

# PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

### 100 S. WATER ST., WATERTOWN, WI 53094 - 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

**Zoom Meeting ID: 853 2236 0495** 

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comment.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- 2. REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE
- 3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

### 4. APPEARANCES

A. Member(s) of City Finance Committee

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review and discuss: strategic planning initiatives with WILS team
- B. The Library Board of Trustees will convene into Closed Session under exemption19.85(1)c for the purpose of "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Library Director Evaluation)
- C. Reconvene into Open Session
- D. Review and take action: 2026 Addendum for Bridges Library System and Cafe Agreement
- E. Review and take action: Request from City Finance to release \$200,066 from the Library Endowment fund to pay the 2026 interest on funds the city borrowed for library expansion
- F. Review and take action: Director's request to carry over vacation

### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review and discuss: proposed 2026 library budget

### 7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director's Report
- B. Review monthly library statistics
- C. Review monthly library budget
- D. Review unplanned expenses
- 8. TRUSTEE'S REPORT
- 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- 10. PERSONNEL AND POLICY
  - A. Review and take possible action: Meeting Room Policy
- 11. REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. November Bills

B. October 9, 2025 minutes

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next meeting: December 11, 2025

Persons requiring other reasonable accommodations for any of the above meetings, may contact the office of the City Clerk at <a href="mailto:cityclerk@watertownwi.gov">cityclerk@watertownwi.gov</a> phone 920-262-4000

A quorum of any City of Watertown Council, Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, may be present at this meeting for observing and gathering of information only



# (Library)

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Peg Checkai-Library Director

Date: 11/13/2025

Subject: Bridges Annual Addendum

# Background

Included in the packet is the annual addendum form requested from the Bridges Library System. This document outlines the fees needed to be paid to the system for a variety of services. The fees are split between all 24 libraries.

# **Budget Goal**

Fees are required as membership in our library system. This agreement provides opportunities for Watertown library patrons to receive a variety of services and materials outside the services provided by our library.

# **Financial Impact**

No financial impact to the 2024 budget and has been included in the 2025 budget

### Recommendation

I recommend that the board approve this document.



# (Library)

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Peg Checkai-Library Director

Date: 11/13/2025

Subject: Strategic Plan Mtg with WILS representatives

# Background

This is a pre-arranged meeting with the WILS team to talk with trustees about the library.

# **Budget Goal**

Create a path for future library growth

# Financial Impact

NA

## Recommendation

Participate in this interview process.



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## 2026 Annual Addendum to the Bridges Library System Member Library & CAFÉ Agreements

Subject to the terms and conditions of the member and CAFÉ agreements between the Library System and the member library, both parties agree to make the payments listed in the charts below. The Waukesha County reimbursement payment will be made by March 1. Hoopla grant funds will be distributed in March.

## WATERTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

**LIBRARY** 

	Waukesha County	eContent Grant
Paid to Library	\$8,816	\$3,574

	Databases	Movie	WI	Advantage	CAFÉ Fee
		License	Digital	Program	
			Library		
			Content*		
Paid by Library	\$1,826	\$671	N/A	\$13,537	\$23,674

<sup>\*</sup>WI Digital Library fee will be paid 100% by the System. Libraries will redirect their share of this cost to Overdrive Advantage.

President, Board of Trustees	Date
Secretary, Board of Trustees	Date
BRIDGES LIBRARY SYSTEM	
Tid on	10-75-2025
President, Board of Trustees	Date
Jean Yermans	10/15/2025
Secretary, Board of Trustees	Date



# (Library)

To: Library Board of Trustees-Finance

From: Peg Checkai-Library Director

Date: 11/13/2025

Subject: Request from City Finance Committee

# Background

Review and take action: Request from City Finance to release \$200,066 from the Library Endowment fund to pay the 2026 interest on funds the city borrowed for library expansion. Review and take action: Request from City Finance to release \$200,066 from the Library Endowment fund to pay the 2026 interest on funds the city borrowed for library expansion.

## Budget Goal

## Financial Impact

Reduce principal fund balance of donation fund. Discuss Library Board's fiduciary responsibility to donors

### Recommendation

Board's decision



# (Department)

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Library Board President

Date: 11/13/2025

Subject: Vacation carryover

# Background

Peg has requested to carry –over 40 hours of her earned vacation.

City Policy:

If vacation is not used within the year it is earned, it may be carried over into the following year. Fulltime and eligible part-time employees may carry over up to five (5) days of vacation leave per calendar year. All vacation carried over must be used by March 31st of the following year. A request for vacation carryover form must be provided to the department head by December 1st every year. Any remaining vacation time in excess of five (5) days will be forfeited, absent express written approval of the Mayor for good cause. In the case of department heads, approval is given by the Mayor.

# **Budget Goal**

# **Financial Impact**

N/A

### Recommendation

Approve the carry-over per city policy



# Vacation Carry Over Request December 2025

Employee Name: MARGARET CHECKAI	
Hours of vacation time remaining to date:	
Hours of vacation requested to carry over: 4ひ	
By signing below, employee acknowledges understanding conditions:	of the vacation carry-over
<ul> <li>Full-time and eligible part-time employees may calleave per calendar year.</li> </ul>	rry over <u>up to five days</u> of vacation
<ul> <li>A request for a vacation carryover form must be presubmitted to the Finance Department by December</li> <li>All vacation carried over must be used by March 3:</li> </ul>	r 1 <sup>st</sup> .
<ul> <li>Any remaining vacation time in excess of five days</li> </ul>	
Employee Signature: <u>Margaret Chechar</u>	Request Date: 11 4 2025
	_Approved Date:
If unsued vacation is in excess of five days	
Mayor's approval:	Annroyed Date:

## WATERTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES DIRECTOR'S REPORT For September 2025

Audio,	Libby: Ebook & M Checkouts	lagazine
	2024	2025
January:	4,028	3,974
February:	3,630	3,671
March:	3,934	3,976
April:	3,832	3,986
May	3,890	3,937
June:	3,750	4,669
July:	4,066	4,930
August:	3,723	4,022
Sept.	3,465	4,051
October	3,569	4,074
November	3,494	
December	3,572	
Totals	44,953	

Physical Circulation for October	23,206 (22,832)
Oct. Libby:	4,074
Oct. Libby Mags	missing
Oct. Hoopla	252
2025 Monthly Total	27,532
2024 October Total	(27,162)
New Cards	109

### **Library Director's Notes:**

Cari, Tina, Jamie and I attended the WLA Conference in Middleton. We all attended sessions that we found interesting and productive.

November is employee review month. All department heads will be scheduling meetings to review 2026 and plan for 2027.

We did sustain an in injury to the rainbow in the Children's Dept. A boy decided to swing several times through the rainbow, cracking it in half. John stepped in to do some delicate repairs that we hope will last going forward.

Library Land was "rocked" by the recent closure of Baker and Taylor, one of (if not the most popular) book warehouse used by libraries, bookstores, and schools. We've experienced delivery/order issues with them for over a year and had made some transitions to ordering from Amazon. We are exploring using Ingram but for now, book orders will come through Amazon.

I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy the carved pumpkins along the edge of the Carnegie building in celebration of Pumpkin Palooza. All pumpkins were donated by a local farmer and the majority of the carving was completed as an art project for high school art students. A local sheep farmer stopped by to pick up pumpkins that had not rotted to feed to her herd of sheep.

The Mitten Tree will be set up in the very near future. Please consider donating mittens (the kind that kids can play in the snow with), scarves, and hats.

Jamie and I did speak at Rotary on October 20.

We continue to struggle with filling the open position in TRP. We had two excellent candidates, we offered them the position, but in the end, declined to join the team.

Responses to the strategic plan survey is going well. Please encourage family, friends and co-workers to fill out the survey! WILS is completing one-on-one interviews and I've sent our invitations to people to attend the community conversations on December 4.

We've also started the process to update and re-envision the library website. Jamie is taking the lead on this project. Lynn and I are also on the team.

Once again an RTU was not working. Wires needed to be replaced...I was told they were old. Units created in 2020 are considered "old".

Digital circulations to rural residents continue to increase. I believe this is due to the installation of broadband throughout the rural areas of the county.

Tod has reported that we will need to purchase a new snowblower. I will ask for help from Friends of the Library.

Friends had a successful bake sale during Pumpkin Palooza. Thank you to any board members who donated or stopped by to make a purchase.

### **Monthly Department Information**

#### Adult:

In October I attended an Inclusive Services meeting at the Jefferson Library. We all shared what our libraries are doing to make ourselves more inclusive and I was happy to share we are getting a new website that will meet all accessibility standards. We had a couple rough days in terms of internet and phones, but Taylor Computers helped us resolve them. I attended the WLA conference in Middleton on the 31st. The conference closed with a luncheon and ceremony for the recipient of the Literary Awards. It was nice to sit with fellow committee members, meet the authors and hear their acceptance speeches. Isaiah Tuck from the History Channel show *Alone* came on a Sunday in October for a presentation. It was a great program. The Romance book club had their second meeting (but it was the first where they discussed a book). It has started off with a small group, but I'm confident that it will grow with time. Hannah organized a puzzle swap, which ran for a week, but then transitioned to a permanent puzzle swap shelf on the second floor. If you like doing jigsaw puzzles, please stop by and take one home!

### ~Jamie

### Children's:

October is always a busy month for us, with Pumpkin Palooza festivities in addition to our normal schedule of programs. This month we had a special visit from the Watertown Fire Department for our annual Fire Safety presentation at our Homeschool Tuesday program. They were only able to come a bit earlier in the day this year, so we opened it up to our regular storytime families as well. It was so

fun to see how excited all of the kids were about the firefighters, the trucks and ambulance! A firefighter fully geared up to show the kids what it looks like and sounds like in the event of an emergency, so they aren't afraid in an already scary situation. It was a great presentation, and we always appreciate the WFD for coming out! Next month we have Officer Hensley and K9 Chance from the Watertown Police Department coming to give a demonstration of a K9 Unit in action for our Homeschool families!

For Pumpkin Palooza weekend, we had two No School Movie Days, showing "Elio" and the new "Smurfs" movies, then "enchanted" the Storybook Trail and had a special Spooky Storytime, which is always a favorite with lots of books, songs and dancing! We had our always popular Spooky Scavenger Hunt, which had 229 participants. It was a busy week and a lot of fun. I ended the month with a few school visits, including my monthly Head Start and Day Care visits, my monthly St. Henry's Kindergarten visit, and a library visit from Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. I was able to attend the annual WLA Conference with Peg and Cari on Wednesday and Thursday. I went to quite a few interesting Break Out sessions, Keynote speakers, saw some library friends and former colleagues and made some connections with vendors. I always appreciate being able to go to conferences because I usually gain a few good ideas or am challenged to look at things in library-world a bit differently.

Peg and I have had a few interviews but are still working on finding the right person to fill the opening in Children's. We also had our first Strategic Planning meeting and look forward to continuing to work on that process with the team. I had my first daycare and Head Start monthly visits of the school year and have my first library visit scheduled as well for a Kindergarten class that I read to each month. It's nice getting back into the "school year routine"!

### ~Tina

### **Circulation Department:**

We had a good staff training day. Stephanie from Family Connections spoke about their mission. We also had active shooter training provided by the Watertown Police Dept. It is a terrifying event to try and be prepared for. Friends of the Library provided our lunch. We had a good opportunity to have discussions.

### ~ Cari

#### Teens:

This month, we used up more of those pavers with the teens and painted them into cats! We were initially thinking of black cats for Halloween, but they surprised us with their creativity and how unique each cat turned out. We also did pumpkin

carving, and the teens who participated had a great time. They each got to carve a few pumpkins and have candy and pizza. For one teen, it was the first time she had ever carved a pumpkin, and she was very happy to have that experience. We did another guess-the-number event as well, and the winner won a big container of candy corn! We also did popsicle stick art for all ages, and the collaborative art piece is already up! Take a look at it if you get the chance; it is in between the study rooms that are between circulation and children's.

~ Kaitlyn

	2025 STATISTICS													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	
ATTENDANCE	12,754	12,868	15,592	15,618	12,997	17,095	17,544	15,249	13,407	15,687			148,811	
ATTENDANCE 2024	11,487	11,661	12,614	12,528	11,128	14,252	15,926	15,511	12,054	14,273	13,476	11,867	156,777	
Percent changed	11%	10%	24%	25%	17%	20%	10%	-2%	11%	10%	-100%	-100%	-5%	
Days open 2025	30	28	30	29	30	30	30	31	29	30	29	29	355	
Days open 2024	27	28	30	30	30	30	30	31	29	30	29	29	353	
Daily average 2025	425	460	520	539	433	570	585	492	462	523	0	0		
Daily average 2024	425	416	420	418	371	475	531	500	416	476	465	409	444	
Highest attendance day 2025	603	945	1,149	1,887	867	956	901	740	660	894				
Highest attendance day 2024	612	551	729	729	786	826	720	1293	585	695	2125	1,090		
Lowest attendance day 2025	212	169	213	211	145	161	214	179	207	194				
Lowest attendance day 2024	182	207	179	164	124	149	184	133	185	154	173	152		
REF QUESTIONS 2025	1,055	819	736	678	778	714	734	878	778	818	0	0	7,988	
REF QUESTIONS 2024	1,300	1,375	1,191	1,197	913	1,269	1,130	947	785	934	806	728	12,575	
INTERNET 2025	574	505	573	570	552	517	562	679	665	583	0	0	5,780	
INTERNET 2024	507	609	586	578	554	583	586	655	575	544	498	588	6,863	
MEETING ROOM 2025	169	177	165	169	193	157	140	152	160	169			1651	
MEETING ROOM 2024	139	151	152	160	134	145	132	139	143	179	146	126	1746	

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REFERENCE	706	495	434	378	422	348	342	540	479	501			4,645
REFERENCE 2024	763	865	762	758	495	688	648	607	477	528	466	477	7,534
Tutor Sessions	189	120	148	164	152	153	130	202	181	171			1,610
Tutor Sessions 2024	146	225	233	212	171	186	252	223	231	170	123	96	2,268
Microfilm	6	6	5	4	5	10	14	15	9	2			76
Microfilm 2024	5	5	6	4	5	7	14	8	8	17	2	5	86
Computer/Tablet	554	482	546	550	524	494	541	666	654	581			5,592
Computer/Tablet 2024	483	592	559	536	509	553	551	626	547	513	474	577	6,520
Typewriter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Typewriter 2024	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Proctor Exams	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	3	2	2			17
Proctor Exams 2024	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	6
Wireless	4751	4655	5053	5247	5705	5451	5589	5372	5215	5678			52,716
Wireless 2024	480	4474	4617	4892	4864	4911	5286	4851	4975	5221	4477	4220	53,268
Adult Programs	24	15	20	20	16	18	18	18	22	20			191
Adult Programs 2024	20	23	18	21	15	19	18	15	19	26	22	16	232
Program Att.	120	110	174	133	75	126	136	115	109	104			1,202
Program Att. 2024	109	133	126	194	106	132	119	92	84	153	156	88	1,492
Passive Programs	8	8	5	6	6	0	0	2	0	1			36
Passive Programs 2024	4	3	4	5	5	5	6	4	5	5	6	5	57
Passive Att.	59	39	30	40	60	0	0	177	0	17			422
Passive Att. 2024	62	170	76	58	64	53	401	38	27	32	45	33	1,059
Outreach Events	1	20	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1			31
Outreach Events 2024	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	13
Outreach Att.	15	130	14	35	83	15	18	15	13	12			350
Outreach Att. 2024	14	17	12	13	12	10	13	12	8	30	18	15	174
Mobile Print Users	117	89	102	107	87	91	185	111	141	111			1,141
Mobile Print Users 2024	22	38	36	27	78	75	111	107	160	119	102	71	946
Mobile Print Pages	541	710	593	460	441	336	669	866	646	946			6,208
Mobile Print Pages 2024	361	351	302	254	719	602	698	514	812	611	646	435	6,305
Newsbank	2248	2525	2958	2588	2489	2373	2238	2535	2349	2675			24,978
Newsbank 2024	901	1062	922	660	991	705	186	792	798	829	1435	2095	11,376
Website Views	6665	6073	7391	7864	8148	6883	6180	6444	6159	6429			68,236
Website Views 2024	7109	6375	6310	6300	5648	6907	5946	6209	5756	5641	5457	5729	73,387

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	STOR	YTIME	PROG	RAMS	LIBRAR	Y VISITS	OFF	SITE	DRO	P-INS	SCHOO	L VISITS	KIDS	ADULTS	SLC	WLC	TUMBLE BOOKS	500 BOOK	1K BOOK	воок	BAGS	REF	PC
JANUARY	12	414	11	168	1	10	1	6	6	439	5	110	238	176	0	0	43	1	11	19	451	349	20
JANUARY 202	9	185	12	287	3	45	1	80	3	371	8	135	110	75	0	0	67	0	1	21	457	537	24
FEBRUARY	12	391	10	178	1	13	0	0	5	74	5	110	221	170	0	463	108	3	9	20	478	324	23
FEBRUARY 202	14	381	12	333	1	13	1	4	5	414	0	0	223	158	0	489	43	0	14	26	516	510	17
MARCH	9	333	12	238	2	37	1	14	7	401	7	103	203	150	0	0	85	5	15	22	488	302	27
MARCH 2024	10	308	13	417	3	110	1	5	7	645	8	140	181	127	0	0	33	0	8	22	528	429	27
APRIL	13	420	10	158	1	40	1	250	6	121	5	110	236	184	0	0	83	6	3	21	496	300	20
APRIL 2024	14	415	16	316	3	51	2	257	5		9	220	223	164	0		17	49	22	22	468	439	42
MAY	8	219	8	85	5	165	1	3	5	73	30	2245	123	96	0	0	114	5	13	13	355	356	28
MAY 2024	9	251	10	207	2	185	1	3	3		31	2145	149	102	0	-	23	17	7	13	254	418	45
JUNE	12	465	17	1359	0	0	0	0	3		0	0	281	184	0	0	50	5	13	6	99	366	23
JUNE 2024	14	539	21	1939	2	40	0	0	3	577	0	0	338	202	0	Ŭ	132	11	11	3	93	581	30
JULY	12	506	16	786	1	15	1	400	1	12	0	0	261	169	1103	0	18	8	12	6	140	392	21
JULY 2024	11	364	18	803	0	0	1	300	0	Ū	0	0	219	145	1020	0	32	3	7	2	33	482	35
AUGUST	1	24	11	306	0	0	_	70	8		0	0	15	9	0	Ū	3	5	5	12	319	338	13
AUGUST 2024	1	42	8	193	0	0	3	115	5		0	0	28	14	0		55	2	5	9	237	340	29
SEPTEMBER	7	287	8	133	1	18	1	4	5		4	100	159	128	0	Ū		0	10	15	367	299	11
SEPTEMBER 20	7	172	8	210	2	30	1	9	4		5	90	95	77	0		50	8	11	14	317	308	28
OCTOBER	14	600	11	158	2	92	1	231	7	277	7	131	342	258	0	_	62	2	4	21	538	317	2
OCTOBER 202	17	536	12	278	8	208	I	150	/	410	0	0	306	230	0	0	26	ı	9	19	476	406	31
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NOVEMBER 2	10	247	11	305	0	0	1	6	5	209	5	110	135	112	0	0	34	3	5	17	439	340	24
DECEMBER 20	9	276	7	118	7	147	1	12	7	158	5	110	160	116	0	0	26	1	1	16	380	251	11
TOTALS	100		114	3569	14	390	9	978	53		63	2909	2079	1524	1103	463	∠o 667	40	95		3731	3343	188
TOTALS 2024	125			5406	31	829	14	941	54		71	2950		1524	1020	489	538	95	101	184		5041	343

# Young Adult Statistics - 2025

	YA A			ve & N/A	YA SRP	YA
Month	# Prog.	Attend.	#Prog.	Atten.	.,,	WRP
January	4	33	7	529		n/a
January 2024	5	38	4	191		n/a
February	6	16	8	277		81
February 2024	5	49	5	257		100
March	10	72	4	122		
March 2024	6	52	3	224		
April	6	10	1	6		
April 2024	5	30	4	214		
May	2	4	0	0	n/a	
May 2024	1	6	3	141	n/a	
June	6	182	0	0	n/a	
June 2024	5	138	3	116	n/a	
July	5	73	2	93	318	
July 2024	5	120	4	253	0	
August	3	16	8	124		
August 2024	2	1	11	316		
September	3	12	2	40		
September 2024	4	24	6	215		
October	3	7	2	193		
October 2024	6	67	6	465		
November						
November 2024	4	45	5	181		
December						
December 2024	4	31	5	191		
TOTALS	48	425	34	1384	318	81
TOTALS 2024	52	601	59	2764	0	100

			٨	MONTH	HLY BU	DGET	2025					Г		
Description	Annual Budget	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	Year To Date	Section 7, It	e Io Dale
SALARIES & BENEFITS	850,859 to be	contributed	d by City into	11-48-12-30	)									
Salaries & Benefits - Fund 11														
Salaries (11-58-12-10)	703,546	37,659	50,200	53,220	48,136	46,986	49086	75,683	50,817	50,294	49,798	511,878.84	191,667	72.76%
Longevity (11-58-12-12)	527	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	527	0.00%
Overtime (11-58-12-14)	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31.07	-31	
Retirement (11-58-12-33)	33,241	1,926	2,570	2,570	2,414	2,346	2441	3,805	2,536	2,536	2,536	25,677.43	7,564	77.25%
Social Security (11-58-12-34)	43,653	2,279	3,035	3,222	2,907	2,836	2966	4,607	3,073	3,040	3,010	30,974.43	12,679	70.96%
Medicare (11-58-12-35)	10,209	533	710	753	680	663	694	1,078	719	711	703.86	7,243.82	2,965	70.96%
Health Insurance (11-58-12-36)	87,885	6,540	6,540	6,540	6,540	6,540	6540	6,540	6,540	6,540	6,540	65,400.00	22,485	74.42%
Life (11-58-12-37)	1,494	148	148	148	145	145	145	164	164	164	164	1,532.88	-39	102.60%
Dental (11-58-12-38)	7,487	612	612	612	582	582	612	612	612	612	612	6,057.84	1,429	80.91%
	888,042	49,727.69	63,813.76	67,064.88	61,403.79	60,097.12	62,482.55	92,488.14	64,459.15	63,896.70	63,362.53	648,796.31	239,245.69	73.06%
LIBRARY EXPENSES - Fund 11														
AMSO Allocation (11-58-12-17)														
AMSO Allocation	61,952	0	15,488	0	0	15,488	0	0	15,488	0	0	46,464	15488	75.00%
	61,952	0.00	15,487.95	0.00	0.00	15,487.95	0.00	0.00	15,487.95	0.00	0.00	46,463.85	15,488	75.00%
Supplies & Programs (11-58-12-18)														
AV Supplies	1,200	0	57	31	0	97	30	57	30	0	206	508	692	42.31%
Book Supplies	1,500	0	715	9	0	0	268	193	0	106	16	1,306	194	87.09%
Makerspace	1,750	0	164	19	0	0	130	145	0	15	18	490		28.02%
Marketing	2,000	0	0	335	229	-130	383	106	0	0	58	981	1019	49.03%
Office & Library Supplies	7,500	217	359	466	2,157	21	908	1,615	193	260	804	7,001	499	93.34%
Photocopier Lease	6,300	265	403	419	425	454	401	529	399	454	406	4,155		65.95%
Postage	500	0	0	5	5	-39	12	15	4	5	4	12	488	2.38%
Adult Programs	2,000	362	162	159	10	27	98	53	67	154	73	1,166	834	58.31%
Adult Summer Library Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	
Children Programs	2,750	244	73	268	64	0	131	1,117	307	55	213	2,473	277	89.93%
Children Summer Library Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Teen Programs	2,000	177	173	48	80	0	22	232	31	50	194	1,009		50.44%
Teen Summer Library Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	0	0	138	-138	
	27,500	1,265.83	2,106.28	1,760.31	2,968.94	429.65	2,382.36	4,061.90	1,170.00	1,100.31	1,992.54	19,238.12	8,261.88	69.96%

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Description	Annual Budget	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	Year To Date	Section 7, In	10 Date
Maintenance Contracts (11-58-12-19)														
Building and Equipment	19,689	44	0	570	3,250	6,100	0	0	1,144	1,274	0	,	7,307	62.89%
Software and Subscriptions	19,192	635	104	489	13,607	3	411	263	3	3	367	15,885	3307	82.77%
	38,881	678.47	104.14	1,059.39	16,856.93	6,102.99	411.48	262.99	1,146.99	1,277.14	366.56	28,267.08	10,613.92	72.70%
Building Repairs & Supplies (11-58-12-20)														
Janitorial Supplies  Janitorial Supplies	8,000	751	23	1.017	360		2,029	54	1,372	462	1,468	7,602	398	95.03%
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	5,000	751	23	1,017	516	66 2.896	363	12	1,372	3,477	1,468	10.203	-5,203	204.06%
Repairs & Expense	13,000	751.08	23.42	1,027.37	876.08	2,962.27	2,391.85	66.64	3,183.26	3,938.77	2,584.48	17,805.22	-4,805.22	136.96%
	13,000	751.06	23.42	1,027.37	676.06	2,702.27	2,371.03	00.04	3,103.20	3,730.77	2,304.40	17,803.22	-4,003.22	130.70/
Property Insurance (11-58-12-21)														
Property Insurance	17,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,474	0	0	8,474	8526	49.85%
	17,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8473.75	0.00	0.00	8473.75	8,526	49.85%
Dues & Fees (11-58-12-22)														
Dues, Fees, ETC.	1,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	366	0	366	734	33.27%
	1,100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	366.00	0.00	366.00	734.00	33.27%
Continuing Education (11-58-12-23)														
Continuing Education (11-36-12-23)	1,200	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,910	0	2,110	-910	175.83%
Continuing Education	1,200	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.910.00	0.00	2.110.00	-910.00	175.83%
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Travel (11-58-12-24)														
Travel	1,500	0	0	0	91	167	0	199	8	67	478	1,010	490	67.34%
	1,500	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.42	167.44	0.00	198.80	7.74	66.64	478.04	1,010.08	489.92	67.34%
Utilities														
Fuel (11-58-12-28)	20,000	0	0.407	2 /2/	979	7//	200	159	1.40	173.79		7,688	12,312	38.44%
Electricity (11-58-12-30)	40,000	0	2,497 2.897	2,636 2,988	3.178	766 3.799	328 5,001	5.968	149 5,808	5,123.37		34,763	5,237	86.91%
Water (11-58-12-31)	4,000	0	340	2,700	3,170	3,777	354	369	376	380.74	386		717	82.07%
Telephone (11-58-12-32)	3,000	63	176	168	189	192	81	1.654	462	488	300	3,473	-473	115.76%
	67,000	63.24	5,909.17	6,138.72	4,707.70	5,125.93	5,764.77	8,149.59	6,795.46	6,165.85	385.77	49,206.20	17,793.80	73.44%
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Café Charges (11-58-12-43)														
Café Charges	23,780	0	0	0	23,780	0	0	0	0	0	0	=0,:00	0	,
	23,780	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,780.00	0.00	100.00%

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Description	Annual Budget	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	Year To Date	Section 7, I	Tem C.
Databases (11-58-12-44)														
BRIDGES - Databases	1,754	0	0	0	1,754	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,754	0	100.00%
Hoopla (\$6,504 Grant)	9,626	0	1,307	1,233	0	0	656	1,407	1,572	1,627	1,399	9,201	425	95.58%
Movie License	607	0	0	0	607	0	0	0	0	0	0	607	0	100.00%
Newsbank Inc.	2,340	2,308	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,308	33	98.61%
Overdrive E-Content	4,968	0	4,968	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,968	0	100.00%
Overdrive Advantage	5,956	0	0	0	5,956	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,956	0	100.00%
TumbleBooks Inc.	840	799	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	799	41	95.12%
Udemy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	26,091	3,106.50	6,274.93	1,233.08	8,317.00	0.00	656.20	1,407.45	1,571.74	1,626.81	1,398.70	25,592.41	498.59	98.09%
Technology (11-58-12-45)														
Fiber Optic - TEACH SERVICES	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	600	0	0	0	600	600	50.00%
Technology	1,000	10	14	47	31	0	0	33	39	0	184	359	641	35.86%
	2,200	9.99	13.97	47.46	31.36	0.00	0.00	632.84	38.97	0.00	183.99	958.58	1,241.42	43.57%
Library Materials (11-58-12-46)														
Adult Fiction	8,000	1,161	1,406	900	1,264	1,524	2,031	1,024	1,328	1,845	1,414	13,897	-5,897	173.72%
Adult Nonfiction	7,000	959	575	779	589	900	963	668	320	636	262	6,651	349	
Children Books	11,384	136	965	2,669	642	160	1,111	1,115	842	2,709	795	11,144	240	
Large Print	6,450	170	378	1,495	1,532	772	1,377	118	751	258	69	6,921	-471	107.30%
Materials - (Non-books)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Reference - Subscriptions	3,036	0	708	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	480	1,188	1,848	39.13%
Reference - Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	295	295	-295	
Young Adult Books	3,500	280	562	340	39	329	244	78	12	10	179	2,073	1,427	59.22%
	39,370	2,707.30	4,593.95	6,182.59	4,067.03	3,685.23	5,727.11	3,001.63	3,252.50	5,458.12	3,494.07	42,169.53	-2,799.53	107.11%
Periodicals (11-58-12-47)														
Periodicals/Newspapers	4,905	961	620	633	789	920	367	0	0	120	0	4,410	495	89.90%
Seasonal Periodical Purchases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	159	0	0	159	-159	
	4,905	960.60	620.40	632.87	788.78	920.28	366.86	0.00	159.19	120.00	0.00	4,568.98	336.02	93.15%
AV Materials (11-58-12-48)														
Adult Talking Books	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Children AUDIO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
DVD	6,000	187	226	733	1,233	563	625	-5	690	708	368	5,328	672	
Lucky Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
· ·	6,000	187.01	226.01	733.44	1,233.12	562.61	625.11	-5.38	689.80	707.78	368.04	5,328	672.46	88.79%
Donation Purchases (11-58-12-50)														
Purchase from Donation	0	1,156	3.714	5,132	4.463	4.317	7,525	7,197	1.064	3.283	2,712	40.564	-40,564	
Total and month political		1,155.51	3,714.43	5,132.26	4,463.48	4,316.69	7,525.12	7,196.81	1,064.44	3,283.03	2,712.24	40,564.01	-10,504	

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Description	Annual Budget	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	Year To Date	Section 7, It	tem C. e
TOTAL LIBRARY EXPENSES	331.479	10.885.53	39.274.65	23,947.49	68,181.84	39.761.04	25,850.86	24,973.27	43,041.79	26,020.45	13,964.43	315.901.35	15.578	95.30%
TOTAL EXPENSES INCLUDING SALARIES	1.219.521	60.613.22			129,585.63	•			107,500.94	·	77,326.96		254.823	79.10%
TOTAL EXITENSES INCLUDING SALARIES	1,217,321	00,013.22	103,000.41	71,012.37	127,303.03	77,030.10	00,333.41	117,401.41	107,300.74	07,717.13	77,320.70	704,077.00	234,623	77.10/0
REVENUE - FUND 11														
Fines (11-48-12-10)	1,500	177	82	83	66	72	61	92	36	174	113	956	544	63.76%
Misc. Fees (11-48-12-12)	5,000	518	314	314	633	226	582	498	148	958	335	4,526	474	90.51%
Use of Facilities Fee (11-48-12-14)	3,000	461	292	400	818	308	264	120	582	120	260	3,624	-624	120.82%
Copier (11-48-12-18) Will be adjusted for tax	6,500	1,097	1,039	666	778	677	788	613	568	783	795	7,805	-1,305	120.07%
Jefferson County Funds (11-48-12-22)	238,228	0	238,228	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	238,228	0	100.00%
Dodge County Funds (11-48-12-24)	101,503	0	0	101,498	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101,498	5	99.99%
Adjacent County Funds (11-48-12-26)	11,431	1,556	11,487	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,043	-1,612	114.10%
DONATIONS 11-48-12-27	0	2,424	50	9,793	3,989	3,260	949	4,322	2,351	778	2,199	30,115	-30,115	
General Fund Contribution (11-48-12-30) From Fund 1	850,859	0	212,715	0	0	212,715	0	0	212,715	0	0	638,144	212,715	75.00%
Credit Card Rebate (11-48-12-56)	1,500	0	652	0	0	557	0	0	653	0	0	1,862	-362	124.11%
TOTAL FUND 11 REVENUE	1,219,521	6,231.96	464,858.03	112,753.33	6,284.40	217,815.23	2,644.53	5,644.63	217,052.60	2,813.17	3,702.95	1,039,800.83	179,720	85.26%
RESERVED TO OFFSET SALARIES & BENEFITS														
Salary Reserve	37,183											0	37.183	0.00%
Subtotal Salary Reserve	37,183	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,183	0.00%
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2024 YEAR END FUND BALANCE	<b>451,790.00</b> 71,391.16													
Reserved for Donations year end 2024														
Unreserved Balance year end 2024	380,398.84													
2025 YTD Balance Reserved for Donations	60,942.00													

## **UNPLANNED EXPENSES IMPACTING 2025 BUDGET**

	VENDOR	EXPENSE	AMOUNT	BILLED TO
APR	Martin Systems	Replace defective sensor in ducts	453.66	<b>Building Repairs</b>
MAY	United Systems Associates	Replacement of controllers (Nov 24)	547.35	<b>Building Repairs</b>
	Sure-Fire Inc.	Replace shaft seal and pump gasket	2,365.10	<b>Building Repairs</b>
JUN	Sure-Fire Inc.	Reset controllers	348.75	<b>Building Repairs</b>
	Walden, Nietzke, & Taylor	Legal fees re: camera MOU	552.50	Office Supplies
JUL	Walden, Nietzke, & Taylor	Legal fees re: camera MOU	1,300.00	Office Supplies
AUG	Sure-Fire Inc.	Replace VFD supply fan on RTU 1	1,811.52	<b>Building Repairs</b>
SEP	Schindler Elevator Corp.	Service call after power outage	772.40	<b>Building Repairs</b>
	Sure-Fire Inc.	Expansion module and labor RTU 1	1,385.70	<b>Building Repairs</b>
	Sure-Fire Inc.	Solenoid coil and labor RTU 2	552.45	<b>Building Repairs</b>
	Sure-Fire Inc.	Contactor and labor RTU 3	766.00	<b>Building Repairs</b>
	Complex Security Solutions	Add 12 cameras and server, down payr	18,042.22	* Capital Outlay
	Complex Security Solutions	Add 12 cameras and server, final payme	18,042.20	* Capital Outlay
OCT	Sure-Fire Inc.	Replace actuator on RTU1	630.49	<b>Building Repairs</b>
	Sure-Fire Inc.	Replace condenser fan blade	486.04	<b>Building Repairs</b>
	Taylor Computer Services	Camera ports	168.75	Technology
NOV	Taylor Computer Services	Additional camera port issues	202.50	Technology
	Library Market	Website design and development	7,500.00	Technology

YTD TOTAL: 55,927.63

YTD total for Sure-Fire, Inc: 8,346.05



# (Library)

To: Library Board of Trustees-Finance

From: Peg Checkai-Library Director

Date: 11/13/2025

Subject: Community Room Policy

# Background

The library's community room is a very popular resource for the community for public, private and nonprofit groups. We've had some issues with groups not following policies along with other incidents. P&P will review the current policy to see if adjustments need to be made.

# **Budget Goal**

Provide best practices for serving the community, patrons and library team members

# **Financial Impact**

NA

## Recommendation

I would recommend making some adjustments to the current policy.

INVOICE#	VENDOR	ACCT#	ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION	AMT	Notes	CHECK#
101067012	GFC Leasing	11-58-12-18	Copier Lease	265.37		
IN15360576	Gordon Flesch	11-58-12-18	Copier Usage	222.65		
101225 LIB	Isaiah Tuck	11-58-12-18	Adult Programs	200.00		
102025 LIB	MC Petty Cash	11-58-12-18	Adult Programs	16.98		
3311329	Village of German	11-58-12-18	Adult Programs	26.95		
		11-58-12-18				
		11-58-12-18				
		11-58-12-18				
		11-58-12-19				
		11-58-12-19				
2054120	Automatic Entranc	11-58-12-20	Repairs - Switch for automatic doors	24.38		
95958	Menards	11-58-12-20	Janitorial Supply	8.98		
696667	Ace Hardware	11-58-12-20	Janitorial Supply	16.05		
		11-58-12-20	117			
		11-58-12-20				
		11-58-12-24				
		11-58-12-24				
	Wttn Water Dept	11-58-12-31	Water,			
		11-58-12-32				
507869741	Midwest Tape	11-58-12-44	Hoopla	669.85		
28570	Taylor Computer S		Technology work - camera port issues	202.50		
4398	Library Market	11-58-12-45	Website design and development	7,500.00		
999100849002	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	11-58-12-46	Large Print	32.79		
999101621975	Cengage	11-58-12-46	Large Print	25.60		
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		00 12 00	TOTAL	9,212.10		
FUND 11 EXPI	ENSES		101/12	.,212.10		
	11-58-12-18	731.95	Office & Library Supplies			
	11-58-12-19		Maintenance Contracts			
	11-58-12-20		Building Repairs & Supplies			
	11-58-12-24		Travel Expense			
	11-58-12-31		Water			
	11-58-12-44		Databases			
	11-58-12-45		Technology			
	11-58-12-46		Library Materials			
	11-58-12-50		Purchase from Donation			
		9,212.10				



# PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

### 100 S. WATER ST., WATERTOWN, WI 53094 - 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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Jarred Burke	Р	Charity Chandler	Р	Kerry Kneser	Α	Tom Kohls	Р
Andi Merfeld	Р	Beth Mueller	Р	Sarah Oudenhoven	P/ V	Erin O'Neill	Р
Bob Wetzel	Α						

**Also present:** Watertown Public Library Staff: Cari Gunderson, Tina Peerenboom, Jaime Hernandez

### 2. REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

- Checkai shared correspondence
- 3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
- 4. APPEARANCES NONE
- **5. NEW BUSINESS** 
  - A. Addition of camera in Carnegie study room
    - Sign disclosing room is under surveillance
    - Camera will not show what is on patron laptop

Mueller made motion to install additional camera in Carnegie study room for \$2,113. Kohls seconded.

### Roll call vote:

Jarred Burke	Υ	Charity Chandler	Υ	Kerry Kneser	Α	Tom Kohls	Υ
Andi Merfeld	Υ	Beth Mueller	Υ	Sarah Oudenhoven	Υ	Erin O'Neill	Υ
Bob Wetzel	Α						

### B. Update and redesign library website

- Proposed website will integrate well with WPL calendar and room reservation system
- 20 week project
- Hernandez will do majority of work

Made motion to create new website with Library Market for \$15,000 to come out of library expansion fund. Mueller seconded.

Roll call vote:

Jarred Burke	Υ	Charity Chandler	Υ	Kerry Kneser	А	Tom Kohls	Υ
Andi Merfeld	Υ	Beth Mueller	Υ	Sarah Oudenhoven	Υ	Erin O'Neill	Υ
Bob Wetzel	Α						

### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Reviewed 2026 proposed budget
  - Changes made from last month. More changes likely before it's final
  - Concerns over new pay scale
  - Chackai to meet next week Wednesday meeting with Finance

Burke made motion to approve projected library fund budget based on Oct 6, 2025 figures presented to library director. Mueller seconded.

Roll call vote:

Jarred Burke	Υ	Charity Chandler	Υ	Kerry Kneser	Α	Tom Kohls	Υ
Andi Merfeld	Υ	Beth Mueller	Υ	Sarah Oudenhoven	Υ	Erin O'Neill	Υ
Bob Wetzel	Α						

- B. Reviewed investment of LGIP/Donation funds
- C. Update on strategic planning process
  - Two Community Discussions set for Dec 14 am/pm
  - Five interviewees chosen for Stakeholder Interviews
  - WiLS will be attending November meeting

### 7. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

### 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. October Director's Report
  - Reviewed report in premeeting packet
  - Increase in digital checkouts likely due to internet expansion to rural areas
  - Reviewed request for faith group to have services in Community Room. Will add to agenda for November to discuss and take action.
- B. September Monthly budget
- C. September Statistics
- D. YTD Unplanned Expenses

### 9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Kohls gave report on behalf of Oudenhoven
- Communications with Checkai and City

### 10. PERSONNEL AND POLICY

- O'Neill gave update on Director Review
  - Sending out Review tomorrow to Board and staff, including part-time. Leads to distribute to staff.
  - Same format as last year.

- o Deadline for Dec 17th.
- Will send results to Board by Oct 27 will review with Peg. Sign off by Nov 5.
- o for review so approval can take place at November meeting during 5 minute closed session.
  - Will not review during formal meeting, unless Checkai requests discussion.
- P&P to Review agreement for room rental. Checkai will review Senior Center agreement.

### 11. REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes from September 11, 2025
- B. October Bills

Merfeld made motion to approve consent agenda items. Kohls seconded. Approved. Roll call vote:

Jarred Burke	Υ	Charity Chandler	Υ	Kerry Kneser	Α	Tom Kohls	Υ
Andi Merfeld	Υ	Beth Mueller	Υ	Sarah Oudenhoven	Α	Erin O'Neill	Υ
Bob Wetzel	Α						

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

Burke made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:30. Mueller seconded

A. Next Meeting November 13, 2025, 5:30pm

<sup>\*\*</sup> Oudenhoven left meeting at 6:25. \*\*