# LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

City of Kaukauna **Kaukauna Public Library** 

207 Thilmany Rd STE 200, Kaukauna

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM

# Laukeune PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### **AGENDA**

#### Library Board Room In-Person and Remote Teleconference Hybrid Meeting

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Roll Call of Membership
- 3. Reading and Approval Minutes
  - a. Tuesday, September 23, 2025
- 4. Public Participation and Communications
- 5. Action Items
  - a. Bill Register September 2025
  - **b.** Update Programming Policy
- 6. Information Items
  - a. Directors Report
  - b. Adult Services Librarian Report
  - c. Youth Services Librarian Report
  - d. Local Historian Report
  - e. Trustee Topic: Chapter 2
  - f. Statistics
- 7. Adjournment

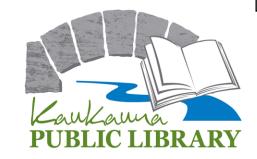
#### **NOTICES**

# IF REQUESTED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.

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Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM

#### Library Board Room In-Person & Zoom Teleconference Hybrid Meeting

- 1. Call meeting to order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.
- 2. Roll call of membership
  - a. Present: A. Neumeier, C. Fallona, C. Van Boxtel, D. Tatro, J. Vondracek, J. Van De Hey, J. Lucas, P, Davis.
  - b. Excused: M.J. Kilgas
  - c. Also present: A. Thiem-Menning
- 3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - a. Tuesday, August 26, 2025
    - C. Fallona made a motion to approve the Tuesday, August 26, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by C. Van Boxtel. Motion carries; all in favor.
  - b. Closed Session meeting minutes Tuesday, August 26, 2025
    - J. Van De Hey made a motion to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes Tuesday, August 26, 2025, seconded by J. Lucas. Motion carries; all in favor.
- 4. Public Participation and Communications
  - a. None.
- 5. Action Items
  - a. Bill Register June 2025
    - i. C. Fallona made a motion to approve the Bill Register June 2025. Seconded by J. Van De Hey. Motion carries; all in favor.
  - b. Bill Register July 2025
    - D. Tatro made a motion to approve the Bill Register July 2025.
       Seconded by P. Davis. Motion carries; all in favor.
  - c. Bill Register August 2025
    - i. J. Lucas made a motion to approve the Bill Register August 2025, seconded by J. Vondracek. Motion carries; all in favor.
- 6. Information Items
  - a. Directors Report

- i. Director A. Thiem-Menning walked through the 2026 budget request.
- b. Adult Services Librarian Report
- c. Youth Services Librarian Report
- d. Local Historian Report
- e. Trustee Topic: Chapter 1
- f. Statistics
  - i. A. Thiem-Menning noted that many statistics have trended down this year due to Appleton Public Library opening. Stats were higher while APL was closed, as some APL patrons made their way to Kaukauna during the closures or during the temporary locations.
  - ii. J, Vondracek made a motion to place the reports on file, seconded by C. Van Boxtel. Motion carries; all in favor.

### 7. Adjournment

a. The meeting adjourned at 6:37p.



# Kaukauna Public Library 2025 Revenue Report

											County Allo	cation for Library	Services					Lost/
	То	tal Fines	Computer Printing/ Photocopies		Faxes	Lam	ninating	Total Library Generated Revenue	·	Outagamie County Appropriation	Calumet County Appropriation	Brown County Appropriation	Winnebago County Appropriation	Total County Allocations		Total Library evenue to City	Tra	placement/ Bills nsferred to Materials
January	\$	4.59	\$ 319.23	\$	71.60	\$	7.00	\$ 402.42							\$	402.42	\$	262.18
February	\$	4.99	\$ 392.21	\$	44.50	\$	6.00	\$ 447.70							\$	447.70	\$	100.65
March	\$	4.07	\$ 581.98	\$	56.12	\$	19.00	\$ 661.17							\$	661.17	\$	154.00
April	\$	15.74	\$ 589.85	\$	42.15	\$	3.09	\$ 650.83	\$	106,474.50	\$ 90,540.00	\$ 20,875.00	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 220,231.	0 \$	220,882.33	\$	103.63
May	\$	10.49	\$ 449.20	\$	60.00	\$	0.50	\$ 520.19							\$	520.19	\$	296.53
June	\$	24.00	\$ 498.20	\$	53.50	\$	1.00	\$ 576.70							\$	576.70	\$	70.99
July	\$	9.21	\$ 466.52	\$	51.00	\$	23.00	\$ 549.73	\$	106,474.50				\$ 106,474.	0 \$	107,024.23	\$	140.71
August	\$	2.20	\$ 622.74	\$	62.35	\$	3.00	\$ 690.29							\$	690.29	\$	199.19
September	\$	10.07	\$ 583.10	\$	71.70	\$	-	\$ 664.87							\$	664.87	\$	28.00
Totals	\$	85.36	\$ 4,503.03	\$!	512.92	\$	62.59	\$ 5,163.90	9	\$ 212,949.00	\$90,540.00	\$20,875.00	\$2,342.00	\$326,706.0	0 \$	331,869.90	\$	1,375.87

As Financial Secretary I have reviewed and approved this report:

Joseph Lucas Financial Secretary

# City of Kaukauna City of Kaukauna

# City - Budget vs. Actual (Years 2025+) From Jan 2025 to Sep 2025

Financial Row	Amount	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Amount Over Budget</b>	% of Budget
Expense				
5000 - Personnel Services				
5001 - Wages & Salaries				
5101 - Regular Payroll	\$403,239.50	\$620,644.00	(\$217,404.50)	64.97%
5104 - Temporary Payroll	\$32,547.42	\$36,000.00	(\$3,452.58)	90.41%
5107 - Overtime Pay	\$18.63	\$0.00	\$18.63	0.00%
Total - 5001 - Wages & Salaries	\$435,805.55	\$656,644.00	(\$220,838.45)	66.37%
5002 - Fringe Benefits				
5151 - Retirement Plan	\$23,219.18	\$32,768.75	(\$9,549.57)	70.86%
5152 - Residency	\$4,109.28	\$4,351.00	(\$241.72)	94.44%
5154 - Social Security	\$25,825.92	\$38,953.58	(\$13,127.66)	66.30%
5157 - Group Health Insurance	\$86,740.02	\$111,519.00	(\$24,778.98)	77.78%
5160 - Group Life Insurance	\$442.01	\$563.00	(\$120.99)	78.51%
5163 - Workers Compensation	\$748.40	\$2,843.99	(\$2,095.59)	26.32%
Total - 5002 - Fringe Benefits	\$141,084.81	\$190,999.32	(\$49,914.51)	73.87%
Total - 5000 - Personnel Services	\$576,890.36	\$847,643.32	(\$270,752.96)	68.06%
5003 - Non-Personnel Services			,	
5004 - Travel/Training				
5208 - Travel - City Business	\$2,599.38	\$3,820.00	(\$1,220.62)	68.05%
5211 - Education & Memberships	\$2,574.00	\$2,804.00	(\$230.00)	91.80%
Total - 5004 - Travel/Training	\$5,173.38	\$6,624.00	(\$1,450.62)	78.10%
5006 - Purchased Services			,	
5303 - Communications	\$511.37	\$700.00	(\$188.63)	73.05%
5306 - Heating Fuels	\$4,012.66	\$8,000.00	(\$3,987.34)	50.16%
5309 - Water Sewer & Electric	\$10,712.04	\$16,450.00	(\$5,737.96)	65.12%
5312 - Maintenance - Buildings	\$82,404.68	\$119,000.00	(\$36,595.32)	69.25%
5313 - Lease - Buildings	\$107,937.00	\$143,916.00	(\$35,979.00)	75.00%
5325 - Contractual Services	\$25,666.84	\$35,584.00	(\$9,917.16)	72.13%
5328 - Advertising	\$785.52	\$2,550.00	(\$1,764.48)	30.80%
5331 - General Insurance	\$8,421.00	\$8,421.00	\$0.00	100.00%
5332 - Shared Service Allocation	\$122,120.00	\$122,120.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Total - 5006 - Purchased Services	\$362,571.11	\$456,741.00	(\$94,169.89)	79.38%
5007 - Supplies	<b>400</b> _,000	<b>¥</b> 100,1 1110	(40.1,100.00)	
5401 - Office Supplies	\$4,531.66	\$7,500.00	(\$2,968.34)	60.42%
5402 - Desktop Printer/Fax Expense	\$0.00	\$800.00	(\$800.00)	0.00%
5422 - Data Processing Supplies	\$6,608.69	\$7,500.00	(\$891.31)	88.12%
5431 - Postage	\$1,429.38	\$1,500.00	(\$70.62)	95.29%
5441 - Library Materials	\$108,219.51	\$107,552.00	\$667.51	100.62%
5442 - Service Contracts	\$52,910.00	\$69,784.00	(\$16,874.00)	75.82%
5444 - Library Programs	\$4,299.37	\$6,000.00	(\$1,700.63)	71.66%
5499 - Miscellaneous	\$357.04	\$1,500.00	(\$1,142.96)	23.80%
Total - 5007 - Supplies	\$178,355.65	\$202,136.00	(\$23,780.35)	88.24%
Total - 5003 - Non-Personnel Services	\$546,100.14	\$665,501.00	(\$119,400.86)	82.06%
5008 - Outlay	ψο 10,100.17	ψοσο,σο 1.00	(\$1.10,100.00)	32.0070
5801 - Land & Buildings	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	(\$300,000.00)	0.00%
5804 - Equipment (including Office)	\$7,894.81	\$9,420.00	(\$1,525.19)	83.81%
230: Equipment (moldaling Office)	ψι,σσπ.στ	ψο, τ20.00	(ψ1,020.10)	33.5170

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Financial Row	Amount	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Amount Over Budget</b>	% of Budget
Total - 5008 - Outlay	\$7,894.81	\$309,420.00	(\$301,525.19)	2.55%
Total - Expense	\$1,130,885.31	\$1,822,564.32	(\$691,679.01)	62.05%
Net Income	(\$1,130,885.31)	(\$1,822,564.32)	\$691,679.01	62.05%

#### City of Kaukauna **City - Income Statement Detail** Sep 2025

			Sep 2025		
Financial Row	Type	Date	Posting P Document Num Name	Amount	t Description
Expense					
5000 - Personne	el Services				
5001 - Wages	& Salaries				
5101 - Regu					
· ·	Journal	9/11/2025	Sep 2025 JE904	\$21,834.56	Gross Earnings
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE914		Gross Earnings
Total - 5101	- Regular Pa			\$44,035.46	
5104 - Temp				, ,	
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE904	\$1,229,92	Seasonal
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE914		Seasonal
Total - 5104				\$3,283.16	
Total - 5001 - 1				\$47,318.62	
5002 - Fringe				¥, 0 .0.02	
5151 - Retire					
3131 - 1\cuit	Journal	0/11/2025	Sep 2025 JE904	¢1 297 46	ERWRSGen
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE914		ERWRSGen
Total - 5151			3ep 2020 3L914	\$2,584.97	
5152 - Resid		l Fiaii		φ <b>2</b> ,304.97	
5152 - Resid	-	0/44/2025	Con 2025 IF004	\$239.25	4046
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE904		
T-4-1 F4F0	Journal		Sep 2025 JE914	\$254.05	
Total - 5152	-			\$493.30	
5154 - Socia	-	0/44/0005	0 0005 15004	<b>#4 000 00</b>	E
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE904		Employer Social Security Expense
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE904		Employer Medicare Expense
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE914		Employer Social Security Expense
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE914		Employer Medicare Expense
Total - 5154		-		\$2,838.54	
5157 - Grouլ					
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE904		ER Health
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE904		HRA Annual
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE904		HRA Monthly
	Journal		Sep 2025 JE914	\$4,882.13	ER Health
Total - 5157			e	\$10,383.26	
5160 - Grou	o Life Insura	nce			
	Journal	9/11/2025	Sep 2025 JE904	\$26.93	ER Life
	Journal	9/25/2025	Sep 2025 JE914	\$26.93	ER Life
Total - 5160	- Group Life	Insurance		\$53.86	
5163 - Work	ers Compen	sation			
	Journal	9/11/2025	Sep 2025 JE904	\$36.90	WC Admin
	Journal	9/25/2025	Sep 2025 JE914	\$38.81	WC Admin
Total - 5163	- Workers C	ompensatio	1	\$75.71	
Total - 5002 -	Fringe Bene	fits		\$16,429.64	
Total - 5000 - Pe	rsonnel Ser	vices		\$63,748.26	
5003 - Non-Pers	onnel Servi	ces			
5004 - Travel/	Γraining				
5208 - Trave		ness			
		rd 8/20/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.ae331664 V1197 Miscellaneous Food Vendor (I	\$46.00	Sarah Wroblewski - Per Diem - Overage reimbursed back to City.
		rd 8/21/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.d1d3a596 V1197 Miscellaneous Food Vendor (I		Sarah Wroblewski - Per Diem for Madison trip Overage paid back to Ci
			Sep 2025 RAMP.c8af510a-V1197 Miscellaneous Food Vendor (I		Sarah Wroblewski - Per Diem

Vendor Inv 9/8/2025	Sep 2025 090825	V1464 Sarah Wroblewski		Mileage 8/20 - 8/23/25	
Credit Card 9/10/2025	•	97 V1207 Miscellaneous Retail Vendor (		Ashley Thiem-Menning - Parking for library meeting	Item 5.a.
Journal 9/30/2025	Sep 2025 JE930			) Sarah Wroblewski Per Diem Overage	
Total - 5208 - Travel - City Business			\$250.48		
5211 - Education & Memberships	0 0005 DAMB 4 100 17		<b>*</b> 4 <b>=</b> 0 0 0		
		72 V1207 Miscellaneous Retail Vendor (		Sarah Wroblewski - Payment for library membership and ed	ucational resource
Credit Card 9/19/2025	•	45 V1207 Miscellaneous Retail Vendor (		Ashley Thiem-Menning - conference reg	
	•	6a V1207 Miscellaneous Retail Vendor (		James Berven - Continuing Education	
		5- V1207 Miscellaneous Retail Vendor (		James Berven - Parking	
Total - 5211 - Education & Membersh	lips		\$1,653.00		
Total - 5004 - Travel/Training 5005 - Center Maintenance			\$1,903.48		
<b>5264 - Programs</b> Journal 9/5/2025	Sep 2025 JE907		(¢10.05)	Sarah Wrahlawaki Migaallanaaya ayanliga far library progr	ammina
Total - 5264 - Programs	Sep 2025 JE907		(\$19.95)	) Sarah Wroblewski - Miscellaneous supplies for library progr	allilling.
Total - 5005 - Center Maintenance			(\$19.95)		
5006 - Purchased Services			(ψ13.33)		
5303 - Communications					
	Sep 2025 RAMP.d0c843h	h3 V0755 T-Mohile	\$29.90	Library mobile communication services	
	Sep 2025 JE914	50 V07 50 1 - WIODIIC		Cell Reimb	
Total - 5303 - Communications			\$54.90		
5306 - Heating Fuels			<b>40</b> 1100		
	Sep 2025 5607051378	V0705 We Energies	\$55.87	Gas Service - August	
Total - 5306 - Heating Fuels			\$55.87		
5312 - Maintenance - Buildings			<b>400.0</b> .		
Journal 9/5/2025	Sep 2025 JE907		\$9.69	Spencer Heise - item for ch department table	
Vendor Inv 9/8/2025	Sep 2025 090825	V0016 Grand Kakalin LLC		Maintenance - September	
	Sep 2025 JE915			James Berven - Library facility maintenance supplies	
Total - 5312 - Maintenance - Building			\$9,582.95		
5313 - Lease - Buildings	,				
Vendor Inv 9/8/2025	Sep 2025 090825	V0016 Grand Kakalin LLC	\$11,993.00	Rent - September	
Total - 5313 - Lease - Buildings			\$11,993.00		
5325 - Contractual Services					
Vendor Invi 9/1/2025	Sep 2025 02-41597	V0003 Advanced Maintenance Soluti		Monthly Contract Janitorial Services for the month of Septer	mber
Credit Card 9/2/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.a8ac25	d0 V0006 Complete Office of Wisconsin		paper supplies	
Journal 9/5/2025	Sep 2025 JE907		(\$907.50)	Zoobean, Inc - Annual Subscription	
Total - 5325 - Contractual Services			\$1,418.11		
5328 - Advertising					
Credit Card 9/3/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.206a29	9f. V1404 Mailchimp		Ashley Thiem-Menning - Library newsletter email service	
Total - 5328 - Advertising			\$23.76		
Total - 5006 - Purchased Services			\$23,128.59		
5007 - Supplies					
5401 - Office Supplies					
Credit Card 8/21/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.faf4ca2d			Spencer Heise - General expenses for office supplies.	
Credit Card 8/29/2025	·	f-f V0006 Complete Office of Wisconsin		Spencer Heise - General expenses for office supplies.	
Credit Card 9/1/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.47e823			Spencer Heise - office supplies purchase	
Credit Card 9/2/2025		d0 V0006 Complete Office of Wisconsin		paper supplies	
Credit Card 9/3/2025	•	4e V1328 Premium Waters, Inc.		Spencer Heise - Library water refill purchase.	
Credit Card 9/16/2025	•	0a V1207 Miscellaneous Retail Vendor (		James Berven - General Supplies for library materials.	
Credit Card 9/22/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.f3ffbfcc-			office supplies	
Credit Card 9/22/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.199c316			Spencer Heise - Office supplies for library use.	
Credit Card 9/23/2025	Sep 2025 RAMP.2f10844	9 V1173 Amazon		Spencer Heise - Office supplies acquisition for library use.	
Total - 5401 - Office Supplies			\$539.15		8
5410 - General Supplies					

Journa		Sep 2025				Sarah Wroblewski - Library Supplies - Ace Hardware	
 Journa		Sep 2025	JE907			Sarah Wroblewski - Supplies	Item 5.a.
Total - 5410 - General					(\$94.68)		
5422 - Data Processin		Sep 2025	1672	V0528 Outagamie Waupaca Lil	orony ( \$120.00	Spine Labels	
	· Inv: 8/28/2025 Card 9/5/2025			V1207 Miscellaneous Retail Ve		Spencer Heise - RFID tags	
	Card 9/5/2025	•	RAMP.72ea4330		•	Spencer Heise - cataloging supplies	
Journa		Sep 2025		. VOT91 Demoo		RMC Imaging Inc - Annual Hardware & Software Support	
	Card 9/24/2025	•	RAMP.5779e2d5	V0377 Kanco		Spencer Heise - Book Processing supplies	
 Total - 5422 - Data Pro					\$277.08	Specifical Fields Book Fields and Supplied	
5431 - Postage	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				<b>V</b> =		
•	Card 9/4/2025	Sep 2025	RAMP.565b633b	V0680 U.S. Postal Service - Po	stmas \$20.94	Spencer Heise - library mail	
 Total - 5431 - Postage					\$20.94		
5441 - Library Materia	ls						
Vendo	Inv: 2/28/2025	Sep 2025	ARU0385761	V1656 Willow Lane Education	\$1,170.05	Books	
Vendo	Inv: 4/9/2025	Sep 2025	90257890	V0323 Ingram	\$17.42	Books	
Vendo	Inv: 5/9/2025	Sep 2025	90295589	V0323 Ingram	\$19.63	Books	
Vendo	Inv: 7/29/2025	Sep 2025		V0576 Rivistas Subscription Se		Subscription Renewals	
	Inv: 8/9/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$16.63		
		•		V0651 The Wall Street Journal		Spencer Heise - newspaper subscription	
		•		V0796 Baker & Taylor		Spencer Heise - Library book acquisitions	
	Card 8/22/2025	•		· V0796 Baker & Taylor		Spencer Heise - Library book acquisitions	
	Card 8/22/2025			V0796 Baker & Taylor		Spencer Heise - Library book acquisitions	
	Inv: 8/25/2025	•		V0323 Ingram	\$17.79 \$12.77		
	· Inv: 8/25/2025 · Inv: 8/25/2025	•		V0323 Ingram	\$12.77 \$22.44		
	Inv 8/25/2025	Sep 2025 Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram V0323 Ingram	\$12.24		
	Inv 8/25/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$6.67		
	Inv 8/26/2025	•		V0323 Ingram	\$13.67		
	Inv 8/26/2025	•		V0323 Ingram	\$14.47		
	Inv 8/26/2025	•		V0323 Ingram	\$39.89		
	Inv 8/26/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$10.14		
Vendo	Inv 8/26/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$15.48		
Vendo	Inv 8/26/2025	Sep 2025	90059075	V0323 Ingram	\$17.32	Books	
Vendo	Inv 8/26/2025	Sep 2025	90059071	V0323 Ingram	\$15.48	Books	
	Inv 8/26/2025	•	90059078	V0323 Ingram	\$21.85	Books	
Vendo	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089327	V0323 Ingram	\$32.78	Books	
Vendo	Inv: 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089328	V0323 Ingram	\$67.23		
	Inv: 8/27/2025	•		V0323 Ingram	\$112.13		
	Inv 8/27/2025			V0323 Ingram	\$12.00		
	Inv 8/27/2025	•		V0323 Ingram	\$69.79		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$46.20		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$40.48		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$8.54		
	Inv: 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$16.52		
	Inv: 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram V0323 Ingram	\$58.56 \$28.13		
	· Inv: 8/27/2025 · Inv: 8/27/2025	Sep 2025 Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$28.13 \$32.28		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025 Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$161.13		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$187.05		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$157.98		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$30.15		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$86.54		
	Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025		V0323 Ingram	\$12.27		9
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Vendor Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089321	V0323 Ingram	\$94.48		
Vendor Inv 8/27/2025	•		V0323 Ingram	\$16.55	Books	n 5.a.
Vendor Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089341	V0323 Ingram	\$12.87	Books	
Vendor Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089330	V0323 Ingram	\$40.84	Books	
Vendor Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089329	V0323 Ingram	\$8.06	Books	
Vendor Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089336	V0323 Ingram	\$114.41	Books	
Vendor Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089325	V0323 Ingram	\$41.48	Books	
Vendor Inv 8/27/2025	Sep 2025	90089343	V0323 Ingram	\$22.07	Books	
Credit Card 8/28/2025	Sep 2025	RAMP.663fb362	V1173 Amazon	\$17.53	Ashley Thiem-Menning - Library book purchases	
Credit Card 8/28/2025	Sep 2025	RAMP.9ec64b1b	V1173 Amazon	\$8.97	Ashley Thiem-Menning - Library book purchases	
Credit Card 8/28/2025	Sep 2025	RAMP.5423e306	V1173 Amazon	\$16.66	Ashley Thiem-Menning - Library book purchases	
Credit Card 8/28/2025	Sep 2025	RAMP.e37b4764	V1173 Amazon		Ashley Thiem-Menning - Library book purchases	
Credit Card 8/28/2025	Sep 2025	RAMP.8aff0049-	V1642 Target	\$200.82	James Berven - Miscellaneous library materials acquisition.	
Credit Card 8/29/2025	Sep 2025	RAMP.faeec611-	V0796 Baker & Taylor	\$19.94	Spencer Heise - Library book acquisitions	
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Total - Expense	\$101,467.64	
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#### **Library Programming Policy**

The Kaukauna Public Library offers informational, educational, and entertainment programs for people of all ages. Programming at the library is reflective of the mission, vision, and values of the library.

Unless explicitly stated as an independent program in an event description, caregivers must remain with children under the age of six for library programs per our Unattended Child Policy. Adults over the age of eighteen (18) attending programs marketed specifically for youth (birth to 17) must have a minor in attendance with them to participate in a program, specifically in the space where the program is being held, unless the adult attending has a disability, which makes the programming developmentally appropriate for them.

Behavior during library programming is subject to the Appropriate Use Policy. Individuals who are disruptive or who demonstrate behaviors which violate the policy may be asked to leave library programming. Respect and courtesy of presenters is expected behavior while attending library programs.

The Library has a Photography and Film Policy, which does indicate that library staff may photograph and record programs and events for publicity and promotional purposes. When possible, the Library will ask participants in programs if they are comfortable being photographed or recorded. However, during large scale events, it may not be possible to ask permission. Those who do not wish to be photographed or recorded will have their wishes respected, but must inform library staff or the presenter of such wishes.

#### **Library Programming Registration and Cancellation Policy**

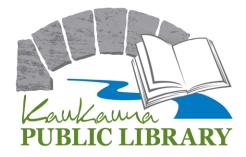
At times, the Library may require registration for programs. Registration may be enacted due to space constraints, performer/presenter requests, or the cost of supplies for the program. Registration is first come, first served. Registration can be taken in person, over the phone, or online from the website. Participants on the wait list may be added in timestamp order to the program registration list if there are cancellations.

Registrants of events must call the library or cancel their registration online at least four hours in advance of a program if they cannot attend, to allow the Library adequate time to notify members on the wait list.

Registrants that do not cancel prior, and do not show up, and registrants that cancel less than four hours before a program, may have their registration removed from future events if the no call/no show/no cancel happens twice in a row. Removal of participation from an event registration list is at the full discretion of Library staff.

To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning

Date: 10/20/25 Re: Budget & Staffing



On 10/20 the Finance & Personnel Committee met to go over the personnel requests for the 2026 budget. The Assistant Director position request for the library remains in the priority list for that meeting. Our request for a Local Historian did not make the priority list for 2026. We have been keeping a part-time position open in case that position request changed priority, in an effort to reduce the total cost of the position if a portion of the pay came from a conversion.

We have already sent HR information for posting the open part-time position. This position is empty from a part-time staff member taking a vacated full-time position. We will be hiring for a part-time Adult Programmer position; hours 4-8p M-TH and F 1-5p, with rotational Saturdays.

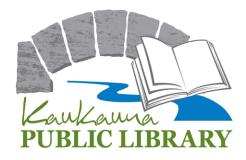
At the same time, we will also be posting for On-Call Library Assistants. We hope to hire at least two On-Calls, hopefully more. We have been struggling to fill some of our schedule gaps, so we need to increase the pool of On-Calls with available hours aligning to the hardest to fill shifts, which include evenings and weekends.

There will be a committee of the whole budget meeting on November 10, with budget adoption scheduled for November 18.



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning

Date: 10/17/25 Re: CIP Update



We received word that the furniture would be arriving for installation on 10/20. On 10/16 a rep from the company came over for a pre-installation chat. This was advantageous as we did find an issue with the design of the workroom space.

On 10/20 they will start with the office installation. That way, staff can move some of their items from the workroom to the offices when the offices are complete. However, as of the writing of this memo, we still do not have locks on any of the new doors. There is an issue with the specific core we need and the supply chain. There is a possibility of having temporary cores put in so that library and staff property will be safe in the interim. We are hoping to have the matching cores to the other doors in the library. If we go with the quicker option of new cores, it will add more keys to our already long list of types of keys for this building. Since the building does not have key fobs, there are many different keys that open a varying number of doors. I opted to wait for the old cores so that we do not have to add more keys to our keychains. If it continues to be an issue however, we may have to go with new cores.

Prepping the workroom for the second part of the installation process has required a significant amount of work. By close on 10/20 staff must have everything removed from the cubicles in the cubicle circle. We also had to remove everything near the circle because the circle is being dismantled and put together in a different configuration. This meant that we had to move just about anything that wasn't a cubicle in the workroom. The staff hallway and breakroom are filled with furniture!

We still need to have blinds installed, office nameplates, and when the AMHS machine comes in it may require some acoustic assistance in the form of sound dampening as staff members will still be working in that space.

The Communications Coordinator must also have everything out of her cubicle, because it is being removed (it was free from OWLS and was not in good condition) because the company is able to take the extra pieces from the current cubicle circle to re-create the cubicle Jenny was in with the better-quality cubicle materials leftover. Beyond the purchase of a chair, the entire workroom can be rearranged using furniture we already own to make room for the AMHS.

We did receive some bad news in regard to the AMHS. On October 1, the start of the month I expected delivery, the company emailed me noting that due to supply chain issues we would be looking at a December install instead of October. This doesn't have major ramifications, however, the support and licensing for the current self checks and

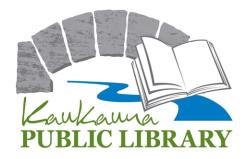
gates has ended, as we assumed we would have an October installation. If any equipment stops working before the new equipment arrives, we will not be able to fix it if it is beyond Spencer's capabilities. This is clearly not ideal, but we do have some workarounds as options if something would happen.



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning

Date: 10/17/25

Re: Community Partnerships



When the food pantry stock got very low early this fall, we reached out to the community for help. We were very lucky to receive donations from many organizations including KU, Unison, Flow Chiropractic, Associated Bank, Kaukauna Lions, and Trim Hunger. We also received a lot of support from the community. With their help, the library has enough stock now to make it until the delivery comes from the Civic Engagement group at the high school.

Our friend Violet donated two special stools for children to use in the restrooms to wash their hands. Her dad was even kind enough to put them together for us!

We held our annual coat and winter gear drive on October 11. We owe thanks to all donors, especially Niemuth Construction, who brought in five bins of brand new coats, as well as the Yarn it All Knitters, who brought cozy accessories for those in need.

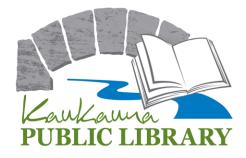
On October 14, I traveled to Image Studio in Appleton to be a part of a Trim Hunger video. Kaukauna Public Library was their first partner, so the library, along with their other partners, Catalpa Health, and Appleton Area School District participated in interviews talking about what Trim Hunger does and why it is important. I got to sit under bright lights with microphones and monitors, complete with hair and make up touch ups. The video will be shown at their annual fundraiser event, Grateful Groove.



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning

Date: 10/17/25

Re: Upcoming Notables



On 10/28, the day of our Board meeting, James, Sarah, and I will be leaving for the Wisconsin Library Association state conference in Middleton after the board meeting. The conference begins early in the morning on 10/29. We will be in Middleton until late Friday afternoon at the conference.

The Library will be closed for the final staff training day of the year on November 7. I will be on vacation during this closure, but our Adult Services Librarian will be running the day for me. The morning will be comprised of the last of the required City safety training for the year, which is an estimated 4-5 hours. After that training, staff will receive a condensed version of the mental health training that Jenny was just certified in.

Stanely Steamer will also be here for mat, chair, and carpet touch up cleaning.

In November, we are also hosting our fall book sale. Dates are November 21- 26. We are closed, like City Hall, November 27-29.



# Adult Services Librarian Report October 2025

# **Programming**

### Fix-It Clinic

The library hosted its first Fix-It Clinic the evening of October 6<sup>th</sup>. I heard about the Repair Café that occurs in the Neenah/Oshkosh area and thought that our patrons would appreciate something like that here in Kaukauna. A huge thank you to library patron Becky McMorrow who was instrumental in helping plan the event! The idea of the Fix-It Clinic is that patrons can bring items in to be fixed for free while learning about the repair process from the volunteer fixing the item. It is educational and environmentally friendly, keeping items out of landfills. At the event we were able to fix clothing, computers, furniture, books, and small appliances. We helped 14 people during the event and only two items were deemed irreparable. We are planning to hold these once per semester.



Sewing, furniture repair, small appliance repair, and computer repair all happening at once! (Left).

Volunteer Ben Kaufmann fixing a patron's internet router (right).

## **Listening Lounge**

Amber's listening lounge continues to be a hit! The event is well attended, and as a group they recently decided on which albums they will listen to through May of next year!

## Couple's Salsa

Yenny and Carlos hosted a couple's salsa class at the library on Monday, October 13th. We also provided a variety of chips and salsa for patrons to sample. Yenny spoke about the history of salsa and demonstrated the differences between the steps in different salsa moves. The event was very well attended, with almost 30 people coming out to dance!



A room full of salsa dancers! (Left). Yenny and Carlos instructing a patron in the art of salsa(right).

#### Puzzle Palooza

The library hosted our 9th Puzzle Palooza event on Saturday, October 4th. This event was quite competitive, with the winning team, Piece By Piece, getting within about one minute of beating our existing record of 26 minutes 33 seconds.



Winning Team Piece By Piece completed the puzzle in 27 minutes 35 seconds.

## **Cribbage Tournament**

John hosted our 2nd cribbage tournament on Saturday, October 18th. The attendance more than doubled from last year, with 10 people competing! Participants chatted for a while after the program ended and left positive comments on the library's Facebook post indicating that the program was well organized and that they had a lot of fun.



5 groups of 2 players rotated stations for 5 rounds of play (left). The participants including winner Dave Wittman – right trophy holder and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Patrick O'Kane – left trophy holder. (right).

# Focus On Local History - Live Podcast Edition

Gavin hosted a very special Focus on Local History on the evening of October 21<sup>st</sup>. He and his cohost Eric recorded a live edition of their podcast Fox Cities Murder and Mayhem at the library! They discussed Kaukauna's Prohibition years and how the county sheriff was corrupted by the roaring 20's. Attendance was higher than average at 20 people due to this special occasion!



Gavin (left) and Eric (right) discuss Outagamie County's scandalous history during Prohibition.

# **ILS Update**

On the afternoon of October 21st, the ILS Selection Committee cast our votes and chose to leave CARL behind in favor of a different ILS and discovery layer. Details to follow, with recommendations to be made at AAC next month.

# Youth Services at a Glance

September 2025

Teacher Packs- 2

Youth Programs- 20

Youth Attendance- 388

General Interest Programs- 9

General Interest Attendance-961

## **Program Highlights**

To start off the school year, we added a Lego Club to youth programs on Wednesday evenings. This month, the challenge was to rescue a Lego man in a trash canyon. Teams were instructed to design an escape, but wait- the first plan is foiled! After the teams decided on an alternative idea, they needed to demonstrate their escape. If successful, they then moved on to their free build time. Rescue ideas included a hover plane with an extendable ladder, a dirt bike driver with a steep ramp, a giant trampoline, and, my favorite, a teleporter. The program ended with time for free building, and each attendee can continue adding to their free build throughout the fall program semester.







September marks the return of storytimes at the Kaukauna Public Library and the return of so many library friends! Each week, we host four storytimes in addition to a bi-weekly STEAM-based storytime. We have steady attendance at each offering and continue to see new faces join in the fun. With literacy and circulation in mind, we have curated book bundles complete with stickers and activity sheets to better serve the grown-ups attending storytimes who have limited time to browse for books.

A day was had at the K-pop Demon Hunters Day this month. The library was buzzing all day long with patrons crafting puppets, hunting demons, and taking photos. Poster prizes were a huge hit with our tweens, and attendees of all ages enjoyed K-pop-inspired bookmarks. The conference room featured a listening booth and a karaoke station, and the new garden room was the perfect location for librarian-led charm creations.



## **Community Outreach & Collaboration**

Last spring, we began a collaboration with the 1000 Islands Environmental Center to plant a Three Sisters Garden. The idea was to show the community the possibilities of companion gardening in a small space and highlight the importance of a respectful relationship with the environment by using indigenous knowledge. In many ways, we were successful. This space has been integral for several library programs, and we have harvested the seeds to help stock our seed library. We did encounter a few hiccups along the way that have helped determine a new plan for next spring. We completed our final harvest of squash this month and invited attendees at Little Learners Storytime to learn the beginning process of seed saving.



#### Local History Report

October 2025

#### **Gavin Schmitt**

#### **Recollection Wisconsin**

On September 22, 2025, I had the privilege of attending the "Recollection Wisconsin Joint Meeting of the Governing Board and Steering Committee." Approximately 20 of us gathered at the Golda Meir library at UW-Milwaukee to discuss the direction Recollection Wisconsin should go for 2025-2027. Up front, I will say it was an honor to be among this group shaping statewide policy, and it was especially nice to meet in person – prior to this, I had only interacted through remote meetings.

As a refresher, Recollection Wisconsin (RW) is a project of the Wisconsin Library Service (WiLS). Our governing partners include various Wisconsin universities, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and DPI. RW has an operating biennial budget of \$300,000. Its core mission is to bring Wisconsin history and culture into the future through digital preservation.

Much of the discussion was internal and not applicable to KPL. For example, I lead a discussion on "transparency, responsiveness, and stewardship" with regards to RW governance. Rather esoteric to people outside the room. However, a few things I feel might be of interest.

Priorities for 2025-2027 were voted on, with these being the things the project managers should focus on:

- Continued collaboration with underrepresented counties and Culture Keepers. Of
  Wisconsin's 72 counties, a few are still not visible online. These are the rural, lower
  population counties, whose heritage is as important to state history as Milwaukee or
  Madison. Culture Keepers is the term RW uses for indigenous archives and archivists.
  Though some of Wisconsin's tribal nations have been hesitant (with good reason) to
  share their history, RW believes a fuller understanding of their culture is good for all.
- Conduct an "educator user experience" study. In other words, how are teachers and professors using RW in the classroom? Based on results, RW will build K-12 educator resources. (What topics are overlooked and could be bundled together into a useful collection of photos and documents all in one place?)
- Expand mobile digitization kits. RW receives requests from people who wish to preserve family photos or oral histories. They do not work with the public directly, but can loan such tools to a partner library in that person's area.

Two things I advocated for, but were not given high priority:

• Increased social media and blog presence. With between 200 and 300 content partners, I felt it was a good idea to invite them to share an image and how it tells their community's story. RW would still "sign off" on this to avoid any problematic

- language, but other than proofreading I think the time involved would be low. Each partner has their own built-in audience, meaning great potential for new crossover.
- PastPerfect API. Traditionally, RW would pull Kaukauna information from the Kaukauna Memory Project, hosted by the Milwaukee Public Library. This collection still exists, but has not been added to in quite some time. Instead, we have 15,000+ items on PastPerfect. These DO turn up in a Google search, but do not get incorporated into RW. Finding a way to let RW and PastPerfect "talk" would be a huge step forward.

Two other big topics worth knowing about:

- The day after our meeting, another meeting was held with many of the same people called Newspaper Think Tank. One idea discussed was how to get most or all of Wisconsin's newspapers online in one place. It was speculated this would take at least 3-5 years, and more likely 5+. I asked the obvious question should libraries pause digitizing and wait for the state to catch up? There was no clear answer on this, and my position remains that I'm very pleased with the newspaper digitization thus far and would not hesitate to do the rest (1991-2018) even if I knew the state would tackle the project in five years. The time saved in 2025 alone by being to access the newspaper online is immeasurable and getting the job done now rather than 2030 would pay for itself.
- Last year at this time, DPLA (the national digital archive RW belongs to) was expected to disappear, but at the last moment Philadelphia Free Library stepped in to be the new host. Now, it appears this deal has fallen through and the project managers of RW have expressed to DPLA they have no confidence. A backup plan from last year was to create a regional (Midwest) hub, and discussions have been ongoing since that time. Unless there is a drastic change, I would expect this is the path going forward. I'm in favor of this. Wisconsin has more history and culture in common with Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, etc. than the nation as a whole, and such a database would be more relevant filtering out the "noise" from other regions. As a Grignon family researcher, I am often looking to neighboring states for information. Such a hub would also not stop a national group (DPLA or otherwise) from existing later. The Midwest is a national leader in archives and digitization and this would be a great showcase.

Ending on a personal note, I feel I have found my voice with regards to local history, and it is exciting to represent Kaukauna Public Library among other, larger educational institutions and hold equal weight among them. Historic preservation is not a topic that is going anywhere, and to be able to show that our library takes this seriously and is a leader among its peers is quite rewarding and distinguishes KPL as an outstanding organization.

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Chapter 2

#### **Powers and Duties**

Wisconsin Statutes under Section 43.58, which is titled "Powers and Duties." The primary responsibilities of trustees assigned here include:

- · Exclusive control of all library expenditures.
- Purchasing of a library site and the erection of the library building when authorized.
- Exclusive control of all lands, buildings, money, and property acquired or leased by the municipality for library purposes.
- Supervising the administration of the library and appointing a librarian.
- Prescribing the duties and compensation of all library employees.

#### **Powers and Duties**

- Compared with other appointed boards, library boards have extraordinary powers and responsibilities.
- In providing this governance structure for libraries, the legislature was attempting to keep library operations under direct citizen control and as far as possible outside the political sphere of government.

Responsibilities of Director	Res	pons	ibilities	of Dir	ector
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His or her duties include (but are not limited to):

- 1. Overseeing the library budget and preparing reports as required by the board.
- Managing of library collections, including selecting all library material according to policies approved by the board, oversight of the cataloging and classification of library material, and the operation of automated systems.
- 3. Hiring, training, supervising, and scheduling other library personnel.
- 4. Supervising circulation of material and record keeping.
- 5. Cooperating with the board, community officials, and groups in planning library services and publicizing library programs within the community.
- 6. Supervising the maintenance of all library facilities and equipment.

#### Division of Labor

- The library board decides what services the library will provide and to what lengths the director and his or her staff may go to provide those services. However, it is up to the director, as the hired professional, to create the procedures needed to carry out the policies of the board and ensure that services are provided effectively and efficiently.
- Except in extreme situations, library trustees should not discuss library business with employees other than the director. The library board may solicit library staff input on the director's performance as part of a formal evaluation process.

#### Division of Labor

- Administration of the budget and expenditure of funds is a frequent source of misunderstanding regarding the division of labor between boards and directors. Section 43.58(2) states that "The library board shall audit and approve all expenditures of the public library."
- The library board must review expenditures and keep an eye on the flow of funds, but should trust the judgment of the director when it comes to which books to purchase or which is the most economical office supply vendor.

#### Municipal Involvement

- When the director, or his authorized staff, makes a purchase of material or service, an invoice is received from the vendor. The director will then prepare a group of invoices for review at the monthly meeting of the library board.
- Usually, the director will also provide a list of the invoices along with a financial statement indicating how much money will be left in each line of the budget after payment is made. According to Wisconsin Statutes Section 43.58(2), "The library board shall audit and approve all expenditures" and forward these to the appropriate municipal or county financial officer. The municipal or county officer must then pay the bill.

#### Municipal Involvement

- · One final point on finances: while the library board has full authority over the expenditure of funds, the municipality holds the money.
- · For example, the library director will attend department-head meetings with other administrators. He or she may attend city council meetings and give a report. The library may provide services on behalf of the municipality, such as maintaining the village webpage. Just as the municipality is a partner in providing library service, the library can be a strong partner in providing municipal service to the community.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What are the pros and cons of citizen board control of the library?
- 2. How are requests for expenditures presented and approved at your library?
- 3. Who prepares the first draft of the library budget?
- 4. What is the education and background of your director?
- 5. How do library personnel and/or the board interact with your local government?
- 6. How can the library board promote a positive relationship with the municipality?
- 7. How involved, or uninvolved, is your director with the community and municipal government?
- 8. How is the annual budget and funding request presented to your municipal government?

	2025 Statistics										2024 Statistics			
Circulation	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	2025 Y-T-D	September 2024	2024 Y-T-D	Monthly Difference from 2024	% <b>+</b> /-
Total Circulation and Renewal	14,507	13,075	13,936	12,842	11,795	14,861	15,436	13,124	11,881	121,457	11,341	117,093	540	5%
Overdrive Usage	2,890	2,640	2,967	2,778	2,578	2,728	2,886	2,865	2,756	25,088	2,430	22,247	326	13%
Hoopla Usage	523	532	554	527	574	611	584	538	546	4,989	442	3,979	104	24%
Items Loaned	3,096	2,999	3,684	3,486	3,102	3,142	3,681	3,626	3,652	30,468	2,742	25,680	910	33%
Items Borrowed	4,593	3,918	3,914	3,841	3,374	3,383	3,742	3,651	3,446	33,862	3,501	31,933	-55	-2%
Teacher Packs	5	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	2	18	3	20	-1	-33%
Door Count	9,201	8,753	10,157	8,865	8,947	10,070	10,306	8,586	8,061	82,946	7,788	83,197	273	4%
Services	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	2025 Y-T-D	September 2024	2024 Y-T-D	Monthly Difference from 2024	% +/-
Public Internet Usage/Hr.	329	286	320	258	265	355	332	376	348	2,869	250	2,848	98	39%
Wireless Usage by Session	1,271	1,258	1,370	1,368	1,480	1,360	1,328	1,229	1,288	11,952	1,277	11,513	11	1%
Youth Programs	17	31	35	26	92	42	19	17	20	299	18	299	2	11%
Youth Program Attendance	328	889	936	521	2,408	2,156	511	1,750	388	9,887	351	11,222	37	11%
Adult Programs	16	16	16	19	15	11	13	14	12	132	21	139	-9	-43%
Adult Program Attendance	139	110	127	134	113	105	188	129	85	1,130	183	1,468	-98	-54%
General Interest Programs	8	5	14	10	7	18	19	8	9	98	3	78	6	200%
General Interest Attendance	582	154	2,948	1,005	406	1,494	1,931	569	961	10,050	73	8,069	888	1216%
Meeting Room Usage	58	74	91	70	60	66	125	55	60	659	54	571	6	11%
Study Room	135	190	161	168	151	105	65	100	107	1,182	141	1,319	-34	-24%
Volunteer Hours	102	98		87	88	99	106	106	112	905	77	789	35	45%
Local History Inquiries	18	12	16	9	13	15	11	12	10	116	6	102	4	67%
Technology Instruction 1:1	12	8	5	10	13	16	10	12	11	97	11	92	0	0%
Proctor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	3	0	0%
Notary (service ended in May)	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	11	-2	0%
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Social Statistics	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	2025 Y-T-D	September 2024	2024 Y-T-D	Monthly Difference from 2024	% +/-
Website Views	3,060	2,975	2,795	2,413	2,588	3,651	2,854	2,670	2,604	25,610	2,825	26,002	-221	-8%
Facebook Followers	8,691	8,710	8,788	8,802	8,871	8,955	9,021	9,090	9,175	80,103	18	424		STATISTIC
TikTok Followers	744	743	739	747	767	785	784	785	785	6,879	70	988	715	1021%
Instagram Followers	914	918	927	929	929	933	929	932	935	8,346	NEV	٧	STAT	STIC
Items Held by Library	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Month to Month # +/-	September 2024	# +/-		
Total Titles Held by Library	67,633	67,951	68,411	68,570	69,229	69,658	69,927	70,510	70,604	159	66,263	4,341		
Total Items Held by Library	72,130	72,510	72,724	72,897	73,585	74,089	74,371	75,005	75,113	173	70,722	4,391		
Kaukauna Card Holding Patrons	10,943	10,943	11,056	11,056	11,056	11,056	11,371	11,371	11,371	0	10,943	428	Quarterly Repo	ort