



GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 14, 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, October 14, 2026 5:00 PM at Grand Rapids Area Library, Program 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 minutes from the 09-09-2026 Library Board meeting.

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 approval of a contract with Baily LaMountain for a series of 7 Lego Club programs.
4. Consider approval of a contract with Caitlyn Coons for a series of 7 Lego programs.
5. Consider adopting a resolution accepting donations.

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. Membership Agreement with Arrowhead Library System.
7. ALS Multitype Membership Agreement.
8. KAXE interview.

UPDATES:

Friends.

Foundation.

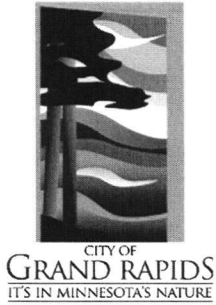
STAFF REPORTS:

- [9.](#) Review library reports and statistics.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

ATTEST: Amy Dettmer, Director of Library Services



GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 09, 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, September 9, 2026, at 5:00 PM PM at Grand Rapids Area Library, Program Room, 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Vice-President Dobbs called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. President Richards arrived at 5:04 PM and then presided over the meeting.

CALL OF ROLL:

PRESENT

Member Ellen Teigland
Member Sheena Richards
Member Aaron Squadroni
Member Janelle Dobbs
Member Jennifer Barr
Member Beau Casteel
Member Tabbatha Litchke

ABSENT

Member Amanda King

STAFF

Amy Dettmer, Director of Library Services

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Dettmer presented an item to be added to the Consent Agenda: Consider a motion to approve Emily Lindner contract.

Motion made by Member Dobbs, Seconded by Member Litchke to approve the agenda with the added item. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider a motion to approve Library Board Meeting Minutes from the 8-12-2026 meeting.

Motion made by Member Teigland, Seconded by Member Dobbs. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. Thank You card.

Informational - no action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLAIMS (Roll Call Vote Required):

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

Dettmer reported the Envisionware invoices were for the new copy/printing system. The Ferguson Wolseley invoice is for a new drinking fountain/water bottle filler station which is paid for by the Grand Rapids Area Library Friends and a grant.

Motion made by Member Teigland, Seconded by Member Dobbs.

Voting Yea: Member Teigland, Member Richards, Member Squadroni, Member Dobbs, Member Barr, Member Casteel, Member Litchke

CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote Required):

4. Consider adopting a resolution accepting donations.

Dettmer reported the Foundation donations were for books, materials for Summer Celebration and payment to program leaders.

Motion made by Member Barr, Seconded by Member Dobbs. to accept the consent agenda with the additional contract added.

Voting Yea: Member Teigland, Member Richards, Member Squadroni, Member Dobbs, Member Barr, Member Casteel, Member Litchke

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. 2027 MOE - Grand Rapids.

Informational - no action taken.

6. 2027 MOE - Itasca County.

Informational - no action taken.

UPDATES:

Friends;

Member Teigland reports many book donations have been coming in for the Friends Used Bookstore. A book sale is being planned for sometime in November.

Foundation:

Member Barr reported the Foundation is meeting September 17 at Community Presbyterian Church. The group continues to approve reimbursement payments to the library.

STAFF REPORTS:

7. Review Library Reports and Statistics.

Dettmer reported the library received a \$50,000 donation from Greg Waite, a longtime library patron who recently passed. Dettmer was presented the check by family members.

Dettmer reported the Foundation received a \$5,000 anonymous donation the library can use to purchase materials this year.

Dettmer reported 3 staff had work milestones reached in August.

Dettmer reported with the new copy/printing system there are fewer metrics to report. The metrics will reflect more accurately computer use.

Dettmer reported the new cleaner seems to be cleaning fine.

Dettmer reported 2 library patrons passed away and monetary donations in their memory have been received.

Dettmer reported at Summer Celebration 478 Kona Ice were handed out. The Foundation pays for Kona Ice.

Dettmer reported September is Library Card Sign-Up month and the main library display reflects this theme.

Dettmer reported the ALS Executive Director is leaving her position. Her last day will be January 29, 2027.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 5:26 PM.

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

ATTEST: Amy Dettmer, Director of Library Services

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY BILL LIST - SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 **DETAILED REPORT**

PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2243068-L	\$	188.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103003722-L	\$	28.50
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103240058-L	\$	50.25
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103153770-L	\$	28.50
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103153775-L	\$	75.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103011163-L	\$	87.75
DEMCO INC	7844773-L	\$	485.80
DEMCO INC	7846176-L	\$	37.93
ENVISIONWARE INC	INV-US-82285-L	\$	5,662.09
ENVISIONWARE INC	82286-L	\$	4,910.00
FERGUSON WOLSELEY IND GROUP	2939102-L	\$	1,969.09
GOVCONNECTION INC	77916950-L	\$	212.82
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98417671-L	\$	106.86
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98417672-L	\$	72.29
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98300254-L	\$	16.88
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98300255-L	\$	11.81
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98300256-L	\$	623.60
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98386238-L	\$	422.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98595900-L	\$	38.02
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98595901-L	\$	21.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98720063-L	\$	53.06
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98345444-L	\$	148.63
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98720064-L	\$	22.57
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98823339-L	\$	36.31
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98359694-L	\$	51.25
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98359695-L	\$	523.37
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98371867-L	\$	20.19
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98562466-L	\$	70.10
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98562467-L	\$	20.07
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98562468-L	\$	18.50
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98386239-L	\$	25.80
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98823340-L	\$	38.74
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98823341-L	\$	18.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98823342-L	\$	18.78
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98823343-L	\$	26.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98898061-L	\$	23.04
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98898062-L	\$	23.48
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	98660626-L	\$	25.80
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	IN5185933-L	\$	208.95

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INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	IN5181440-L	\$	322.27
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	25557133-L	\$	825.57
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	509309114-L	\$	152.94
RAPIDS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	25489-L	\$	650.55
SANDSTROM'S INC	599730-L	\$	55.09
SANDSTROM'S INC	598782-L	\$	144.01
SANDSTROM'S INC	CM382361-L	\$	(44.93)
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	6162294-L	\$	198.05
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630579096-L	\$	105.07
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630584049-L	\$	105.07
WILLOW LEAF COMMERCIAL CLEANING LLC	1289-L	\$	1,080.00

TOTAL ALL INVOICES: \$ 20,017.52

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DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	\$	188.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	\$	270.00
DEMCO INC	\$	523.73
ENVISIONWARE INC	\$	10,572.09
FERGUSON WOLSELEY IND GROUP	\$	1,969.09
GOVCONNECTION INC	\$	212.82
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	\$	2,479.15
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	\$	531.22
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	\$	825.57
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	\$	152.94
RAPIDS PLUMBING & HEATING INC	\$	650.55
SANDSTROM'S INC	\$	154.17
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	\$	198.05
VESTIS GROUP, INC	\$	210.14
WILLOW LEAF COMMERCIAL CLEANING LLC	\$	1,080.00

TOTAL UNPAID TO BE APPROVED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 20,017.52

CHECKS ISSUED-PRIOR APPROVAL

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	11PM-WWNM-4HDF-L	\$	74.96
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1HPT-3J3C-DNRT-L	\$	70.48
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	19N1-YXKG-DG7X-L	\$	44.07
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1GJ9-97D3-N3NP-L	\$	91.17
AT&T	August, 2026	\$	55.25
BAILY LAMOUNTAIN	7/20/2026	\$	50.00
BAILY LAMOUNTAIN	7/27/2026	\$	50.00
BAILY LAMOUNTAIN	8/3/2026	\$	50.00
CAITLYN COONS	6/22/2026	\$	50.00
CAITLYN COONS	6/29/2026	\$	50.00
CAITLYN COONS	7/20/2026	\$	50.00
CAITLYN COONS	7/27/2026	\$	50.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC (VOIDED)	LOST CHECK	\$	100.50
CENGAGE LEARNING INC (VOIDED)	LOST CHECK	\$	171.00
DIANA MAGNER	7/29/2026	\$	125.00
EMILY LINDNER	8/3/2026	\$	175.00
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	8/7/2026	\$	22,066.20
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	8/21/2026	\$	22,061.07
MARCO	587896127-L/AUG26	\$	165.65

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METROPOLITAN	AUG	\$	84.04
MICHELLE JOHNSON	6/3/2026	\$	100.45
MICHELLE JOHNSON	6/23/2026	\$	88.45
MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	0507783569-01/Jun26-L	\$	49.96
MN REVENUE	July, 2026	\$	84.00
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	September, 2026	\$	29.97
OPERATING ENGINEERS	September, 2026	\$	9,535.00
PAUL BUNYAN	4026700/AUG26 Service-L	\$	249.12
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib Line Chgs/Jan	\$	76.91
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib Line Chgs/Feb	\$	76.91
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib Line Chgs/Mar	\$	76.91
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib Line Chgs/Apr	\$	76.72
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib Line Chgs/May	\$	76.58
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib/Line Chgs/Jun	\$	76.58
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib Line Chgs/Jul	\$	77.15
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib Line Chgs/Aug	\$	77.15
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	July, 2026	\$	3,850.07
VISA	MAY. 2026	\$	1,290.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	JUNE, 2026	\$	145.86
WASTE MANAGEMENT	JULY, 2026	\$	145.86

TOTAL PRIOR APPROVAL ALLOWED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 61,818.04

TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS: \$ 81,835.56

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09
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 - \$3,096.51

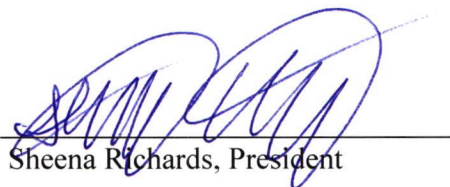
Jeanne Candy - \$100.00 (unrestricted - in memory of Catherine Downing)

Patricia & Keith Okeson - \$100.00 (unrestricted – in memory of Mike McGinnis)

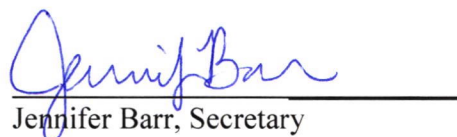
Nancy & Randy Zupan - \$100.00 (unrestricted – in memory of Catherine Downing)

Friends and family of Catherine Downing - \$730.00 (restricted to Children's Department)

Adopted this 9th day of September 2026



Sheena Richards, President



Jennifer Barr, Secretary

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DETAILED REPORT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2244583-L	\$	334.68
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2244122-L	\$	47.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2245333-L	\$	344.92
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2245588-L	\$	92.96
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103527626-L	\$	118.50
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103586359-L	\$	25.50
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103625523-L	\$	49.50
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	999103649903-L	\$	83.55
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS	AR2609000586-L	\$	1,550.00
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	110911-L	\$	2,075.07
GOVCONNECTION INC	77924753-L	\$	3.17
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99153397-L	\$	274.18
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99153398-L	\$	530.78
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99201751-L	\$	18.37
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99201752-L	\$	66.70
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99201753-L	\$	26.36
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99067461-L	\$	19.45
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99067462-L	\$	40.51
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99313921-L	\$	78.99
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99067463-L	\$	17.42
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99067464-L	\$	9.37
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99067465-L	\$	665.02
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99067466-L	\$	20.02
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99457372-L	\$	68.71
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99457373-L	\$	16.91
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99067467-L	\$	21.70
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99313922-L	\$	19.60
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99363585-L	\$	10.93
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99457374-L	\$	463.52
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99457375-L	\$	18.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99035857-L	\$	25.24
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99363586-L	\$	206.76
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99050450-L	\$	43.72
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99381255-L	\$	22.19
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99381256-L	\$	18.72
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99568959-L	\$	108.23
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99568960-L	\$	15.02
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99568961-L	\$	17.90
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99568962-L	\$	17.75

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INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99568963-L	\$	17.95
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99568964-L	\$	36.51
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99568965-L	\$	29.96
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99568966-L	\$	18.12
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99602352-L	\$	1,023.37
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99614961-L	\$	42.09
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99720695-L	\$	26.92
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99749081-L	\$	141.60
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99749082-L	\$	33.45
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99749083-L	\$	17.02
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99749084-L	\$	11.39
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99763994-L	\$	109.63
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99779797-L	\$	20.79
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99779798-L	\$	8.22
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99779799-L	\$	16.29
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	99831215-L	\$	37.19
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	IN5214342-L	\$	137.10
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	25628068-L	\$	600.00
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	509340153-L	\$	56.23
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	509435475-L	\$	105.71
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	549370-L	\$	374.50
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	549528-L	\$	83.04
SANDSTROM'S INC	603296-L	\$	100.93
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	4472625-L	\$	647.50
TRU NORTH ELECTRIC LLC	1639-L	\$	300.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	6163828-L	\$	104.85
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630592633-L	\$	105.07
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630587718-L	\$	105.07
VESTIS GROUP, INC	2630597094-L	\$	106.06
WILLOW LEAF COMMERCIAL CLEANING LLC	1306-L	\$	1,080.00

TOTAL ALL INVOICES: \$ 13,083.48

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DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	\$	819.56
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	\$	277.05
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS	\$	1,550.00
GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	\$	2,075.07
GOVCONNECTION INC	\$	3.17
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES LLC	\$	4,452.57
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	\$	137.10
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	\$	600.00
MIDWEST TAPE LLC	\$	161.94
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	\$	457.54
SANDSTROM'S INC	\$	100.93
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	\$	647.50
TRU NORTH ELECTRIC LLC	\$	300.00
UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	\$	104.85
VESTIS GROUP, INC	\$	316.20
WILLOW LEAF COMMERCIAL CLEANING LLC	\$	1,080.00

TOTAL UNPAID TO BE APPROVED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 13,083.48

CHECKS ISSUED-PRIOR APPROVAL

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1YRQ-VX9W-RQNF-L	\$	8.42
AT&T	September, 2026	\$	56.38
CAITLYN COONS	8/3/2026	\$	50.00
DIANA MAGNER	8/26/2026	\$	125.00
EMILY LINDNER	9/21/2026	\$	175.00
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	9/4/2026	\$	22,066.20
GRAND RAPIDS PAYROLL	9/18/2026	\$	22,090.54
MARCO	590248381-L	\$	165.65
METROPOLITAN	September, 2026	\$	84.04
METROPOLITAN	October, 2026	\$	84.04
MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES	0507783569-01/JuL26-L	\$	40.04
MN REVENUE	August, 2026	\$	48.00
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	October, 2026	\$	29.97
OPERATING ENGINEERS	Oct-26	\$	9,535.00
PAUL BUNYAN	4026700/SEP26 Service-L	\$	200.07
PAUL BUNYAN	6464100/Lib Line Chgs/Sep	\$	77.15
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	AUG, 2026	\$	2,963.58
WASTE MANAGEMENT	AUG, 2026	\$	145.86

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DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT

TOTAL PRIOR APPROVAL ALLOWED IN THE SUM OF: \$ 57,944.94

TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS: \$ 71,028.42

	000 All Departments	Undefined_Project	Undefined_Grant	
	FY24 Actual	FY25 Actual	FY26 Actual	FY26 Budget Adopted
	YearTotal	YearTotal	YTD	YearTotal
	716,911.75	691,239.39	252,556.57	514,927.00
	1,748.24	1,836.11	2,197.47	
	65,993.17	64,852.95	37,738.80	55,000.00
	784,653.16	757,928.45	292,492.84	569,927.00
	35,640.08	34,275.05		
			50,000.00	
	142,281.12	142,014.31	72,666.05	178,000.00
			184.84	
	177,921.20	176,289.36	122,850.89	178,000.00
	8,045.00	8,045.00	6,282.00	5,281.00
	3,939.96	4,509.17	3,001.15	2,000.00
	1,326.32	938.61	382.42	2,000.00
	75.25	57.99		100.00
	36,750.00	45,985.00	20,090.00	20,000.00
	667.63	989.81	548.07	500.00
	50,804.16	60,525.58	30,303.64	29,881.00
	37.25	10.50		
	37.25	10.50		
	11,736.90	16,029.03	16,802.00	1,500.00
	2,657.69	3,534.66	1,555.13	1,300.00
	36,868.98	20,548.83	19,354.91	
			5.00	
	1,752.83	2,234.11	2,427.26	
	7,264.34	7,210.00	4,974.36	3,000.00
	12,089.40	4,493.66		
	72,370.14	54,050.29	45,118.66	5,800.00
	1,085,785.91	1,048,804.18	490,766.03	783,608.00
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	422,204.48	400,413.81	114,374.15	563,815.00

101030 - Salary-Parttime	106,900.14	106,036.79	152,351.66	
101050 - Contracted Services	4,307.54	13,702.44	2,221.14	
101210 - Pera	39,138.43	37,296.29	20,004.52	
101220 - Fica	32,664.78	31,104.76	16,091.07	
101250 - Medicare	7,639.29	7,048.80	3,988.74	
101310 - Health Insurance	120,144.00	124,085.50	86,334.20	
101330 - Life & Disability Insurance	222.48	268.80	504.33	
101347 - Vision Insurance	-	6.90		
101420 - Unemployment/PFMLA			2,458.45	
101510 - Workers Compensation	2,290.67	2,641.41	1,978.10	2,425.00
PAYROLL	735,511.81	722,605.50	400,306.36	566,240.00
202010 - Office Supplies	5,307.27	6,171.21	1,221.06	5,000.00
202020 - Copy Supplies	381.26	832.82		1,500.00
202030 - Printing & Binding	279.42	225.66	140.25	1,000.00
202060 - Computer Supplies	3,271.21	5,111.88	2,889.93	3,000.00
202072 - Computer Inventory	3,806.70		1,250.94	2,500.00
202075 - Assets Between \$700-\$4,999	14,662.57		4,793.69	10,000.00
202090 - Inventorial Supplies	1,932.85	8,242.99		1,000.00
202095 - Prgm Sup & Materials	5,587.34	3,791.64	486.96	1,000.00
202100 - Operating Supplies	3,209.20	2,138.45	142.29	2,000.00
202110 - Books	49,742.85	44,355.23	29,907.24	14,000.00
202112 - Audio/Visual	12,784.95	9,045.89	5,953.23	5,000.00
202114 - Newspapers	1,827.25	1,908.19	1,929.19	2,000.00
202116 - Periodicals	5,983.06	3,961.00	58.36	
202150 - Maintenance Tools/Supplies	3,800.74	3,298.26	2,912.23	3,000.00
SUPPLIES	112,576.67	89,083.22	51,685.37	51,000.00
403000 - Professional Services		82.76		500.00
403010 - Accounting/Auditing Services	1,277.50	1,508.75	1,550.00	1,600.00
403070 - Laundry/Soil Mats	862.84	932.50	894.28	1,000.00
403090 - Janitorial Services	20,960.04	25,360.04	14,386.69	20,960.00
403100 - Other Contracted Services	7,845.00	7,150.00	6,550.00	12,000.00
403210 - Telephone	4,439.71	4,511.65	3,709.69	6,000.00
403212 - Online Services	1,871.08	1,109.50		
403220 - Postage/Freight	4,083.06	3,577.50	2,523.13	2,500.00
403230 - Seminars/Meetings/Schools	12,332.02	2,551.74	507.90	
403240 - Hiring/Background/Medical Testing			372.38	
403260 - Community Education/Promotion	227.00			

403300 - Professional Serv-Collections	1,654.30	1,968.85	1,188.30	2,000.00
403310 - Auto Mileage Reimbursement	326.96	361.94		1,000.00
403510 - Publishing & Advertising		1,587.00		1,000.00
403610 - General Insurance	25,113.00	24,720.00	19,500.00	26,208.00
403810 - Electricity	33,021.62	31,471.58	24,525.51	35,000.00
403840 - Garbage Removal	2,305.33	1,979.17	1,166.88	2,000.00
403860 - Heat	2,254.86	6,293.74	4,389.46	8,000.00
404000 - Maintenance Contracts	11,720.60	12,068.04	4,059.30	12,000.00
404010 - Building Maint/Repairs	6,465.73	24,187.68	7,308.04	15,000.00
404015 - Grounds Maint/Repairs	1,907.46	389.48		1,000.00
404020 - Computer Maint/Repairs	11,109.89	10,572.54	8,271.26	6,000.00
404070 - General Equipment Maint/Repairs	5,818.72	5,151.70	5,776.72	8,000.00
404330 - Dues & Subscriptions	270.00	315.00	85.00	3,000.00
404355 - Copy Machine Lease	1,465.69	1,840.73	1,531.57	1,600.00
OTHER CHARGES & SERVICES	157,332.41	169,691.89	108,296.11	166,368.00
505500 - Equip/Mach/Furn/Fixtures			5,495.00	
CAPITAL			5,495.00	
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS	1,005,420.89	981,380.61	565,782.84	783,608.00
City of Grand Rapids Total Activity	80,365.02	67,423.57	(75,016.81)	-

Item 2.



Sept. 30, 2026

Baily LaMountain

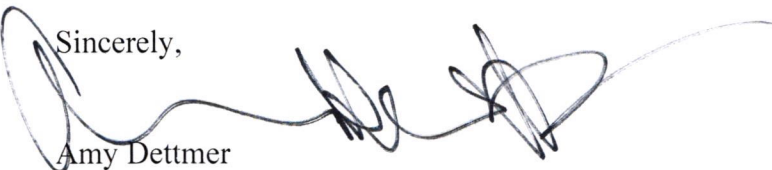
Dear Ms. LaMountain:

I am pleased that you will be leading a series of weekly Lego programs developed for school-age children. These programs will be held 10/7/2026, 11/4/2026, 12/2/2026, 1/6/2027, 2/3/2027, 3/3/2027, and 4/7/2027.

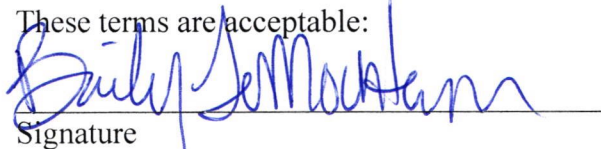
The Library will pay you \$50 for each program. This fee will include your prep time, as well as set-up, programming, and clean-up time. Payments will be made monthly, after the programs are completed. If these arrangements are agreeable, please sign below and return this contract to the library.

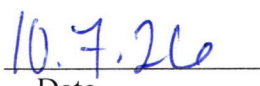
My e-mail is: adettmer@grandrapidsmn.gov. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns about the arrangements for your programs.

Sincerely,


Amy Dettmer
Library Director

These terms are acceptable:


Signature


Date

Approved for the Board of Directors:



Sept. 30, 2026

Caitlyn Coons

Dear Ms. Coons:

I am pleased that you will be leading a series of monthly Lego programs developed for school-age children. These programs will be held 10/7/2026, 11/4/2026, 12/2/2026, 1/6/2027, 2/3/2027, 3/3/2027, and 4/7/2027.

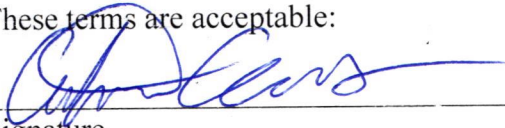
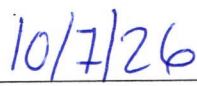
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Sincerely,


Amy Dettmer
Library Director

These terms are acceptable:


Signature
DateApproved for the Board of Directors:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10
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 - \$1,625.29

Grand Rapids Area Library Friends - \$1,600.00 (water fountain)

Sue Pulkrabek - \$25.00 (unrestricted – in memory of Al Gilbertson)

Greg Waite - \$50,000 (deferred revenue - 2027)

Bob & Ginny Wickman - \$300.00 (unrestricted)

Steve Ewens and Becky Loomis - \$1,000 (deferred revenue – 2027)

Adopted this 14th day of October 2026

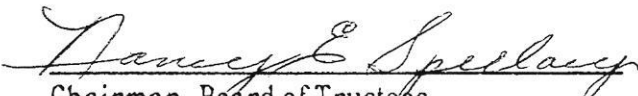
Sheena Richards, President

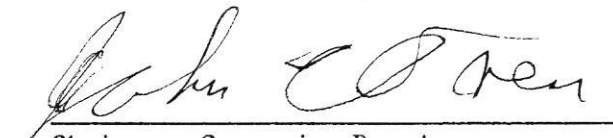
Jennifer Barr, Secretary

**AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Grand Rapids Public Library, located in Grand Rapids,
Minnesota, by initiating membership in the Arrowhead Library System, agrees to use
the free services of the System, and, by so doing, agrees to extend library service
without charge to all residents of the participating counties with the exception of those
served by libraries which are not members of the System. It is further understood
and agreed that other services may be contracted for as provided by the System.

This agreement, dated the 13th day of May, 1987, shall become
effective on July 1, 1987, and shall be in force until a 60 day written notice of
termination has been received by the Director of the Arrowhead Library System or by
the Director of your library.


Chairman, Board of Trustees
Grand Rapids Public Library


Chairman, Governing Board
Arrowhead Library System

**SPECIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM
AND THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE ATTACHED TO
THE "AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP"**

Minimum Services to be Provided by Grand Rapids Public Library

- a. Arrowhead Library System compatible computerized catalog/circulation system, with ports to include Bovey and Coleraine on the Grand Rapids Public Library data base, by January 1, 1990.
- b. American Library Association-Master of Library Science administrator with supervisory experience.
- c. The Grand Rapids Public Library will make a reasonable attempt to achieve these goals: A basic collection of currently useful volumes, the number to be determined by the guidelines set forth by the Minnesota Public Library goals for community libraries serving populations 10,000 - 29,999. It will strive to allocate and expend annually at least 19% of its operating budget on items to be circulated or used as reference, including a proportionate share for juvenile materials. It will develop and strengthen its reference collection and provide trained reference staff.
- d. Normal hours of operation at a minimum of 40.5 hours per week summer and 49.5 hours per week winter; i.e., winter to mean "school year".
- e. Library to have minimum total interior floor space as described in Minnesota Rules 3530.2624, Subpart 1.
- f. Will observe Arrowhead Library System system-wide reciprocal borrowing practice.
- g. Will sign state-wide reciprocal borrowing agreement.

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1. Minimum Services to be Provided by the Grand Rapids Public Library - Cont'd.
 - h. Agrees to have its computerized data base, (when available) at no extra cost to Grand Rapids Public Library, entered into a larger Arrowhead Library System or Arrowhead Library System/North Country Library Cooperative or shared member library data base, or bases, if this develops.
 - i. Will join North Country Library Cooperative.
 - j. Will actively participate in Arrowhead System Council of Library Directors and Children's Librarians Arrowhead System meetings and will actively avail itself of consultant and continuing education services.
 - k. Will include representation on behalf of the nine townships and two cities on the Grand Rapids Public Library Board, but less than 50%. Said appointees shall be residents of the service area living outside the city of Grand Rapids.
 1. Will report statistics, including use of township residents.
2. Minimum Services to be Provided to Grand Rapids Public Library by Arrowhead Library System
 - a. Interlibrary loan and reference service.
 - b. Consultant and continuing education services, free of charge.

2. Minimum Services to be Provided to Grand Rapids Public Library by Arrowhead Library System - Cont'd.

- c. Mail-a-book for homebound program; But "homebound" shall be defined as physically/medically incapable of getting to a library.
- d. Delivery and distribution service.
- e. Grand Rapids Public Library service area residents will be provided with Arrowhead Library System service area and statewide reciprocal borrowing privileges.
- f. Grand Rapids Public Library may contract with Arrowhead Library System, if it wishes, for bookmobile and mail-a-book services for the residents of its specific service area.
- g. Eligibility to apply for state and federal grants and participate in Arrowhead Library System state and federal grants.
- h. Eligibility to participate in state media circuit program.

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2. Minimum Services to be Provided to Grand Rapids Public Library by Arrowhead Library System - Cont'd.

The following programs are all subject to Board change or elimination, upon reasonable advance notice, on the same basis as other member libraries.

- i. Rotating video cassette, phonograph record and framed art service.
- j. Ingram Buy Back Plan.
- k. Print shop service. i.e., Grand Rapids Public Library pays materials costs.
- l. Will explore with and help member libraries facilitate cooperative computer maintenance agreements. Cross-over reimbursement payments may be used for computer maintenance costs.

3. Financing Arrangements

- a. Townships of Arbo, Bass Brook, Blackberry, Feeley, Grand Rapids, Harris, Sago, Spang and Wabana and the cities of LaPrairie and Warba shall come under the Arrowhead Library System levy for Itasca County and Arrowhead Library System shall return to Grand Rapids Public Library within seven days of its receipt from the county whatever the levy may produce in these jurisdictions. The City of Grand Rapids and these jurisdictions shall be known as the Grand Rapids service area.

3. Financing Arrangements - Cont'd.

- b. Grand Rapids will receive crossover reimbursement on borrowers who reside outside of the Grand Rapids Service area. With the understanding that (a) "borrowers" means Arrowhead Library System borrowers, and (b) The crossover program for member libraries is subject to Board revision and possible elimination.
- c. The services and crossover reimbursement to be provided to the Grand Rapids Public Library by Arrowhead Library System shall not exceed in dollar value whatever new state and federal aid the agreement generates for Arrowhead Library System.

4. Other

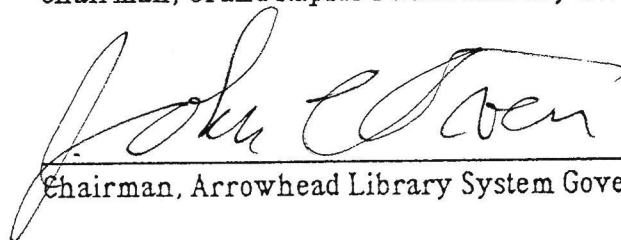
- a. Itasca County public libraries shall be eligible to elect two members to the Arrowhead Library System Governing Board. Itasca County commissioners shall be eligible to appoint one member to the Arrowhead Library System Governing Board.
- b. Grand Rapids will not act to expand its service area and Arrowhead Library System will take no action having the effect of reducing the Grand Rapids service area.

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4. Other - Cont'd.

- c. Terms of agreement: The same as that signed by other member libraries, plus this special agreement.
- d. The proposed agreement is conditional upon the acceptance of necessary changes in the Arrowhead Library System master contract by the boards of county commissioners of the seven counties which Arrowhead Library System services.


Chairman, Grand Rapids Public Library Board


Chairman, Arrowhead Library System Governing Board

4/14/87

Special Agreement Between the Arrowhead Library System
and The Grand Rapids Public Library To Be Attached To
The "Agreement for Membership"

Addendum relative to "3. Financing Arrangements," Section "a"

This section of the "Agreement" states that "The Townships of Arbo, Bass Brook, Blackberry, Feeley, Grand Rapids, Harris, Sago, Spang and Wabana and the cities of LaPrairie and Warba shall come under the Arrowhead Library System levy for Itasca County and the Arrowhead Library System shall return to Grand Rapids Public Library within seven days of its receipt from the county whatever the levy may produce in their jurisdictions."

The 1987 Minnesota Legislature, however, passed a law limiting county and city levies. This law affects our "Special Agreement." Now, due to the new legislation, we find that the above jurisdictions cannot come under the Arrowhead Library System county-wide mill rate during calendar 1988.

In order to solve this problem the Arrowhead Library System and the Grand Rapids Public Library do agree that they shall jointly ask the above jurisdiction to send letters to the County Auditor requesting that the same millage levy be spread on their townships and cities for public library service as is applied to the remainder of Itasca County or, the amount approved by township voters at their Spring, 1987, meetings.

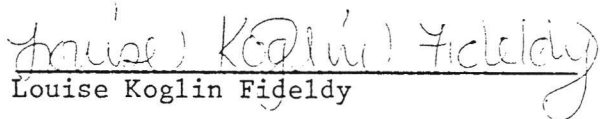
When the proceeds of this levy are paid to the townships and cities, they shall remit them to the Arrowhead Library System, which, in turn, shall reallocate them to the Grand Rapids Public Library.

FOR THE ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOR THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



John Oren
President



Louise Koglin Fideldy

Date 10-15-87

Date 6 Nov 87



DRAFT REVISED Arrowhead Library System Multitype Membership Agreement

This agreement is made between the Grand Rapids Area Library (hereinafter referred to as the Library) seeking to improve library service to its users by participating in the Arrowhead Library System Multitype (hereinafter referred to the ALS Multitype) services (as defined in Minnesota Statutes 134.351 – 134.354 and Minnesota Rules 3530.220). **ALS is designated as the multitype system in the counties of Carlton, Cook, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Itasca, Koochiching, and Saint Louis. Member libraries must be located in one of these counties. There are no membership fees.**

- I. The Library must meet the definition of Academic Library, Public Library, School Library Media Center, or Special Library as defined by the Minnesota Department of Education's Multicounty Multitype Aid Guidance and Definition document.

Library: A library is an entity that has a bibliographically organized collection of resources and materials; these collections are accessible to users.

Academic Library: An academic library is the library of an accredited degree-granting institution of higher education, or a non-accredited institution with a program of four years or more. An academic library provides all of the following: (1) an organized collection of printed and/or other materials; (2) a staff trained to provide and interpret collection materials as required to meet the needs of clientele; (3) an established schedule in which services of the staff are available to clientele; and (4) the physical facilities necessary to support such a collection, staff, and schedule.

Public Library Outlet: A public library outlet is a unit of an Administrative Entity that provides direct public library service and meets the public library membership requirements of Arrowhead Library System and definition of a public library under MN Statutes 134.001 Subd. 2.

School Library Media Center: A school library media center is an organized collection of printed, virtual and/or computer resources in an elementary or secondary school. A school library makes resources and services available to students, teachers, and administrators. A school library media center may be called a library, media center, instructional materials center, learning commons, or learning resource center.

Special Library: A special library is any library that maintains a collection of resources and that does not fit within any of the above categories. Special libraries may be affiliated with historical societies, hospitals or other organizations.

- II. The Library agrees to:
 - A. Share resources with other members to the greatest extent possible within the framework of its own and other libraries' current policies and recognizing its primary responsibility to its own users. Resources may include but are not limited to books, materials, staff expertise, and bibliographic data.
 - B. Participate in networking and communication among all ALS Multitype member libraries. Information required for the ALS Membership Directory and email lists may include, but is not limited to, current contact information, phone number, and email address as well as relevant information about library resources, programming, staffing, and hours of services.
 - C. Provide staff for maintaining the library collection and support ongoing professional development.
 - D. Maintain financial support of its own library at a level which in no way is reduced because of participation in

the ALS Multitype.

- III. ALS programs and services will be based on the availability of funds appropriated by the State Legislature. Every attempt to provide the listed services will be made; however, ALS retains the right to modify the range of services due to changes in funding. ALS will:
- A. Provide and support professional development opportunities, including continuing education, training workshops, special programs, and other events at little or no cost.
 - B. Maintain a system of communication for the sharing of information among member libraries, including online newsletters, other communication methods, online event calendars, e-mail lists, and an online directory of member libraries, staff, and contact information.
 - C. Enhance resource sharing and reciprocal borrowing. This may include services such as interlibrary loan and contracts for databases licensed either in whole or in part by the ALS Multitype.
 - D. Provide regional delivery service on a cost-share basis.
 - E. Provide members an opportunity to be involved in strategic planning.
 - F. Support the sharing of bibliographic data to the extent possible. This may include assistance with the conversion of records to share resources via the regional online catalog.

This membership agreement shall commence January 1, 2018 and will automatically renew each year, except that either party may terminate ALS Multitype membership with sixty (60) days of written notice.

If the Library chooses to terminate its ALS Multitype membership, materials, equipment and other items received from ALS within the last three years will be returned promptly. Any items borrowed from other participating libraries will be returned promptly and/or payment will be made to the owning library for lost or damaged items. The Library terminating its ALS multitype membership shall make no claims against the ALS Multitype.

Grand Rapids Area Library

Name of Library

Name of Institution/Organization

140 NE 2nd St

Street Address

Grand Rapids MN 55744

City

State

Zip

Mary Laubson

Signature of Library Contact

11/29/2017

Date

[Signature]

Signature of Authorized Institutional/Organizational Representative

11/29/2017

Date

Signature of ALS Multitype Board President

Date



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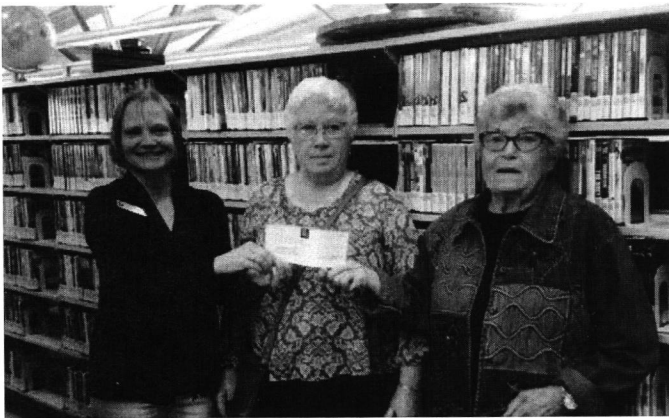
Bright Spot: Grand Rapids library finds support in a tough year

By Jennifer Penn Stone-Noy



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Contributed / Grand Rapids Area Library

Grand Rapids Area Library director receives a check from Sue Waite and Kay Peck in memory of their relative Greg Waite on Sept. 8, 2026.

After a 25% reduction in its budget for 2026, the staff at Grand Rapids Area Library look ahead to next year after receiving a \$50,000 donation.

KAXE
World Cafe

GRAND RAPIDS — It's been a tough year for local libraries. Hours have been cut in Bemidji, Grand Rapids and, most recently, in Virginia.

But in Grand Rapids, a recent gift of \$50,000 has reportedly blown away Director Amy Dettmer.

In early September, Dettmer received a call from family members of Greg Waite, a mural artist who visited the library at least once a week to check out DVDs and chat with staff. Dettmer learned Waite had died, and his family wanted to donate in his memory.

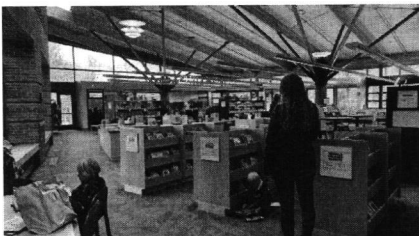
When she heard the donation amount, she said she nearly "fell on the floor."

A few days later, family members Sue Waite and Kay Peck presented Dettmer with the check.

"I started to cry. They started to cry," Dettmer said in a recent *Bright Spot* conversation on the *KAXE Morning Show*.

"Because it's going to change what we can do next year," she continued.

The Grand Rapids Area Library has been open three days a week in 2026, down from five the year before. Staff has condensed their work into less time with the same number of people coming through the door, according to Dettmer.



Local News

Grand Rapids library cuts mean slower service, fewer hours, programs

Megan Buffington, October 30, 2025

With a significant reduction in staff hours, Grand Rapids librarians must figure out how to maintain services and expectations with less time to do so.

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"The number of items that are getting checked out per hour is astronomical," Dettmer said.

At a city council meeting on Sept. 14, Grand Rapids Mayor Tasha Connelly said library fundraising efforts have brought in over \$273,000.

She said the city hopes to expand the library's hours as many as six days a week, including some Saturdays, beginning January 2027.

Connelly also acknowledged the generous contribution from Waite.

"The community has really showed up for the library," she said, "and we thank Greg and his family and all the patrons who have donated to the community foundation."

There are three ways to support Grand Rapids Area Library. The Friends of the Grand Rapids Area Library raise money through book sales and a used book store. Those funds provide for current needs, such as a recent drinking fountain replacement.

The Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation is supported through an endowment and money is distributed each year for materials and other special projects, such as the library's summer celebration for families. Last fall, a special fund was set up at the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation that is specifically earmarked for 2027 and 2028 operations.

With the donation from Waite's family and the operations fund, the library should be able to add at least one day per week to its schedule next year. Dettmer is working with Grand Rapids city administrator Tom Pagel on what that will look like.

Listen to our full conversation above to hear more details on how libraries are funded and how you can support your local library.

Is there a Bright Spot in your community? Let us know!

The Bright Spot is made possible by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the citizens of Minnesota.

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Monthly Report - Overview for Sep 2026

Locations on this report: Grand Rapids Area Library

Checkout

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Time	7993	8640	-8	8138	-2	72861	85986	-16
Phone Renewal	165	166	-1	155	6	1162	1839	-37
Renewal	131	161	-19	117	11	1084	1343	-20
Opac Renewal	785	647	21	720	9	6075	5652	7
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	9074	9614	-6	9130	-1	81182	94820	-15

Checkout Stock Rotation

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 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	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Normal	7742	8625	-11	8256	-7	66981	78446	-15
Late	1687	1639	2	2122	-21	14800	17000	-13
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	9429	10264	-9	10378	-10	81781	95446	-15

Requests Placed

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Placed	1707	1500	13	1790	-5	14257	16445	-14
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Total	1707	1500	13	1790	-5	14257	16445	-14

Requests Resolved

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Cancelled	113	114	-1	83	36	908	937	-4
Filled	2640	2425	8	2729	-4	22090	24544	-10
Expired	2	7	-72	8	-75	43	35	22
Total	2755	2546	8	2820	-3	23041	25516	-10

Holds Resolved

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
Picked Up	1659	1299	27	1611	2	13269	15248	-13
Cancelled	15	4	275	5	200	52	47	10
Expired	127	128	-1	118	7	1155	1064	8
Total	1801	1431	25	1734	3	14476	16359	-12

Overdues

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
1st Notice	766	601	27	839	-9	5651	5913	-5
2nd Notice	9	0	100	1	800	45	38	18
3rd Notice	1	2	-50	0	100	6	7	-15
4th Notice	0	1	-100	0	0	3	5	-40
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	200	222	-10	235	-15	1568	1752	-11
Total	976	826	18	1075	-10	7273	7716	-6

Borrower Delta

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	61	84	-28	98	-38	511	826	-39
Deleted (Manual)	3	3	0	5	-40	16	50	-68
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	64	87	-27	103	-38	527	876	-40

Bib Delta

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
New (Manual)	231	88	162	152	51	1384	1427	-4
Deleted (Manual)	206	260	-21	416	-51	1966	3152	-38
New (Batch)	164	118	38	38	331	932	381	144
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Total	601	466	28	606	-1	4282	4960	-14

Auth Delta

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Manual)	0	0	0	5	-100	17	73	-77
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	0	0	0	5	-100	17	73	-77

Item Delta

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
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New (Manual)	496	291	70	451	9	3659	4442	-18
Deleted (Manual)	322	435	-26	724	-56	2808	5477	-49
New (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deleted (Batch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	818	726	12	1175	-31	6467	9919	-35

Acquisitions Activities

Description	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	%chg	Sep 2025	%chg	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	%chg
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Lines Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Items Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lines Received	362	250	44	280	29	2146	2404	-11
Items Rcvd by Ven	367	254	44	286	28	2201	2491	-12
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	729	504	44	566	28	4347	4895	-12

Grand Rapids Area Library
Reference Statistics
September 2026

	September	YTD 2026
Door Count	4,037	37,897
Reference Questions	281	2,152
Computer Help Over 5 Minutes	10	169
Tests Proctored	0	9
Public Computer Use: Sessions	310	1,738
Public Computer Use: Hours	210	1,298
Passports Accepted	68	570

September 2026

Item 9.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ^{no # written down} C 1	2 37 C 11	3	4	5 <u>Totals</u> Ref? = 37 C = 3
6	7 Labor Day ~~CLOSED~~	8 28 C	9 16 C 1	10	11 Patriot Day	12 Rosh Hashanah Ref? = 44 C = 1
13 Grandparents Day	14 32 C 1	15 26 C	16 5 C	17	18	19 Ref? = 63 C = 1
20	21 Yom Kippur C 32	22 24 C	23 Autumnal equinox C 15 1	24	25	26 Ref? = 71 C = 1
27	28 C 11 31	29 C 1 25	30 C 1 10			Ref? = 66 C = 4
		Notes				Ref? = 281 C = 10

September 2026

Item 9.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/31: 253677	253677	1 253943 266 5	2 254268 325 6	3 <u>Weekly total</u> 591	4	5 11
6	7 Labor Day	8 254633 365 8	9 254988 355 5	10 720	11 Patriot Day	12 Rosh Hashanah 13
13 Grandparents Day	14 255278 290 3	15 255548 270 5	16 255876 328 7	17 888	18	19 15
20	21 Yom Kippur 256211 4 335	22 256447 236 5	23 Autumnal equinox 256731 284 0	24 855	25	26 9
27	28 257056 8 325	29 257376 320 6	30 257714 338 6	983 4,037 ✓ Total		20
		Notes 9/30/26: 257714 - 8/31/26: 253677 4,037 ✓			Total passports: 68	

Children's in September

And, we're off! I love September in the library. We get a bit of a breather after the wonderful madness of summer. Yet, by the end of the month, families are getting back into a routine, and we start to see our regular patrons, and new patrons, weekly. Here are some highlights from September:

- Book Time has resumed, with so much excitement and plenty of songs, shakers, and small voices.
- Page Turners continues to, well, turn pages at Book Club.
- Lego Club is set to start again in October.
- We skip Artastic three months out of the year, both for economic reasons, and because families are particularly busy: May, September, and December. We look forward to learning how to draw monsters in October!
- I have resumed my monthly book reviews on KAXE.
- Finally, today I'm grateful to live in a community that is passionate about library services. And cares about their neighbors.

Happy Reading!

GRAL Children's Library Monthly Statistics

September 2026

Programs:

09/08	Book Time	19
09/15	Book Time	24
09/21	Page Turners	7
09/22	Book Time	25
09/29	Book Time	34

Total Programs: 5 People: 108

Book Times: 4 People: 101

Library Programs: 1 People: 7

Reference Questions 2026: 306

Reference Questions 2025: 807

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2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 17	2 15	3	4	5 32
6	7 CLOSED	8 14	9 24	10	11	12 38
13	14 14	15 13	16 28	17	18	19 55
20	21 19	22 10	23 18	24	25	26 53
27	28 17	29 17	30 16			50

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	32	169.25	4	71.00	8	28.00	6	67.50	7	10.50	36	240.25
May	32	155.00	5	85.50	8	28.00	9	68.00	1	2.50	37	240.50
June	34	204.00	5	101.25	7	27.00	10	105.50	1	4.00	39	305.25
July	57	278.25	9	114.50	7	39.00	21	149.00	3	8.00	66	392.75
August	35	176.00	5	72.00	7	17.00	12	78.25	1	5.00	40	248.00
September	35	168.25	5	77.75	7	17.00	8	69.25	8	14.50	40	246.00
October											0	0.00
November											0	0.00
December											0	0.00
Total		1625.00		736.50		240.00		748.50		67.50	*	2,361.50