



GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Area Library Board will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5:00 PM at Grand Rapids Area Library, Meeting Room, 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

CALL OF ROLL:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider a motion to approve Library Board meeting minutes from 4-8-2026.

COMMUNICATIONS:

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLAIMS (Roll Call Vote Required):

2. Review financial reports and consider a motion to authorize payment of the Library Bill List.

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote Required):

3. Consider adopting a resolution accepting donations.
4. Consider approval of 2 contracts for Lego Club programs.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. Review Animals in the Library policy.
6. Review Library Foundation member Volunteer of the Year finalist.
7. Review grant application.

UPDATES:

Friends

Foundation

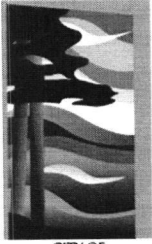
STAFF REPORTS:

8. Review Library reports and statistics.

ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10, 2026, AT 5:00 PM.

ATTEST: Amy Dettmer, Director of Library Services



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GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 08, 2026

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Area Library Board will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM at Grand Rapids Area Library, Meeting Room, 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 5:01PM.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT

Member Cyndy Martin
Member Ellen Teigland
Member Sheena Richards
Member Aaron Squadroni
Member Janelle Dobbs
Member Jennifer Barr
Member Amanda King
Member Tabbatha Litchke

ABSENT

Member Beau Casteel

STAFF

Amy Dettmer, Library Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Library Director Dettmer added 2 motions under FINANCIAL REPORT & CLAIMS.

Motion to approve payment to the city for May-December 2025 janitorial services for \$12,226.69.

Motion to approve payment to the city for 2025 IT services for \$7,600.00.

Member Dobbs made a motion to approve agenda with the addition of the 2 motions. Seconded by Member Teigland.

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

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider a motion to approve Library Board Meeting minutes from 3-11-2026.

Member Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Richards.

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. Thank you to Catholic Community Foundation.

Library Director Dettmer reported on the note of thanks sent to the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLAIMS (Roll Call Vote Required):

3. Review financial reports and consider a motion to authorize payment of the Library Bill List.

Member Barr made a motion to authorize payment of the Bill List as well as the janitorial and IT services. Seconded by Dobbs.

Voting Yea: Member Martin, Member Teigland, Member Richards, Member Squadroni, Member Dobbs, Member Barr, Member King, Member Litchke

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote Required):

4. Consider adopting a resolution accepting donations.

Motion made by Member Dobbs to accept the donations. Seconded by Member Teigland.

Voting Yea: Member Martin, Member Teigland, Member Richards, Member Squadroni, Member Dobbs, Member Barr, Member King, Member Litchke

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. Bemidji Public Library article.

Informational-no action taken.

6. City Government Academy Presentations

Library Director Dettmer reported she and Children's Librarian Tracy Kampa presented about the Library at the City Government Academy in March. Participants were engaged and asked great questions.

UPDATES:

FRIENDS:

Member Teigland reported the Friends made just over \$1,500.00 at their last pop-up book sale in March.

FOUNDATION:

Member Barr reported the Foundation will meet April 16 at Community Presbyterian Church.

STAFF REPORTS:

7. Review Library report and statistics.

Library Director Dettmer reported the door bell broke. True North fixed it very quickly.

The Library has been very busy. Instead of being open 5 days a week, people only have 3 days to visit the Library which makes for busy days. In March, the door count was 4,653 with 8,925 items checked out. In comparison, March 2025 had 9,689 items checked out, a decrease of only 8%.

Nicole Johnson reached her 8-year anniversary on April 2.

The annual report was submitted.

Lyman Loveland donated another \$3,000. He has donated \$6,000.00 in 2026.

A sizeable donation of \$10,000 was received recently. It was a gift from Vicki Taylor.

Library Director Dettmer will be attending a Funding/Budget Summit at Arrowhead Library System headquarters on Friday, April 10.

Summer Celebration will take place this summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26PM.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 13, 2026, AT 5:00 PM, AT THE GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY, PROGRAM ROOM, 140 NE 2ND ST. GRAND RAPIDS, MN.

ATTEST: Amy Dettmer, Director of Library Services

**GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BILL LIST - APRIL 8, 2026
DETAILED REPORT**

PUBLIC LIBRARY

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	15385-L	25.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999102443746-L	94.50
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999102489555-L	146.95
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	108591-L	300.00
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	108676-L	558.00
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	108592-L	755.05
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	108593-L	1,315.00
GOVCONNECTION INC	77389420-L	3.16
GOVCONNECTION INC	77401027-L	212.82
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95102983-L	18.81
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95102984-L	37.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95102985-L	23.78
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95102986-L	16.98
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95102987-L	284.60
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95102988-L	27.47
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	94995912-L	38.35
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	94995913-L	34.32
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	94995914-L	38.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95030309-L	25.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95135699-L	24.68
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95149498-L	124.50
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95324823-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95264809-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95279896-L	99.59
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95463811-L	517.71
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95463812-L	11.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95477333-L	51.52
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95399050-L	16.87
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95399051-L	32.75
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95399052-L	34.45
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95399053-L	17.02
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95399054-L	33.86
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95399055-L	207.98
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95399056-L	25.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95377634-L	22.21
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95377635-L	25.97
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95505733-L	261.55
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95234197-L	66.94
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95234198-L	16.86

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INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95234199-L	16.95
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95234200-L	457.05
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN5075141-L	142.67
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	508530028-L	101.23
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	508592387-L	25.49
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55371-L	255.30
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55401-L	421.26
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	55391-L	280.84
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	528607-L	372.10
SANDSTROM'S INC	579516-L	164.09
TRU NORTH ELECTRIC LLC	1616-L	306.36
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630532905-L	96.19
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630528184-L	89.89

TOTAL ALL INVOICES: \$ 8,327.47

**GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BILL LIST - APRIL 8, 2026
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT**

PUBLIC LIBRARY

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	25.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	241.45
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	2,928.05
GOVCONNECTION INC	215.98
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	2,661.57
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	142.67
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	126.72
PERSONNEL DYNAMICS LLC	957.40
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	372.10
SANDSTROM'S INC	164.09
TRU NORTH ELECTRIC LLC	306.36
VESTIS GROUP, INC	186.08

TOTAL UNPAID TO BE APPROVED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 8,327.47

CHECKS ISSUED-PRIOR APPROVAL

DIANA MAGNER	032526-L	\$ 125.00
EMILY LINDER	031626-L	\$ 175.00
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	3/6/2026	\$ 20,934.35
MN ENERGY	February, 2026	\$ 1,778.01
MINNESOTA REVENUE	2/1/2026	\$ 52.00
PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS	4026700/Mar26-L	\$ 248.92

TOTAL PRIOR APPROVAL ALLOWED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 23,313.28

TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS: \$ 31,640.75

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04
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:

Arrowhead Library System – \$184.84 for quiet study room upgrades

Adopted this 8th day of April 2026



Cyndy Martin, President



Jennifer Barr, Secretary

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

APG MEDIA OF MINNESOTA, LLC	134700/2026-L	554.00
ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	00015390-L	100.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2230023-L	188.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2231780-L	141.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999102654060-L	171.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999102550371-L	100.50
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS	AR2601000205-L	1,746.67
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS	AR2602000206-L	1,746.67
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS	AR2603000207-L	1,746.67
DEMCO INC	7759454-L	118.40
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	2603903-L	36.30
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	2603591-L	(7.94)
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	109014-L	2,914.48
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95614716-L	18.46
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95614717-L	49.31
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96129422-L	27.47
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95744086-L	16.86
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96009369-L	447.86
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95744087-L	70.85
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96009370-L	11.46
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95744088-L	16.32
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96146936-L	17.47
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95628546-L	43.72
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95727491-L	18.67
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96090821-L	106.97
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95727492-L	34.65
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95927302-L	70.86
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95727493-L	50.64
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95927303-L	37.15
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96146938-L	16.89
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95927304-L	16.46
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95744089-L	387.36
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96090822-L	11.76
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95927305-L	35.15
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96146939-L	18.46
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95744090-L	299.28
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96146940-L	11.77
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95744091-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95677736-L	36.69

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INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95927306-L	15.71
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95677737-L	13.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95927307-L	68.52
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95677738-L	9.62
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95927308-L	851.73
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	95927309-L	16.85
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96220791-L	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	96285491-L	48.30
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN5105189-L	482.77
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN5092708-L	12.97
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	IN5063860-L	103.92
ITASCA COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	Alarm 2026/Library	10.00
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES INC	277711-L	3,002.37
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	508764838-L	121.45
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	508802112-L	91.47
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	508634534-L	171.95
SANDSTROM'S INC	582256-L	179.53
THE TIMBERJAY INC	28381R10/2026-L	72.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	6152033-L	186.40
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	6157604-L	93.20
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630537533-L	96.19
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630547212-L	96.19
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630542141-L	96.19

TOTAL ALL INVOICES: \$ 17,321.14

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

APG MEDIA OF MINNESOTA, LLC	\$	554.00
ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM	\$	100.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	\$	329.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	\$	271.50
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS	\$	5,240.01
DEMCO INC	\$	118.40
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	\$	28.36
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	\$	2,914.48
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	\$	2,948.79
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LL	\$	599.66
ITASCA COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	\$	10.00
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES INC	\$	3,002.37
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	\$	384.87
SANDSTROM'S INC	\$	179.53
THE TIMBERJAY INC	\$	72.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	\$	279.60
VESTIS GROUP, INC	\$	288.57

TOTAL UNPAID TO BE APPROVED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 17,321.14

CHECKS ISSUED-PRIOR APPROVAL

AT&T	26999304/March	\$	55.23
Amazon	1YRQ-RVCW-DKJ3	\$	37.89
Amazon	19W7-7XPK-C7CL-L	\$	42.48
Amazon	1JYH-TGXX-RNTM	\$	34.18
Diana Magner	3/25/2026-L	\$	125.00
Emily Lindner	3/16/2026-L	\$	175.00
Grand Rapids Payroll	3/20/2026	\$	21,682.59
Grand Rapids Payroll	4/3/2026	\$	22,042.99
Marco Technologies LLC	576930887-L/March	\$	165.65
Marco Technologies LLC	579150012-L/April	\$	165.65
Metropolitan	TS053963310001/Feb26	\$	81.28
Metropolitan	TS053963310001/Mar26	\$	81.28
Metropolitan	TS053963310001/APR26	\$	81.28
MN Energy	0507783569-01/Mar26-L	\$	374.40
MN Revenue	March	\$	66.00
Operating Engineers	February 2026	\$	8,860.00
Operating Engineers	March 2026	\$	9,535.00

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Operating Engineers	April 2026	\$	9,535.00
Operating Engineers	May 2026	\$	9,535.00
Paul Bunyan	April 2026	\$	248.96
PUC	February 2026	\$	3,093.22
VISA	February 2026	\$	1,195.00
Waste Management	February 2026	\$	145.86
Waste Management	March 2026	\$	145.86

TOTAL PRIOR APPROVAL ALLOWED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 87,504.80

TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS: \$ 104,825.94

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05
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:

Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota – \$2,500 for water fountain/filler station

Vicki Taylor – \$10,000 (unrestricted, deferred to 2027)

Grand Rapids Area Library Friends - \$5,000 for Envisionware Print and Reservation Service

Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation - \$4,073.85

Town of Wabana - \$1,000 (unrestricted)

Adopted this 13th day of May 2026

Cyndy Martin, President

Jennifer Barr, Secretary

28. Animals in the Library

Service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are dogs and (in some cases) miniature horses that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for someone with a disability.

28.1 To know if it is a service animal

The only 2 questions a staff member can ask the patron about the animal:

1. Is the animal a service animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?

28.2 Repercussions if animal is not a service animal

A patron may be asked to leave:

If the answer to the question “Is the animal a service animal required because of a disability?” is “no.” If the patron provides an insufficient answer to the question, “What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?”

If the service animal is out of control and the animal’s handler does not take effective action to control it.

The patron is welcome to come back without the animal.

28.3 Animals for a Library program

The Library may choose to host programs that include the presence of an animal(s). Each program will follow these guidelines:

Each program will have a clearly defined day and time, which will be advertised in advance.

The animal(s) will remain in a designated area.

A trained handler will always accompany the animal(s).

From the Herald-Review April 18, 2026

Jennifer Rauschel

Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation



Jennifer Rauschel lives out a deep and unwavering commitment to community—often without recognition, but always with intention.

In addition to her professional role at Members Cooperative Credit Union, Jennifer serves on the Board of Directors for the Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation (GRALF), the Hill City Area Community Fund, and Itasca Community Television (ICTV). Her commitment extends beyond the boardroom as an Ambassador for the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and through her involvement with UNBOUND – Collaboration Over Competition, United Way, and countless local events across Grand Rapids, Hill City, and Jacobson.

Whether serving meals at fundraisers, donating blood, or quietly assisting neighbors in need, Jennifer gives her time and energy with compassion and care. She is especially known for preparing home-cooked meals for individuals and families facing hardship—offering support in personal and meaningful ways.

Her impact is both heartfelt and consistent. For a recent milestone birthday, Jennifer requested donations to the Library Fund in lieu of gifts, helping restore funding for children’s programs impacted by budget cuts—an example of her selflessness and dedication to community.

Jennifer’s actions remind us that service can take many forms—and that even the quietest efforts can leave a lasting impact.

Amy Dettmer

From: Forms Response Receipts <forms-receipts-noreply@google.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 12:00 PM
To: Amy Dettmer
Subject: Thanks for filling out this form: MALF Good Neighbor Grant



Thanks for filling out this form: **MALF Good Neighbor Grant**

You're receiving this email because you filled out the following form using your email address. **This form is owned by Minnesota Association of Library Friends.** Make sure you recognize and trust this form before copying or clicking on any links. If it looks suspicious, **report it.**

Here's what was received.

MALF Good Neighbor Grant

As communities across Minnesota navigate a year like no other, the Minnesota Association of Library Friends wants to empower Friends of the Library and their libraries to rise to the occasion. MALF's new Good Neighbor Grant is making monetary grants up to \$1,000 available to member organizations eager to support solutions to whatever problems loom largest in your community.

What's the catch? There isn't one. This program is, by design, broad and responsive in nature. A wide array of purchases and priorities are qualified for consideration, provided only that the priority identified involves the local library and centers a pressing community need.

Email *

adettmer@grandrapidsmn.gov

Contact Person *

Amy Dettmer

Organization (Legal Name): *

Grand Rapids Area Library Friends

Full Mailing Address

140 NE 2nd St. Grand Rapids, MN 55744

How much grant money are you requesting (up to \$1,000)?

\$975.00

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet **all** of the following eligibility qualifications:

I assert that the applicant organization I represent... *

- is a Friends of the Library organization serving a Minnesota-based public, school K-12, college/university, or special library,
- is a 501(c)3 Public Charity eligible to receive tax-deductible donations, and is in good standing with the IRS and Minnesota Secretary of State,

- ✓ is current in our annual MALF membership dues (\$35/yr)
- ✓ has pre-approval from our library to spend/allocate money awarded in the ways identified in this application, and
- ✓ agrees to dispense these funds for their intended purpose no later than August 31, 2026

APPLICATION

Provide a 100–300-word answer to each of the following prompts:

Describe the community need(s) you have identified and wish to address. What sector(s) of your community are you centering?

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Grand Rapids Area Library (GRAL) serves the greater Grand Rapids, MN, community of more than 21,000 people. We have a growing population of aging patrons who increasingly are more and more interested in our Large Print collection, as it is easier to read and less straining on the eyes. Due to funding cuts in our city for 2026, our library has experienced a loss of 65% of our materials budget. This takes our Large Print budget from \$5,500 annually to just \$2,000 to purchase new titles. Along with our aging population, many more patrons are seeking Large Print editions as wait times are typically shorter for new releases. Our goal with grant support would be to grow our Large Print collection to meet our patron demand.

Describe the project, initiative or program you wish to fund - including how it involves the Library. Be as specific as possible.

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GRAL staff has noticed a trend of increasing popularity with patrons borrowing Large Print books. With more than 167,000 materials circulating at our library annually, we recognize that our Large Print collection is among our smallest and has the greatest opportunity for growth. However, while facing budget cuts of 65% in materials acquisition, we have had to reduce Large Print purchases to just \$2,000 for 2026. The opportunity to increase this amount by \$975.00 would be a significant boost in our ability to order more Large Print titles to meet the needs of our aging population and anyone else who enjoys the benefits of materials with an increased font size.

How would a monetary award from the Good Neighbor Grant program support the creation of that program (if new) or bolster existing efforts (if already established)?

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GRAL currently receives new releases in Large Print from popular authors, but we are limited to just a few each month. Our current budget of \$2,000 (a reduction of \$3,500) does not allow us to keep up with demand or volume of new releases and to complete popular series in this format. At approximately \$35 per book, we are at a loss of 100 new titles just this year. Growing our Large Print collection beyond our standard auto-order allows us to expand to other subgenres and to receive more books from popular authors that our patrons request. Additional funding with this grant would afford us the opportunity to bridge some of the gap created by a funding loss, keeping patron needs as a priority.

If you received a Good Neighbor Grant, how exactly would you spend the money? If applicable, provide a line-item list of expected expenses.

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Typically, Large Print orders for our library are placed monthly. Thorndike Press offers Large Print titles for approximately \$35 per book. As a standing order customer, we receive a 20% discount taking the cost down to \$28 per book. Ingram Library Services offers Large Print titles that Thorndike Press does not have, so we would supplement those orders at a 5% discount, or \$33.25 per book. Receiving \$975.00 would allow us to purchase more than 25 titles that we would not otherwise be able to add this year.

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Grand Rapids Area Library
Reference Statistics
April 2026

	April	YTD 2026
Door Count	3,965	15,213
Reference Questions	204	639
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	22	64
Tests Proctored	0	4
Public Computer Use: Sessions	137	572
Public Computer Use: Hours	109	455
Special Computer Sessions	112	397
Passports Accepted	58	233

April 2026

Item 8.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
3/31/26: 231065			1 April Fool's Day 231429 9 364 Admin Assist Day	2 Passover weekly count: 364	3 Good Friday	4 9	
5 Easter	6 231755 326 5	7 232103 348 5	8 232381 278 3	9 952	10	11 13	
12	13 232672 291 1	14 232962 290 0	15 Taxes Due 233244 282 0	16 863	17	18 1	
19	20 233510 266 6	21 233804 294 4	22 Earth Day Admin Assist Day 234108 304 6	23 864	24	25 16	
26	27 234429 324 4	28 234707 278 5	29 235030 323 10	30 922		19	
		Notes 4/29: 235030 3/31: - 231065 <u>3,965</u> ✓					58 passports
				✓3,965 weekly totals			

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 April Fool's Day np/ ²¹ c/ 1 Admin Assist Day	2 Passover	3 Good Friday	4 21 np= 12 c= 1	
5 Easter	6 12 np/ ^{c/}	7 10 np/ ^{c/}	8 16 np ^{c/}	9	10	11 38 np= 27 c= 8	
12	13 15 np ^{c/}	14 15 np ^{c/}	15 Taxes Due ²⁰ np ^{c/}	16	17	18 50 np= 28 c= 6	
19	20 17 np ^{c/}	21 11 np ^{c/}	22 Earth Day 12 Admin Assist Day np ^{c/}	23	24	25 40 np= 28 c= 2	
26	27 30 np ^{c/}	28 14 np ^{c/}	29 11 np ^{c/}	30		55 np= 17 c= 5	
		Notes					Ref ? = 204 np= 112 c= 22 +p= 0

Monthly Report - Overview for Apr 2026

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Time	7749	8925	-14	9780	-21	30405	37595	-20
Phone Renewal	103	100	3	221	-54	461	811	-44
Renewal	91	105	-14	157	-43	417	596	-31
Opac Renewal	805	770	4	640	25	2624	2346	11
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
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Total	8748	9900	-12	10798	-19	33907	41348	-18

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 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
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Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Checkin

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Normal	7466	7986	-7	8829	-16	27516	33898	-19
Late	1610	1575	2	1950	-18	6389	6939	-8
Offline Normal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offline Late	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	9076	9561	-6	10779	-16	33905	40837	-17

Requests Placed

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Placed	1624	1662	-3	1806	-11	6244	7897	-21
Total	1624	1662	-3	1806	-11	6244	7897	-21

Requests Resolved

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	94	86	9	122	-23	325	499	-35
Filled	2373	2681	-12	2751	-14	9692	11391	-15
Expired	3	9	-67	2	50	23	15	53
Total	2470	2776	-12	2875	-15	10040	11905	-16

Holds Resolved

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1490	1634	-9	1723	-14	5871	7260	-20
Cancelled	3	2	50	12	-75	14	21	-34
Expired	140	98	42	114	22	503	462	8
Total	1633	1734	-6	1849	-12	6388	7743	-18

Overdues

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	644	536	20	598	7	2195	2235	-2
2nd Notice	3	6	-50	6	-50	19	21	-10
3rd Notice	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	-80
4th Notice	0	0	0	1	-100	1	5	-80
5th Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100
Final Notice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notice # 0	130	134	-3	129	0	639	728	-13
Total	777	676	14	734	5	2855	2995	-5

Borrower Delta

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	49	61	-20	96	-49	175	336	-48
Deleted (Manual)	1	1	0	5	-80	5	26	-81
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	50	62	-20	101	-51	180	362	-51

Bib Delta

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	241	134	79	250	-4	593	613	-4
Deleted (Manual)	283	129	119	217	30	928	1883	-51
New (Batch)	47	36	30	42	11	314	130	141
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	571	299	90	509	12	1835	2626	-31

Auth Delta

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	3	1	200	3	0	8	19	-58
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	1	200	3	0	8	19	-58

Item Delta

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	605	379	59	550	10	1688	1733	-3
Deleted (Manual)	161	51	215	78	106	1603	3045	-48
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	766	430	78	628	21	3291	4778	-32

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	%chg	Apr 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Lines Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Items Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lines Received	353	289	22	359	-2	982	863	13
Items Rcvd by Ven	362	295	22	370	-3	1016	886	14
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	715	584	22	729	-2	1998	1749	14

April in Children's

This month has seen the Children's library start to really gear up for Summer Reading. Some highlights:

1. Dion has been overwhelmingly busy processing new books purchased from a phenomenally gracious donation by Lyman and Ann Loveland. To the tune of over 250 new books. Whew! Her fingers have been flying and the tape has been sticky.
2. I was invited to participate in a new forum called the "Early Education Advisory Board," put together by Cody Geisler, Early Education Director at MN College, North. It was great meeting professionals from all aspects of early childhood education across the region.
3. Page Turners had a lovely book group.
4. I visited the Library Foundation to let them know what has been happening in the library.
5. I was also invited to speak to the congregation of Community Presbyterian Church. Their weekly giving is given to a different non-profit each month, and it was determined that the Children's Library would be the beneficiary for the month of April. I have no idea what that will mean for us, but I am so grateful for the opportunity to visit with them.
6. I did another monthly book review on KAXE.
7. Artastic kits are currently being distributed.
8. Finally, we are expecting author Margi Preus to walk in the door at any moment.

Happy Reading!

GRAL Children’s Library Monthly Statistics April 2026

Artastic

Programs: 1

Facebook plays: 397

YouTube views: 10

Total views: 407

Kits handed out: 150

Programs:

04/07	Book Time	45
04/13	Page Turners	7
04/14	Book Time	34
04/21	Book Time	34
04/28	Book Time	52

Total Programs: 5 People: 172

Book Times: 4 People: 165

Library Programs: 1 People: 7

Reference Questions 2026: 256

Reference Questions 2025: 329

26	27	28	29	30		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			1	2	3	4
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

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GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY: 2026 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	40	161.75	4	43.75	9	29.00	10	60.00	10	14.00	44	205.50
February	29	129.25	4	71.25	8	28.00	7	61.00	1	6.00	33	200.50
March	26	183.25	4	99.50	7	27.00	7	90.00	1	3.00	30	282.75
April	36	172.75	4	71.00	8	28.00	6	67.50	11	14.00	40	243.75
May											0	0.00
June											0	0.00
July											0	0.00
August											0	0.00
September											0	0.00
October											0	0.00
November											0	0.00
December											0	0.00
Total		647.00		285.50		112.00		278.50		37.00	*	932.50