

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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MISSION

The Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, Michigan enriches lives by providing opportunities and resources for everyone to learn, connect, and discover.

VISION

The Baldwin Public Library will be an essential part of the community and the first choice for access to cultural, recreational, and learning opportunities.

CORE VALUES

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Intellectual Freedom
- Equitable and Inclusive Access
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Innovation
- Welcoming Environment
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Commitment to Excellence

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AGENDA

Baldwin Public Library Board Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Rotary/Donor Rooms

Agenda

The full Board packet is available online at www.baldwinlib.org on the Friday preceding the meeting.

This is an open meeting. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Call to order, pledge of allegiance, reading of the Library's mission statement, and establishment of a quorum.

I. General Public Comment Period

The Library Board values public meetings and welcomes your comments on Library issues, but will not debate items not on the agenda. The Board respectfully asks that comments be made as concisely as possible, when a motion has been made, or in the general public comment portion of the meeting. The maximum time for individual speakers should not exceed three minutes.

II. Consent Agenda

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Board member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered as the last item under new business.

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XI. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Library Board will take place on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: *To adjourn the September 15, 2025 Board Meeting.*

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Las personas con incapacidad que requieren algún tipo de ayuda para la participación en esta sesión pública deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina del escribano de la biblioteca en el número (248) 647-1700 o al (248) 644-3405 (para las personas con incapacidad auditiva) por lo menos un día antes de la reunión para solicitar ayuda a la movilidad, visual, auditiva, o de otras asistencias. (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964).



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2025**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 7:30 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler, and Student Representative Marina Awad (via Zoom).

Absent and excused: Melissa Mark.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, Director, and Robert Stratton, Office Administrator.

Friends of the Library liaison present: Ryndee Carney.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: 3 (2 in person, 1 via Zoom).

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance following establishment of quorum.

Wheeler read aloud the Library's Mission Statement.

1. General Public Comment Period: A member of the public made the Board aware of a bird strike injury that occurred in Birmingham, and distributed a flier for Bird Center of Michigan in Saline, MI, which rehabilitates injured birds.
2. Consent Agenda:
 - Motion to approve the consent agenda.**
 - A. Approval of July 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**
 - B. Approval of July 2025 vendor payments in the amount of \$116,261.65, including payments in excess of \$75,000.**
 - C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$313,178.11**

1st Friedman
2nd Rock

A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Mark.
The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumble thanked Jen Hassell, Vicki Sower, and Haylie May for hosting the Adult Battle of the Books.

Board comments: Pisano provided condolences to the Stern Family after Fran Stern's passing. The Stern Family made a donation in honor of Mrs. Stern for the new Youth Terrace. Fran Stern was a librarian in West Bloomfield for 20 years, and worked at Baldwin for about 10 years after.

Staff Anniversaries: Wheeler recognized the following staff anniversaries: Sarah Dalmer (3 years of service), Paul Gillin (12 years), Mick Howey (8 years), Tony Lowe (20 years), Terry Meyer (13 years), Daniel Patton (8 years), Kristen Tait (24 years), and Peter VanGelderren (2 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Craft reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 38-39 of the August Board packet.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Pisano reported that the Finance Committee met on August 8. Present were Pisano, Rumble, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the August Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Friday, September 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Building Committee:

Friedman reported that the Building Committee met on August 8. Present were Friedman, Pisano, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 17 of the August Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Rumble expressed disappointment in the number of products chosen and installed during Phases 2 and 3 that are failing and need repairs or replacements. Craft \$80,000 budgeted for building improvements and furniture for this fiscal year, so these repairs can be handled using the existing budget. However, this may mean leaving some items from the lower-level renovation to be stretched over two fiscal years.

Outreach Committee:

Friedman reported that the Outreach Committee met on July 23. Present were Friedman, Mark, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 19 of the August Board packet. The 2026 CaRE Fair has been scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026. The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will take place on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Strategic Planning Committee:

Rock reviewed the minutes from the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on July 21 and reported updates from the meeting in the afternoon of August 18. Present were Rock, Rumble, Craft, Miller, and community member Jim Suhay. Minor changes were made to the Strategic Plan draft shown on page 21 of the August Board packet. Staff will review the proposed Strategic Plan & Objectives: 2025-2028 and the plan will be presented at the September 15 Board meeting for approval.

5. Library Report:

Craft presented highlights from the Library Report. Full details of the complete report are on pages 23-31 of the August Board packet.

6. Liaisons

Friends: Ryndee Carney reported the Friends are hosting a special sale on the main level to commemorate the birthday of Martha Baldwin. At 11 months into the fiscal year, all Friends' revenue categories are above last years.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

7. New & Miscellaneous Business:

Approval of 2026 Calendar:

Craft reviewed details of the Proposed 2026 Calendar memo found on pages 34-36 of the August Board packet.

Motion to approve the 2026 Library calendar as found on pages 35-36 of the August 2025 Board packet.

1st Wheeler

2nd Pisano

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Mark.

The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Unfinished Business:

Administrative Services Contract Negotiations:

The Board held a discussion surrounding issues of the Administrative Services contract negotiations with the City. Craft distributed an unsigned but proposed 2009 Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Library's independence from the City. The Library and City have been operating according to this Memorandum, except when the City has set the Library's millage rate.

In preparation for negotiations, Craft solicited quotes for services (HR, payroll, employee benefits, insurance) in the event the Library gained full independence from the City. The City currently covers the full cost of employee health care and its spending is not capped due to municipal exemption of law PA 152. If the Library handled its own health insurance, its contribution spending would be capped at around \$280,000, meaning health benefits would be much more expensive for employees. There was discussion on possibly maintaining health insurance under the City plan and handling HR/payroll services independently, but this would not work in practice because of the need to maintain an employee/employer relationship to the City in order to access their healthcare plan.

Library attorney Anne Seurnyck joined the meeting via Zoom and answered some questions. The City is not required to take action on the Library's position until a contract is presented. Seurnyck is aware of no other libraries that have HR/payroll and health insurance benefits separated out, as what was suggested. The Board consensus was reached that the Library will need to negotiate the proposed administrative services costs if it wants to preserve the current quality of health insurance benefits for employees without passing additional costs to employees.

When negotiations occur, Craft will be supported by Rumble and Seurnyck. Seurnyck will present all available options to Craft in preparation.

9. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

10. Information Only: See pages 37-51 of the August Board packet.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Wheeler

2nd Rock

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumples, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Mark.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Jennifer Wheeler, Secretary

Date

Register of Claims
Baldwin Public Library
300 W. Merrill Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Check Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Amount
	000843	BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	69.79
	000575	DEMCO, INC	107.31
	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	19,323.01
	008827	KANOPY, INC	583.95
	000795	LIBRARY DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC.	2,955.00
	003527	LOWER HURON SUPPLY CO INC	554.90
	MISC	MARY ALHERMIZI	11.95
	007927	MICHELLE HOLLO	350.00
	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	11,923.49
	006785	OVERDRIVE, INC.	17,188.16
	007823	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVI	493.83
	002518	PITNEY BOWES INC	590.08
	MISC	SARAH GLONEK	39.92
	000797	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	2,560.19
	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	510.67
	MISC	USA TODAY	281.75
	009971	WT COX INFORMATION SERVICES	1,693.19
13991	008336	NBS COMMERCIAL INTERIORS	832.00
14018	009920	CORPORATE DINING CONCEPTS	279.00
14020	009024	D.M. BURR GROUP	4,891.29
14044	005861	UNIQUE MGMT SERVICE, INC	113.30
14058	000605	CINTAS CORPORATION	285.17
14063	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	758.76
14078	003527	LOWER HURON SUPPLY CO INC	817.54
14080	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	400.83
304891	009202	AQUARIUM DESIGN INC	240.00
304894	006759	AT&T	61.66
304980	000249	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	324.64
305032	009863	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	69.93
305089	004493	ELITE IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	1,709.87
305090	008338	ELM USA, INC.	1,138.80
305093	010086	FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH PC	255.00
305099	004604	GORDON FOOD	74.95
305133	000797	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	15,109.80
305194	MISC	TIYE COLE	30.00
305210	000843	BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	1,064.63
305223	000575	DEMCO, INC	231.25
305226	000179	DTE ENERGY	11,452.07
305230	010086	FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH PC	433.50
305235	006666	GRID 4 COMMUNICATIONS INC.	254.77
305242	009037	INNOVATIVE INTERFACES INC	66,160.83
305247	MISC	JUSTIN ANDERSON	12.59
305252	004904	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	2,346.45
305263	000678	OCLC, INC.	3,739.50
305266	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	1,016.84
305286	009026	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	768.47
305291	009346	ACCUFORM PRINTING & GRAPHICS, INC	119.00
305296	000843	BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	528.43

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Check Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Amount
305297	000525	BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS	303.45
305303	003904	CAPITAL ONE BANK	6,503.65
305309	000627	CONSUMERS ENERGY	1,442.00
305333	008164	GARY EISELE	87.50
305355	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	753.08
305374	008314	WOODLANDS LIBRARY COOPERATIVE	30.00
Total:			183,877.74

I hereby certify that each of the above invoices are true and correct.

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Executive Library Director

Allowance of Vouchers

The Library Board of Directors of the Baldwin Public Library has examined the claims listed on the foregoing Register of claims and except for claims not allowed as shown on the Register such claims are hereby approved and dated in accordance with MCL 397.210a and the Birmingham City Charter.

Secretary of the Baldwin Public Library Board

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Building Committee

Outreach Committee

Strategic Planning Committee

September 2025 Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Finance Committee met on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Frank Pisano, Danielle Rumble, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller, along with Jim Cummins and Connor Brannagan from Raymond James.

- There was no public comment.
- Jim Cummins & Connor Brannagan from Raymond James gave an update on the library's trust funds performance. The portfolio is heavily invested in tech, which is seeing the highest growth. The General fund is currently outpacing the S&P. They recommend
 - Selling PGIM Total Return Bond Fund and Western Asset Core Bond Fund and reinvesting the money into Touchstone Ares Credit Opportunities.
 - Selling PGIM Jennison Health and reinvesting the money into Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Growth.
 - The Trust board will vote on these two reinvestments during the September 15 Trust Board meeting.
- Craft gave an update on FY 2024-25 budget. Due to higher revenues than expected and lower expenses than expected, the library was able to add an extra \$350,000 to the fund balance
- Craft gave an update on the FY 2025-26 budget, which is tracking well after two months.
- Miller gave an update on August Trust expenditures with Friends of the Library funds.
- Pisano attended an investment committee meeting on September 3.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

FINANCIAL REPORT: August 2025

This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2025-26, found on the following page. At 16.7% of the way through fiscal year 2025-2026, the Library has spent 14.3% of its budget and received 0.7% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 16.7% of its budget and to have received 16.7% of its revenue.

Two pay periods were recorded in the month.

Vendor payments in excess of \$75,000:

	\$ -
Total vendor payments in excess of \$75,000	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance of vendor payments less than \$75,000	\$ 183,877.74
Total vendor payments	<u>\$ 183,877.74</u>

City of Birmingham allocations:

Payroll Period Ending 08/02/25	\$ 137,883.57
Payroll Period Ending 08/16/25	\$ 113,954.44
Fixed Past Retirement Health Care Cost (acct 711.0004)	\$ 389.67
Retirement Cost (acct 711.0010)	<u>\$ 8,757.00</u>
Total Payroll	\$ 260,984.68

BS&A Software Charge (acct 811.0000)	
Administrative Services (acct. 813.0000)	
MML Insurance Premium (acct. 960.0400)	
Total City of Birmingham allocations	<u>\$ 260,984.68</u>

Reconciling adjustments:

Refunds, Voids (Fines, Bags, Room Rentals, Magazines etc.)	\$ (3,587.79)
Audit Fees	
Water Bill	
Credit Card Fees	
City of Birmingham Parking	<u>\$ 4,684.00</u>
Total Recon Adjustments	\$ 1,096.21

Total expenses for the month	<u><u>\$ 445,958.63</u></u>
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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025-26
August 2025

	2025-2026 Budget	Current Month August 2025	Current Month August 2025	Variance For Month	Y-T-D Budget 2025-2026	Y-T-D Actual 2025-2026	Variance For Y-T-D	% Received/ Spent	Prior year Y-T-D 2024-2025	% Received/ Spent Prior Y-T-D
REVENUES										
TAXES	\$4,669,595	\$389,133	\$0	(\$389,133)	\$778,266	\$0	(\$778,266)	0.0%	\$4,492,575	107.6%
PROVISION FOR TAX LOSS	(\$15,000)	(\$1,250)	\$0	\$1,250	(\$2,500)	\$0	\$2,500	0.0%	(\$751)	37.6%
COUNTY AND STATE REVENUE	\$95,000	\$7,917	\$0	(\$7,917)	\$15,833	\$0	(\$15,833)	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
COMMUNITY CONTRACTS	\$1,117,400	\$93,117	\$34,233	(\$58,884)	\$186,233	\$34,233	(\$152,001)	3.1%	\$187,801	17.8%
PATRON USE REVENUE	\$35,950	\$2,996	\$3,426	\$430	\$5,992	\$6,811	\$820	18.9%	\$6,783	19.0%
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$0	(\$1,250)	\$2,500	\$0	(\$2,500)	0.0%	\$12,730	15.9%
OTHER REVENUE	\$500	\$42	\$0	(\$42)	\$83	\$30	(\$53)	0.0%	\$25	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,918,445	\$493,204	\$37,658.48	(\$455,545)	\$986,408	\$41,074.18	(\$945,333)	0.7%	\$4,699,162.59	82.2%

	2025-2026 Budget	Current Month August 2025	Current Month August 2025	Variance For Month	Y-T-D Budget 2025-2026	Y-T-D Actual 2025-2026	Variance For Y-T-D	% Received/ Spent	Prior year Y-T-D 2024-2025	% Received/ Spent Prior Y-T-D
EXPENSES										
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$3,360,152	\$280,013	\$260,985	(\$19,028)	\$560,025	\$436,536	(\$123,489)	13.0%	\$422,330	14.3%
SUPPLIES	\$163,000	\$13,583	\$14,066	\$482	\$27,167	\$35,981	\$8,815	22.1%	\$27,831	18.5%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$486,157	\$40,513	\$16,703	(\$23,810)	\$81,026	\$51,044	(\$29,982)	10.5%	\$55,957	17.8%
TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE	\$121,000	\$10,083	\$68,673	\$58,590	\$20,167	\$75,127	\$54,960	62.1%	\$70,810	40.6%
UTILITIES	\$136,000	\$11,333	\$12,894	\$1,561	\$22,667	\$25,506	\$2,839	18.8%	\$33,141	28.2%
OTHER CHARGES	\$108,370	\$9,031	\$1,799	(\$7,232)	\$18,062	\$15,965	(\$2,097)	14.7%	\$13,180	11.4%
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS & FURNISHING	\$170,000	\$14,167	\$14,467	\$300	\$28,333	\$18,191	(\$10,142)	10.7%	\$15,206	0.4%
COLLECTIONS	\$767,000	\$63,917	\$56,372	(\$7,545)	\$127,833	\$100,786	(\$27,047)	13.1%	\$116,755	17.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,311,679	\$442,640	\$445,958.63	\$3,319	\$885,280	\$759,136.74	(\$126,143)	14.3%	\$755,210.75	9.4%

VARIANCE	\$606,766	\$50,564	(\$408,300)	(\$458,864)	\$101,128	(\$718,062.56)	(\$819,190)			
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR						\$1,483,259.40				
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT						\$765,196.84				

The fund balance should be not less than 25% of annual operating expenditures and not more than 35% of annual expenditures, except when the Library is building a fund balance in support of specific non-recurring projects.

September 2025 Building Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Building Committee met on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Present were Wendy Friedman, Frank Pisano, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller

- There was no public comment.
- Old Business
 - Teen electrical work will be scheduled for the new Teen Scene. This includes installing 1 wall outlet and 1 floor outlet and hanging 2 round chandeliers.
 - We are in the process of receiving quotes for replacement of the Youth Terrace and the addition of a path and steps leading to the sidewalk. This project will likely need to be moved up on the priority list
 - We are still gathering quotes to replace the glass Grams Discovery Room Door and to replace 7 work stations in the Youth/Access Services office.
 - Steve of MCD Architects is working with the Stanley door rep to see what went wrong to cause our doors to need to have rollers replaced so soon.
 - We are receiving quotes to add walk off carpet to the front vestibule.
 - Improvements to the lower level will likely be pushed to FY26-27.
- Rotary Room HVAC repair update – Systemp and PCID are waiting to hear from the manufacturer about whether they can get a replacement piece or a whole new tray. The current iteration of the drain is working for now.
- Snow melt sensor – Systemp will be replacing a sensor that has been broken since February 2025. This will be covered under the warranty as it was never fixed before the warranty ran out.
- Projects for the FY26-27 wish list
 - Add lighting in the building to improve illumination
 - Add soundproofing measures to the ceiling in the Atrium – looking into a potential solution from Steve at MCD Architects
 - Add soundproofing measures to the Jeanne Lloyd Room
 - Add soundproofing measures to the Grams Discovery Room
 - Add Feather Friendly project to Youth and Phase 3 windows
 - Refresh lower level

- Add 2 modular quiet study rooms for one person

Pisano inquired as to the possibility of having the outdoor dropbox repaired and repainted next spring. Miller will check into shops for this update. The last time the dropbox was repainted was 10 years ago.

The next meeting of the Building Committee will be held on Friday, October 10 at 9:30am

September 2025 Outreach Committee Report

The Outreach Committee met on Wednesday, September 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the Delos Board Room at the Baldwin Public Library. Present were Wendy Friedman, Missy Mark, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller

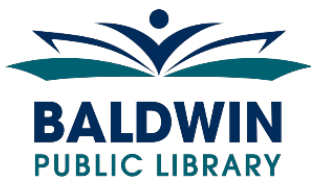
- There was no public comment
- Old Business
 - Library 101 classes will be held monthly from December through February. In the spring, we will host Library 101 classes focusing on specific groups, including seniors, business, and students.
 - The second annual CaRE Fair will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026
 - A Volunteer Appreciation event will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026
- New business
 - Fall outreach events:
 - Information and promotional pieces were handed off to distribute at a neighborhood picnic on August 30, since we were not available to attend.
 - Jaclyn brought the book bike to a neighborhood picnic on September 6 and also presented a story time to attendees.
 - The Halloween at the YMCA event will be held on Saturday, October 18; Youth staff will read stories from 11am-12:30pm
 - Baldwin will host a magician at the library in the lower level during Birmingham's Pumpkin Patch event on October 25. The rest of the events of the day will be presented by the city and held in Shain Park
 - The Beverly Hills Halloween Hoot will be held at Beverly Park on October 25, from 6-8pm.
 - We will be adding a page to request book bike appearances on the new website.
- The next Outreach Committee meeting is proposed for December 3 at 11:00 am in the Delos Board Room. We will make a final determination on a date once committee participation is settled at the November Library Board meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee Report: Meeting #6

The Strategic Planning Committee met on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Danielle Rumble, Karen Rock, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller. Community member Jim Suhay also joined us as a consultant for the planning process.

The Committee reviewed and made final edits to the Strategic Plan and Action Plan. The Committee reviewed the presentation to be made by Craft at the September 15, 2025 Board meeting.

The Committee has completed its work and will be disbanded until September 2028 when planning for the next strategic plan commences.



BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Strategic Plan & Objectives: 2025-2028

Mission: The Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, Michigan enriches lives by providing opportunities and resources for everyone to learn, connect, and discover.

Vision: The Baldwin Public Library will be an essential part of the community and the first choice for access to cultural, recreational, and learning opportunities.

Core Values:

- **Education and Lifelong Learning** - Empowering individuals personally and professionally by facilitating the acquisition of credible and viable information
- **Welcoming and Inclusive Environment** - Ensuring a respectful and safe space for everyone
- **Intellectual Freedom** - Providing unfettered access to all points of view
- **Commitment to Excellence** - Delivering high quality service in all we do
- **Equitable and Diverse Access** - Offering a wide variety of resources and programs for everyone
- **Innovation** - Anticipating changing customer needs with creative, relevant, and timely offerings
- **Community Partnerships** - Meeting community needs by working together, seeking input, and offering assistance
- **Integrity** - Demonstrating responsible stewardship, transparency, ethical behavior, and honesty

Strategic Goals

1. **Collections and Services** - Improve collections and services to satisfy community needs and expectations (*Goal champions: H Jennings, Stephanie Klimmek, Jeff Jimison*)
 - a. Offer services and programs to a variety of ages, at a variety of times, and in multiple formats to meet patron needs
 - b. Purchase relevant and diverse materials to meet community needs and requests
 - c. Improve technology infrastructure to support library programs and services
2. **Facility** - Maintain and improve the building's functionality and cleanliness. (*Goal champion: Jaclyn Miller*)
 - a. Improve the building's amenities
 - b. Make upgrades to the building to make it easier for patrons to access and use
 - c. Make safety improvements
 - d. Maintain building
3. **Marketing and Communications** - Improve marketing and visibility of the Library (*Goal Champion: Jaclyn Miller*)
 - a. Offer video and print tutorials for to satisfy varying learning styles
 - b. Improve accessibility of website and online calendar
 - c. Improve access to and discovery of materials in library's catalog
 - d. Expand the presence of the library in the community to increase awareness and engagement
4. **Personnel & Organization** - Educate, train, and empower staff with tools to serve the public (*Goal Champion: Rebekah Craft*)
 - a. Attract and retain well-qualified staff members
 - b. Support a learning culture that encourages innovation and risk-taking to develop new services and programs that meet the unique character of the communities we serve
 - c. Train, empower, and equip staff members to best support users and each other
5. **Financial** - Develop a plan for current and future financial needs (*Goal Champion: Rebekah Craft*)
 - a. Solidify independence as an autonomous PA 164 10a library
 - b. Invest in improvements
 - c. Create a balanced budget that advances the library and is respectful of taxpayer constraints
 - d. Develop long-term financial plan (5-7 years)

Baldwin Public Library

Strategic Plan 2025-2028



Data Gathering & Analysis

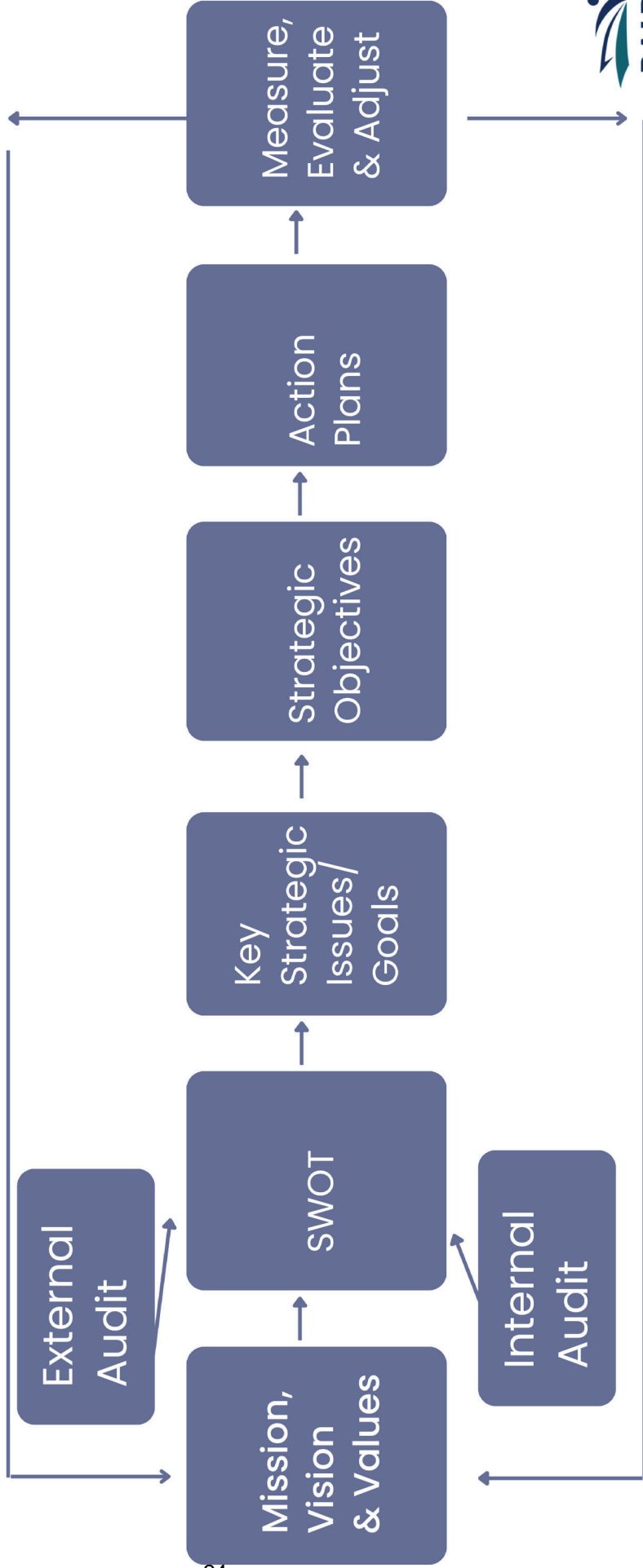
Data Gathering

- Focus Groups
- Surveys of Community & Staff
- Interviews with community leaders
- Library trends review
- Environmental scan of Census, demographics, community segments
- Benchmark data from comparable libraries

Data Analysis

- Categorized focus group and survey results
- Revised Core Values
- SWOT Analysis
- Identified Key Strategic Issues

Strategic Planning Process





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COLLECTIONS &
SERVICES

FACILITY

MARKETING &
COMMUNICATIONS

PERSONNEL &
ORGANIZATION

FINANCIAL

Goal 1: Collections & Services

Improve collections and services to satisfy community needs and expectations

Offer services and programs to a variety of ages, at a variety of times, and in multiple formats to meet patron needs

Purchase relevant and diverse materials to meet community needs and requests

Improve technology infrastructure to support library programs and services

Goal 2: Facility

Maintain and improve the building's functionality and cleanliness

Improve the building's amenities

Make upgrades to the building to make it easier for patrons to access and use

Make safety improvements

Maintain building

Goal 3: Marketing & Communications

Improve marketing and visibility of the Library

Offer video and print tutorials to satisfy varying learning styles

Improve accessibility of website and online calendar

Improve access to and discovery of materials in library's catalog

Expand the presence of the library in the community to increase awareness and engagement

Goal 4: Personnel & Organization

Educate, train, and empower staff with tools to serve the public

Attract and retain well-qualified staff members

Support a learning culture that encourages innovation and risk-taking to develop new services and programs that meet the unique character of the communities we serve

Train, empower, and equip staff members to best support users and each other

Goal 5: Financial

Develop a plan for current and future financial needs

Solidify independence as an autonomous PA 164 10a library

Invest in improvements

Create a balanced budget that advances the library and is respectful of taxpayer constraints

Develop long-term financial plan

Baldwin Public Library Strategic Plan (2025-2028): Action Plan				
Strategic Goal I - Collections and Services: Improve collections and services to satisfy community needs and expectations				<i>Champions - H, Steph, Jeff</i>
Strategic Objective & Action Plan	Responsibility	Expenses budgeted/used	Timeline	Comments/Status
A Offer services and programs to a variety of ages, at a variety of times, and in multiple formats to meet patron needs				
1 Evaluate current programs for middle school students and add more programs to meet the needs of this age group.	Elisabeth/Haylie			
2 Explore options for programming aimed at adults aged 20-40.	H			
3 Explore options for programming aimed at adults 55+.	H			
4 Evaluate current tech classes to ensure they are meeting patron needs, vary times and dates of programs, and provide online video educational content and interactive tech tutorials.	Bart			
5 Evaluate current programs for children and add accessible programming options that meet the needs of varying interest levels and abilities.	Stephanie			
6 Expand Youth Room play area offerings.	Alyssa and Synthia			
7 Examine Idea Lab usage and examine ways to improve wait times, access, and programming variety.	Jeff			
8 Be thoughtful and targeted when planning programs.	Programming staff			
B Purchase relevant and diverse materials to meet community needs and requests				
1 Explore feasibility of adding new collections or expanding current collections to meet patron needs	H/Stephanie			
2 Explore feasibility and interest level in creating a classics collection to meet patron requests.	H			
3 Digitize the Birmingham Eccentric and offer it online to improve community access.	Louis/Jeff/H/Brandon			
4 Expand Library of Things collection.	Jen/Ethan			
5 Explore feasibility and interest level in a new collection featuring materials in languages other than English.	H			
6 Explore feasibility and interest level in new collections of materials for homeschool students.	Stephanie			

C Improve technology infrastructure to support library programs and services						
1	Improve visibility of library programs and services on website.	Rebekah				
2	Improve visibility and access to MeL on the library's website.	Kristen				
3	Examine number and location of floor and table outlets in the building and add additional outlets to meet patron demand.	Jaclyn				
4	Add wifi extenders in basement to improve cellular access for visitors.	Jamie				
5	Create server redundancy in case of outages.	Jamie				
6	Add new print release station to meet increased patron demand.	Jamie				
Strategic Goal II: Facility - Maintain and improve the building's functionality and appearance.						
Strategic Objective & Action Plan		Responsibility	Expenses budgeted/used	Timeline	Champion: Jaclyn Comments/Status	
A Improve the building's amenities						
1	Add wayfinding signage around the building in thoughtful and targeted locations.	Rebekah/Jaclyn	\$20,000.00			
2	Add sound mitigation aids around building to reduce noise levels.	Jaclyn	\$10,000.00			
3	Consider alternate ways to offer patron access to study rooms.	Cameron				
4	Offer accessible seating options to meet a variety of needs.	Jaclyn	\$10,000.00			
5	Expand vending machine options.	Robert				
B Make upgrades to the building to make it easier for patrons to access and use						
1	Create inclusive and barrier-free facilities to maximize independent use of the library regardless of ability.	Rebekah/Jaclyn				
2	Refurbish lower level to better match other parts of the building.	Rebekah/Jaclyn	\$120,000.00			

3	Explore adding more permanent entry access to building on Martin Street.	Jaclyn				
4	Look for new spaces to add study space or single use study pods.	H	\$20,000.00			
5	Explore options for alternative energy sources (e.g. generator, solar, battery backup).	Rebekah/Jaclyn				
6	Explore glass coating options for bird safety.	Rebekah/Jaclyn	\$45,000.00			
7	Explore ways to add more convenient parking options for patrons.	Access Services/Rebekah				
C Make safety improvements						
1	Provide staff training for active shooters.	Rebekah/Jaclyn				
2	Develop cybersecurity policy.	Brandon/Rebekah				
3	Implement cybersecurity best practices.	Brandon/Jamie				
4	Regularly inspect building for possible safety hazards or opportunities for improvement.	Jaclyn				
5	Form sustainability committee to consider and implement measures that improve the library's environmental footprint.	Rebekah				
D Maintain building						
1	Develop interior maintenance and replacement plan based on best practices.	Rebekah				
2	Develop schedule for adequate cleaning of building.	Jaclyn				
Strategic Goal III: Marketing and Communications - Improve marketing and visibility of the Library						
Strategic Objective & Action Plan		Responsibility	Expenses budgeted/used	Timeline	Champion: Jaclyn Comments/Status	
A Offer video and print tutorials for to satisfy varying learning styles						
1	Create tutorials for searching and using e-materials and databases.	Mick/Bart				
2	Create tutorials for using Idea Lab equipment.	Jeff/Sarah				
3	Create tutorials for using Baldwin's catalog.	Kristen/Cameron/Brandon				

B	Improve accessibility of website and online calendar								
1	Design and implement fully accessible website.	Rebekah							
2	Evaluate current library calendars and explore options to improve user experience or calendar vendor.	Stephanie/H/Jaclyn							
C	Improve access to and discovery of materials in library's catalog								
1	Add a dedicated app to use the library's catalog.	Kristen							
2	Create consistent cataloging to make it easy for users to find items in the catalog.	Brandon							
3	Upgrade building map and make it readily available to patrons using the building.	Robert							
D	Expand the presence of the library in the community to increase awareness and engagement								
1	Evaluate the need and feasibility of adding a dedicated marketing employee.	Jaclyn							
2	Work with local organizations and community leaders to share information about the library.	Jaclyn							
3	Share more information about library services in a variety of formats and to a variety of audiences.	Jaclyn							
4	Promote library services to a variety of audiences and in a variety of formats.	Jaclyn							
5	Promote online resources to a variety of audiences and in a variety of formats.	Jaclyn							
Strategic Goal IV: Personnel & Organization - Educate, train, and empower staff with tools to serve the public									
									Champion: Rebekah
	Strategic Objective & Action Plan	Responsibility	Expenses budgeted/used	Timeline	Comments/Status				
A	Attract and retain well-qualified staff members								
1	Expand transparent communication, policies, and shared documentation.	Rebekah							
2	Review and improve recruitment, hiring, retention and promotion methods.	IDEA Task Force							

3	Create and implement onboarding training for new employees.	Rebekah			
4	Provide a transparent pathway to promotion within the organization.	Rebekah			
5	Update Personnel Handbook.	Personnel Committee			
6	Make departmental job duties and responsibilities available to staff in a variety of formats.	Rebekah/Jaclyn			
B	Support a learning culture that encourages innovation and risk-taking to develop new services and programs that meet the unique character of the communities we serve				
1	Offer training in Library advocacy so all staff can speak to the importance of the Library in the community.	Rebekah			
2	Create opportunities for staff to learn from each other and the broader library field, as we improve our efforts to serve our patrons.	Kristen/H/Stephanie			
C	Train, empower, and equip staff members to best support users and each other				
1	Provide opportunities for staff to shadow 2 different staff members who work in other departments.	Stephanie, H, Kristen, Jaclyn			
2	Provide staff with training and professional development opportunities to deescalate unpredictable situations.	Jaclyn			
3	Encourage staff participation in professional conferences and organizations.	Rebekah			
4	Empower staff and supervisors with quality training, tools, resources, and spaces.	Rebekah			
Strategic Goal V: Financial - Develop a plan for current and future financial needs					
	Strategic Objective & Action Plan	Responsibility	Expenses budgeted/used	Timeline	Champion: Rebekah Comments/Status
A	Solidify independence as an autonomous PA 164 10a library				
1	Establish appropriate contracts with City of Birmingham.	Rebekah/Library Board			
2	Determine most fiscally responsible options for Administrative Services; transition services as appropriate.	Rebekah			
B	Invest in improvements				

1	Conduct an annual compensation study to ensure that BPL is providing a pay structure and benefits for all positions that is fair, competitive, and equitable both internally and externally.	Rebekah			
2	Expand library's hours to better meet the public's demands.	Rebekah/Library Board			
3	Expand the library's collections to better meet community demand and to reduce long hold times.	Rebekah/Stephanie/H			
4	Develop budget for regular maintenance and cleaning of building and contents.	Jaclyn			
C Create a balanced budget that advances the library and is respectful of taxpayer constraints					
1	Allocate resources for training.	Rebekah			
2	Review expenses and take appropriate cost-cutting measures when necessary.	Rebekah			
3	Review revenues and determine new avenues for growth.	Rebekah			
4	Maintain awareness of economic trends and how they impact the library.	Rebekah			
5	Evaluate key metrics to help allocate financial resources.	Rebekah/Jaclyn			
D Develop long term financial plan (5-7 years)					
1	Develop financial forecast, which accounts for the Headlee millage decline.	Rebekah			
2	Examine risk for loss of one or more contract communities to the library's budget.	Rebekah			
3	Develop contingency plans.	Rebekah			

LIBRARY REPORT

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Statistical Dashboard

August 2025

	Current Month	This month last year	Current FYTD	Previous FYTD	FY 25-26 Q1 Target
Financials					
Revenues	\$ 37,658	\$ 4,703,827	\$ 41,074	\$ 4,706,799	
Expenses	\$ 445,959	\$ 346,535	\$ 759,137	\$ 743,011	
Circulation					
Circ (Charges & Renewals)	53,881	54,270	109,985	109,517	153,750
Self-Check Usage	63.5%	23.9%	61.7%	24.6%	
% of Circ by Residents*	91.4%	91.0%	90.7%	91.0%	92.0%
% of Circ by Non-Residents	8.6%	9.0%	9.4%	9.0%	8.0%
Interlibrary Loans					
Items borrowed	680	922	1,542	1,720	
Items loaned	715	747	1,402	1,551	
Technology Usage					
Database Sessions	7,990	2,236	15,633	7,701	18,000
Downloadable Content	17,148	15,336	34,268	30,770	47,500
Public Computer Usage	704	731	1,420	1,421	
Wireless Sessions	2,477	2,389	5,061	4,591	7,500
Program Attendance					
Program Attendance for Adults	235	226	467	463	
# of Programs for Adults	18	13	38	26	
Program Attendance for Teens	85	230	171	333	
# of Programs for Teens	7	8	16	14	
Program Attendance for Youth	763	663	2,800	3,830	
# of Programs for Youth	32	26	105	91	
Computer Classes Attendance	19	58	63	140	
# of Computer Programs	6	5	14	12	
Online Video Views	27	58	41	89	
Idea Lab Visits	1,812	112	4,168	379	
Total Program Attendance	2,941	1,347	7,710	5,234	7,750
Total # of Programs	63	52	173	143	250
Outreach Attendance	31	325	31	839	
# of Outreach Programs	2	10	2	12	
Visitors	20,634	21,521	42,694	44,352	56,250
Volunteer Hours	57	86	96	258	250
Social Media					
Website Hits/Pageviews	26,223	27,804	53,917	61,400	20,000
e-Newsletter Subscribers	(9)	(9)	10,565	10,742	10,500
Facebook Page Followers	1	8	3,604	3,525	3,700
TikTok Followers ^	6	2	1,226	1,029	
Instagram Followers	25	12	2,669	2,419	2,700

*Residents include people who live, work, or own property in our service area of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and the City of Bloomfield Hills

Key Metrics Report

Action item updates and comparisons of actual statistics to projections are made on a quarterly basis—in the months of October, January, April, and July.

Programs & Services

Strategic goal: Adapt programs and services to meet the needs of the changing population

Classic Foods of Michigan

On September 8, Mick Howey hosted authors Gail Offen & Jon Milan who shared a fun presentation about classic Michigan food and drink. Forty-one people of all ages attended to learn more about the many Michigan food and drink brands we know and love.



Notes in the Atrium

This summer series came to a close on Tuesday, September 9 with a performance from George I. Shirley, Tenor, who performed for a full house of enthusiastic fans in the atrium.



Summer Reading Reports

Youth Summer Reading 2025

This past summer, BPL's Youth Services department hosted a successful Summer Reading Program for children from birth through those entering 6th grade with a total of 502 registered readers. This summer's theme was "Color Your World". The majority of participants resided within Baldwin's four communities, but residents from other communities participated as well. The breakdown of participants by community is shown in the table here.

Community	Participants
Birmingham	245
Beverly Hills	117
Bloomfield Hills	17
Bingham Farms	6
Bloomfield	39
Township	
Franklin	3
Royal Oak	7
Southfield	22
Troy	16
West Bloomfield	7
Other	23

Youth Services staff visited elementary schools in the Birmingham Public School District for Summer Reading outreach visits. At each visit, students and teachers heard about our Summer Reading events as well as the Summer Reading Challenge. Participants earned one point for every hour they read and for every activity they completed. They earned a free book at ten points and a second free book at twenty points. As they earned points, participants earned tickets to put into the Grand Prize drawings. We had 6 winners and prizes included gift cards to Books-A-Million, Zap Zone, Emagine Theater, Troy Gym, and Under the Sea. We had 137 children finish the program this year and we gave away 331 prize books. 27% of participants finished the Summer Reading program which is a 2% increase from last year. The books and grand prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. Participants read for 183,555 minutes this summer which is almost 10% more than last summer!

BPL Youth Librarians continued to offer programs in a variety of mediums for all ages over the summer. We hosted over 125 programs for youth with attendance reaching 4000 people. Programs

included book clubs, Books Unboxed, Story Time Battles at Barnum Park, the Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Jr. Librarian, Bluey Bash, Baffling Bill, outreach story times to local preschools, and more!



We want to thank The Friends of the Baldwin Public Library for their support of Youth Summer Reading. Thank you, Friends!

Teen Summer Reading 2025

Teen Librarians Elisabeth Phou and Haylie May, along with Library Assistants Shoshana Loomer and Faith Whitted, and librarians Jen Hassell, Stuart Sturton, and H Jennings, visited

Seaholm High School, Groves High School, Berkshire Middle School, and Derby Middle

School to promote the program before the end of the school year. We had a successful outdoor in-person kick-off event at the Library on the last day of school. Once again we hired Sugar Rush to bring their ice cream truck, which brought a lot of people to the library. We also hired Claudia Kimble to provide face paint, which was also very popular. Our programs throughout the summer were all in-person and well received.

A total of 139 teens registered for this year's program on Beanstack. The breakdown of participants by grade level, and participation by community is shown in the tables below:

Grade	Participants
7	43
8	32
9	18
10	19
11	13
12	14

Community	Participants
Birmingham	36
Beverly Hills	43
Bloomfield Hills	11
Bingham Farms	1
Southfield	8
Troy	11
West Bloomfield	5
Franklin	4
Bloomfield Township	9
Royal Oak	3
Other	8

The top 5 most logged books were:

1. Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas
2. The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins
3. The Candymakers and the Great Chocolate Chase by Wendy Mass
4. Lord of the Flies by William Golding
5. 1984 by George Orwell

Summer programs included cupcake wars, a Bob Ross inspired painting party with Katie Rothley, intro to improv with Openspot Theatre, comic and zine drawing workshop with Adele Hawkins, and junk journaling. We also tried out a computer class for teens, and Bart did a Canva tutorial for a handful of teens. We continued to do our monthly book clubs, Pizza and Pages and Paperbacks and Snacks, our monthly subscription book service, Books Unboxed, Cozy Writing Club, Culinary Club, and Animanga Club. We finished our summer programs with an after-hours laser tag night, run by Techno Tag. Our most popular teen programs were cupcake wars and junk journaling, both planned and led by Haylie May!

Of the 139 registered teens, 62 completed the entire challenge at a 45% completion rate, which was the highest completion rate for any of this year’s challenges. A total of 1,301 badges were earned, 435 activities were completed, 225 book reviews were written, and over 2,677 hours of reading were logged. The challenge was completed by earning 20 points. Once teens reached 10 points they came in to pick out a young adult book of their choice. The Library purchased gift cards to Beyond Juice, Starbucks, Brooklyn Pizza, and Bakehouse 46 to give away as prizes to those who reached 20 points. 50 gift cards and 67 books were claimed. At the end of the summer, we did a grand prize drawing and chose three big winners. The prizes were a gift card to Books-A-Million, a basket of art supplies, and a bluetooth photo printer. Each prize was worth \$100. As always, huge thanks goes to the Friends of the Library who supported Teen Summer Reading through programs, supplies, prizes, and giveaway books.

Adult Summer Reading 2025

Baldwin’s 2025 Adult Summer Reading Challenge was met with great enthusiasm from the community. There were 194 new registrations (an increase of 21% from 2024), 4706 total earned badges, and 1,464 books read (an increase of 26% from 2024).

Community	Participants
Birmingham	90
Beverly Hills	45
Bloomfield Hills	2

Summer programming saw strong attendance. Over the summer months, NEXT Popular Reads book club had 62 attendees making it our most “popular” book club! Books Unshelved has been seeing strong interest, with an average of 47 participants per month over the summer. Our Thursday Night / History Night events continue to draw community interest. In June, we hosted “Birdwatching and Birding” with over 40 people

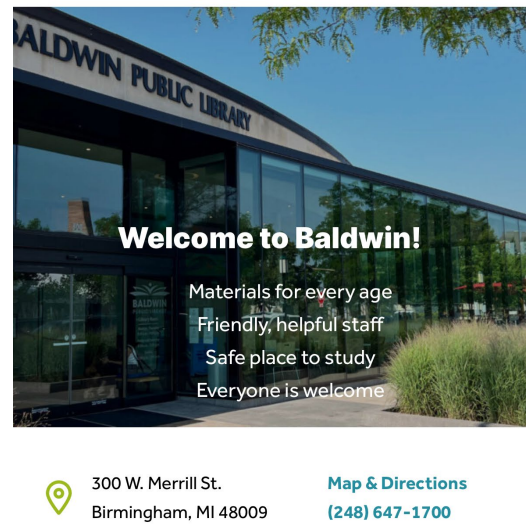
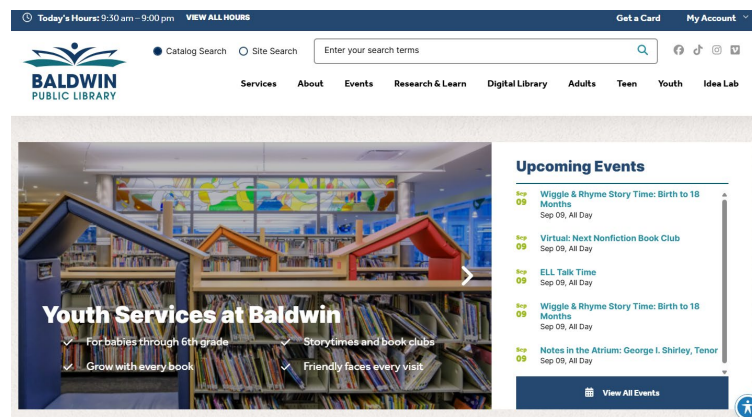
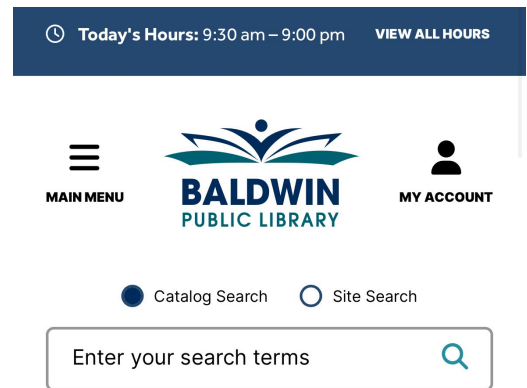


attending and “A History of Chinese Cuisine” with more than 20 attendees. July’s highlight “live” program was Rock Dot painting with an attendance of 41. August’s big draw was the Adult Battle of the Books with 43 participants. A new program last year, the Adult Battle of the Books served as the Adult Summer Reading Finale. Last year, battle participants had a fantastic time and were clear about wanting to have another Battle in 2025. We were

fortunate to be able to promote the Adult Battle in March 2025 when the Youth Department was hosting their Battle of the Books. As always, great thanks go to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library for their continued enthusiastic support of our library staff and the programming we provide to the community. This year, the Friends' support allowed us to provide Summer Reading prize winners with gift certificates to the Friends' Bookshop, commemorative Summer Reading pint glasses, and Birmingham Bucks gift cards to support local area businesses.

Website Update

The new online home of BPL was rolled out on September 4. Director Craft, along with a team of staff editors, worked with the folks at Weblinx to develop an updated look, streamlined content, easier to navigate menus, and refreshed photos on the new webpage which is also fully responsive on mobile devices



Facility

Strategic goal: Create a welcoming, safe, and accessible building that meets the needs of our staff and users.

Water Damage – Rotary Room

The new HVAC unit, located in a Rotary Donor Room mechanical closet, that supports the library's new entrance and atrium started slowly leaking condensation at some point late in the summer. We discovered water in a closet adjacent to the mechanical room at the end of August. PCI Dailey and their subcontractor Systemp have been working to repair the unit. A temporary fix is in place until a new part on order arrives. Belfor Property Restoration was on site from August 26 through September 8 to remove water and mold and replace drywall and carpet. HVAC repairs are being handled by PCI Dailey at no cost to the library. Repairs to the wall and the carpet will be made using an insurance claim for Fungal Pathogens through the City's liability insurance policy. The deductible amount is \$250.

Community Outreach and Partnerships

Strategic goal: Develop and strengthen BPL connections within the community.

City of Birmingham

- Craft has attended weekly City of Birmingham staff meetings. Miller submits content for the monthly and quarterly newsletter and Craft submits an update to the City Manager to be discussed as part of her report during the last Commission meeting of each month.
- Miller provided library promotional materials to a neighborhood in Birmingham for distribution at their annual picnic
- Miller brought the library's Book Bike to the Birmingham Farms community picnic on September 6, where she was on hand to sign residents up for library cards, answer questions, and present a story time.
- Miller provided materials to the Birmingham City Manager's office for inclusion in their new resident welcome packets.
- City and Library representatives will discuss the proposed Administrative Services contract and the Library's Building Lease Agreement on September 29. Attendees will include:
 - Anne Seuryneck, Library Attorney, Foster Swift
 - Mike Bloom, Library Labor Attorney, Foster Swift
 - Rebekah Craft, Library Director
 - Danielle Rumble, Library Board President
 - Therese Longe, Mayor

- Jana Ecker, City Manager
- Mary Kucharek, City Attorney

Beverly Hills

Miller submitted information to the Village of Beverly Hills for inclusion in its weekly email and monthly newsletter.

Bingham Farms

Miller submits monthly Board Meeting updates to the Library Liaison.

City of Bloomfield Hills

Miller submits monthly Board Meeting updates to the Library Liaison.

Birmingham Next

- Rebekah Craft continues to host the Popular Reads book club on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group meets in a hybrid format at Next and on Zoom. Cameron Crawford moderates the Library's non-fiction book club, which meets virtually on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. Contact Rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org to request the book and join the next discussion.

Friends of the Baldwin Public Library

The Friends Board met on Tuesday, September 9 for their regular meeting. They have recently hosted 2 guests at meetings, who have expressed interest in board positions. The BookShop continues to generate impressive revenue, and they were grateful for the community support received during their recent Martha Baldwin Birthday Sale in the lobby, which allowed them to do some inventory management in their storage space. The next book sale is scheduled for November 15 & 16.

Their annual newsletter and solicitation letter have been finalized and will go in the mail as soon as they are printed. Book Sale postcards will be mailed in October.

Patricia Andrews Reading Library

Rebekah Craft, Melissa Mark, and retired Library Director Doug Koschik attended the dedication of the Patricia Andrews Reading Garden at Birmingham's Chesterfield Fire Station on Sunday, August 30. During the ceremony, Brad Host thanked Craft and Koschik for their support of Patricia Andrews and accepting the contents of her museum after she passed away in 2021.

Marketing

Michelle Hollo continues to work with Jaclyn Miller designing projects and marketing materials for the Library, including:

- Youth Program posters and fliers
- Fall LCD newsletter drafts
- Teen program fliers for new events

eNewsletters

Robert Stratton has compiled and distributed the Library's four monthly eNewsletters (Adult Events, Teen Events, Youth Events). These newsletters promote upcoming programs and spotlight a library service each month.

Rebekah continues to send a monthly "Welcome to Baldwin" email to all new cardholders with follow-up information about the library and its services.

Personnel and Organization

Strategic goal: Train, empower, and equip members of the organization to best support users and each other.

Staff Communications

An All Staff meeting was held on August 19. The next All Staff meeting will be held on September 16. Recordings of each meeting are sent to all staff.

Staff Anniversaries

Diana Ancog, Page, will reach 4 years of service on September 18.

Theresa Anderson, Access Services Assistant I, reached 1 year of service on September 2

Beverly Banks, Substitute Librarian, will reach 4 years of service on September 18.

Brandon Bolek-Toubeaux, Assistant Head of Access Services, will reach 24 years of service on September 18.

Ethan Cronkite, Adult Services Librarian II, will reach 4 years of service on September 29.

David Dapkus, Access Services Assistant II, reached 8 years of service on September 14.

Brandy Dziengel, Access Services Assistant I, reached 1 year of service on September 2

Alyssa Gudenburr, Youth Librarian, will reach 3 years of service on September 19.

Louis Hatfield, Library Assistant I, reached 1 year of service on September 2.

Patricia Henricks, Library Assistant II, reached 8 years of service on September 1.

Jessica Hoeck, Access Services Assistant I, reached 8 years of service on September 5.

Jeff Jimison, Head of the Idea Lab, reached 8 years of service on September 8.

Haylie May, Teen Services Librarian, will reach 4 years of service on September 18

Vicki Sower, Adult Services Librarian, reached 18 years of service on September 5.

Lynn Szykiel, Access Services Assistant I, reached 6 years of service on September 15.

Staffing Update

Substitute Librarian **Olivia Duong** has resigned from Baldwin effective August 25, due to a move. We thank her for her efforts at BPL and wish her well in future endeavors.

Several interviews for Substitute Librarians and Pages were conducted this month, and offers are in progress.

Volunteer Hours

57 volunteer hours were utilized in the month of August.

Financial Stability

Strategic goal: Maintain and improve financial health.

Craft continues to monitor both the Library's budget and the performance of its Trust funds in order to ensure fiscal responsibility.

Library of Michigan Public Library Financial Management Cohort

After a competitive review process, Rebekah Craft has been selected to participate in the 2024-2025 Public Library Financial Management Cohort.

The Library of Michigan works with the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government to provide a public library financial management certificate program for a cohort of up to 30 public library staff members. Participants include public library directors, budget administrators, or other public library staff with managerial financial management responsibilities. This cohort is a 9-month series of classes focused on governmental financial accounting and policy development.

The Library Financial Management Certification Program includes 6 online courses (Budgeting for Libraries, Purchasing, Governmental Accounting for Libraries, Internal

Control for Libraries, Payroll Administration, and Writing Financial Policies) and 16 instructor sessions and topical LM presentations.

Baldwin Public Library: Friends Funds	
August 2025 Expenditures	
Adult Services	
Books Unshelved	\$ 181.71
Adult Battle of the Books supplies and prizes	\$ 185.95
Summer Reading Prizes	\$ 344.25
Presenter Fees - UP Architecture, Classic Foods	\$ 500.00
Bird Feeder Program	\$ 70.63
Total	\$ 1,282.54
Teen Services	
Filament	\$ 50.97
D&D presenter	\$ 100.00
Summer Reading Prizes	\$ 203.18
Pizza - P&P, SRP finale	\$ 234.13
Book Club Books	\$ 223.70
Program snacks	\$ 150.43
Ice Cream, SRP finale	\$ 43.46
Total	\$ 1,005.87
Youth Services	
Books Unboxed supplies & filament	\$ 266.97
Family and Mother/Daughter Book Club reimbursement	\$ 23.36
Program supplies	\$ 179.71
Book club supplies	\$ 35.46
Total	\$ 505.50
Idea Lab	
Titanium Powder	\$ 56.99
Reel to reel machine replacement parts	\$ 74.51
Blank ceramics	\$ 102.28
Returned items - ceramics, powder	\$ (58.53)
Total	\$ 175.25
Outreach & Equipment	
Newsletter - Fall LCD	\$ 3,235.73
Total	\$ 3,235.73
Total Expenditures \$ 6,204.89	
August 2025 Balances	
Adult Services	\$ 7,852.58
Teen Services	\$ 5,057.57
Youth Services	\$ 4,363.31
Idea Lab	\$ 1,101.11
Outreach & Equipment	\$ 2,154.24
Total Balance	\$ 20,528.81
August In-Library Book & Button Sale Cash Donations	
	\$1,395.52
Submitted by Jaclyn Miller for September 8, 2025	

INFORMATION ONLY

Upcoming Events of Interest

Check Out eBooks from the Library

Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 3:00pm - 4:15pm

Learn how to access Libby to check out e-books and e-audiobooks. A BPL card is required. Registration is required. The Zoom invitation will be emailed to registered attendees a half hour before class.

Self-Care Night: Grades 6-8

Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Unplug and take a break from the new school year stress with a Self-Care Night! Make a DIY Body Scrub, journal, listen to music, color, and drink tea to relax. For more information, please contact Haylie at haylie.may@baldwinlib.org.

Manhattan Short Film Festival

Thursday, September 25, 2025*, 5:00pm - 8:45pm

Join us September 25 to October 5, 2025, when over 100,000 film lovers in over 500 cities across six continents gather to view and vote on the Finalists' Films in the 28th Annual Manhattan Short Film Festival. Every Film Selected for Manhattan Short 2025 will be Automatically Qualified for the Oscars of 2026. *This is the first of several dates; see baldwinlib.org/calendar for additional opportunities

Happy Feet Playtime: Birth to 3 Years

Friday, September 26, 2025, 10:30am – 11:30am

Drop in for open-ended, unstructured play with your child and to socialize with other families. Caregivers must stay with children during the program. Birth to 3 years old with grown up(s) No registration required.

Architecture of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Monday, September 29, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Photographer Josh Lipnik travels through small Midwest towns to find the marvelous facades, neon signs, elaborate Victorians, and architectural trends that time has left behind. In this slide show presentation, he offers his evocative pictures from the Upper Peninsula to tell the story of immigrants, industry, and nature, while reflecting on his time on the road. Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person (with an IN-PERSON ticket) or virtually (with a VIRTUAL ticket).

American Girl Club: Grades K to 3

Monday, October 6, 2025, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Meet up with other American Girl fans to learn about Rebecca Rubin. We'll learn about the history and life of Rebecca while enjoying food and activities from her time period. Feel free to bring your

own American Girl Doll to join in the fun. Registration required. Registration opens one month before the program. Grades K to 3. Caregivers must stay in the Library during the program.

Smart and Strategic Use of A.I.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Join University of Michigan Clinical Professor Kristin Fontichiaro to learn some things about Gen A.I. that will make life easier and reveal some things to think about in the future!

Birmingham Historical Lecture Series: "Brooksie" The Story of Henry Ford's Top Pilot

Thursday, October 9, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Explore the celebrated but tragic legacy of Birmingham's own Harry Brooks, who championed Henry Ford's Flivver—a 'model T for the air--' until his untimely death put an end to the plan. What was it about local aviator and barnstormer Harry Brooks that charmed everyone he met (including Henry Ford)? Chelsea Hunter will share the back story and exploits of this daredevil Birmingham native as revealed in recently acquired photographs, and documents at the Birmingham Museum. Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or via Zoom.

Haunted House Paper Craft: Grades 1 to 3

Monday, October 13, 2025, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Get in the spooky spirit by building a 3D haunted house out of paper. Registration required. Registration opens one month before the program. Grades 1 to 3. Caregivers must stay in the Library during the program.

The Mackinac Bridge- Then and Now

Monday, October 13, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Engineer and Bridge director, Kim Nowack, presents the history of transportation in the straits and the building of our Mackinac Bridge. Learn about all it takes to maintain the Mighty Mac throughout the year and events involving the bridge. Hybrid event. Attend in person (with an IN-PERSON ticket) or virtually (with a VIRTUAL ticket).

Haunted Library for Tweens and Teens

Friday, October 17, 2025, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Join us after hours for some frightening fun. Librarians will lead groups of tweens through the library as teens try to scare them. This is the one night when screaming is allowed in the library! Snacks and drinks will be provided. *TEENS (7-12 GRADE), TWEENS (4-6 GRADE).*

Adaptive Story Time: Ages 3 & up

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10:30am - 11:00am

This adaptive story time is designed for children who have disabilities or special needs and their grown up(s). Participants can expect additional supports including softer sounds, more visuals,

adaptive movement, and fewer participants. Please email youth.reference@baldwinlib.org with specific accommodation requests. Registration required.

Pumpkin Patch Magician

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 10:30am - 11:30am

Registration opens one month before the program. All ages with grown up(s). Caregivers must stay with the participant during the program. Join us for a wonderful not-so-spooky magic show from Just Joe Comedy Magic. Registration required.

Andrews Reading Library dedication Sunday

City of Birmingham | August 24, 2025

Family, friends, neighbors and involved community members in Birmingham this Sunday, August 30, will be formally dedicating the Patricia Andrews Reading Library in honor of a longtime teacher and historian who passed away in September of 2021 just shy of her 100th birthday.

Andrews was considered an inspirational teacher and dedicated historian of all things Birmingham, two passions she continued to pursue even after she retired from teaching in local school district schools.

The focus of the reading library will be elementary and middle school students and their families, according to those who have been working in recent years to bring this project to a city parcel of land on the northeast corner of Maple and Fairfax, east of the Chesterfield Fire Station #2.

The dedication event this Sunday will start at 11 a.m.

Donations to the effort are still being accepted by the Patricia A. Andrews Reading Library Foundation.

Celebrated tenor performing at Baldwin Library

Municipal Press Release | September 4, 2025

Celebrated tenor George I. Shirley and accompanist Stanley Waldon will be presenting a recital at the Baldwin Public Library on Tuesday, September 9, at 3 p.m. in the library's atrium as part of Baldwin's summer Notes in the Atrium series.

Featuring pieces by Richard Strauss, Henri Duparc, Henry Purcell, Charles T. Griffes, Leslie Adams, and Ralph Vaughan Williams, along with several Negro spirituals, the recital will honor the memory of Shirley's late wife, Gladys Lee Shirley, who passed away in March 2025.

George I. Shirley, whose career has spanned more than 50 years, has won international acclaim for his performances in the world's great opera houses and received a Grammy Award in 1968 for his role of Ferrando in the RCA recording of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*.

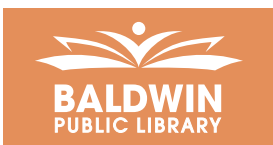
An emeritus professor at the University of Michigan, Shirley was the first African-American to be appointed to a high school teaching post in music in Detroit, the first African-American member of the United States Army Chorus in Washington, D.C., and the first African-American tenor and second African-American male to sing leading roles with the Metropolitan Opera, where he remained for eleven years.

The Baldwin Public Library is located in downtown Birmingham at 300 W. Merrill Street.

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FALL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

BABIES TO GRADE 6

ALL PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE WEBSITE (BALDWINLIB.ORG/CALENDAR) FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND LOCATIONS BEFORE HEADING TO ANY EVENT.

Program registration opens one month in advance.

SEPTEMBER



LITTLE MOVERS & SHAKERS

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
AT 10:30 A.M.

Move and shake your way through fun songs, rhymes, and activities.

No registration required.

TISSUE PAPER PAINTING

GRADES 1 TO 3

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 4:30 P.M.

Use tissue paper and water to create your own fall leaf designs. **Registration required.**

OCTOBER

AMERICAN GIRL CLUB

GRADES K TO 3

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 4:30 P.M.

Meet up with other American Girl fans to learn about Rebecca Rubin. We'll learn about the history and life of Rebecca while enjoying food and activities from her time period. Feel free to bring your own American Girl Doll to join in the fun. **Registration required.**



HAUNTED HOUSE PAPER CRAFT

GRADES 1 TO 3
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 4:30 P.M.

Get in the "spirit" of the season by building a 3D haunted house out of paper. **Registration required.**

ADAPTIVE STORY TIME

AGES 3 & UP WITH GROWN UP(S)

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OCTOBER



HAUNTED LIBRARY

TEENS (7-12 GRADE)

TWEENS (4-6 GRADE)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

Join us after hours for some frightening fun. Library staff will lead groups of tweens through the library as teens try to scare them. This is the one night when screaming is allowed in the library! Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Registration required.**



NO BAKE KIDS RECIPES

GRADES 3 TO 6

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

AT 7:00 P.M.

All skill levels are welcome at this simple but tasty cooking class. We are making pinwheel sandwiches. *Allergens may be present.* **Registration required.**



STORY TIME YOGA

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

AT 10:30 A.M.

Join Ashley Goldberg, owner of Born Yoga, for this fun and unique approach to story time. Stories are brought to life through yoga poses, puppets, and songs. Bring a yoga mat or towel. **Registration required.**



PUMPKIN PATCH MAGICIAN

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 10:30 A.M.

Join us for a wonderful not-so-scary magic show from a magician. **Registration required.**

NOVEMBER

SCOTTISH FLING

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 10:30 A.M.

Celebrate Scotland with a story, Highland Dance demonstration, and a traditional Scottish treat! **Registration required.**

DIY MINI BOOKS

GRADES 3 TO 5

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

Choose from a selection of tiny popular chapter book covers to create your own mini book. **Registration required.**



POKÉMON LEGENDS: Z-A LAUNCH PARTY

GRADES 2 TO 6

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

AT 4:30 P.M.

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Celebrate the new Pokémon game with us, "Pokémon Legends: Z-A". Participants will take turns playing the new game. All gaming abilities are welcome. **Registration required.**

KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 18 • OCTOBER 16 • NOVEMBER 20

Play games, eat snacks, and make friends at our monthly get-togethers. You won't want to miss KLS! **Registration required.**

LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

Readers of all ages are encouraged to drop by the Library and visit with local writers and illustrators. Discover your next great read or the perfect holiday gift while getting to know some of our local authors and illustrators. Head to baldwinlib.org/youth for a complete list of participating authors and illustrators. **No registration required.**



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

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KINDERGARTEN



Encourage reading and help prepare your child for kindergarten. Earn prizes for every 250 books you read with your child before they enter Kindergarten! *Sponsored by the Bob and Jean Kelly Endowment.* Go to baldwinlib.beanstack.org to register.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

HAPPY FEET PLAYTIME

BIRTH TO 3 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)
FRIDAYS FROM 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 26 • OCTOBER 10 • NOVEMBER 7
Drop in for open-ended, unstructured play with your child and to socialize with other families. **No registration required.**

FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY

GRADES K TO 6 WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 27 • OCTOBER 18 • NOVEMBER 8
Families are invited to join us as we play a variety of fun, children's board games at the Library. We have games for a wide variety of ages and skills. **No registration required.**

BOOK EXPLORERS

GRADES K TO 2
THURSDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 18 • OCTOBER 16 • NOVEMBER 20
Let your imagination run wild with interactive stories, imaginative crafts, creative play, delicious snacks and more! **Registration required.**

RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 16 • OCTOBER 21 • NOVEMBER 18
Sign up for a ten minute time slot to read to a registered Therapy Dog. **Registration required.**

BRICK BUILDERS

GRADES 1 TO 3
MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 22: BUILD A PIRATE SHIP
OCTOBER 27: BUILD A TRAIN
NOVEMBER 24: LEGO PICTURES
Come join in the fun with different themed builds using LEGO bricks. **Registration required.**

PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
This free vision screening for ages 6 months and older is fast, non-invasive, and has an accuracy rating of 98%. **Sponsored by the Beverly Hills Lions Club.**

BOOKS UNBOXED

GRADES 4 TO 12
Join our three month subscription book service and receive a surprise library book tailored to your preference each month. **Visit www.baldwinlib.org/youth to subscribe now.**

BOOK CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

Visit our Book Clubs page at baldwinlib.org/book-clubs for more upcoming book selections.

Adventures IN BOOKS

GRADES 1 TO 3
WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
OCTOBER 8: *THE MONSTER SQUAD* BY JOE MCGEE
NOVEMBER 12: *MIA MAYHEM IS A SUPERHERO!* BY KARA WEST
Email Syntha at syntha.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

BEYOND the Book

GRADES 1 TO 3
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 2: *MAPPING MY WORLD* BY JEANETTE FERRARA
NOVEMBER 6: *THE HEARTBEAT DRUM* BY DEIDRE HAVRELOCK
Email Rosemary at rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

GRADES 3 TO 6
MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
OCTOBER 20: *GARLIC AND THE VAMPIRE* BY BREE PAULSEN
NOVEMBER 17: *SWIM TEAM* BY JOHNNIE CHRISTMAS
Email Josh at josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org to register.

mother/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 14: *PREMEDITATED MYRTLE* BY ELIZABETH C. BUNCE
NOVEMBER 11: *FERRIS* BY KATE DICAMILLO
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 28: *OLIVETTI* BY ALLIE MILLINGTON
NOVEMBER 25: *THE AMBROSE DECEPTION* BY EMILY ECTON
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6
MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 3: *GABY'S LATIN AMERICAN KITCHEN* BY GABY MELIAN
Email Syntha at syntha.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

moms BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE FROZEN RIVER BY ARIEL LAWHON
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

STORY TIMES

Story times use a first come, first served ticketing system starting 15 minutes before the story time starts. Visit baldwinlib.org/storytime for dates and more information. **Weekly story times start September 2. No weekly story times the week of October 20.**

SING & TELL

2.5 YEARS TO 3.5 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)
MONDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

WIGGLE & RHYME

BIRTH TO 1.5 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)
TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

TODDLER TALES

1.5 YEARS TO 2.5 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

BOOKS & BOOGIE

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
THURSDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

BEDTIME TALES

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.

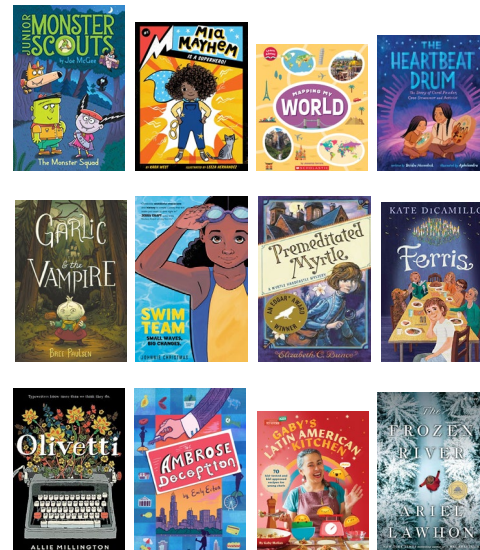
ADAPTIVE ADVENTURES STORY TIME

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
TUESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 9 • OCTOBER 7 • NOVEMBER 4

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 13 • OCTOBER 4 • NOVEMBER 15

FALL BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS



FALL PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

*PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS MAY NOT ATTEND THESE PROGRAMS UNLESS NOTED.
**CONTACT TEEN@BALDWINLIB.ORG TO SPECIFY ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

FALL PROGRAMS

SELF-CARE NIGHT GRADES 6 TO 8 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

Unplug and take a break from the new school year stresses! Make a body scrub, journal, listen to music, color, and drink some tea to relax. **Registration required.**

RAMEN AND MOVIE NIGHT

GRADES 7 TO 12

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Make fancy ramen noodles, drink green tea, enjoy mochi ice cream for dessert, while watching *Ponyo* from the legendary Studio Ghibli. **Registration required.**

HAUNTED LIBRARY

TEENS (7 TO 12 GRADE) TWEENS (4 TO 6 GRADE)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

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LIVE ACTION FUN FACTORY PRESENTS: THE HUNGRY GUMSHOE SOCIETY MYSTERY SERIES

AGES 12 AND UP (GROWN-UPS TOO!)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 FROM 6:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

The Birmingham Chapter of the Hungry Gumshoe Society needs your help solving a mystery that has gone cold for decades. Examine the evidence, speak to the society members, and investigate the library for clues, so the HGS can finally close Birmingham Case File #17. This is an after-hours interactive event. **Registration required.**

MUSICAL THEATER TRIVIA

AGES 12 AND UP (GROWN-UPS TOO!)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

Test your knowledge of Broadway hits and iconic tunes. Sign up as an individual or a group. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. **Registration required.**

HUNGER GAMES PARTY GRADES 7 TO 12

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Refresh your *Hunger Games* knowledge by watching *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* and playing some rounds of *Hunger Games* bingo to win themed prizes. Snacks will be provided. **Registration required.**

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS GRADES 7 TO 12 SATURDAYS FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 6 • OCTOBER 4 • NOVEMBER 8

In this classic role-playing game, choose how your character interacts with the story, using dice to decide the outcome. All players are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Snacks will be provided. **Registration required.**

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

GRADES 7-12

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 18 • OCTOBER 16 • NOVEMBER 20

Have some ideas for the Library? Share your opinions on teen programs, books, prizes, trends, and more while eating pizza and making friends. **Registration required.**

TEENS NIGHT OUT GRADES 6 TO 12

1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 3 • OCTOBER 1 • NOVEMBER 5

Spend an evening hanging out with other teens who love the library as much as you do! There will be video games, board games, crafts, food, and other shenanigans. **Registration required.**

ANIMANGA CLUB GRADES 6 TO 12

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 17 • OCTOBER 15

Join us for anime watch parties, fandom discussions, new manga recommendations from fellow readers, and snacks. **Registration required.**

COZY WRITING CLUB GRADES 7 TO 12

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 15 • OCTOBER 20 • NOVEMBER 17

Learn the basics of storycrafting, meet other teens who like to write, and hone your skills. Hot tea, hot chocolate, and cookies will be provided. **Registration required.**

TEEN CULINARY CLUB GRADES 7-12

QUARTERLY ON MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27: Prepare a dish from the book *Hocus Pocus: The Official Cookbook* and share it with fellow food lovers. *Register by October 1 for a chance to win the book. If you have additional questions or need assistance acquiring a copy, please contact stuart.sturton@baldwinlib.org.*

HALF DAY MATINEE GRADES 6 TO 12

12:00 TO 2:00 P.M.

Looking for something to do after your half day of school? Come to the library for lunch and a movie. *This program will follow the Birmingham Public School schedule. See our online calendar for dates and movie information. Registration required.*

BOOK CLUBS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

BOOKS PROVIDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

PIZZA AND PAGES GRADES 7 TO 12

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 4: *GIVE ME A SIGN* BY ANNA SORTINO

OCTOBER 2: *GATHER* BY KENNETH CADOW

NOVEMBER 6: *CLOWN IN A CORNFIELD* BY ADAM CESARE

The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep.

Pizza will be provided. Registration required.

PAPERBACKS AND SNACKS GRADES 6 TO 8

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 10: *WORDS ON FIRE* BY JENNIFER A. NIELSEN

OCTOBER 8: *SMALL SPACES* BY KATHERINE ARDEN

NOVEMBER 12: *THE BLACKTHORN KEY* BY KEVIN SANDS

The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep.

Snacks will be provided. Registration required.

BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

BPL BOOK CLUBS MEET ON ZOOM OR HYBRID (IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM). FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO ONE OF THE MEETINGS, PLEASE EMAIL ADULT.REFERENCE@BALDWINLIB.ORG.

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FIRST MONDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR GROWNUPS

FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

NEXT NONFICTION

SECOND TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

SECOND WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

PAGE TO SCREEN

FOURTH SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

THIRD TUESDAY

THIRD TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

COOKBOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 6:30 P.M.

FALL COMPUTER CLASSES

FOR ADULTS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COMPUTER CLASSES. VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A ZOOM LINK ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE CLASS.
FOR FULL DETAILS AND TO REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES, VISIT BALDWINLIB.ORG/COMPUTER-CLASSES

SEPTEMBER

AI TOOLS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 3:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online

VALUE LINE AND THE INVESTING CENTER AT BPL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

WORD: AN INTRODUCTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 3:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 3:00 P.M.
Online event.

OCTOBER

GOOGLE DOCS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 3:00 P.M.
Online event.

OCTOBER

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 3:00 P.M.
@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
In person event.

BUILD A WEBSITE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 & 14 AT 7:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online

POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 3:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

GOOGLE SLIDES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 3:00 P.M.
Online event.

CANVA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 7:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

NOVEMBER

ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR: AN INTRODUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 3:00 P.M.
@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
In person event.

EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 7:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 3:00 P.M.
Online event.

GOOGLE SHEETS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 3:00 P.M.
Online event.

BOOK MATCHMAKER: USING THE CATALOG & ADVISORY TOOLS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 3:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

INSTAGRAM 101: CONNECTING AND SHARING SAFELY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M.
Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.



THE IDEA LAB: CLASSES·KITS·LIVE

THE IDEA LAB IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE. STOP BY AND SEE WHAT EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES THE IDEA LAB CAN OFFER YOU!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE, WE USE A LOTTERY-BASED SYSTEM. INSTEAD OF FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVED REGISTRATION, YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR THE CHANCE TO BE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAMS. THIS CHANGE HELPS US MANAGE HIGH DEMAND AND OFFERS EVERYONE A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN OUR EVENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT PROGRAM!

EVENT: THE GRAND TOUR

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 3 · OCTOBER 1 · NOVEMBER 5

Have you always wondered what the Idea Lab is all about? Jeff will take you on a tour of the Idea Lab, including a quick demo of our exciting equipment. **Registration required.**

CLASS: CROSS STITCHING... WITH LASERS!?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

You can use the laser to make custom patterns for cross stitching! Learn about the techniques and materials you can use for this amazing process, then hang out in the lab and make your own!
Registration required.

LIVE & IN PERSON: AUTUMN THINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

In this episode of Idea Lab Things, Jeff will talk about the theme of autumn, and projects that are perfect for this cozy time of year. **Registration required for in-person attendance.**

Simultaneously broadcast on Instagram Live.

EVENT: LASER-CUT TYVEK WALLETS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

Tyvek! It's strong, thin, and waterproof. Perfect for applications where ruggedness is needed, like wallets. Come to the lab and make your own! (Cash not included). **Registration required.**

EVENT: BUILD YOUR OWN MACROPAD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

A tiny grid of buttons. Helpful shortcuts for your most common computer tasks. A useful thing to have for anyone who uses a computer for working, gaming, or creating. Come to the Idea Lab and build your own!
Registration required. Limit one per household.

CLASS: 3D 2D PRINTING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

Three dimensions? Who needs three!? Two dimensions is plenty. Tonight we explore options for 2D printing in the Idea Lab. Let's get inky! **Registration required.**

EVENT: RETRO EXPO - AN INTERACTIVE EXPOSITION OF VINTAGE VIDEO GAMES AND COMPUTERS!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Our third annual expo of vintage computers and games! Play classic games on authentic hardware, experience tech from the peak of the digital revolution! IBM, Apple, Toshiba, Nintendo, Sega, Playstation, and more! Do you have some tech you're proud of? Register to reserve a table, and bring your own gear to the show! **No registration needed to attend. Registration required to exhibit gear.**

FALL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SEPTEMBER

CLASSIC MICHIGAN FOOD AND DRINKS: THE STORIES BEHIND THE BRANDS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

Jon & Gail return to dish on their latest book; *Classic Michigan Food and Drink: The Stories Behind The Brand*. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

NOTES IN THE ATRIUM: GEORGE I. SHIRLEY, TENOR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 3:00 P.M.

George Shirley has won international acclaim for his performances in the world's great opera houses, performing more than 80 operatic roles.

SEEN BUT NOT HEARD: CHILDREN IN THE ART OF THE D.I.A.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join docent Kathleen McBroom as we take a look at how children have been represented in various artistic motifs throughout history. **Registration required. Virtual event. Attend online only.**

ARCHITECTURE OF MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

Photographer Josh Lipnik offers his evocative pictures from the Upper Peninsula to tell the story of immigrants, industry, and nature, while reflecting on his time on the road. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or virtually.**

OCTOBER

SMART AND STRATEGIC USE OF AI

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join University of Michigan Clinical Professor Kristin Fontichiaro to learn some things about GenAI that will make life easier and reveal some things to think about in the future. **Registration required. Virtual event. Attend online only.**

THE MACKINAC BRIDGE - THEN AND NOW

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 3:00 P.M.

Engineer and Bridge director, Kim Nowack, presents the history of transportation in the straits and the building of the Mackinac Bridge. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or virtually.**

NOVEMBER

LIVE ACTION FUN FACTORY PRESENTS: THE HUNGRY GUMSHOE SOCIETY MYSTERY SERIES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 FROM 6:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

The Birmingham Chapter of the Hungry Gumshoe Society needs your help solving a mystery that has gone unsolved for decades. Examine the evidence, speak to the society members, and investigate the library for clues, so the HGS can finally close Birmingham Case File #17. *This is an after-hours interactive event for ages 12 and up.* **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

MUSICAL THEATER TRIVIA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

Test your knowledge of Broadway hits and iconic tunes. Sign up as an individual or a group. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

COLOR YOUR AUTUMN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 1:00 P.M.

We paint splashes of autumn colors on wooden traditional symbols of fall that were laser cut in the Idea Lab. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE SOO LOCKS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 7:00 P.M.

One of North America's most important engineering marvels resides right here in Michigan: the Soo Locks. Chief park ranger Michelle Briggs gives us all the history. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend virtually or in person**

MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

MULTIPLE DATES AND TIMES

Back again by popular demand! Baldwin is hosting the Manhattan Short Film Festival. See the films, vote for your favorite! Please check the library calendar for dates and times. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

BOOKS UNSHELVED

Join our three month subscription book service and receive a surprise library book tailored to your preference each month. Visit baldwinlib.org/books-unshelved to subscribe.

REPEATING PROGRAMS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TALK TIME

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

Join us to practice English conversation skills. All levels are welcome. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. **Attend in person only.**

FRIDAY FLICKS

FRIDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

Join us each Friday as we highlight a variety of films, including feature films and documentaries. **Attend in person only.**

LIFELONG LEARNING

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

SEASON'S TOPIC: NATIONAL PARKS

Join us for coffee and the pursuit of knowledge! Our Lifelong Learning program is aimed at adults with an interest in learning and meaningful dialogue. Contact Jim Suhay at lifelonglearning.baldwinlib@gmail.com for more information.

GREAT BOOKS

SEPTEMBER 3 • OCTOBER 1 • NOVEMBER 5

This group meets at the library on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:45 P.M. to discuss celebrated classics of the Western canon. *Contact the group's facilitator, Deborah Savoie (savoie.law@gmail.com) for more information about the event.*

SOCRATES CAFE

SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 16

This group meets at the library on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 P.M. for thoughtful conversation on different topics. Contact the group's facilitator, Annis Pratt at avpratt@aol.com for an invitation to the virtual event.

HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

ALL PROGRAMS: Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or virtually.

SEPTEMBER 11: THE FAMED ROCK CRITICS OF BIRMINGHAM'S CREAM MAGAZINE

OCTOBER 9: "BROOKSIE:" THE STORY OF HENRY FORD'S TOP PILOT

NOVEMBER 13: AN INDIGENOUS BOUNTY OF BASKETS: CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE / INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S MONTH

Come listen, learn and enjoy the expertise and knowledge of the staff from the Birmingham Historical Museum as they pick a new topic to highlight each month. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or virtually.**



FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE BPL CELEBRATE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Once upon a time, 75 years ago to be exact, a charming town in Southeast Michigan called "Birmingham" was booming.

It was 1950, and Birmingham and other surrounding communities were experiencing significant growth and change, primarily driven by the return of World War II veterans and broader suburbanization trends of the time.

Schools were being built, new housing was being constructed, and employment was strong. Family size increased. Torrey Elementary School was built in 1950 and Jacobson's Department Store opened. The median family income in this area was \$2,839; the median home price in Michigan was \$7,496. A dozen eggs cost 60 cents; a loaf of bread cost 12 cents. The average price of a hardcover book was \$2.50.

A group of 150 local citizens saw the need for a volunteer organization to support the Baldwin Public Library and to impress upon the community the value of the BPL and its collection. The first official meeting of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library occurred on Jan. 19, 1950, making the Friends of the BPL one of the oldest continuously active Friends groups in Michigan.

In its first year, the Friends of the BPL gifted the Library \$450. This year, the Friends have donated \$48,130 to the Library. To put this in perspective, between 1950 and 1977, the Friends gave the Library a total of \$52,900. So even considering the present value of money, the Friends basically donate what they gave in their first 25 years combined on an annual basis today.

The Friends raise money for the Library in two ways: memberships, and used book and media sales. Currently, there are 258 active Friends members. In honor of their Diamond Anniversary Year, the Friends have set a goal of 75 new/renewing members. You can become a member of the Friends for as little as \$15. Membership envelopes are available in The Friends' BookShop or at the Library Information Desk.

Our community has enjoyed generations of volunteers willing to work tirelessly to support the Baldwin Public Library. Today, the Friends of the BPL Board of Directors has three open positions that need engaged citizens to get involved and fill: Vice President, Book Sale Chairman, and Friends' BookShop Chairman. If you are interested and would like more information about these important roles, please email the Friends at friends@baldwinlib.org.

Happy 75th Birthday, Friends of the Baldwin Public Library!

Ryndee Carney, President/ Friends of the Baldwin Public Library

friends@baldwinlib.org

BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 11:00 A.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 4:00 P.M.

Join Director Rebekah Craft for a behind the scenes tour of the library. You'll visit staff areas, learn how items are added to the collection, and hear about new programs and services. The tour will meet in the atrium. **Registration required.**

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST DONORS

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LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

Readers of all ages are encouraged to drop by the Library and visit with local writers and illustrators. Discover your next great read or the perfect holiday gift while getting to know some of our local authors and illustrators. Head to baldwinlib.org/youth for a complete list of participating authors and illustrators. **No registration required.**

LIBRARY BOARD



Board Members:

Danielle Rumble, Karen Rock, Melissa Mark, Wendy Friedman, Jennifer Wheeler, Frank Pisano

THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON:
SEPTEMBER 15
OCTOBER 27
NOVEMBER 17
AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY.

LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9:30 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

9:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY: 12:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

LIBRARY CLOSED:

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1: LABOR DAY

NOVEMBER 26: CLOSE AT 5:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 27-28: THANKSGIVING

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SUNDAYS: All Parking is Free

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BOOK SALES

FALL BOOK SALE

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST

Trust Agenda

Trust Minutes

Trust Financial Reports

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Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting

Rotary Donor Room

Monday, September 15, 2025

Immediately following regular Board meeting

Agenda

Call to order and establishment of a quorum

I. General Public Comment Period

The Library Board values public meetings and welcomes your comments on Library issues. The Board respectfully asks that comments be made as concisely as possible. We welcome your comments but will not debate items not on the agenda. The maximum time for individual speakers should not exceed three minutes.

II. Consent Agenda

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no discussion of these items unless a board member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered as the last item under new business.

- A. Approval of the August 18, 2025 minutes p. 72
- B. Acceptance of the August 2025 receipts of \$1,298.17 p. 79
- C. Approval of the August 2025 disbursements of \$9,957.31 p. 80

III. New and Miscellaneous Business

- A. **Suggested motion:** To sell the Trust's shares in PGIM Total Return Bond Fund and Western Asset Core Bond Fund and reinvest the money into Touchstone Ares Credit Opportunities and to sell the Trust's shares in PGIM Jennison Health and reinvest the money into Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Growth fund.

IV. Adjournment

The next Trust meeting will be held immediately following the next regular meeting of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors on Monday, October 27, 2025

Motion: To adjourn the September 15, 2025 Trust Meeting.

Persons with disabilities that may require assistance for effective participation in this public meeting should contact the Library at the number (248) 647-1700 or (248) 644-3405 (for the hearing impaired) at least one day before the meeting to request help in mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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**BALDWIN LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES,
TRUST MEETING
August 18, 2025**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 8:51 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler, and Student Representative Marina Awad (via Zoom).

Absent and excused: Melissa Mark.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, Director, and Robert Stratton, Office Administrator.

Friends of the Library Liaison present: None.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: None.

1. General Public Comment Period: None.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the Trust minutes, as well as receipts and disbursements.

A. Approval of the July 21, 2025 minutes

B. Acceptance of the July 2025 receipts of \$2,183.43

C. Approval of the July 2025 disbursements of \$4,938.24

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Mark.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. New and Miscellaneous Business: None.

4. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

1st Rock

2nd Friedman

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Mark.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. The next Trust Meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025, following the regular meeting in the Rotary Tribute & Donor Room.

Jennifer Wheeler, Secretary

Date

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Baldwin Public Library Trust: August 2025

August receipts totaled \$1,298.17. August disbursements totaled \$9,957.31.

The current value of the Trust is \$2,213,680.84, divided up in the following way:

	June 2025 - EOY	August 2025
Total endowment investments*	\$ 1,175,624.57	\$ 1,215,896.58
Endowment funds distributed for use	\$ 206,593.83	\$ 201,051.31
<hr/> Total endowment funds	<hr/> \$ 1,382,218.40	<hr/> \$ 1,416,947.89
General spendable funds	\$ 586,790.38	\$ 604,800.04
Van Dragt fund	\$ -	\$ -
Building fund	\$ 132,466.59	\$ 137,060.83
Restricted funds**	\$ 40,987.12	\$ 31,654.43
Naming rights for Rotary Tribute Room	\$ 7,832.00	\$ 7,832.00
Naming rights for Burnett Reference Desk	\$ 9,385.65	\$ 9,385.65
Naming rights for Thal Reference Desk	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
<hr/> Total non-endowment funds	<hr/> \$ 783,461.74	<hr/> \$ 796,732.95
Total endowment funds	\$ 1,382,218.40	\$ 1,416,947.89
Total non-endowment funds	\$ 783,461.74	\$ 796,732.95
<hr/> Total of all Trust funds	<hr/> \$ 2,165,680.14	<hr/> \$ 2,213,680.84

* The principal of the endowment funds is \$888,797.04.

**Includes memorials and donations from the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library

As of August 31, the amount of money in the Trust that is undesignated stands at \$797,214.80

Baldwin Public Library Trust
Endowment Funds Portfolio Performance Benchmarks
As of August 31, 2025

<u>Index</u>	<u>2025: YTD</u>	<u>2024: Entire Year</u>
S&P 500-Equity Benchmark	9.84%	23.31%
U.S. Aggregate-Bond Benchmark	4.99%	-0.13%
Blended Return of Both Benchmarks* <i>(S&P 500: 75% and U.S. Aggregate: 25%)</i>	8.63%	17.45%
Baldwin Endowment Funds' Portfolio	6.43%	10.81%
Endowment Funds' Performance Compared to Blended Return of Benchmarks	-2.20%	-6.64%

*Since November 2017, the blended return has been calculated according to the Baldwin Endowment Funds' allocation of 75% equities and 25% fixed income, cash, and cash alternatives.

As of April 2020, this report was renamed "Endowment Funds Portfolio Performance Benchmarks," instead of "Portfolio Performance Benchmarks." The new title is more accurate, for it states clearly that the comparison between benchmarks and the Baldwin Trust's performance pertains only to the BPL Trust Endowment Funds Account at Raymond James. It does not take into account the BPL Trust General Funds Account at Raymond James or the Trust's Huntington Bank checking and money market accounts. The breakdown of the Trust's various accounts is shown on the "Balances by Financial Institutions Report," which follows this report in the Board packet. As of August 31, 2025, the breakdown was as follows:

Raymond James Endowment Funds Account	\$1,229,728.57
Raymond James Building Mutual Funds Account	\$568,598.18
Huntington Bank Checking Account	\$4,427.93
Huntington Bank Money Market Account	<u>\$410,926.16</u>
Total	\$ 2,213,680.84

Our Huntington Bank checking account and money market account have no stock or bond investments at all, and are non-volatile.

**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
BALANCES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
AUGUST 31, 2025**

Investment and Cash Report											
12_c	Prior Month Balance 07/31/25	Current Month Revenue	Year to Date Revenue	Current Month Expenses	Year to Date Expenses	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Change in Investment Value	Ending Balance 08/31/25		
Huntington Bank Checking:											
Endowment Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,742.42	\$5,542.52	\$3,742.42			\$0.00		
Van Dragt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		
Restricted Funds - Memorials and Friends	\$4,427.76	\$0.17	\$0.35	\$6,204.89	\$9,333.03	\$6,204.89			\$4,427.93		
Restricted Funds - Building	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		
Restricted Funds - Covid and MAF Idea Lab	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		
Subtotal - Restricted Funds	\$4,427.76								\$4,427.93		
General Spendable Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		
TOTAL	\$4,427.76	\$0.17	\$0.35	\$9,947.31	\$14,875.55	\$9,947.31	\$0.00		\$4,427.93		
Huntington Bank Money Market:											
Endowment Budgeted Funds	\$204,793.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,742.42)		\$201,051.32		
Endowment Investment Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Building Fund	\$999.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$999.75		
Van Dragt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Restricted Funds	\$42,300.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,204.89)		\$36,095.72		
Restricted Fund - Covid	\$516.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$516.43		
Restricted Fund - Idea Lab MAF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
General Spendable Funds	\$170,974.94	\$1,298.00	\$3,481.25	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$172,262.94		
TOTAL	\$419,585.47	\$1,298.00	\$3,481.25	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	(\$9,947.31)		\$410,926.16		
Raymond James & Associates:											
Endowment Fund Investments	\$1,191,029.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,884.45	\$1,222,913.99		
Endowment Cash	\$6,813.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.86	\$6,814.58		
Sub-total Endowment Funds	\$1,197,843.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,885.31	\$1,229,728.57		
General Spendable Funds Cash	\$499.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.06	\$499.71		
General Spendable Mutual Funds	\$422,465.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,240.93	\$431,706.15		
General Spendable Building Mutual Funds	\$133,474.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,918.19	\$136,392.33		
Sub-total General Spendable Funds	\$556,439.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,159.18	\$568,598.18		
TOTAL	\$1,754,282.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,044.49	\$1,798,326.75		
Total All Funds	\$2,178,295.49	\$1,298.17	\$3,481.60	\$9,957.31	\$14,895.55	\$9,947.31	(\$9,947.31)	\$44,044.49	\$2,213,680.84		

**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT BY INDIVIDUAL FUND
AUGUST 31, 2025**

12d	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FUND	PURPOSE	VALUE AS OF JULY 1, 2025	2025/26 DONATIONS	EARNINGS INCOME OUT	CHANGE IN VALUE		CURRENT VALUE OF ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS
						JULY 1, 2025 to JUNE 30, 2026	40,272.01	
401	Frances Balfour	Adult Reading	\$13,638.32			\$453.11		\$14,091.43
402	Gladys E. Brooks	Large Print Books/Senior Citizens Programs	\$56,513.57			\$1,877.58		\$58,391.14
403	Jane Cameron	Baldwin Public Library	\$89,634.36			\$3,116.02		\$92,750.38
404	Jane Martin Clark	Baldwin Public Library	\$6,819.16			\$226.55		\$7,045.71
405	Jan Coil	Baldwin Public Library	\$14,197.29			\$475.76		\$14,673.05
406	Aubrey & Grace Flood	Youth Services	\$6,819.16			\$226.55		\$7,045.71
407	Paul R. Francis	Staff Appreciation	\$12,836.84			\$453.11		\$13,289.95
408	Friends of the Library	Library Collections	\$43,642.91			\$1,449.94		\$45,092.85
409	Priscilla Goodell	Baldwin Public Library	\$155,092.84			\$5,152.64		\$160,245.48
410	Emmelene Hornac	Youth Services & Adult Reading	\$68,191.66			\$2,265.53		\$70,457.19
411	H. G. Johnston	Reference Collection	\$8,609.12			\$287.72		\$8,896.84
412	Bob & Jean Kelly	Youth Services Programs	\$13,728.57			\$476.12		\$14,204.70
413	William Keman, Jr.	Library Collections	\$34,095.85			\$1,132.77		\$35,228.62
414	Merle L. Rominger	Reference Collection	\$342,091.94			\$11,368.00		\$353,459.94
415	Rosso Family Foundation	Baldwin Public Library	\$13,638.34			\$453.11		\$14,091.45
416	Marion G. Sweeney	Youth Services	\$14,903.18			\$516.54		\$15,419.72
417	Stephen Vartanian	Audio Visual Material	\$13,638.34			\$453.11		\$14,091.45
419	Clarice G. Taylor	Professional Development	\$83,825.48			\$2,711.97		\$86,537.45
421	Eric & Julie Gheen	Adult Reading Print Books	\$12,815.26			\$453.11		\$13,268.37
422	Ileane Thal	Baldwin Public Library	\$59,502.34			\$2,265.49		\$61,767.83
423	Judith Nix	Adult & Youth Programs	\$18,957.67			\$689.06		\$19,646.74
424	MAF-Rae Dumke	Architecture Books	\$12,860.73			\$453.11		\$13,313.84
425	Linne Underdown Hage Forester	Professional Development	\$37,920.30			\$1,563.67		\$39,483.97
426	Richard & Mary Henne Book Fund	Adult Reading Print Books	\$10,552.64			\$453.11		\$11,005.75
427	Douglas R. Koschik	Building Improvements	\$19,547.49			\$840.69		\$20,388.18
428	Gerald "Jerry" Dreer		\$11,551.20			\$457.64		\$12,008.83
			\$1,175,624.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,272.01		\$1,215,896.57

**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT FUNDS BY DESIGNATION
AUGUST 31, 2025**

		Prior Month Balance 07/31/25	Current Month Revenue	Year to Date Revenue	Current Month Expense	Year to Date Expense	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Change in Investment Value	Ending Balance 08/31/25
12e										
Gift & Tribute Funds	Purpose									
General Spendable Funds		\$594,271.06	\$1,298.00	\$3,481.25	\$10.00	\$20.00		\$9,240.98	\$604,800.04	
Restricted Funds:										
Building Fund		\$134,142.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$2,918.20	\$137,060.83	
Van Dragt Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	
Memorials/Tributes		\$10,609.02	\$0.17	\$0.35	\$0.00	\$56.72			\$10,609.19	
Covid Project		\$516.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$516.43	
Restricted Fund - Idea Lab MAF		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	
Friends	Adult Services Programs	\$9,135.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,282.54	\$2,134.89			\$7,852.58	
	Young Adult Programs	\$6,063.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.87	\$2,476.52			\$5,057.57	
	Youth Services Programs	\$4,868.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$505.50	\$935.12			\$4,363.31	
	Idea Lab Program Supplies	\$1,276.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.25	\$494.05			\$1,101.11	
	Outreach & Equipment	\$5,389.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,235.73	\$3,235.73			\$2,154.24	
	Sub-total Restricted	\$172,001.77	\$0.17	\$0.35	\$6,204.89	\$9,333.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168,715.26	
Rotary Room Fund	Naming Rights-Principal	\$7,832.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$7,832.00	
	Maintenance Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ileana Thal Reference Desk		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Miranda Burnett Reference Desk		\$9,385.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$9,385.65	
Total Gift and Tribute Funds		\$789,490.49	\$1,298.17	\$3,481.60	\$6,214.89	\$9,353.03	\$0.00	\$12,159.18	\$796,732.95	
Endowment Funds										
Endowment Budgeted Funds	General Funds	\$57,113.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$759.60	\$759.60			\$56,353.68	
	Adult Large Print	\$3,054.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.06	\$380.50			\$3,015.74	
	Adult Services Department	\$33,021.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.46	\$207.84			\$32,880.56	
	Adult Audio Visual	\$697.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.68	\$83.01			\$660.84	
	Adult Reference	\$56,646.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$56,646.34	
	Adult Programs	\$18,561.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00			\$17,561.21	
	Architecture	\$1,210.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148.62	\$192.46			\$1,061.42	
	Youth Services Department	\$6,997.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,374.80	\$2,063.58			\$5,622.94	
	Youth Programs (Nix)	\$672.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.93			\$672.27	
	Professional Development	\$22,979.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$40.00			\$22,959.17	
	Staff Appreciation	\$2,140.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$223.20	\$295.60			\$1,917.32	
	Koschik Building Fund	\$1,699.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,699.82	
	Sub-total	\$204,793.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,742.42	\$5,542.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$201,051.31	
Total Endowment Investments	All Funds	\$1,184,011.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,215,896.58	
Total Endowment Funds		\$1,388,805.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,742.42	\$5,542.52	\$0.00	\$31,885.31	\$1,416,947.89	
Total All Trust Funds		\$2,178,295.49	\$1,298.17	\$3,481.60	\$9,957.31	\$14,895.55	\$0.00	\$44,044.49	\$2,213,680.84	

TRUST RECEIPTS
August-25

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Trust Money Mkt General Funds:

Rackeline J Hoff in Memory of Fran Stern	\$	25.00	
Amy and Frank Pisano in Honor of Frances Stern	\$	50.00	
Flora E DeVault in Memory of Martin Ross	\$	50.00	
Money Market Interest Income	\$	1,173.00	\$ 1,298.00

Friends of BPL:

- Adult Programs
- Teen Programs
- Youth Programs
- Idea Lab Program Supplies
- Outreach and Equipment

Trust Money Mkt Restricted Funds:

\$ -

Memorial Book Fund:

Checking Account Interest	\$	0.17	\$ 0.17

Trust Money Mkt Endowment Fund:

\$ -

Total Receipts at Huntington Bank

\$ 1,298.17 \$ 1,298.17

Raymond James

\$0.00

Total Trust Receipts (Before Bank Fees)

\$1,298.17 \$1,298.17

Monthly Banking Fee on Money Market Account

\$ (10.00) \$ (10.00)

Total Trust Receipts (Net)

\$1,288.17 \$1,288.17

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank LIBRY BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST					
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6377	009126	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	50.97
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6378	000843	BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	95.90
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6379	MISC	BRIAN CHRISTOPHER KEMP	100.00
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6380	009319	COMPTON PRESS INDUSTRIES LLC	3,235.73
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6381	007403	SUSAN DION	41.85
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6382	009315	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	2,141.51
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6383	009315	VOID	0.00 V
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6384	009315	VOID	0.00 V
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6385	MISC	GEORGE SHIRLEY	1,000.00
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6386	004604	GORDON FOOD	180.87
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6387	009030	SYNTHA GREEN	111.27
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6388	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	2,139.31
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6389	MISC	JON HOWARD MILAN	150.00
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6390	MISC	JOSHUA LIPNIK	350.00
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6391	009261	NICOLSON ASSOCIATES INC	110.00
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6392	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	58.99
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6393	000757	SCHOLASTIC INC	94.89
08/29/2025	LIBRY	6394	MISC	STUART J. STURTON	86.02

LIBRY TOTALS:

Total of 18 Checks:	9,947.31
Less 2 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 16 Disbursements:	<u>9,947.31</u>