	0	24,000.00	
Totals				521412.81	508,738.31	
210-00-55110-110-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY SALARY	Expenses	53,422.14	74,640.59	
210-00-55110-123-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICE DIRECT	Expenses	35,735.00	52,502.11	
210-00-55110-126-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PART TIME	Expenses	111,139.00	159,487.34	
210-00-55110-130-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY SS/MEDICARE EXP	Expenses	12,919.85	22,534.41	
210-00-55110-131-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY RETIREMENT	Expenses	11,279.49	17,337.37	
210-00-55110-132-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY HEALTH/VIS/DENTAL	Expenses	31,576.79	45,061.26	
210-00-55110-133-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY LIFE INS	Expenses	93.69	116.78	
210-00-55110-134-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY LT DISABILITY	Expenses	219.02	445	
210-00-55110-136-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY HSA EXP	Expenses	0	0	
210-00-55110-210-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL FEES	Expenses	250.58	500	
210-00-55110-211-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY LEGAL/PROF SERV	Expenses	154	250	
210-00-55110-220-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY UTILITIES	Expenses	3,112.47	5,700.00	
210-00-55110-221-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY TELEPHONE/INTERNET	Expenses	332.37	1,500.00	
210-00-55110-222-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY HEAT	Expenses	1,447.14	2,000.00	
210-00-55110-230-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY REPAIR/MAIN	Expenses	14,352.65	10,000.00	*Includes first half of flooring project
210-00-55110-242-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY MEDIA/WEB/MISC	Expenses	0	850	
210-00-55110-292-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY SOFTWARE/CONT SERV	Expenses	920.74	1,750.00	
210-00-55110-296-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY CUSTODIAN	Expenses	3,449.01	7,937.44	
210-00-55110-297-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY DELIVERY	Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	
210-00-55110-300-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY OP SUPPLIES & EXP	Expenses	8,668.45	15,000.00	
210-00-55110-311-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY POSTAGE	Expenses	68.34	0	
210-00-55110-313-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY BANK FEES	Expenses	48.04	250	
210-00-55110-331-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY MILEA/MEALS/LODGING	Expenses	3,589.63	2,000.00	*Grant funds used for ARSL Conference
210-00-55110-401-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY ADULT AUDIO	Expenses	1,011.03	2,500.00	
210-00-55110-402-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY YOUTH AUDIO	Expenses	57.59	500	
210-00-55110-403-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY ADULT BOOKS	Expenses	9,914.48	12,000.00	
210-00-55110-404-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY YOUTH BOOKS	Expenses	4,502.56	8,000.00	
210-00-55110-405-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY TEEN BOOKS	Expenses	1,348.81	1,500.00	
210-00-55110-406-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PERIODICALS	Expenses	945.15	2,000.00	
210-00-55110-407-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMMING	Expenses	8,519.90	6,000.00	
210-00-55110-408-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMMING	Expenses	12,298.81	7,000.00	
210-00-55110-409-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY DIGITAL MEDIA POOL	Expenses	2,832.00	2,832.00	
210-00-55110-410-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PUBLIC REL EXPENSE	Expenses	1,209.12	1,000.00	
210-00-55110-510-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PROP/LIAB/AUTO	Expenses	0	3,800.00	
210-00-55110-700-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY FURNITURE/FIXTURES	Expenses	0	3,000.00	*will pay for downstairs countertop (2025 grant from CAE)
210-00-55110-701-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY EQUIPMENT	Expenses	11,793.48	3,500.00	*Includes self-checkout
210-00-55110-805-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY SCLS CONSORTIUM	Expenses	22,655.00	22,744.00	
210-00-55115-220-000	ANNEX	ANNEX UTILITIES	Expenses	3,451.44	4,500.00	
210-00-55115-230-000	ANNEX	ANNEX REPAIR/MAIN	Expenses	394.48	1,500.00	
210-00-55115-390-000	ANNEX	ANNEX OTH SUPP & MISC EXP	Expenses	-34.38	500	*This is negative because there was a check from 4 years ago that was never cashed so it was added back into this balance
Totals				379,317.77	508,738.30	
REV/EXP						

Investment Policy

I. Objective

- a. To establish a uniform policy governing the investment of funds donated to the Columbus Public Library and under the direct control of the Library Board.

II. Policy

- a. To invest funds in a manner that provides the highest investment return consistent with the preservation of capital, conforming to all applicable legal requirements.

III. Investment Objective

- a. The primary objectives, in priority order, of the investment activities shall be:
 - i. Safety- Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital.
 - ii. Liquidity- Investments will remain sufficiently liquid to enable the Columbus Public Library to meet all capital projects and operating requirements that might be reasonably anticipated. Investment length shall be determined by the need of funds being invested.
 - iii. Investment Income- At all times the investments shall seek a high rate of return commensurate with the objectives of safety and liquidity.

IV. Delegation of Authority

- a. The Library Financial Secretary is responsible for the investment of funds in consultation with the Library Board.

Approved September 17, 2013
Amended: September 15, 2026



Gifts and Memorials Policy

- I. The Financial Secretary, at the direction of the Library Board, shall invest any monetary memorials, gifts, grants, donations, bequests, trust funds, or other unrestricted contributions received by the Library. The principal and any income generated from these funds may be expended as authorized by the Library Board for library materials, equipment, services, programs, capital improvements, furnishings, facilities, building projects, and renovations. These funds are intended to supplement, rather than replace, tax-supported operating funds and shall be used to enhance the Library's collections, services, resources, facilities, and programs beyond those provided through the regular budget.
- II. The Library Board may transfer non-designated funds between accounts as it deems necessary.
- III. A written monthly report of memorials, gifts, bequests, and trusts will be made by the financial Secretary showing in detail the amount invested, income, and disbursements. The library director shall give a monthly written report on all grants. All recommended expenditures are to be pre approved by the Library Board. The Financial Secretary shall make a written annual report to the Library Board showing in detail the amount invested, income, and disbursements from the funds.
- IV. The Library Board will acknowledge all memorials.

Legal reference: Wisconsin Statute 43.58

Adopted 9/11/00; Revised 9/20/05; Revised 9/15/26

Count on my support to leave a legacy....

☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$Other: _____

In memory/appreciation/on behalf of _____

Make checks payable to Columbus Public Library, 223 W James St, Columbus, WI 53925

You may also leave a legacy with the following types of gifts:

→ monthly giving program → securities → gifts from an estate → gift annuities
→ charitable trusts → real estate → required minimum distribution of an IRA

Please contact your lawyer or financial advisor for more information

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Thank you for supporting Columbus Public Library!

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 **COLUMBUS**
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Item #7.

**LEAVE A
LEGACY**

“Quote that starts
with “Your...” “

- Merry Anderson

TAX BENEFITS



A gift to the Columbus Public Library may provide significant tax benefits, which can help reduce the overall cost of your charitable contribution.

Depending on your circumstances, benefits may include:

1. Income tax savings through gifts of cash, securities, or property made during your lifetime.
2. Estate, inheritance, and gift tax savings through bequests, charitable trusts, or other planned gifts made through your estate plan.
3. Capital gains tax savings when appreciated securities or other assets are donated directly to the library.

Because every person's financial situation is unique, we encourage you to consult with your tax advisor, financial planner, or legal counsel to determine whether a charitable gift to the Columbus Public Library may be advantageous for you and your family.

Your contributions will allow you to leave a personal legacy that will help:

- Children and adults develop literacy skills, discover new opportunities, and achieve their full potential.
- Build a stronger, more connected community by providing welcoming spaces for learning, engagement, and lifelong enrichment.
- Secure the promise of public libraries for future generations, ensuring continued access to knowledge, resources, and opportunities for all.
- Support the expansion of the Columbus Public Library to meet the growing needs of our community and create a lasting impact for years to come.



BUILDING THE NEXT CHAPTER TOGETHER

Item #7.



For generations, the Columbus Public Library has served as a cornerstone of our community, providing access to knowledge, inspiration, and lifelong learning for people of all ages.

As Columbus continues to grow, so does the demand for expanded library spaces, updated technology, enhanced programming, and welcoming areas where community members can gather, study, and connect.

An immediate gift or a future gift through your estate plans can help make this vision possible. Your generosity will support the expansion of our library and ensure that future generations have access to the resources, opportunities, and services that enrich lives and strengthen our community. By investing in the library's future, you create a lasting legacy that will make a difference for years to come.

Account Number	Account description	Short account description	Account Type	2026 Actual 09/09/2026	2026 Project Year-End	2026 Budget	2026 Original Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	
210-00-41110-000-000	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	Revenues	304093.37	304093.37	304,093.37	304,093.37	\$	310,000.00
210-00-46710-000-000	COUNTY LIBRARY FUNDS	COUNTY LIBRARY FUNDS	Revenues	166,584.94	166584.94	166,084.94	166,084.94	\$	200,089.31
210-00-46711-000-000	SCLS FUNDS	SCLS FUNDS	Revenues	0	500	500	500	\$	500.00
210-00-46712-000-000	FINES & FEES	FINES & FEES	Revenues	232.29	500	800	800	\$	800.00
210-00-46713-000-000	FAX & COPIES	FAX & COPIES	Revenues	3,891.09	5000	4,500.00	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00
210-00-48100-000-000	INTEREST REVENUE	INTEREST REVENUE	Revenues	1,287.57	1500	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
210-00-48200-000-000	RENTAL INCOME - ANNEX	RENTAL INCOME - ANNEX	Revenues	2,470.00	5760	5,760.00	5,760.00	\$	5,760.00
210-00-48211-000-000	GRANT REVENUES	GRANT REVENUES	Revenues	35,400.00	35400	0	0	\$	-
210-00-48500-000-000	DONATIONS	DONATIONS	Revenues	7,453.55	8000	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$	6,000.00
210-00-49200-000-000	TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS FUNDS	TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS FUNDS	Revenues	0	24000	24,000.00	24,000.00	\$	18,653.31
Totals				521412.81	551338.31	508,738.31	508,738.31	\$	547,302.62
210-00-55110-110-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY SALARY	Expenses	53,422.14	74,640.59	74,640.59	74,640.59	\$	77,338.64
210-00-55110-123-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICE DIRECT	Expenses	35,735.00	52,502.11	52,502.11	52,502.11	\$	54,389.17
210-00-55110-126-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PART TIME	Expenses	111,139.00	159,487.34	159,487.34	159,487.34	\$	178,542.58
210-00-55110-130-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY SS/MEDICARE EXP	Expenses	12,919.85	22,534.41	22,534.41	22,534.41	\$	24,054.42
210-00-55110-131-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY RETIREMENT	Expenses	11,279.49	17,337.37	17,337.37	17,337.37	\$	18,395.63
210-00-55110-132-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY HEALTH/VIS/DENTAL	Expenses	31,576.79	45,061.26	45,061.26	45,061.26	\$	49,128.13
210-00-55110-133-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY LIFE INS	Expenses	93.69	116.78	116.78	116.78	\$	120.00
210-00-55110-134-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY LT DISABILITY	Expenses	219.02	445.00	445	445	\$	461.05
210-00-55110-136-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY HSA EXP	Expenses	0	0.00	0	0	\$	0.00
210-00-55110-210-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL FEES	Expenses	250.58	500	500	500	\$	500.00
210-00-55110-211-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY LEGAL/PROF SERV	Expenses	154	250	250	250	\$	250.00
210-00-55110-220-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY UTILITIES	Expenses	3,112.47	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00	\$	5,700.00
210-00-55110-221-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY TELEPHONE/INTERNET	Expenses	332.37	500	1,500.00	1,500.00	\$	1,000.00
210-00-55110-222-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY HEAT	Expenses	1,447.14	2000	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
210-00-55110-230-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY REPAIR/MAIN	Expenses	14,352.65	24000	10,000.00	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
210-00-55110-242-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY MEDIA/WEB/MISC	Expenses	0	850	850	850	\$	850.00
210-00-55110-292-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY SOFTWARE/CONT SERV	Expenses	920.74	920	1,750.00	1,750.00	\$	1,750.00
210-00-55110-296-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY CUSTODIAN	Expenses	3,449.01	3449.01	7,937.44	7,937.44	\$	-
210-00-55110-297-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY DELIVERY	Expenses	6,000.00	6000	6,000.00	6,000.00	\$	6,035.00
210-00-55110-300-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY OP SUPPLIES & EXP	Expenses	8,668.45	15000	15,000.00	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00
210-00-55110-311-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY POSTAGE	Expenses	68.34	75	0	0	\$	50.00
210-00-55110-313-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY BANK FEES	Expenses	48.04	250	250	250	\$	250.00
210-00-55110-331-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY MILEA/MEALS/LODGING	Expenses	3,589.63	4500	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$	4,000.00
210-00-55110-401-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY ADULT AUDIO	Expenses	1,011.03	2500	2,500.00	2,500.00	\$	2,000.00
210-00-55110-402-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY YOUTH AUDIO	Expenses	57.59	500	500	500	\$	500.00
210-00-55110-403-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY ADULT BOOKS	Expenses	9,914.48	12000	12,000.00	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00
210-00-55110-404-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY YOUTH BOOKS	Expenses	4,502.56	8000	8,000.00	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00
210-00-55110-405-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY TEEN BOOKS	Expenses	1,348.81	1500	1,500.00	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
210-00-55110-406-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PERIODICALS	Expenses	945.15	945.15	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$	1,000.00
210-00-55110-407-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMMING	Expenses	8,519.90	10000	6,000.00	6,000.00	\$	22,000.00
210-00-55110-408-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMMING	Expenses	12,298.81	14000	7,000.00	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00
210-00-55110-409-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY DIGITAL MEDIA POOL	Expenses	2,832.00	2832	2,832.00	2,832.00	\$	2,811.00
210-00-55110-410-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PUBLIC REL EXPENSE	Expenses	1,209.12	1000	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
210-00-55110-510-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY PROP/LIAB/AUTO	Expenses	0	0	3,800.00	3,800.00	\$	3,800.00
210-00-55110-700-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY FURNITURE/FIXTURES	Expenses	0	3000	3,000.00	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
210-00-55110-701-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY EQUIPMENT	Expenses	11,793.48	11373.53	3,500.00	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00
210-00-55110-805-000	LIBRARY	LIBRARY SCLS CONSORTIUM	Expenses	22,655.00	22655	22,744.00	22,744.00	\$	22,877.00
210-00-55115-220-000	ANNEX	ANNEX UTILITIES	Expenses	3,451.44	4500	4,500.00	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00
210-00-55115-230-000	ANNEX	ANNEX REPAIR/MAIN	Expenses	394.48	1500	1,500.00	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
210-00-55115-390-000	ANNEX	ANNEX OTH SUPP & MISC EXP	Expenses	-34.38	0	500	500	\$	500.00
Totals				379,317.77	532,424.55	508,738.30	508,738.30	\$	547,302.62
REV/EXP								\$	(0.00)

*This number is an estimate and could vary based on the Columbia and Dodge county boards

*We have grant funds from 2026 that will have to spent in 2027 per the grant.

*The 2026 Number includes a flooring project

*This is added into part-time employees moving forward

*Amanda has to attend ARSL as per the Literacy Bridges Grant

*The Literacy Bridges Grant is for adult programs in 2027