



GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT (if anyone wishes to address the Board):

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approval of Minutes from the 11-19-2025 Special Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLAIMS (Roll Call Vote Required):

2. Review library financials and consider approval of Library Bill List.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote Required):

3. Consider a resolution accepting donations.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. IMLS update.
5. Grand Rapids Area Library Fund.
6. How a Book Gets on the Shelf Presentation.

UPDATES:

Friends

Foundation

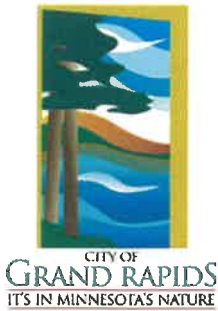
STAFF REPORTS:

7. Review library reports and statistics.

ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 14, 2026 AT 5:00 PM.

ATTEST: Amy Dettmer, Director of Library Services



GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

CALL OF ROLL:

Present: Barr, Casteel, Dobbs, Litchke, Martin, Richards, Teigland

Absent: King, Squadroni

Staff present: Amy Dettmer, Library Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT (if anyone wishes to address the Board):

McDermott

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consider approval of 10-8-2025 Library Board minutes.

1. Consider approval of 10-8-2025 Library Board Minutes
Mover: Dobbs
Second: Richards

COMMUNICATIONS:

Note from patron.

2. Note from Patron.
Informational- no action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLAIMS (Roll Call Vote Required):

3. Review financial reports and consider a motion to approve payment of the Bill List.
Mover: Dobbs
Second: Richards
Result: Approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote Required):

4. Consider adopting a resolution accepting donations.
Mover: Dobbs
Second: Litchke
Result: Approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. Review Library Director report to City Council.
Informational-no action taken.
6. Consider a resolution setting 2026 holiday calendar and Board meeting schedule.
Mover: Teigland
Second: Barr
7. Review 2026 MLA Legislative Priorities.
Informational -no action taken.
8. Discuss 2026 Library hours.
Informational-no action taken.

UPDATES:

Friends

Holiday Book Boutique Monday, November 24, 2025 10am-6pm, Library Program Room

Foundation

Meeting Thursday, November 20, 2025

STAFF REPORTS:

Review Library reports and statistics.

9. Review Library reports and statistics.
Informational- no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR December 10, 2025, AT 5:00 PM.

ATTEST: Amy Dettmer, Director of Library Services

**GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BILL LIST - NOVEMBER 12, 2025
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT**

PUBLIC LIBRARY

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	11.95
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	470.00
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	33.00
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	630.60
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	3,499.00
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	729.09
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	267.70
NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO INC	510.00
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	1,021.20
RAPIDS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	135.00
SANDSTROM'S INC	176.16
SHOWCASES	648.00
STOKES PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPLY INC.	539.70
VESTIS GROUP, INC	152.46

TOTAL UNPAID TO BE APPROVED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 8,823.86

CHECKS ISSUED-PRIOR APPROVAL

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BILL#1YGW-9QR4-6LCG	9.29
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BILL #1GQH-4C4P-6H9H-L	48.26
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BILL #1G3Y-7Y93-64RY-L	167.52
AT&T	25-Oct	52.39
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	10/5/2025	19,933.84
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	10/17/2025	19,881.71
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	10/31/2025	20,270.47
LINDNER, EMILY	BILL #102025-L	175.00
MARCO	BILL #565818259-L	165.65
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE	25-Nov	80.64
MN ENERGY 09/2025	BILL #0507783569-01/SEP25-L	45.00
OPERATING ENGINEERS	25-Dec	10,632.00
PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS	25-Aug	198.23
PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS	25-Sep	248.52
PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS	25-Oct	249.04
PUC UTILITIES	25-Sep	1,413.31

TOTAL PRIOR APPROVAL ALLOWED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 73,345.80

TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS: \$ 82,169.66

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DETAILED REPORT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	00015356-L	11.95
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2214843-L	282.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2213610-L	94.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2215925-L	94.00
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	2600961-L	33.00
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	104844-L	405.60
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	106492-L	225.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91195227-L	32.68
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91195228-L	15.79
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91195229-L	8.67
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91195230-L	10.82
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91195231-L	11.47
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91195232-L	11.56
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91195233-L	377.31
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91022361-L	78.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91022362-L	16.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91022363-L	10.73
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91022364-L	318.07
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90922582-L	134.13
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90922583-L	17.03
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90922584-L	11.78
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90922585-L	20.81
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90922586-L	11.85
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90922587-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91157831-L	37.55
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91157832-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91165032-L	11.33
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91165033-L	76.21
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91093548-L	74.96
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91093549-L	17.48
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91076300-L	56.91
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91226079-L	19.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91226080-L	9.65
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91226081-L	22.87
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90976247-L	48.99
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90983658-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90983659-L	20.27
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90953792-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91123351-L	24.68
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	90609991-L	11.29
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91464998-L	71.21

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INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91464999-L	17.95
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91465000-L	18.23
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91465001-L	13.21
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91465002-L	18.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91465003-L	16.28
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91465004-L	10.64
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91465005-L	9.77
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91290546-L	39.73
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91290547-L	28.11
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91290548-L	12.05
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91290549-L	28.82
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91290550-L	156.76
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91290551-L	675.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91290552-L	97.27
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91290553-L	12.16
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91640542-L	118.96
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91640543-L	18.67
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91640544-L	13.54
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91640545-L	17.58
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91640546-L	21.12
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91640547-L	19.63
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91515900-L	10.57
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91515901-L	35.51
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91545752-L	21.09
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91545753-L	18.11
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91440026-L	20.99
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91607518-L	24.68
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91331817-L	22.99
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91348062-L	20.44
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91348063-L	46.79
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91348064-L	20.61
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91348065-L	104.11
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91348066-L	92.97
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN4953181-L	729.09
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	507932820-L	83.27
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	507791051-L	83.97
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	507895737-L	100.46
NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO INC	IVN00356794-L	510.00
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55106-L	255.30
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55120-L	255.30
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55062-L	255.30
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55084-L	255.30
RAPIDS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	24328-L	135.00
SANDSTROM'S INC	565453-L	100.93

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SANDSTROM'S INC	563121-L	75.23
SHOWCASES	331090-L	648.00
STOKES PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPLY INC.	121728-L	539.70
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630475246-L	76.23
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630484897-L	76.23

TOTAL ALL INVOICES: \$ 8,823.86

Board member
adoption:

introduced the following resolution and moved for its

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 12
SETTING 2026 LIBRARY CALENDAR

WHEREAS, THE Library Board is responsible for establishing the library calendar of dates open and closed and the time and location of its regular meetings,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following calendar is established for 2026:

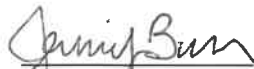
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Holiday	Closed
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Day	Closed
Monday, February 16	President's Day	Closed
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day	Closed
Friday, June 19	Juneteenth	Closed
Friday, July 3	Independence Day	Closed
Monday, September 7	Labor Day	Closed
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran's Day	Closed
Thursday November 26	Thanksgiving	Closed
Friday, November 27	Day after Thanksgiving	Closed
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Holiday	Closed
Friday, December 25	Christmas Holiday	Closed

The Library Board will meet in City Council Chambers the second Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. The November 2026 Library Board meeting date is 11/10 (Tuesday) due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

Adopted this 19th day of November 2025.


Cyndy Martin, President

Attest:


Jennifer Barr, Secretary

Board member
voted in favor thereof:

seconded the foregoing resolution and the following

And the following voted against same:

And the following abstained:

Whereby the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Statutes 465.03, states that cities may accept gifts of real or personal property, including money, and use them in accordance with the terms the donor prescribes, and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Library Board of the City of Grand Rapids, Itasca County, Minnesota, accepts the listed donations and terms of the donors as follows:

Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation – \$1,034.73


Grand Rapids Area Library Friends - \$389.48 Flowers

PEO Chapter DB - \$500.00

Adopted this 19th day of November 2025



Cyndy Martin, President



Jennifer Barr, Secretary

**GRAND RAPIDS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BILL LIST - DECEMBER 10, 2025
DETAILED REPORT**

PUBLIC LIBRARY

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	00015363-L	42.50
DEMCO INC	7728982-L	54.56
DEMCO INC	7731686-L	827.20
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	1803840-L	3,847.22
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91749150-L	23.56
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91773181-L	23.38
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91773182-L	16.07
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91813995-L	155.52
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91829103-L	24.73
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838912-L	50.05
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838913-L	16.85
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838914-L	9.38
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838915-L	35.43
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838916-L	18.39
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838917-L	11.44
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838918-L	444.40
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838919-L	14.75
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838920-L	20.88
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91838921-L	66.55
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	91944958-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92012529-L	25.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052811-L	107.89
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052812-L	16.99
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052813-L	17.94
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052814-L	19.51
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052815-L	17.55
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052816-L	12.19
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052817-L	9.12
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052818-L	51.42
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052819-L	10.58
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92052820-L	24.67
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92091516-L	26.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92100151-L	26.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92160625-L	17.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92300327-L	12.90
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92300328-L	41.60
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	92300329-L	12.54
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN4962015-L	303.74
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN4976283-L	61.81
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN4978173-L	20.14
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN4987325-L	317.66
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN4992428-L	21.10
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	507986844-L	26.24
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	508030559-L	417.85
NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO INC	IVN00360978-L	1,290.75
NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO INC	IVN00360980-L	128.00
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55140-L	255.30
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55157-L	561.66
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55172-L	306.36
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55184-L	485.07
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	517636-L	71.24
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	517638-L	1,016.98
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	6143357-L	93.20
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	6144489-L	221.35
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630489939-L	76.23
TOTAL ALL INVOICES:	\$	11,854.56

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DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT**

PUBLIC LIBRARY

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	42.50
DEMCO INC	881.76
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	3,847.22
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	1,408.40
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	724.45
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	444.09
NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO INC	1,418.75
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	1,608.39
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	1,088.22
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	314.55
VESTIS GROUP, INC	76.23

TOTAL UNPAID TO BE APPROVED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 11,854.56

CHECKS ISSUED PRIOR APPROVAL

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1LJW-1KF7-D9Q4-L	36.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1XFL-4HPJ-3XN7-L	334.25
AT&T	26202001	52.42
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	3267128	6.90
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	3273637	6.90
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	11/14/2025	19,628.00
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	11/28/2025	20,843.92
JOHNSON, MICHELLE	111925-L	81.74
LINDNER, EMILY	111725-L	175.00
MARCO	567887385-L	165.65
MEDTOX LABORATORIES	082025503826-L	26.38
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE	TS053963310001/DEC25	80.64
MINNESOTA REVENUE	TAX0525	55.54
MINNESOTA REVENUE	TAX0625	46.47
MINNESOTA REVENUE	TAX0725	56.00
MINNESOTA REVENUE	TAX0825	65.00
MINNESOTA REVENUE	TAX0925	103.00
MINNESOTA REVENUE	TAX1025	66.00
PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS	4026700/NOV25-L	249.04
PUC UTILITIES	LIB/OCT25	2,835.61
VISA	9403/OCT25	1,147.50
WASTE MANAGEMENT	0129126-2808-3	145.86

TOTAL PRIOR APPROVAL ALLOWED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 46,208.80

TOTAL: \$ 58,063.36

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Statutes 465.03, states that cities may accept gifts of real or personal property, including money, and use them in accordance with the terms the donor prescribes, and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Library Board of the City of Grand Rapids, Itasca County, Minnesota, accepts the listed donations and terms of the donors as follows:

Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation \$1,982.20

PEO Chapter FV \$530.00 (deferred revenue-funds to be used in 2026 to purchase adult fiction and nonfiction titles)

PEO Chapter ED \$1,493.00 (deferred revenue-funds to be used in 2026 to purchase adult fiction and nonfiction titles)

Adopted this 10th day of December 2025

Cyndy Martin, President

Jennifer Barr, Secretary

A Victory for IMLS as Court Blocks Trump's Attempt to Dismantle Agency

by [Lisa Peet](#)

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In a summary judgment on November 21 in *Rhode Island v. Trump*, Judge John J. McConnell Jr. ruled that the Trump administration's attempt to shut down the Institute of Museum and Library Services, along with other federal agencies, was illegal and unconstitutional.

UPDATE: In a statement released December 3, IMLS wrote: "Upon further review, the Institute of Museum and Library Services has reinstated all federal grants. This action supersedes any prior notices which may have been received related to grant termination. Grantees should access the agency's electronic grants management system for further information."

UPDATE: In a statement released December 3, IMLS wrote: "Upon further review, the Institute of Museum and Library Services has reinstated all federal grants. This action supersedes any prior notices which may have been received related to grant termination. Grantees should access the agency's electronic grants management system for further information."

In a summary judgment on November 21 in *Rhode Island v. Trump*, Judge John J. McConnell Jr. ruled that the Trump administration's attempt to shut down the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), along with other federal agencies, was illegal and unconstitutional.



McConnell's ruling permanently enjoins the administration "from taking any future actions to implement, give effect to, comply with, or carry out the directives contained in the Reduction EO with respect to IMLS," as well as the Minority Business Development Agency, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Shortly after President Trump issued a March 14 executive order that called for the elimination of IMLS and six other government agencies, two separate lawsuits were filed: *American Library Association v. Sonderling* by the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; and *Rhode Island v. Trump* by a coalition of 21 state attorneys general.

Rhode Island v. Trump, filed on April 4, focused on the impact of closing IMLS and other agencies. McConnell was receptive to the plaintiffs' argument that the executive order was unlawful and violated the Constitution, and that shuttering IMLS would "immediately put at risk hundreds of millions of dollars in grant funding on which the States depend, and undermine library programs, economic opportunity, and the free flow of commerce throughout the country."

On May 13, McConnell issued a sweeping preliminary injunction ordering the administration to restore all IMLS staff to work and restore some of the terminated grants. The court also ordered Keith Sonderling, the Trump-appointed director of IMLS, to provide a status report detailing the agency's compliance within seven days. The report indicated that staff were returning to work, and that three previously terminated FY24 Grants to States—California, Connecticut, and Washington—were reauthorized; Sonderling noted as well that partial FY25 payments to all state grantees had been authorized, pending apportionment from the Office of Management and Budget.

Defendants were denied a motion for a stay pending appeal on September 11; the court concluded that they failed to make a strong showing that they were likely to succeed on the merits of their appeal, demonstrate that states would not likely suffer substantial injury if the stay were issued, and show that the issuance of a stay was in the public interest.

In the case of *ALA v. Sonderling*, Judge Richard J. Leon granted a temporary restraining order to block the dismantling of IMLS, noting that "Plaintiffs have demonstrated irreparable injury." The order prevented Sonderling from terminating staff but did not provide monetary relief to those states in which federal grants were canceled. On June 6, however, Leon declined to block the administration's cuts to the agency while litigation continued. Temporarily halted by the government shutdown, the case is now scheduled to proceed. Congress will also be deciding, over the next few months, whether to fund IMLS in FY26.

For now, however, the administration is blocked from further action to shutter IMLS. McConnell's decision laid out a range of harms that such actions would perpetuate, noting, "Given the 'plethora of injuries' that would arise if the Court did not grant injunctive relief, the balance of equities favors the States."

Lisa Peet

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Lisa Peet is Executive Editor for Library Journal.

Item 4.

IMLS	Rhode Island v. Trump	American Library Association v. Sonderling
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Minnesota State Library Services receives an annual allotment of funding from IMLS through the [Grants to States program](#) authorized by Congress under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) ([20 U.S.C. § 9121](#)).

According to [State Library Services](#), a division of the Minnesota Department of Education, LSTA dollars in Minnesota flow into four main initiatives:

- 48% to Partner-provided Statewide Services – Support for coordination across Minnesota, including [Minitex](#), that maximizes access to library collections
- 16% to Local Library Projects – Projects designed and implemented by individual libraries to meet community needs
- 20% to the [Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library](#) – Accessible library resources for Minnesotans who are blind or have difficulty reading due to visual impairment
- 16% to State Library Services Programming – Statewide training and professional development for library workers

LSTA funding supports these Minitex services:

- [Resource Sharing](#) receives \$1.15M in annual funding. These funds pay for statewide delivery (including a statewide courier service) and for the salaries of staff who pull items from shelves, digitize materials, and send them to patrons.
- A further \$80k goes to support outreach and instruction related to [eLibrary Minnesota](#). This gives Minnesotans the opportunity to learn how to use the resources in eLibrary Minnesota efficiently and effectively in order to find the authoritative, verifiable information they need, at the library, at school, and in the workplace.
- One-time federal grants (generally, in smaller amounts) have also supported:
 - Additions to the [Ebooks Minnesota](#) collection
 - Transcriptions for items in the [Minnesota Digital Library](#)
 - Development of the [MNLINK](#) interlibrary loan platform
 - [Professional development](#) opportunities for library staff.

Why donate to the Grand Rapids Area Library Fund?

The fund enables those who use the library, but who live outside of the city of Grand Rapids, to donate directly to its operations. The fund hopes to raise \$300,000 - about the same amount that the library will lose in revenue. If successful, the library will be able to return to five days of operation in 2027.

Donations made to the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (GRACF) will be forwarded to the City of Grand Rapids next year, which will direct the funds to its library budget, specifically to support staff.

The Grand Rapids Area Library (GRAL) is used by all residents of the county, yet more than two-thirds of the library's card holders live outside the city, and account for about half the check-outs from the system. And, it's not just books: the library provides space to learn, make copies, renew passports, explore objects from fishing poles to ukeleles and simply visit each other. There is also a revolving series of lectures and performances.

The Grand Rapids Area Library (GRAL) is owned and operated by the City of Grand Rapids. It is part of the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) which was created in 1965. ALS is a federated library system with each city's library run independently but sharing resources through ALS. There are five other libraries in Itasca County located at Bovey, Coleraine, Calumet, Marble and Keewatin. They each participate in the ALS.

The Minnesota Department of Education notifies cities and counties of their minimum library requirement, which is funded through a levy. Set by state law, the statute has not increased this minimum since 2011. The city's minimum was set then as \$391,618.

The city steadily increased its levy for the library to \$825,128 in 2025. For taxes payable in 2026, the city was forced to cut its levy for the library to \$514,927. The city has cut \$1 million from its operations - including police, IT, public works and administration - to achieve its 2026 levy. In response to the cuts, the library will be open only Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Itasca County's minimum levy for the ALS is set by the state at \$342,709. The county's share goes in part to the GRAL but also to the other five libraries in the system. The county will increase its share to GRAL by \$50,000 in 2026, for approximately \$178,000. The city and county are working together to develop a funding proposal that more equitably funds all six libraries.

Monthly Report - Overview for Nov 2025

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Time	6949	9503	-27	8647	-20	102438	111349	-9
Phone Renewal	142	171	-17	251	-44	2152	3176	-33
Renewal	95	161	-41	126	-25	1599	2055	-23
Opac Renewal	719	635	13	518	38	7006	7060	-1
Offline 1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dayend Auto Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7905	10470	-25	9542	-18	113195	123640	-9

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phone Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opac Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline 1st Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dayend Auto Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Checkin

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Normal	7111	8074	-12	7907	-11	93631	100596	-7
Late	1533	1990	-23	1918	-21	20523	22865	-11
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8644	10064	-15	9825	-13	114154	123461	-8

Requests Placed

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Placed	1393	1881	-26	1823	-24	19719	23216	-16
Total	1393	1881	-26	1823	-24	19719	23216	-16

Requests Resolved

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	126	109	15	86	46	1172	1293	-10
Filled	2252	2780	-19	2396	-7	29576	32665	-10
Expired	4	5	-20	2	100	44	27	62
Total	2382	2894	-18	2484	-5	30792	33985	-10

Holds Resolved

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1446	1827	-21	1520	-5	18521	20754	-11
Cancelled	5	0	100	7	-29	52	31	67
Expired	64	129	-51	96	-34	1257	1557	-20
Total	1515	1956	-23	1623	-7	19830	22342	-12

Overdues

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	817	659	23	713	14	7389	8398	-13
2nd Notice	5	5	0	5	0	48	57	-16
3rd Notice	0	0	0	1	-100	7	7	0
4th Notice	0	0	0	1	-100	5	5	0
5th Notice	0	0	0	1	-100	1	6	-84
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Notice # 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Notice # 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Notice # 0	197	270	-28	216	-9	2219	2620	-16
Total	1019	934	9	937	8	9669	11096	-13

Borrower Delta

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	53	78	-33	68	-23	957	980	-3
Deleted (Manual)	3	6	-50	5	-40	59	84	-30
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	56	84	-34	73	-24	1016	1064	-5

Bib Delta

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	123	184	-34	209	-42	1734	1857	-7
Deleted (Manual)	351	424	-18	1247	-72	3927	4284	-9
New (Batch)	99	81	22	84	17	561	1118	-50
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	573	689	-17	1540	-63	6222	7259	-15

Auth Delta

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	5	0	100	0	100	78	21	271
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	0	100	0	100	78	21	271

Item Delta

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	373	426	-13	515	-28	5241	5679	-8
Deleted (Manual)	544	488	11	1847	-71	6509	6501	0
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	917	914	0	2362	-62	11750	12180	-4

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	%chg	Nov 2024	%chg	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	%chg
Lines Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Items Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lines Received	156	299	-48	358	-57	2859	3107	-8
Items Rcvd by Ven	164	302	-46	368	-56	2957	3174	-7
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	320	601	-47	726	-56	5816	6281	-8

Grand Rapids Area Library
Reference Statistics
November 2025

	November	YTD 2025
Door Count	4,088	52,645
Reference Questions	189	1,970
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	23	175
Tests Proctored	0	4
Public Computer Use: Sessions	184	2,227
Public Computer Use: Hours	148	1,734
Special Computer Sessions	69	1,066
Passports Accepted	73	1,111

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 212391 0	4 212669 0	5 212979 1	6 213327 0	7 213362 0	8 1
9	10 213618 11 5	11 CLOSED	12 213932 9	13 214205 6	14 214392 0	15 20
16	17 214662 4	18 214966 14	19 no data 11	20 215561 5	21 215686 0	22 34
23	24 216056 5	25 216294 5	26 216479 8	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 18
30						73

$$\text{End} = 216479 - \text{Start } 212391 = 4,088$$

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 13 np/ c/ ³	4 23 np/ c/ ₃ 1	5 13 np/ c/ ₅	6 31 np/ 4 ₂	7 2 np/ c/ ₁₆	8 82 np=19 C=10
9	10 12 np/ c/ ₂	11 CLOSED	12 16 np/ c/ ₄	13 5 np/ c/ ₁₁	14 7 np/ c/ ₄	15 40 np=17 C=3
16	17 8 np/ c/ 	18 12 np/ c/ ₄	19 9 np/ c/ ₄	20 8 np/ c/ ₄	21 9 np/ c/ ₇	22 46 np=20 C=6
23	24 9 np/ c/ ₃	25 7 np/ c/ ₆	26 5 np/ c/ ₄	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 21 np=13 C=4
30					Totals:	189 np=69 C=23

Children's in November

1. The hubbub is starting to die down, the hours are set, the public shock is, hopefully, turning to action.
2. I continue to decide what we need to set down for now and what we will try to maintain in 2026. At this time:
 - a. We will try to maintain our 9-times-a-year Artastic program and Page Turners, our monthly book club for kids.
 - b. We need to eliminate, for the time being: Lego Club, Teen Book Club, Online Storytime, Discovery Kits, and Summer Celebration. (My hope is to be able to resurrect Lego Club for our Summer Reading Program.)
3. Everybody here is just trying to figure this out, and we are all, truthfully, doing our best. There is no place to go but forward, and I am placing my hope and good wishes with our community leaders who are trying to figure this out. Of course, we all are taking on additional tasks, but none more so than Amy. With true leadership, she is doing the work of Director, Assistant Director, Reference Librarian, Young Adult Librarian, Passport Director, and Circulation staff. That is 4+ full time jobs. One of our focuses in the new year will be to try to balance tasks, somehow. I just wanted to get her efforts to get the library, and this community, through this unimaginable situation into the record. It might be easy to forget in the future, but she is carrying an enormous burden.
4. And now it's time to really get to work. We know with what we are dealing, and it is time to focus on what we can do, not what we are losing.

Thanks to all of you, and Happy Reading!

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

November 2025

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 320

YouTube views: 23

Total views: 343

Kits handed out: 150

11/04	Book Time	40
11/17	Page Turners	5
11/14	Nutcracker Storytime	31
11/18	Book Time	45
11/25	Book Time	37

Total Programs: 5 People: 158

Book Times : 3 People: 122

Library Programs: 2 People: 36

Reference Questions 2025: 213

Reference Questions 2024: 269

November 2025

215

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 18	4 14	5 12	6 12	7 3	8 5A
9	10 11	11 CLOSED	12 24	13 15	14 7	15 5A
16	17 13	18 12	19 14	20 14	21 7	22 42
23	24 11	25 17	26 5	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 33
30						

GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2025 Volunteer Report

Month	Regular Volunteers		RSVP Volunteers		Library Board		Library Friends		Library Foundation		Total	Total
	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours	# Vol	Hours
January	27	160.75	3	90.50	7	27.00	9	85.75	2	5.00	30	251.25
February	36	157.50	4	57.25	8	28.00	8	56.25	10	14.00	40	214.75
March	30	167.75	4	70.00	8	28.00	9	70.50	1	3.00	34	237.75
April	27	149.00	4	65.25	8	28.00	6	52.00	1	3.00	31	214.25
May	35	163.25	4	94.00	9	29.00	8	89.75	8	12.00	39	257.25
June	32	174.25	5	96.75	8	28.00	8	98.50	1	4.00	37	271.00
July	42	221.50	7	129.25	7	27.00	19	131.50	1	4.00	49	350.75
August	48	234.00	5	59.00	8	46.00	6	58.50	2	6.00	53	293.00
September	43	188.75	5	64.25	7	27.00	9	71.00	9	12.50	48	253.00
October	32	158.00	4	53.75	7	27.00	10	76.25	1	2.50	36	211.75
November	35	159.50	4	85.75	7	27.00	9	94.00	7	10.00	39	245.25
December												0.00
Total		1934.25		865.75		322.00		884.00		76.00	*	2,800.00