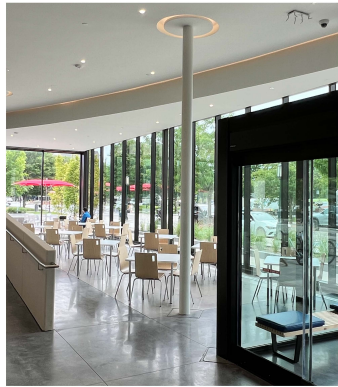


BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2025

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Melissa Mark
VICE PRESIDENT

Jennifer Wheeler
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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:

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

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 2025

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AGENDA

Baldwin Public Library Board Meeting

Monday, October 27, 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.

- A. Approval of September, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes p. 7
- B. Approval of October 3, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes p. 11
- C. Approval of September 2025 vendor payments in the amount of \$100,987.95, including payments in excess of \$75,000. p. 13
- D. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$362,411.11 p. 20

III. Commendation of Outgoing Board Member Melissa Mark p. 15

IV. Board Reports and Special Announcements

- A. President's report
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A. Finance – Frank Pisano	p. 18
The next meeting of the Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.	
B. Building – Wendy Friedman	p. 23
The next meeting of the Building Committee will be scheduled at a later date.	
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A. Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library (Ryndee Carney)	p. 38
B. Beverly Hills (Andrew Drummond, Beverly Hills Village Council)	
C. Bloomfield Hills (Susan McCarthy, Bloomfield Hills City Commission)	
D. Bingham Farms (Kathy Mechigian, Bingham Farms Village Council)	
VIII. New & Miscellaneous Business	
IX. Unfinished Business	
X. Items removed from the Consent Agenda	
XI. Information Only	
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B. Downtown Publications article “Birmingham Baldwin Library candidates”	p. 42
C. Downtown Publications article “Baldwin, city still talking about service charges”	p. 52
D. WXYZ article “‘It has just continued to grow’: Library of Things in Metro Detroit has much more than just books”	p. 54
E. Birmingham Bloomfield Eagle article “Birmingham hosts new event for fall family fun”	p. 56
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G. Baker & Taylor email “A Note from Aman Kochar, President and CEO”	p. 64

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- I. Jeff Jimison's report on the 2025 Vintage Computer Festival Midwest (VCFMW) p. 66
- J. Press release "BPL hosts interactive event with LAFF" p. 71

XII. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Library Board will take place on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: *To adjourn the October 27, 2025 Board 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.

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
September 15, 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, Melissa Mark, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, and Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, Director, Jaclyn Miller, Associate 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 (in person).

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

Wheeler read aloud the Library's Mission Statement.

1. General Public Comment Period: None.

2. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approval of August 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of August 2025 vendor payments in the amount of \$183,877.74, including payments in excess of \$75,000.

C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$445,958.63

1st Rock

2nd Friedman

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumble thanked the Strategic Planning Committee, including resident Jim Suhay, for their efforts in creating the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan.

Board comments: Rock appreciates the user-friendly nature of the new website.

Staff Anniversaries: Mark recognized the following staff anniversaries: Diana Ancog (4 years of service), Thera Anderson (1 year), Beverly Banks (4 years), Brandon Bolek-Toubeaux (24 years), Ethan Cronkite (4 years), David Dapkus (8 years), Brandy Dziengel (1 year), Alyssa Mandell (3 years), Louis Hatfield (1 year), Patricia Henricks (8 years), Jessica Hoeck (8 years), Jeff Jimison (8 years), Haylie May (4 years), Vicki Sower (18 years), and Lynn Szykiel (6 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Craft reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 56-58 of the September Board packet.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Pisano reported that the Finance Committee met on September 8. Present were Pisano, Rumble, Craft, Miller, with Jim Cummins and Connor Brannagan from Raymond James. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the September Board packet. Cummins and Brannagan recommended selling the Trust's shares in PGIM Total Return Bond Fund, Western Asset Core Bond Fund, and PGIM Jennison Health. They recommended reinvesting in Touchstone Ares Credit Opportunities and Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Growth fund. A motion for this reinvestment was brought forth during the following Trust meeting. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Building Committee:

Friedman reported that the Building Committee met on September 5. Present were Friedman, Pisano, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 17 of the September Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Friday, October 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Mark sought more information from Craft about replacement items and quotes for new items listed in the report. The Youth Terrace will need to be replaced because the tiles used on the terrace were not specified for outside use and have heaved in several locations. Additionally, the City requested that a new path and staircase from the sidewalk to the terrace is installed to reduce liability. The seven Youth/Access Services workstations are 20 years old and are too shallow for a comfortable workspace. A snowmelt sensor that had broken in February 2025 resulted in the snowmelt system staying on even when outside air temperatures were above freezing. The company that installed the system will be repairing it at no charge to the library. The curbside dropbox is scuffed and dented from usual wear. A walk-off carpet strip will be installed in the vestibule and entrance to help catch salt and moisture, and an architect will work on a plan to raise the door to accommodate the height of the carpet.

Outreach Committee:

Mark reported that the Outreach Committee met on September 3. Present were Friedman, Mark, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 19 of the September Board packet. The date of the December meeting of the Outreach Committee will be decided after committee appointments are established during the November Board Meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee:

Rock reviewed the minutes from the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on August 18. Present were Rock, Rumble, Craft, Miller, and community member Jim Suhay. The Strategic Planning Committee will disband until September 2028. Craft presented the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan & Objectives via slideshow, found on pages 22-39 of the September Board packet.

Motion to approve the Library's strategic plan for 2025-2028.

1st Rock

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights from the Library Report. Full details of the complete report are on pages 41-53 of the September Board packet. Miller reported on the Statistics Dashboard, programs, and the results of Summer Reading 2025. Craft reported on the Rotary Room closet repair and carpet replacement, which resulted from water damage and will be covered at no cost to the Library. On September 29, Library and City representatives are scheduled to meet in person to discuss the proposed administrative services contract, building lease agreement, and fiscal agent agreement. Several substitute Librarians are being hired in September, along with two Pages and a Teen Services Assistant. Craft was selected to join the Library of Michigan Public Library Financial Management Cohort, consisting of a 9-month series of classes.

6. Liaisons

Friends: Ryndee Carney reported the Friends ended their fiscal year on August 31, with a remaining balance of \$30,441.40. The Friends' membership and gift income through the year was \$23,314.03. The Friends' Book Shop brought in \$17,999.12. Online book sales yielded \$5,290.59. Book sale events received \$6,924.25 through used media sales. The Friends' annual gift donation to the Library was 16% higher than last year, at around \$48,000.

The next Friends Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 16, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

7. New & Miscellaneous Business: None.

8. Unfinished Business:

9. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

10. Information Only: See pages 55-68 of the September Board packet.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Mark

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Jennifer Wheeler, Secretary

Date



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
SPECIAL MEETING
October 3, 2025**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Melissa Mark, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, and Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, Director and Jaclyn Miller, Associate Director.

Friends of the Library liaison present: None.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: 1 in person, 2 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: None.
2. Discussion of negotiations with the City of Birmingham: Craft gave a review of the meeting held between the City and the Library on September 29. A review of this meeting from the library's perspective can be found in the October 3, 2025 Special Board meeting packet.

Pisano asked if the defined benefits pension plan would be altered for current or retired members of staff who are enrolled in the plan. Craft confirmed that no changes to the defined benefits pension plan would be made.

Rock noted that item 8 in the Fiscal Agent agreement should be clarified. Rock also noted that items 4d and 4f in the Building Lease agreement should be updated to say that the landlord should "provide and pay for..." Craft confirmed that these three edits would be included in the final combined contract.

Mark asked how the City determined the proposed rate for Human Resources. Craft stated that the cost calculator in the proposed Administrative Services contract billed the library for 2 days of work total by both Human Resources employees, which would be 20% of the total Human Resources responsibilities for the City. Craft noted that this time commitment may not accurately reflect the total hours City HR employees devote to the Library as the Library has its own HR employee and the Library handles job postings, hiring, and onboarding.

President's report:

3. New & Miscellaneous Business: None.
4. Unfinished Business: None
5. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Mark

2nd Rock

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 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	66.80
	003914	BOOK PAGE	756.00
	000605	CINTAS CORPORATION	285.17
	008139	ENVISIONWARE INC.	575.00
	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	18,269.92
	008827	KANOPY, INC	434.35
	007927	MICHELLE HOLLO	892.50
	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	10,883.35
	006785	OVERDRIVE, INC.	18,451.89
	003785	SIGNS-N-DESIGNS INC	55.00
	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	637.94
	MISC	UNIQUE CEMENT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC	1,000.00
14195	009920	CORPORATE DINING CONCEPTS	279.00
14196	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	261.41
14197	009024	D.M. BURR GROUP	4,783.49
14218	008336	NBS COMMERCIAL INTERIORS	856.00
14219	001194	NELSON BROTHERS SEWER	752.00
14227	005861	UNIQUE MGMT SERVICE, INC	51.50
14239	000902	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	276.08
14242	000605	CINTAS CORPORATION	285.17
14247	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	416.44
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305465	006638	ACTION MAT & TOWEL RENTAL, INC	106.08
305472	009202	AQUARIUM DESIGN INC	240.00
305503	000575	DEMCO, INC	104.35
305530	000249	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	424.64
305545	004904	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	2,346.45
305577	000746	ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY	220.00
305590	007408	T-MOBILE	814.31
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305614	000408	BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY	64.23
305616	008256	BRAINFUSE, INC.	4,500.00
305627	004493	ELITE IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	1,904.90
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305707	000179	DTE ENERGY	9,927.74
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305751	MISC	JEFF JIMISON	457.16

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305778	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	671.29
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305857	MISC	MORGAN KOSCIUK	134.40
305860	009478	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	614.52
305873	007408	T-MOBILE	830.57
Total:			100,987.95

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

_____, 20____

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

Commendation of
Melissa Mark

For her service to the Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham, Michigan

RESOLVED by the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors and the Baldwin Public Library Staff that:

WHEREAS, Melissa Mark, outgoing Baldwin Public Library Board member, provided many years of outstanding service to the Library with her commitment to thoughtful, thorough, and educated decision making; and

WHEREAS, Melissa was elected to the Library Board of Directors and, during her 8 years on the Board, served as President from November 2020 through October 2021; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's experience in fundraising, outreach and community engagement made her well suited to the position of Baldwin trustee, where she put her understanding of the community to good use, working to ensure that the Library is at the forefront of the minds of existing and potential users, and to successfully complete three renovations on time and under budget; and

WHEREAS, Melissa has served the Library Board of Directors as a member of the Communications Committee, Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, Building Committee, Outreach Committee, and Books & Bites Committee helping to shape the direction of the Library, initiating and spearheading fundraising, strengthening community partnerships, and contributing to a strong financial standing and improved physical building and grounds; and

WHEREAS, Melissa has advocated on behalf of the Baldwin Public Library to expand visibility in the community, to improve cost efficiency, to remain on the cutting edge of technology, and to promote a slate of diverse programming; and

WHEREAS, Melissa has generously given thousands of hours to serve the Library and the City of Birmingham, along with improving and strengthening the surrounding community by serving on the board of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library and the City of Birmingham ad hoc Aging in Place Committee, and supporting countless organizations and efforts in the metro area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board of Directors of the Baldwin Public Library does hereby confer upon

Melissa Mark

its highest commendation for the manner in which she has promoted and served the Baldwin Public Library with special thanks for her steadfast support of the members of the Baldwin Public Library family.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the President of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors wish Melissa Mark much success in the future and hope that she will continue to shape the organizations and communities where she devotes her time and talents.

Adopted this twenty-seventh day of October, 2025

Danielle Rumble, President, Board of Directors

Rebekah Craft, Library Director

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Building Committee

October 2025 Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Finance Committee met on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Frank Pisano, Danielle Rumble, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller.

- There was no public comment.
- Craft gave an update on FY 2025-26 budget report after three months. Things are tracking as expected.
- Craft: FY 2024-25 final budget
 - Due to higher revenues than anticipated and lower expenditures than anticipated in FY 24-25, Craft proposed the following use of additional fund balance funds this year (\$235,000):
 - Increase collections budget by \$120,000 to \$867,000
 - Install gooseneck stack lighting in the Claudia Ireland Room to improve visibility of the large print collection: \$25,000
 - Add soundproofing to the Atrium ceiling to reduce noise in the entryway: \$55,000
 - Shades on the north end of the Youth Room along the study table row: \$15,000
 - Install a ventilation/exhaust system in the Idea Lab to reduce fumes: \$20,000
- Craft shared preliminary planning suggestions for FY 2026-27 budget
 - Bird strike deterrent glass: \$45,000 TBD
 - TMC stools for play area tables x8: \$2,000
 - Lower Level refresh: \$200,000
 - New bathroom partitions and bathroom mirrors in lower level
 - New carpet in lower level
 - Office furniture/reconfiguration in AS and TS/IT
 - Paint lower level hall, meeting rooms, restrooms, offices
 - Storage closet in Rotary Room
 - Paint book drop: \$5,000
 - Add two new single person study rooms in hall between computers and Grand Hall: \$15,000
 - Add soundproofing/sound dampening in Youth Room itself and Discovery Room and Staff Office: \$5,000
 - Add soundproofing measures to the Jeanne Lloyd room: \$10,000
 - Update lighting around building: \$50,000
 - Allocate more money for Collections: \$150,000

- Tuition reimbursement for eligible staff to match program City offers staff members: \$15,000
- **Total for above items: \$497,000**
- Miller shared and update on the September Friends of the Library expenditures
 - The Youth Services team was able to purchase the new Nintendo Switch 2 with accessories to be able to offer updated programming in upcoming months.
- Pisano did not attend any meetings.

The next meeting is tentatively planned for Monday, November 10, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

FINANCIAL REPORT: September 2025

This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2025-26, found on the following page. At 25% of the way through fiscal year 2025-2026, the Library has spent 21.1% of its budget and received 82.6% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 25% of its budget and to have received 25% 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	\$	-
Balance of vendor payments less than \$75,000	\$	100,987.95
Total vendor payments	\$	100,987.95

City of Birmingham allocations:

Payroll Period Ending 08/30/25	\$	134,613.74
Payroll Period Ending 09/13/25	\$	110,039.44
Fixed Past Retirement Health Care Cost (acct 711.0004)	\$	389.67
Retirement Cost (acct 711.0010)	\$	8,757.00
Total Payroll	\$	253,799.85

BS&A Software Charge (acct 811.0000)	\$	-
Administrative Services (acct. 813.0000)	\$	-
MML Insurance Premium (acct. 960.0400)	\$	-
Total City of Birmingham allocations	\$	253,799.85

Reconciling adjustments:

Refunds, Voids (Fines, Bags, Room Rentals, Magazines etc.)	\$	(349.24)
Audit Fees	\$	-
Water Bill	\$	3,178.55
Credit Card Fees	\$	-
City of Birmingham Parking	\$	4,794.00
Total Recon Adjustments	\$	7,623.31

Total expenses for the month	\$	362,411.11
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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025-26
September 2025

	2025-2026 Budget	Current		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
		Month September 2025	Month Actual September 2025						
REVENUES									
TAXES	\$4,669,595	\$389,133	\$4,682,554	\$1,167,399	\$4,682,554	\$3,515,155	100.3%	\$4,492,575	107.6%
PROVISION FOR TAX LOSS	(\$15,000)	(\$1,250)	\$0	(\$3,750)	\$0	\$3,750	0.0%	(\$751)	37.6%
COUNTY AND STATE REVENUE	\$95,000	\$7,917	\$0	\$23,750	\$0	(\$23,750)	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
COMMUNITY CONTRACTS	\$1,117,400	\$93,117	\$161,275	\$279,350	\$195,507	(\$83,843)	17.5%	\$273,552	26.0%
PATRON USE REVENUE	\$35,950	\$2,996	\$3,273	\$8,988	\$10,085	\$1,097	28.1%	\$10,083	28.2%
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$0	\$3,750	\$0	(\$3,750)	0.0%	\$28,406	35.5%
OTHER REVENUE	\$500	\$42	\$19	\$125	\$49	(\$76)	0.0%	\$25	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,918,445	\$493,204	\$4,848,920.93	\$1,479,611	\$4,889,995.11	\$3,410,384	82.6%	\$4,803,890.25	84.0%

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$3,360,152	\$280,013	\$253,800	\$840,038	\$690,336	(\$149,702)	20.5%	\$660,004	22.3%
SUPPLIES	\$163,000	\$13,583	\$6,433	\$40,750	\$42,415	\$1,665	26.0%	\$34,325	22.9%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$486,157	\$40,513	\$17,021	\$121,539	\$68,065	(\$53,474)	14.0%	\$84,280	26.9%
TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE	\$121,000	\$10,083	\$2,946	\$30,250	\$78,072	\$47,822	64.5%	\$72,322	41.5%
UTILITIES	\$136,000	\$11,333	\$14,548	\$34,000	\$40,054	\$6,054	29.5%	\$43,739	37.2%
OTHER CHARGES	\$108,370	\$9,031	\$7,233	\$27,093	\$23,198	(\$3,895)	21.4%	\$19,357	16.8%
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS & FURNISHING	\$170,000	\$14,167	\$1,000	\$42,500	\$19,191	(\$23,309)	11.3%	\$16,057	0.5%
COLLECTIONS	\$767,000	\$63,917	\$59,430	\$191,750	\$160,217	(\$31,533)	20.9%	\$177,008	26.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,311,679	\$442,640	\$362,411.11	\$1,327,920	\$1,121,547.85	(\$206,372)	21.1%	\$1,107,091.71	13.7%
VARIANCE	\$606,766	\$50,564	\$4,486,510	\$151,692	\$3,768,447.26	\$3,616,756			

FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR

\$1,483,003.40

FUND BALANCE-CURRENT

\$5,251,450.66

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.

**Baldwin Public Library: Budget Summary
FY 2024-25 through FY 2025-26**

	FY 2024-25 Actual	FY 2025-26 Budget	FY 2025-26 Changes to Budget	FY 2025-26 Projected Year-End Budget

REVENUE

Birmingham Tax Rev. (1.3142 mill in FY23-24; 1.2993 in FY24-25; 1.2789 in FY25-26; 1.2628 in FY26-27; TBD in FY27-28)	\$4,492,269	\$4,669,595	\$0	\$4,669,595
Provison for Tax Loss	-\$14,917	-\$15,000	\$0	-\$15,000
Federal Grants	\$25,885	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Grants	\$48,893	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000
Local Contributions	\$1,158,533	\$1,167,400	\$0	\$1,167,400
Charges for Services	\$33,708	\$28,950	\$0	\$28,950
Fines	\$7,705	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000
Investment income	\$133,465	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Sundry & Misc	\$143	\$500	\$0	\$500
Total Revenue	\$5,885,685	\$5,918,445	\$0	\$5,918,445

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$3,137,870	\$3,360,153	\$0	\$3,360,153
Supplies	\$135,186	\$163,000	\$0	\$163,000
Contracted Services	\$350,102	\$486,157	\$0	\$486,157
Technology & Maintenance	\$60,460	\$121,000	\$0	\$121,000
Utilities	\$124,582	\$136,000	\$0	\$136,000
Fees & Dues; Communication; Other Charges	\$161,335	\$108,370	\$0	\$108,370
Capital Outlays (Bldg/Furn/Equip)	\$132,778	\$170,000	\$0	\$170,000
Collections	\$699,644	\$767,000	\$0	\$767,000
Total Expenses	\$4,801,956	\$5,311,680	\$0	\$5,311,680

GENERAL FUND

Total Revenue	\$5,885,685	\$5,918,445	\$0	\$5,918,445
Total Expenses	\$4,801,956	\$5,311,680	\$0	\$5,311,680
Variance Between Revenue and Expenses	\$1,083,728	\$606,765	\$0	\$606,765

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

Beginning Fund Balance	\$399,275	\$1,483,003		
End Fund Balance	\$1,483,003	\$2,089,768		
<i>Fund Balance 25% minimum</i>	<i>\$1,200,489</i>	<i>\$1,327,920</i>		
<i>Fund Balance 35% maximum</i>	<i>\$1,680,685</i>	<i>\$1,859,088</i>		

October 2025 Building Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Building Committee met on Friday, October 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
 - We received a quote for Teen electrical work in the new Teen Scene and will be proceeding with the work at a cost of \$3,710. This includes installing 1 wall outlet and 1 floor outlet and hanging 2 round chandeliers.
 - We received three quotes to remove existing pavers, pave the Youth Terrace and create a paved path and steps to the Martin Street sidewalk. The lowest quote came in from Unique Concrete in the amount of \$11,479. Work will be completed by December.
 - If we would like to add an ADA ramp at some point in the future, we will need to remove landscaping and fencing along the north entrance to make room for a 50' ramp to the Youth Terrace door. At this point, there are no handicap parking spots on Martin Street adjacent to the library, so it is best for people who need to use the ramp or elevator to come in the accessible Merrill Street entrance.
 - We are still gathering quotes to replace the glass Grams Discovery Room Door.
 - We received three quotes to replace 7 work stations in the Youth/Access Services office and have placed a deposit with ISCG to order the furniture and complete the work. Total cost of the work is \$14,901.
 - 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 will be installing walk off carpet to the front vestibule. Total cost of the work is \$2,307.
 - 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 has replaced replaced the Snow Melt controller that has been broken since February 2025. This will be covered under the warranty as it was never fixed before the warranty ran out. The controller caused the Snow Melt system to stay turned on even when the weather was above freezing.

- New business
 - Lower level Rotary/Donor meeting room door closers were broken. Replacement parts were ordered and installed on October 17.
- Projects for the FY26-27 wish list
 - Add lighting in the building to improve illumination – work with electrician to identify areas for improvement
 - 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
 - a note and link to the online survey will be included in the Winter 25-26 LCD newsletter that goes to all homes in the service area
 - Refresh lower level hallway, restrooms, meeting rooms, Adult Services office, and Tech Services office
 - Add two quiet study rooms for one person in the hallway between the Adult computers and Grand Hall
 - Repair and repaint the outdoor dropbox

Date of the next Building Committee meeting will be determined after the November board meeting.

LIBRARY REPORT

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Statistical Dashboard

September 2025

	Current Month	This month last year	Current FYTD	Previous FYTD	FY 25-26 Q1 Target	Better/ (Worse) Target	Off Target Cautionary On Target
Financials							
Revenues	\$ 4,848,921	\$ 81,446	\$ 4,889,995	\$ 4,788,244			
Expenses	\$ 362,411	\$ 364,081	\$ 1,121,575	\$ 1,107,092			
Circulation							
Circ (Charges & Renewals)	50,016	48,273	160,001	157,790	153,750	6,251	On Target
Self-Check Usage	57.6%	19.0%	60.3%	22.7%			
% of Circ by Residents*	89.5%	91.0%	90.3%	91.0%	92.0%	-2%	
% of Circ by Non-Residents	10.5%	9.0%	9.7%	9.0%	8.0%	2%	
Interlibrary Loans							
Items borrowed	743	706	2,285	2,426			
Items loaned	728	685	2,130	236			
Technology Usage							
Database Sessions	9,730	5,376	25,363	16,650	18,000	7,363	On Target
Downloadable Content	16,078	14,741	50,346	45,511	47,500	2,846	On Target
Public Computer Usage	659	473	2,079	7,894			
Wireless Sessions	2,768	2,350	7,829	6,941	7,500	329	Off target
Program Attendance							
Program Attendance for Adults	435	451	902	914			
# of Programs for Adults	25	14	63	40			
Program Attendance for Teens	100	65	271	398			
# of Programs for Teens	11	5	27	19			
Program Attendance for Youth	1,544	1,397	4,344	5,227			
# of Programs for Youth	65	54	170	145			
Computer Classes Attendance	26	52	89	192			
# of Computer Programs	4	6	18	18			
Online Video Views	12	32	53	121			
Idea Lab Visits	772	258	4,940	637			
Total Program Attendance	2,889	2,255	10,599	7,489	7,750	2,849	On Target
Total # of Programs	105	79	278	222	250	28	On Target
Outreach Attendance	346	283	346	1,122			
# of Outreach Programs	17	6	17	18			
Visitors	20,767	19,822	63,461	64,174	56,250	7,211	On Target
Volunteer Hours	56	76	152	334	250	(98)	On Target
Social Media							
Website Hits/Pageviews	30,176	35,763	84,093	97,163	20,000	64,093	On Target
e-Newsletter Subscribers	(65)	(16)	10,500	10,726	10,500		Off Target
Facebook Page Followers	16	16	3,620	3,541	3,700	(80)	Off Target
TikTok Followers^	19	1	1,245	1,030			
Instagram Followers	15	9	2,684	2,428	2,700	(16)	Off Target

*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.

Key Metrics Explanation: October 2025

On Target = Met or exceeded goal, or no more than 0.1% below goal

Cautionary = 0.1% to 3% beneath goal

Off Target = More than 3% beneath goal

In the first quarter of FY2025-26:

Financials

Financials are tracking as expected in the first quarter.

Circulation (On Target)

Circulation for the quarter was slightly higher than last year and 4% higher than our target. With the collection fully available over the three-month window, and with items being rotated in and out on a regular basis, staff are ensuring that the browsability is good and that new items are on the shelves as quickly as possible. We do anticipate some slowdown on new items with the closure of Baker & Taylor, a major book supplier, but staff are pivoting to other smaller vendors quickly to maintain the flow of new releases.

Technology Statistics:

- Database Sessions (On Target): Database sessions continue to see steady-to-higher use than last year, thanks in large part to NYT All Access, among other online newspapers and investing research resources.
- Downloadable Content (On Target): Usage was 5% higher than the goal and higher this year than the same time last year. Downloadable content continues to be in demand – in September alone patrons checked out over 5,900 ebooks, and over 6,700 eaudio titles. We continue to reduce the ebook holds queue by purchasing “single use” titles to fulfill item requests.
- Website Pageviews (On Target): webpage views for the year are on target but down over this time last year. There are no major projects occurring at the library and many of our resources can be accessed via apps, so its possible traffic is just down, due to people not needing up-to-the-minute information on what’s happening in the building.

Visitors (On Target):

The number of people entering the library is down just slightly over last year. We are still on target for the goal, and are up over this month last year.

Program Attendance (On Target):

Program attendance is up 27% over last year, and exceeded our quarterly goal by 29%. Story times continue to be one of the hottest tickets in town, and by offering hybrid versions of programs for adults, we are able to expand capacity for those events. This also includes about 5 weeks of summer programming, which is always popular with our patrons. Additionally, our slate of programming for teens has expanded this year to provide dedicated programming to middle school students.

Social Media (Off Target):

The number of our Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram followers are slightly off target, and vary month to month. We continue to see the fastest growth in the number of TikTok followers, but Facebook and Instagram are both up over this time last year, despite being just short of the target number of followers. With more social media options being offered, competition for active users can be challenging.

Collections & Services

Strategic goal: Improve collections and services to satisfy community needs and expectations

Architecture of the Upper Peninsula program

On Monday, September 26, Adult Librarian Mick Howey hosted photographer Josh Lipnik as he presented a stunning selection of photographs from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Feedback following the program was so positive, Mick has already planned another event



with Josh next fall.

Baker and Taylor

In late September, we received notice that one of our primary vendors for print materials, Baker and Taylor, had been acquired by ReaderLink. Distribution from B&T has been sporadic in the past few months, so we hoped that this change would mean that inventory would be delivered on a more regular basis. Shortly thereafter, it was relayed that both parties had agreed to call off the agreement. After that announcement, Baker & Taylor announced they would cease operations in January 2026, and have immediately begun winding down. Staff and vendors are scrambling to cover the resulting cancelled orders, and it seems likely that – for a time – new releases will be delayed in arriving at the library. See the information only portion of the packet for the announcements.

Halloween at the Y

Youth services staff Susan Dion and Terry Meyer shared stories with 128 people at the Halloween at the Y midday event on Saturday, October 18.

Haunted Library

On Friday night, October 17 the Library was transformed for an after-hours presentation with Dan the Creature Man and a tour through the “haunted” portion of the library. Twenty-five teen volunteers dressed up and positioned themselves throughout the darkened and decorated main level of the library in order to create a scary walk-through for our 4-6 grade participants. Credit to Elisabeth Phou, Haylie May, Stuart Sturton, Jen Hassell,



H Jennings, and Louis Hatfield for their coordination and execution of the event, which is always a crowd favorite.

Polaris Upgrade

Our ILS, called Polaris, was upgraded without issue on Tuesday, September 16. Access to online services were limited for less than two hours before the Library opened while the update was installed.

Facility

Strategic goal: Maintain and improve the building's functionality and cleanliness

Learning Panels

We replaced the four learning panels in the Youth play area. The previous panels were added in 2020 and had become quite worn with constant use. Due to the high usage of these, we plan to purchase a new set of panels every three years. They are produced by TMC Designs, an Ann Arbor based business.



Print Release Station Added

On Thursday, October 9, the IT Department installed a second print release station in the Adult Services Computer area. This station is on a lower table for better accessibility, and will help alleviate some wait times at the popular original print/scan station. Vicki and Patricia were happy to share it on the first morning!



Marketing and Communications

Strategic goal: Improve marketing and visibility of the Library

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.
- A new business resources rack card has been provided to the Birmingham Shopping District to help share library offerings with local business owners in our service area.
- City and Library representatives will meeting in person to continue to discuss the proposed Administrative Services contract and the Library's Building Lease Agreement on Thursday, October 30. Attendees will include:
 - Anne Seuryneck, Library Attorney, Foster Swift
 - Mike Blum, 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.
- Several Library staff members and their family members plan to participate in the Beverly Hills Halloween Hoot on Saturday, October 25.

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. Mick Howey 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 FOL were celebrated during the week October 19-25 for National Friends of Libraries Week. We thank them for all their support throughout the year. They held their regular board meeting on October 21, at which time they reviewed their continued need for help restocking the BookShop in the lobby and the plan for the upcoming Book Sale, and voted to add two new members to the Friends Board. Amity Kapadia and Jennifer Killeen will immediately jump in to assist with sales and communications.

Marketing

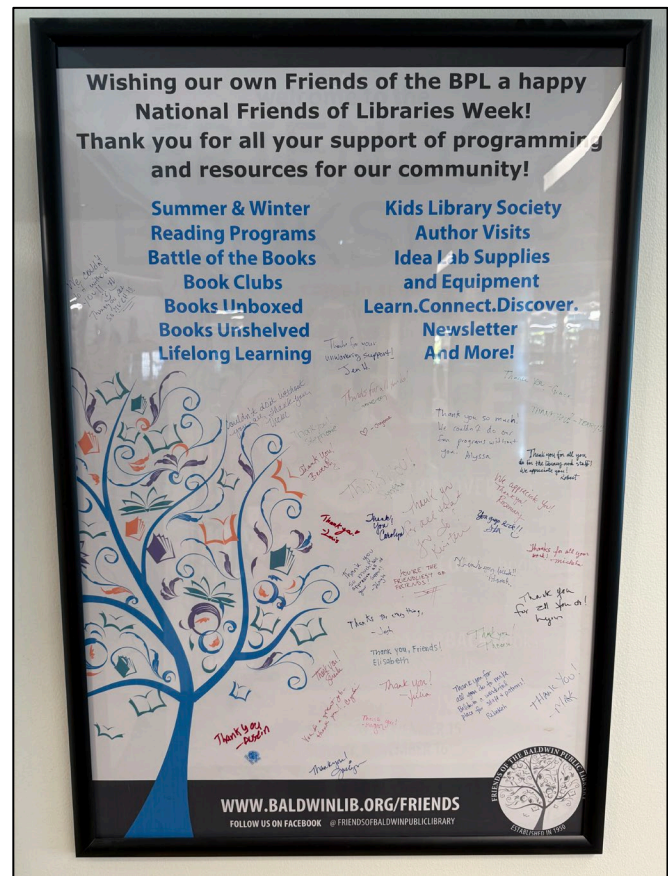
Michelle Hollo continues to work with Jaclyn Miller designing projects and marketing materials for the Library, including:

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

Staff Communications

An All Staff meeting was held on September 16. The next All Staff meeting will be held on October 28. Recordings of each meeting are sent to all staff.

Staff Anniversaries

Wren Drisko, Library Assistant I, reached 5 years of service on October 25

Gary Eisele, Library Assistant II, reached 16 years of service on October 1

Lawson Glenn III, Library Assistant I, reached 4 years of service on October 13

Stephanie Klimmek, Head of Youth Services, reached 14 years of service on October 17

Phoenix Nash, Reference Assistant, reached 5 years of service on October 7

Nolan Peterson, Library Page, reached 5 years of service on October 7

Jamie Richards, Head of IT, reached 10 years of service on October 19

Cyndi Summers, Library Assistant I, reached 5 years of service on October 7

Carolyn Wheeler, Youth Substitute Librarian, reached 12 years of service on October 4

Faith Whitted, Library Assistant I, reached 5 years of service on October 7

Staff Training/Conferences

Guild of Library Makers Conference

In September, **Jeff Jimison**, Head of the Idea Lab, had the pleasure of presenting at the first Guild of Library Makers Conference (GOLMCON 2025). The Guild of Library Makers is a mutual aid organization whose goal is to see the proliferation of makerspaces in libraries, to support those makerspaces and the staff who operate them. Hosted by the Rochester Hills Public Library, this seminal conference was attended by over 100 people who represented 68 different library systems across Michigan. Jeff's presentation (an updated version of "Retro Redux: Strategies for Digitizing Vintage Media") was heard by about 40 people; more even than were present when the same talk was presented at MLA last year! It was a thrill to be included in this exciting event, and Jeff looks forward to presenting and attending again next year.

Vintage Computer Festival Midwest

Thanks to a Continuing Education Stipend from the Library of Michigan, Jeff was also able to attend the Vintage Computer Festival Midwest (VCFMW), in search of inspiration for Idea Lab programming. The search was tremendously successful, and as required by the LOM, Jeff presented a thorough report of the experience. This report was shared with staff here at BPL, as well as to the aforementioned Guild of Library Makers. Jeff is grateful for the financial support from The Library of Michigan, and the cooperation of Baldwin Public

Library in sending him on this productive journey. Read the full report in the Information Only section of this packet.

KidLib Unconference

Youth staff members **Syntha Green** and **Morgan Kosciuk** had the chance to attend the MI KidLib Unconference on September 24 in Bay City. The event has been on hiatus since 2020, and folks were happy to see it back this year. This librarian-run group focuses on services to youth and families. Syntha reports that “The Unconference was very well organized. It is designed to have organic conversations about predetermined topics. We had some great conversations around outreach opportunities and programming. Cathy Lancaster gave a great update on the Library of Michigan and the resources they have that can be of use to us.” Morgan shared that they “got to chat in breakout sessions with youth department staff from other libraries. I got ideas for programs for homeschoolers, including STEAM programming and drop-in hangout sessions. I learned different strategies librarians use in their story times to keep families engaged. I also attended a breakout session focused on supporting children with special needs in the library. The conference was a great opportunity to share ideas with others and gave me ideas of new activities to try in my own programming.”

Staffing Update

This month, we’ve added several new members to our team.

- **Liz Aguilar**, Substitute Librarian, is also working at Oakland Community College and the Clinton-Macomb Public library. She enjoys reading, decorating, embroidery, and baking.
- **Sarah Henry Boggs**, Substitute Librarian, has previously worked at Oak Park Public Library and Wayne State University and has experience as a Spanish and English teacher. She is an avid reader who is very excited to join us and serve our community.
- **Jill Beckwell**, Substitute Librarian, currently works at Rochester Christian University as an Instruction Design Librarian. Jill loves to read and play cozy videogames. She has a cat named Captain, and shares a dog with the family, named Artie.
- **Allison McFadden-Keesling**, Substitute Librarian, is retired from Oakland Community College and serves on the Clarkston Independence Library Board of Trustees. She enjoys gardening and eating the produce she's grown. Allison loves ballroom dancing, travel, meeting other people from different cultures. She plays classical piano and is learning cello. She is most proud of her involvement with the

Human Library. If the name sounds familiar, Allison previously worked at BPL, as did her mother and daughter!

- **Mykola Potapenko**, Substitute Librarian, is also working at the Troy Public library and has extensive eResources experience. He's a big sports nerd (especially soccer) and is proficient in the Ukrainian language. Mykola is looking forward to working with everyone at BPL and advises not to "worry about pronouncing his name."
- **Anjilena Omolara-Fox**, Page, has done extensive volunteering with groups like Afrofuture Youth and Allied Media.
- **Clover Vassilev**, Page, is currently working circulation (and paging - yes, they do both!) at the Troy Public Library, and is enrolled in the MLIS degree program at Wayne State University.

Thank you for welcoming all our new staff members as you meet them around the Library.

Longtime Circulation Assistant **Tony Lowe** worked his final shift at BPL on October 5. With us since August 2005, Tony has been a regular presence at the Information Desk, especially on weekend days. We wish him well on his move and with his new career endeavors.

Volunteer Hours

56 volunteer hours were utilized in the month of September.

Financial

Strategic goal: Develop a plan for current and future financial needs

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

Baldwin Public Library: Friends Funds	
September 2025 Expenditures	
Adult Services	
Refreshments for programs	\$ 293.37
Strategic and Smart AI Use presenter fee	\$ 300.00
Books Unshelved	\$ 395.43
Freedom to Read display	\$ 9.86
Total	\$ 998.66
Teen Services	
D&D presenter fee	\$ 100.00
Books Unboxed	\$ 252.10
Refreshments for programs	\$ 286.86
Pizza - TAB, Half Day Matinee	\$ 73.47
Total	\$ 712.43
Youth Services	
Refreshments for programs	\$ 44.98
Switch 2 & accessories for programs	\$ 653.98
Program supplies general	\$ 68.65
Book Club Books	\$ 28.77
Pumpkin Patch Magician	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 1,296.38
Idea Lab	
Total	\$ -
Outreach & Equipment	
Total	\$ -
Total Expenditures	
\$ 3,007.47	
September 2025 Balances	
Adult Services	\$ 6,853.92
Teen Services	\$ 4,345.14
Youth Services	\$ 3,066.93
Idea Lab	\$ 1,101.11
Outreach & Equipment	\$ 2,154.24
Total Balance	\$ 17,521.34
September In-Library Book & Button Sale Cash Donations	
\$839.36	
Submitted by Jaclyn Miller for October 20, 2025	

INFORMATION ONLY

Upcoming Events of Interest

Scottish Fling

Saturday, November 1, 2025, 10:30am - 11:30am

All ages with grown up(s). Celebrate Scotland with a story, Highland Dance demonstration, and a traditional Scottish treat. Registration required. Registration opens one month before the program. Caregivers must stay with the participant during the program.

DIY Mini Books: Grades 3 to 5

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Grades 3 to 5. Choose from a selection of tiny, popular chapter book covers to create your own mini book. Registration required. Registration opens one month before the program. Caregivers must stay in the building during the program if the participant is ten years old or younger.

Live Action Fun Factory Presents: The Hungry Gumshoe Society Mystery Series - A Family Friendly Interactive Program

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

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 for ages 12 and up.

Pokémon Legends: Z-A Launch Party: Grades 2 to 6

Monday, November 10, 2025, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Grades 2 to 6. 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. Registration opens one month before the program. Caregivers must stay in the building during the program if the participant is ten years old or younger.

Half-Day Matinee: A Minecraft Movie: Grades 6-8

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Head to the library after your half day of school for pizza and a movie! Registration required.

Idea Lab Class: 2D PRINTING

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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.

Musical Theater Trivia

Thursday, November 13, 2025, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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

Birmingham Historical Lecture Series: An Indigenous Bounty of Baskets

Thursday, November 13, 2025, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

An Indigenous Bounty of Baskets: Celebrating Native American Heritage/Indigenous Peoples Month Donna Casaceli will share Anishnaabe basket traditions of the Great Lakes with a display of authentic examples from Michigan tribal artists of the 1980s. Tied closely to our native ecosystem, traditional Anishinaabeg baskets of the Great Lakes carry deep cultural significance in their utilitarian as well as ceremonial use. Join Donna Casaceli for a presentation of traditional basket-making techniques of the Potawatomi, Ojibwa, and Odawa peoples of Michigan, and see them in person on display. The picture shown in the description features the creator of one of the baskets that will be discussed during the presentation.

Friends of the BPL Fall Book and Media Sale

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Shop fresh new inventory on the lower level of the Library, and stock your home library for the fall and winter! Surprise wrapped gift books will also be for sale.

Local Author Fair

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Readers of all ages (kids, teens, and adults) 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. Are you a local author looking to participate? More information can be found at baldwinlib.org/youth. Applications will be available on our website between August 1 through September 15.

Birmingham Baldwin Library candidates

Four-year terms, non-partisan, vote for three

September 24, 2025

PAMELA M. GRAHAM

Pamela M. Graham is a retired automotive engineer, with degrees in material science and engineering from both MIT and Northwestern University. She has been a member of the Birmingham Parks and Recreation board since 2019; a member of the Birmingham Public Arts board since 2023; and a member of the city Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center since 2024. Graham is also a member and officer in a number of community and art groups.



IMPACT OF FEDERAL CUTBACKS

In mid-March President Trump issued an executive order to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services which provides federal funds for libraries. How, if at all, has the Baldwin Public Library been impacted by this cut in the federal budget?

The Baldwin Public Library has not yet been directly financially affected by the executive order dismantling the Institute of Museum and Library Services. However, potential impacts could arise in the future, particularly in areas such as interlibrary loans of books and journals. Beyond funding, other executive orders affecting the Department of Education, immigration, and diversity policies create ripple effects that can influence how libraries serve their communities. It is essential that Baldwin remain a place where all patrons feel safe, welcome, and included. As a library board member, preserving and enhancing our library's exceptional programs and materials is a priority, regardless of challenges.

BUDGET FUND BALANCE

The Baldwin Public Library has a fund balance policy. Are you aware of the range in which the fund balance should fall? If the fund balance were to exceed the range set in

the policy, how would you propose the library board guide the director to best use taxpayer funds? Explain.

I support Baldwin Public Library's fund balance policy which requires maintaining an unassigned balance between 25 percent and 35 percent of annual expenditures. In recent years, major renovations were successfully funded through prudent use of the balance rather than issuing a bond. The library will always have capital needs and must plan for short- and long-term expenses, including those unplanned. Planning future capital needs and managing the reserve to fund is a prudent and responsible use of taxpayer funds. Improving accessibility of the north entrance and updating carpeting and furnishings on the lower level are two projects that come to mind but I would listen to the director, the library staff and the community to prioritize library repairs and enhancements.

CITY PROVIDED SERVICES

Although the library is an independent entity, the city provides and charges for a variety of services. After a recent proposal from the city to increase administrative services charges (payroll, finance, human resources) by 110 percent, the library board has been reviewing the costs to determine if some of these services can be bid out to private contractors to save money. Do you agree with moving services if a savings can be documented?

I believe it is in the best interest of the Baldwin Public Library and the City of Birmingham to negotiate a fair and reasonable increase in service charges so that library employees can continue to be City of Birmingham employees, with payroll, finance, and human resources services provided by the city. At the same time, the library must be fiscally responsible. The bid responses from private contractors show that many services could be delivered to the library at a lower cost than the city's proposal. The city and the library should use this benchmarking information to reach an agreement that is both cost-effective and competitive, while maintaining the strong partnership between the library and the city. I believe our community expects effective services, municipal partnerships, cooperation and trust.

CENSURE OF BOOKS

Libraries are often referred to as "the last bastions of free speech" in terms of offering a diverse collection of works to the public. Do you think people should be allowed to attempt to censor books available in a library? Are you familiar with the library's collection development and maintenance policy?

I support the American Library Association's Freedom to Read statement, which is also affirmed on the Baldwin Public Library website. The freedom to read is fundamental to our democracy. While individuals and parents have the right to decide which materials are appropriate for themselves or their children, they do not have the right to restrict access for others. The library has a thoughtful Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials process, though it is rarely used in our community. In addition, there is a popular form allowing cardholders to suggest new materials for acquisition, and these requests are considered in accordance with the library's collection development policy. This balanced approach ensures the collection remains diverse, relevant, and responsive to community needs.

ROLE OF BOARD MEMBER

How would you define your role as a member of the library board?

If elected to the library board, I would work collaboratively with fellow board members to set budgets, oversee expenses, appoint the library director, and establish policies that guide library services. I see the role of a board member as both governance and stewardship — ensuring fiscal responsibility while supporting the library’s mission. I would listen carefully to the library director, staff, board members, and community members to make informed, balanced decisions that best serve the public.

CHANGING LIBRARY ROLE

The role of public libraries continues to evolve in terms of what services are offered to the public. Are there added services you think the Baldwin Public Library could offer?

I believe the Baldwin Public Library can continue to expand its role as a center for creativity, innovation, and connection. In addition to growing the Library of Things with Idea Lab items such as Lego robotics kits, VR goggles, and sewing machines, I envision the library offering more hands-on experiences that inspire exploration and lifelong learning. I believe in the value of physical books and media. However, as books and periodicals move increasingly online, the library’s value as a civic commons — where people come together to create, collaborate, and engage face-to-face — will only grow. We need to review offerings and identify gaps in programs, especially to segments like neurodiverse and disabled members of our community. These groups can benefit from the improved access and new and inviting meeting spaces. The future of the library is not just about access to information, but about building community.

VALIDITY OF ELECTION RESULTS

Do you believe the results of the 2020 Presidential Election were valid?

Yes. The 2020 election was valid. As an election worker, I have seen firsthand the integrity of our election process. I appreciate the dedication and integrity of my colleagues and of our city and county clerks who work tirelessly to ensure elections are free, fair, and transparent.

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

Why should voters select you in this election.

I bring collaborative data driven problem-solving skills from my engineering career, community experience from serving on the Parks & Recreation Board, and a strong and informed knowledge of city and library issues from living in the city for 29 years. Most importantly, I love the library. Every week I enjoy reading materials, attending programs and using resources like the Seed Library, Library of Things and Idea Lab. I want to help keep Birmingham’s library thriving for all ages and abilities.

OMAR ODEH

Omar Odeh is a Group Marketing Manager with the Ford Motor Company, with a bachelor degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and a masters degree in business administration from the university of California – Irvine.



IMPACT OF FEDERAL CUTBACKS

The Baldwin Public Library is in a strong financial position, supported by a healthy budget, a trust fund filled by generous contributions from the Friends of the Library, and personal gifts from library patrons. While Baldwin doesn't depend directly on federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), cuts to IMLS could affect statewide services like MeL and MeLCat, which provide vital interlibrary loans and digital access. Fortunately, Baldwin serves a dedicated and engaged community of more than 20,000 Birmingham residents and patrons from our contracted communities, who deeply value and support the library. Baldwin Public Library is well-positioned to continue delivering excellent services, even if external resources are reduced or eliminated. If cuts to shared services among our partners occur, I will work with fellow board members and library director Craft to develop creative solutions that keep Baldwin patrons connected to these essential resources. At the same time, I will advocate strongly for continued investment in shared library systems that benefit all Michigan communities.

BUDGET FUND BALANCE

Baldwin's policy to maintain an unassigned fund balance between 25–35 percent of annual expenditures ensures sound, long-term financial health. I support continuing this prudent approach so the library can adapt to unexpected changes, invest in critical one-time projects, and maintain high-quality service without putting pressure on taxpayers. If Baldwin's fund balance exceeds the 35 percent cap, I would support using the surplus for strategic, one-time investments that serve the public without creating ongoing costs. Installing a building generator was an idea that received unanimous support from the ad hoc development committee I served on, including a library board member, the library director, and the associate director. This would allow Baldwin to serve as a safe haven during power outages, offering warmth, cooling, or even temporary shelter when residents need it most.

CITY PROVIDED SERVICES

A proposed 110 percent increase in administrative charges naturally raises concerns, and I support the library board's decision to review those costs carefully. If the library can secure the same or better services for less through private vendors, it's their responsibility to explore that option. The library director, Rebekah Craft, and the board members must also consider the implications that changing providers may have for our staff. One area of concern for the library is health insurance: a lower cost would likely reflect less robust coverage, which would not benefit staff. The board must protect public resources (taxpayers' dollars) and ensure high-quality, cost-effective service that supports without lessening benefits for staff members who receive them. Equally important is striving for a healthy, good relationship with the city, maintained through transparency and open communication.

CENSURE OF BOOKS

I don't believe in censoring books in our libraries. One of the most powerful things about a library is that it's a place where everyone can encounter new ideas. A library is meant to serve the whole community, and that means offering wide range of voices, perspectives, and experiences. Our library should remain a space where curiosity and learning are encouraged not restricted Baldwin has professional policies for book collection, maintenance, and reviewing concerns. I support protecting those policies from political pressure and national censorship campaigns.

ROLE OF BOARD MEMBER

Library board members are guardians of the mission and stewards of the public trust, who ensure that the library thrives as a cornerstone of education, literacy and community. As a board member, I would ensure the library continues serving our entire community — not by managing daily operations, but by supporting the director and setting long-term policy and vision. Together, we are responsible for the big picture: budgets, strategic planning, and ensuring resources are used responsibly. I also see board members as advocates. We should connect the library with the community, listen to residents, and make sure the library remains accessible and relevant for everyone. For me, this comes down to protecting one of our most beloved institutions — a place open to all, free to all, and vital for learning and opportunity. I would bring a thoughtful, accountable approach to ensure our library thrives for our present patrons, their families, and future generations.

CHANGING LIBRARY ROLE

Public libraries are no longer simply book depositories; they're vibrant community hubs that adapt to meet the changing needs of the people they serve. Baldwin Public Library already offers an impressive range of services: the IDEA Lab (a maker space), a growing Library of Things, and engaging programs for all ages provided by outstanding staff support. That said, there's room to build on our strong foundation. One area of opportunity is flexible-use space. Maybe one of the spaces we rent could be reconfigured as a studio for musical performing or podcasting. Baldwin could explore using our existing space or partnering with other local organizations to broaden how the library physically serves its community. Additionally, I see

great potential in adding programming around cooking and nutrition. These classes promote healthier living and provide accessible, practical education that benefits families, seniors, and young adults alike. Partnering with local chefs, nutritionists, or educators could make this feasible and exciting. Ultimately, Baldwin should continue to evolve in ways that reflect our community's values — curiosity, connection, and lifelong learning. By embracing innovative services while maintaining our commitment to literacy and access, Baldwin will remain relevant and essential for future generations.

VALIDITY OF ELECTION RESULTS

Yes, I believe the 2020 presidential election was valid. I think it's important for our community to have trust in the democratic process because that trust carries over to all our local institutions, including the library. The library is a place where everyone should feel that decisions are made fairly, transparently, and in the best interest of the community. By respecting the integrity of elections, we reinforce the idea that our library is a trusted, inclusive space.

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

I will always champion the needs of the library, staff, and patrons as I serve. I'll listen to your ideas and concerns and ensure they're heard at our board meetings. I'll always fight for our library, promoting equity, learning, and understanding for everyone. Your tax dollars matter; I'll always use them wisely to strengthen and improve our library. From resources to inclusive programming, I'll advocate boldly for a library that reflects and serves the needs of our entire community. Lastly, I'll bring my future-focused leadership to the Birmingham public library as I work to ensure our library continues to evolve with excellence, innovation, and heart.

FRANK PISANO

Frank Pisano is Director of Investments at Oppenheimer & Company. He has served four terms as a trustee on the board of the Baldwin Public Library.

IMPACT OF FEDERAL CUTBACKS

The Baldwin Public Library in the past has received \$38,000 a year from the Library of Michigan (LM) which receives the money from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Currently this hasn't affected Baldwin Public Library because a majority of our funding comes from local property taxes, but this will have severe impact on libraries in other states.



BUDGET FUND BALANCE

Baldwin Public Library (BPL) has a Fund Balance Policy that the library board of directors shall maintain an unassigned fund balance of not less than 25 percent of the annual expenditures and of not more than 35 percent of annual expenditures, except where it is building its fund balance in support of specific non-recurring projects, which will be assigned as such. These percentages are based on BPL's previous fiscal year-end financial statement. If BPL has excess reserves I would be in favor of using additional funds to help fund other projects in the city with the direction of the city manager to help keep residents' tax base as low as possible.

CITY PROVIDED SERVICES

I would like to see a negotiation of administrative contract between BPL and the city. I want to acknowledge the importance of this process and the long-standing partnership between the city and BPL. Both institutions are essential pillars of the community, each with clear and valuable mission to serve the public equitably, transparently and effectively. The city and BPL share a commitment to serving the public, and both are working within budgetary constraints that require thoughtful planning and compromise. I think a fair and transparent administrative contract strengthens accountability, trust, and a long-term cooperation between the city and BPL.

CENSURE OF BOOKS

I express strong opposition to any policy that would restrict, remove or censor books from BPL collections. As a public institution, the library has a foundational responsibility to uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and ensure access to broad range of ideas, perspectives, and voices — even those that may be controversial or uncomfortable. Public libraries exist not to reflect the opinions of one group, but to serve the informational and educational needs of all members in our community. BPL has a strong policy on Collection Development and Maintenance of the collection and the staff does a great job managing the materials collection.

ROLE OF BOARD MEMBER

- Adopt bylaws and rule for the board's governance
- Maintain control over the building and grounds of the library
- Control the expenditure of all funds credited to the library
- Can appoint, supervise, evaluate, discipline or remove a director
- Approve an annual library budget
- Adopt policies, rules and regulation regarding use of the library

CHANGING LIBRARY ROLE

The role of libraries is undergoing a major transformation, shaped by digital technology, changing community needs, and evolving societal expectations. At BPL we have digital access hubs, E-books, audiobooks, and databases. BPL is a community center offering cultural events, author talks, health awareness events, and many other programs. We serve as inclusive, safe spaces for everyone. BPL has cutting edge Makerspace that fosters collaboration, and hands on learning. BPL is a safe haven during crises like pandemics or extreme weather events as cooling or heating centers. BPL supports lifelong learning and literacy support. BPL has

continued to evolve and offer many services. I think BPL offers our community a wealth of services.

VALIDITY OF ELECTION RESULTS

Since I began voting in presidential elections, I have consistently respected the outcome. My commitment to democratic norms is a vital foundation for a healthy electoral system. I find presidential elections as valid and fair.

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

I have just completed my fourth term as a Baldwin Public Library Trustee. I enjoy being on the BPL board and I feel I have made a positive impact to BPL. Since I have been on the board, I have served on the building and finance committees and have championed many projects to improve the library, including adding an automated handling system, curbside drop box, three phases of renovations, a new contract with the City of Bloomfield Hills for library services, strong relationships with our contract communities, and ongoing support of library staff.

DANIELLE RUMPLE

Danielle Rumble is a secretary in the Birmingham Public Schools. She holds a bachelor degree in psychology and biological anthropology from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Wayne State University. Rumble has been a Baldwin Library board member since 2021 and is involved in the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library, as well as Birmingham Schools organizations.



IMPACT OF FEDERAL CUTBACKS

The state of Michigan receives modest funding from IMLS which supports key cultural, historical and literary projects. With the cuts to IMLS, a number of popular services offered by Baldwin will be affected, including: database access, staff training programs, interlibrary loan delivery, Michigan Activity Pass, and e-rate funding for internet access in the building. The biggest risk is the potential for losing Michigan Electronic Library (MelCat), which is a statewide service that allows patrons of participating Michigan libraries to borrow materials they need by obtaining materials from other Michigan libraries. The funding for MelCat is guaranteed through September 30, 2025 but there is

uncertainty for the 2026 fiscal year. If anyone is dissatisfied with these possible cuts, I encourage them to reach out to their Michigan representatives to express their concerns.

BUDGET FUND BALANCE

The BPL Board of Directors shall maintain an unassigned fund balance of not less than 25 percent and not more than 35 percent of annual expenditures, unless we are building our fund balance in support of specific non-recurring projects. If the fund balance were to exceed the range set in the policy, that event would trigger a conversation that would take place during a board meeting. The public is always invited to attend BPL board meetings. We would depend on library leadership to guide us in how to best use the surplus funds.

CITY PROVIDED SERVICES

The City of Birmingham and the Baldwin Public Library need to maintain a close positive relationship. As a board trustee, I would encourage the library to look at all the options while maintaining fiscal responsibility and ensuring that our community members continue to receive the incredible service they have today.

CENSURE OF BOOKS

I do not agree with public censure of books in libraries. BPL has a form used for requesting the reconsideration of material if someone has an issue with particular materials. I appreciate that BPL offers everyone the freedom to read the books and topics they choose. I am very familiar with the BPL Collection Development and Maintenance Policy and find our policies well developed and comprehensive in ensuring that BPL has an outstanding print and electronic collection in the space it has.

ROLE OF BOARD MEMBER

As the current BPL board president, my role is to preside at all meetings, appoint subcommittee members and perform other various duties. The library board is elected to be the keeper of library policies, act as a public trustee for the library, oversee the performance of the library director and ensure fiscal responsibility. I have served on various committees during my first term as a board member, including, Finance (2021- current), Outreach (2021-2023), and I am a current member of the Strategic Planning committee. The BPL 2025-2028 Strategic Plan is expected to be completed in the fall of 2025. I love the Baldwin Public Library and think it is a truly invaluable resource for our community. I strive to be a responsible trustee and do my best to share this wonderful resource with our community and contract communities so they can utilize BPL now and into the future.

CHANGING LIBRARY ROLE

I am very proud of the programming and services that are being offered at BPL. I think director Craft and the entire staff are doing an outstanding job of serving our patrons. Staff have completed training on a variety of ways to best serve our community and we appreciate all the new ideas they share. Baldwin Public Library's Idea Lab continues to be an amazing option for patrons as well as the recent addition of the Library of Things. Did you know that you can

borrow yard games from Baldwin Public Library? As my two kids continue to grow, I appreciate the increased programming in the Teen Scene and BPL's responsiveness to patrons' interests. BPL does a great job of growing its programming, and I rely on BPL's dedicated staff to propose new services and programming.

VALIDITY OF ELECTION RESULTS

Yes.

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

As the current library board president, I feel confident that I can continue to serve the Baldwin Public Library in a positive way. BPL is an independent entity, but we have more work to do to ensure fiscal responsibility and maintain a positive relationship with the City of Birmingham. I think my experience with the library will help to ensure we can keep all our patrons and staff supported on their path to learn, connect and discover.

Baldwin, city still talking about service charges

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Baldwin Public Library officials and officials from the City of Birmingham are continuing discussions started this past spring about the library possibly turning to third party providers of services that are now supplied by the city and charged to the independent library organization.

The issue of city provided services first arose in late February, prompted by a debate over service charges from the city that were increased substantially. The city provides and bills the library for human resource services, payroll services and financial services, along with levying a charge for collection of the library millage and a portion of property assessment costs.

The charges from the city, which have not been updated in over 15 years, according to city officials, were at \$105,000 annually and in the new proposal have been raised to \$219,000.

Officials from the library and the city, along with legal counsel for both, have met in recent weeks to discuss a number of issues that include the services charges and agreements between the two parties.

In May of this year city officials agreed that the Baldwin Public Library is a wholly independent organization, an issue that has lingered for decades and has in the past been an issue when it came to the library board setting its annual millage rate.

Faced with a possible substantial increase in service charges from the city, Baldwin Library Director Rebekah Craft was charged with the task of investigating what the costs would be if some or all of the services were performed by a third party rather than the city. Craft surveyed third party service costs and what other library organizations were paying for similar services.

In late September city and library officials continued to meet. The meeting was attended by Baldwin Library Board President Danielle Ruple, library director Craft and library attorneys Mike Bloom and Anne Seuryneck of the Foster Swift law firm. Attending on behalf of the city were Birmingham Mayor Therese, City Manager Jana Ecker and city attorneys Mary Kucharek and Tracy Gaudenzi.

At a special library board meeting on Friday, October 3, both Ruple and Craft described as “productive” the late September meeting with city officials at which they were able to raise a

number of questions, the answers to which will allow the library board to decide on service provider issues in the coming weeks.

Information provided at the October 3 meeting of library officials showed a considerable savings by moving some services now provided by the city to third party providers. For example, the city proposes a cost of \$22,358 annually for payroll services while the library has a third party quote of \$8,544. For human resource services, the city would charge \$70,653 and an outsourced rate from a private company would be \$13,008.

No action was taken by the library board at the special session on Friday but it was agreed that as soon as the city supplied answers on some questions raised at the late September meeting, then the library board would call either a late October or early November special meeting to make final decisions on the service agreements with the city and outside firms.



'It has just continued to grow': Library of Things in Metro Detroit has much more than just books

By: Meghan Daniels | October 2, 2025

(WXYZ) — Libraries in metro Detroit aren't just about books anymore. The shelves are stocked with everything from board games to power tools and crochet kits. It's part of a growing 'Library of Things' movement, giving people access to items they may only need once, without the cost.

"We started with just a few small tools and a calculator, and it has just continued to grow since then," said Paige Plant.

At the Livonia Public Library, it started small. Now, Paige Plant, Head of Adult Services, said the Library of Things is filled with items you'd never expect to borrow.

"Everybody knows that the library is a place to borrow books, right? But there are many other things that are that we can easily organize and make available in the library that you might just want to check out for a day or two that you don't want to buy," Paige said.

Livonia's library is packed full of puzzles, cooking tools and recreational items, all available with the swipe of a library card.

"We buy the things from different sources, package them together, and you check them out as a single item," Paige said.

In Redford Township, a library item even helped solve a big personal loss.

"I think one of my favorite stories is we had an individual that lost their wedding ring," Garrett said. "(They) came to the library, checked out the metal detector, found their wedding ring."

Garrett Hungerford, Library Director for Redford Township, said their seed library has yielded some delicious results over the years.

"We've had individuals who have used the seeds to make something and then brought us a jar of salsa afterwards. So it's been fun to see stuff outside of books and movies, and music at the library," Garrett said. "We don't expect you to bring back the seeds, but, you know, certainly salsa doesn't hurt."

And in Westland, Head of Adult Services for the Public Library, Katelin Smith, said crafting items and the telescope are hot commodities.

"Top thing that is popular is our cricket machine. People love arts and crafts here," Katelin said. "If you want to buy something a little bit more expensive, but you're not sure if you're going to like it, you can 'try it before you buy it' kind of deal."

And for regular users like Zehraa, the items make everyday life a little brighter.

"The most common thing now actually would be the seeds because I just started gardening this year," Zehraa said. "The projector we use a lot during the Halloween time, so we watch a lot of spooky movies and I use it in the basement or upstairs in the living room."

If there's something you've been wanting to try, give your local library a call. They might have it in their Library of Things.

Birmingham hosts new event for fall family fun

By: Mary Genson | October 14, 2025

BIRMINGHAM — The city of Birmingham is introducing a brand-new event, Pumpkin Patch, this fall for families to enjoy 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Shain Park.

Rain or shine, there will be an array of Halloween and fall-themed activities for families, including live music by John King, local food trucks, train rides through Shain Park, a pumpkin decorating station, face painting, a magic show, a spooky story times, a costume parade and more. The city's Pumpkin Patch event is free and open to the public for all ages.



"We started the pumpkin patch because we wanted to give families a new fall tradition right here in Birmingham, somewhere they can enjoy seasonal activities, great food and community togetherness, while also supporting local vendors," Clinise Kirkwood, the city's recreation coordinator, said.

The city's sponsorship online page states that they are estimating an attendance of 500 to 1,000 visitors.

Community partners and sponsors

The city is partnering with the Baldwin Public Library to provide some of the event's entertainment. Just Joe, a magician, will be doing a show at the Baldwin Public Library at 10:30 p.m. Registration is required for the magic show.

There will be spooky story times throughout the park during the event, providing families an opportunity to take a break and enjoy listening to a spooky — but friendly — story.

The Pumpkin Patch Premier Sponsor is DG Realty Group. Each year, real estate agent Dan Gutfreund said, they like to support the community in some way, noting, "It's all about the kids."

"We like to be involved in local community opportunities, and as a local realtor, it gives us pleasure in giving back to the community that has supported us over the many years," Gutfreund said.

Businesses and individuals can support this event with sponsorship opportunities from \$100 to \$1,000. There are also volunteer opportunities available for the event that can be applied toward community service.

For more information on sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit bhamgov.org/donate. More information on the Pumpkin Patch event can be found at bhamgov.org/pumpkinpatch.



Voters to decide races for city officials

October 14, 2025

BIRMINGHAM/BLOOMFIELD HILLS — In the Eagle’s coverage area, some voters will be asked to select city commissioners and library board members in November. They will also vote on a Bloomfield Hills Schools tax proposal. Below are profiles for the candidates. Candidates were asked to state their top goal(s) if elected. Responses were limited to 75 words, and if a candidate went over the word limit, (...) replaces the rest of the answer. The answers are printed verbatim. Incumbents are indicated with an (I) at the end of their name.

Birmingham City Commission

Five candidates are running for three, four-year terms. Birmingham City Commissioners make \$5 per meeting

Andrew Haig (I)

Age: 55

Occupation: Senior Engineering Manager. Westinghouse Electric Company

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: 17 years

Online campaign information: www.andrewinbham.com

Education: B.Eng (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering

M.Sc. Engineering Management

Project Management Institute, Project Management Professional (PMI - PMP)

Previously and currently held elected offices: Currently City Commissioner, City of Birmingham, MI since 2021

Top goals: Resident focus is my priority

Financial Transparency: benchmark all City costs against like municipalities. Taxpayers should easily understand the value of every dollar they contribute

Roads: must be safe, well maintained and with an affordable plan to improve and keep

them that way.

Aging infrastructure: water and sewage systems must be modernized and dependable. The cost and rate of replacement is unacceptable. This is a critical public health concern I will continue to prioritize.

Zach Jenning

Age: 26

Occupation: Human Resources Coordinator

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: 2 Years

Online campaign information: N/A

Education: Masters of Arts

Previously and currently held elected offices: N/A

Top goals: My biggest goals are to find ways to actively involve and respect the community's voice & ensure safety during high traffic volume and parking. I want to continue to make Birmingham as special as it is now while making sure it's a safe place for all who live & visit. While I don't have political experience, I believe that's a strength as I approach issues as a resident first.

Doug White

Age: 60

Occupation: OEM Sales

Previously: United States Army Officer

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: 20 years

Online campaign information:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61581451232054>

Education: BA

Business Administration / Military Science

Washington & Jefferson College

Previously and currently held elected offices: N/A

Top goals: My top goals are to address our aging infrastructure with a fiscally prudent & sustainable plan, establish both a short and long term plan for Next and, overall, restoring resident trust and finding win-win solutions for our great City.

Kevin Kozlowski

Age: 36

Occupation: Software Developer

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: 5 Years

Online campaign information: www.kozlowskiforbirmingham.com

Education: BS in Mathematics from the University of Michigan, MS in Finance from Case Western Reserve University

Previously and currently held elected offices: None

Top goals: My goals for Birmingham include safer, more walkable streets; transforming Woodward; finding fair, long-term solutions to our infrastructure needs; and enabling Next to expand their senior support in a functional, permanent home. Woodward is our biggest untapped opportunity. It should be a beautiful, tree-lined boulevard. Instead, it's a loud, dangerous freeway cleaving through our home. Turning Woodward from a liability to an asset is a win-win that will improve both surrounding neighborhoods and our downtown.

Bill Kolb

Age: 62

Occupation: Retired

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: Since 2009

Online campaign information: billkolbforbirmingham.com

Education: University of Michigan

Previously and currently held elected offices: No answer given.

Top goals: Responsible Development: Prioritizing infrastructure and families

Community First: Accessible, responsive government for all residents

Walkable Community: Quality infrastructure connecting homes and businesses

Collaborative Leadership: Listening to residents and reflecting their priorities

Birmingham Library Board

Four candidates are running for three, four-year terms. There is no compensation for the position

Omar Odeh

Age: 41

Occupation: Group Marketing Manager - Ford Motor Company

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: 12 Years

Online campaign information: Do not have one

Education: Bachelors of Business Administration University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Master of Business Administration University of California - Irvine

Previously and currently held elected offices: None

Top goals: I aim for Baldwin Public Library to remain the beacon of our community, a place where discovery, learning, and community come together. Where every generation finds something: from lifelong patrons enjoying books to individuals exploring creativity in the Idea Lab to all ages enjoying great programming. I will ensure BPL stays strong financially and keeps programs and services fresh and engaging. That's the future I want for Baldwin, a welcoming, inclusive, accessible space for all.

Frank Pisano (I)

Age: 55

Occupation: Oppenheimer & Co

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: 30 years

Online campaign information: No answer given.

Education: No answer given.

Previously and currently held elected offices: I have completed 4 terms as a Baldwin Library Trustee

Top goals: As a Baldwin Public Library Trustee, I will work to expand community access, support inclusive programming, and champion intellectual freedom. My priorities include improving technology, enhancing services for all ages, supporting staff development, and ensuring fiscal responsibility. I'm committed to maintaining a welcoming, modern library that reflects Baldwin's diversity and fosters lifelong learning.

Danielle Rumble (I)

Age: 41

Occupation: Office Assistant, Pembroke Elementary School

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: 18 years

Online campaign information: No answer given.

Education: BS, University of Michigan & MBA, Wayne State University

Previously and currently held elected offices: Baldwin Public Library Board Trustee (2021-current)

Top goals: My top goal if re-elected is to ensure Baldwin Public Library remains a positive resource for our community and contract communities, all while being fiscally responsible with tax payer money.

Pamela M Graham

Age: 60

Occupation: Retired Automotive Engineer

Municipality of residence: Birmingham

For how long: 29 Years

Online campaign information: <https://pamgraham4library.com>

Education: Materials Science Engineer, SB M.I.T., MS Northwestern University

Previously and currently held elected offices: None

Top goals: I will work to ensure fair administrative service fees that control costs while preserving strong city-library partnerships. Building on recent accessibility improvements, I will support programming and outreach that welcome residents of all ages and abilities. I will also champion the Idea Lab as a hub for creativity and innovation. As a frequent user, I will promote its growth and advocate for resources to strengthen its equipment and programming for the entire community.



A Note from Aman Kochar, President and CEO

Baker & Taylor Email | September 16, 2025

We are pleased to announce that ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC (“ReaderLink”) and Baker & Taylor, LLC (“Baker & Taylor”) have entered a Letter of Intent whereby ReaderLink will acquire the business and substantially all the assets of Baker & Taylor. The transaction, which is subject to remaining due diligence and customary conditions to closing, is expected to close on or about September 26, 2025.

ReaderLink, the largest full-service book distributor in the world, is well-capitalized and maintains over \$250 million in inventory across its six geographically optimized distribution centers, which will soon augment Baker & Taylor’s existing operations centers. The transaction brings additional resources for Baker & Taylor’s customers, including best-in-class in-stock positions, faster order turnarounds, and an expanded portfolio of library-tailored products while continuing Baker & Taylor’s personalized customer service.

Most of the current Baker & Taylor management team and employees are joining the ReaderLink team, and I will continue to lead the Baker & Taylor business, reporting to Dennis E. Abboud, CEO of ReaderLink. By partnering with ReaderLink, your Baker & Taylor team will continue to deliver the exceptional service, inventory, and solutions you expect.

No action is required from you at this time – you can continue placing orders as usual. We will continue to provide updates as we approach the close date.

Regarding the transaction, Dennis E. Abboud, ReaderLink’s president and C.E.O., said, “We believe that the Company’s talented management team, dedicated employees and world-class Library partners distinguish Baker & Taylor as an industry leader. This transaction provides both Baker & Taylor and ReaderLink with additional assets and expertise to continue both companies’ long-standing, proven commitment to customer service to better enable our Library partners to succeed in a dynamic and evolving book market.”

About ReaderLink Distribution Services, LLC

ReaderLink is the largest full-service book distributor in the world, supporting over 400 retail accounts with more than 100,000 storefronts. ReaderLink’s distribution customer base comprises virtually every U.S. chain retailer, including mass merchants, warehouse clubs, grocery stores, drug stores, bookstores, online sellers, specialty retailers and transportation centers. In addition, ReaderLink supplies retail partners in Canada, the UK, Japan, and Australia, and supports U.S. military installations worldwide. ReaderLink sells approximately one out of every three of the most popular books annually sold in the U.S. ReaderLink also owns Printers Row Publishing Group, a “top 10” trade publisher with thousands of proprietary and published titles. For more information go to www.ReaderLink.com

About Baker & Taylor, LLC

Founded in 1828, Baker & Taylor has a long and storied history serving libraries. As a leading supplier, the company is well known and trusted for carrying the materials libraries need while innovating and bringing unique products to customers worldwide. Backed by comprehensive logistics and unparalleled customer support, Baker & Taylor empowers libraries to enrich their collections, engage patrons, and nurture literacy and lifelong learning. Learn more at www.baker-taylor.com.



Update on Baker & Taylor Business Operations

Baker & Taylor Email | October 13, 2025

On Friday, September 26, we announced that ReaderLink and Baker & Taylor had terminated discussions regarding a proposed ReaderLink acquisition of Baker & Taylor assets. Since the unforeseen termination of the proposed acquisition, we have been working tirelessly with our advisors to determine the next steps for the business. Unfortunately, there are no sustainable pathways forward, and we have made the difficult decision to begin winding down our operations over the coming months.

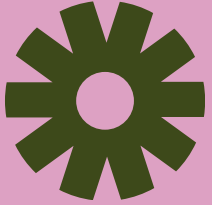
Below are important details:

- Title Source 360 will remain operational for the immediate future, and libraries can continue to order titles that are in stock.
- We are no longer accepting backorders and pending backorders have been cancelled.
- We will no longer accept deposits or invoice customers for subscriptions. More detailed information will be sent to customers who subscribe to Baker & Taylor services.
- If you have questions about existing deposits, credits, or funds with Baker & Taylor please email LibraryClaims@baker-taylor.com and include your library name, account number and other relevant information.
- Customers with pending Opening Day Collections will be contacted directly.

We sincerely regret that these unforeseen events have made it necessary for us to wind down our business. Serving libraries and your communities has been an immense honor.

Additional questions can be directed to Baker&TaylorComms@baker-taylor.com. We will continue to provide updates as they become available.

We have engaged the GA Group to work in concert with the existing BT team to manage the orderly liquidation process effective immediately.



An Exploration of VCFMW

Focusing the Vintage
Computer Festival through
a Makerspace Lens

Jeff Jimison – Idea Lab Supervisor
Baldwin Public Library
Birmingham, MI

Purpose of Attendance

With generous support from the Library of Michigan, and the kind cooperation of Baldwin Public Library, I was provided the opportunity to attend the 2025 Vintage Computer Festival Midwest (VCFW). This journey was taken with the goal of research and investigation into the following areas:

- Expanding and enriching the programming and educational value of our library's annual Retro Expo.
- Exploring ways to integrate computing, coding, and gaming into our makerspace and community offerings.
- Networking and establishing relationships with local and regional vintage computing groups, such as the Southeast Michigan Vintage Computer Club (SEMVCC), with the hope of future collaborations.
- Gaining insight into the intersection of retro technology, creativity, hands-on learning, digital literacy, and preservation in the public library context.



While taking this picture, there was as much of the festival behind me as in front of me. The scale of the expo hall was tremendous.

Festival Info

241

Exhibitors present

25

Talks and Presentations

6500

Estimated attendees

Timeline

Arriving at the convention center hotel in late afternoon, Friday September 12th, I was able to experience and assist in some of the setup for the Festival, and enjoyed conversations with behind-the-scenes staff, including members of the Vintage Computing Federation, and Chicago Classic Computing, the organizations responsible for the event. Saturday September 13th was essentially a non-stop day, with expo events and talks taking place from 9am to 10pm. Sunday, a shorter day, with official festival activities taking place from 9am to 3pm, plus closing procedures and informal breakout sessions in reserved spaces continuing into the late evening. I returned to my home library on Monday the 15th, appearing in Birmingham around 5pm.



One exhibit featured all forms of analog video tape, including this incredible open-reel video recorder. I think we need one of these for our format conversion suite!

Key Takeaways

As someone who already has a great enthusiasm for this subject matter, and representing a library makerspace that has previously established a successful public connection in the areas of vintage and modern computing, there were naturally a great many things to learn at VCFMW. Below is a sampling.

- **3D Printing as a tool for prolonging the life of vintage electronics.**

A rising trend in the world of vintage tech has coincided with the age-related deterioration of industrial plastics. As casing, enclosures, and internal support structures of older computers becomes brittle with age, 3D modeling and printing become viable options for reproducing failed parts. Numerous projects on display at VCFMW made innovative use of modern 3D printing technology to fabricate new enclosures for classic hardware—such as re-housing vintage motherboards, crafting parts for obsolete formats, or building project boxes for Raspberry Pi-based retro emulators. This bridges the past and present: using today's tools to preserve yesterday's machines. This inspired immediate ideas for makerspace workshops, especially those involving 3D Scanning, CAD design, mechanical assembly, and functional art. It fosters the important notion that all technology deserves a second chance, and such efforts are vital to reduce e-waste.

- **Lantern, an interface for interactive fiction programming.**

I was introduced to Lantern, a development environment for building text-based adventure games that can be published and played on actual vintage platforms. (cont.)

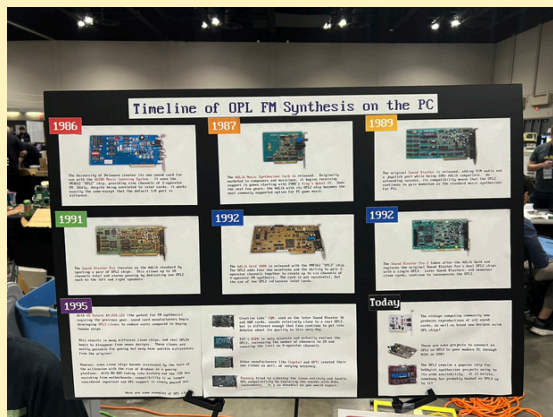
Lantern is approachable enough for teens and adults alike and opens the door to game development programming workshops rooted in storytelling, writing, logic, and retro aesthetics. I plan to pilot a program where participants write and "publish" text adventures for systems like the Apple II or Commodore 64.

- **Simplicity as a strength in game design**

Modern game development often requires massive resources and overwhelming complexity. Retro platforms, by contrast, encourage creativity within clear and manageable constraints, making them ideal for entry-level programming instruction. Several attendees discussed this as a pedagogical strength. I left with a renewed belief in using retro games and systems as tools for demystifying code and logic, and as a gateway to entry for younger patrons or first-time coders.

- **Collaboration with SEMVCC and other regional groups.**

I connected directly with the Southeast Michigan Vintage Computer Club, who hosted a well-attended and thoughtfully arranged booth at VCFMW. Our shared interests, regional proximity, and overlapping goals point to a strong opportunity for collaboration, both for expanding our own Retro Expo and for long-term programming partnerships. Possibilities include speaker exchanges, hands-on repair events, and shared exhibit curation.



- **Improving educational and interpretive content**

One of the most compelling aspects of VCFMW was the quality and clarity of its educational displays. The Idea Lab already excels at this aspect of our Retro Expo, but VCFMW highlighted just how willing and eager visitors can be to engage with this content, and the extent to which such content is appreciated.

Nearly every table featured detailed signage with contextual information, history, and programming details. In addition to our existing method of providing historical and technical details as part of our makerspace programming, VCFMW inspires improvements, such as creating uniform signage templates for outside exhibitors and distributing take-home materials or QR-code-based digital guides.

- **Incorporating a lecture/presentation component**

The talks and breakout sessions at VCFMW added a layer of depth to the event—bringing theory, storytelling, and technical insight together. I can imagine introducing a mini-lecture series to our own Expo, inviting collectors, coders, educators, and historians to share short, focused presentations. These can be advertised to draw in new audiences and provide quiet, sit-down engagement during the event. And beyond our retro expo, third party presenters have been entirely absent from Idea Lab programming. The enlightening talks at VCFMW led me to think that perhaps we should examine that avenue.

- **Hardware kit builds as makerspace and program activities**

Numerous vendors showcased build-your-own retro hardware kits, such as replica game consoles, retro handhelds, and microcontroller projects. (cont.)

These types of kits are ideal for library-hosted group builds, providing a mix of soldering, electronics, coding, and nostalgia. To an extent, The Idea Lab has already explored this area having utilized bulk-purchase hardware kits in our previous programming. However, VCFMW featured many hardware kits that we had not previously considered, which can easily be incorporated into our existing kit build format. Some even offered a level of simplicity that would work well as a drop-in build, which is a type of makerspace offering I've been hoping to expand.

- **Strategies for archiving, maintaining and preserving electronics and media**
Preservation was a recurring theme at VCFMW. Exhibits offered insight into digitization strategies for analog media and novel methods for data preservation. These insights are directly applicable to both our in-house collection of vintage videogame systems, and to the work we perform as part of our popular format conversion service. Some of these insights can be codified into practices and guidelines for Idea Lab Staff.



Two massive vintage data formats, WORM (Write Once Read Many) and Bernoulli (a kind of predecessor to the Zip Disk).

- **Curating a rotating hardware display**

Thrilled by how some exhibits treated retro hardware like interactive museum installations, I envision a rotating display of vintage hardware or game consoles in our makerspace. Much like book displays, these would be carefully selected, context rich, and interactive, giving patrons a chance to explore computer history with tie-ins to themed months, relevant makerspace topics or even local history (for example, have you ever heard of the Ann Arbor Ambassador? One of many popular computer terminals from the 1970s made in Ann Arbor, MI!). Such a display would be a fascinating addition to The Idea Lab!

Final Thoughts

The vintage computing community is the idealized dream of the maker movement. It encompasses every aspect of what a makerspace strives to achieve; fostering powerful creativity, ingenuity, and resourcefulness. Aspects of both the physical and digital are present, and all components of a modern makerspace are utilized. Engagement with this community offers avenues for 3D scanning, modeling and printing. It exercises and develops critical thinking skills and general intelligence through reliance on diagnostic methodology. It provides insights into design, and history. It promotes a kind of “digital detox”, by inviting slower, more deliberate interactions with technology; where screens don’t interrupt but rather invite curiosity.

It is art, science, and the maker spirit writ large. Unlike any other makerspace endeavor, it connects all parts of our chronology in a unique and accessible way, linking technologies of the past with techniques of the present, occasionally yielding incredible advancements that affect our future. And, perhaps most importantly, it emphasizes sustainability with the notion that objects can be repaired, restored, kept out of landfills and made useful again.

For any library professional who wishes to begin curating programming in this sphere, attendance at an event like VCFMW is invaluable. In fact, I would encourage continued engagement with the movement for the simple reason that it is developing at an incredible rate. It is a vibrant, thriving maker culture which has attracted new generations of participants, and doesn’t merely preserve old tech, but reimagines it, retools it, and brings it forward into new contexts. As a vintage tech hobbyist and an avid maker, I’ve never sensed a stronger or more relevant connection between the two. And given the pace of development in this area, I eagerly await future opportunities to keep my finger on the pulse. The pulse is racing!



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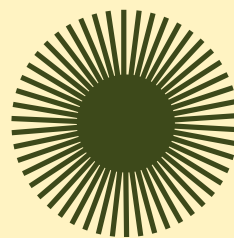
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Baldwin Public Library hosts after hours interactive multi-age program with Live Action Fun Factory

BIRMINGHAM, MI (October 23, 2025) – The staff of the Baldwin Public Library have partnered with the team at Live Action Fun Factory to create an after-hours immersive experience for mystery-loving participants. On November 8, guests ages 12+ will become part of the story, investigating a fictional cold case while asking questions and unearthing clues around the Library itself.

“We are excited to bring this unique form of live entertainment to Baldwin Public Library,” said Elisabeth Phou, Teen Services Librarian. “It’s not just a performance—it’s an opportunity for participants to actively investigate, interact, and experience the Library in an entirely new way.”

For this event, LAFF has created a fictional tie-in with the life of Martha Baldwin, who is reimagined as the secret founder of the Birmingham chapter of the “Hungry Gumshoe Society,” an amateur detective organization established in the early 1900s. One case from that era has remained unsolved and attendees will be called upon to help close it once and for all. There is no cost to attend the event, but registration is required and can be completed at baldwinlib.org/calendar. The event begins promptly at 6pm, and due to the nature of the program, no late entry will be allowed.

“We hear from people all the time how much fun they think it would be to hang out in the library after we close up for the day. This is your chance! While we don’t know how or if the case gets solved, we are excited to offer this time for friends and families to have fun working together solving a Library related mystery.” said Library Director Rebekah Craft.

The Baldwin Public Library is located in downtown Birmingham at 300 W. Merrill Street. The Library’s hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The Library’s website www.baldwinlib.org has information on how to register for a Library Card and access all of the Library’s services.

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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST

Trust Agenda

Trust Minutes

Trust Financial Reports

Gifts to Trust: Receipts

Check Register: Claims

Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting

Rotary Donor Room

Monday, October 27, 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.

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| A. Approval of the September 15, 2025 minutes | p. 76 |
| B. Acceptance of the September 2025 receipts of \$13,792.88 | p. 83 |
| C. Approval of the September 2025 disbursements of \$7,258.14 | p. 84 |

III. New and Miscellaneous Business

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, November 17, 2025

Motion: To adjourn the October 27, 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.

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 LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES,
TRUST MEETING
September 15, 2025**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 8:27 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Melissa Mark, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, and Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Rebekah Craft, Director, Jaclyn Miller, Associate 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 August 18, 2025 minutes

B. Acceptance of the August 2025 receipts of \$1,298.17

C. Approval of the August 2025 disbursements of \$9,957.31

1st Pisano

2nd Friedman

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. New and Miscellaneous Business: Jim Cummins and Connor Brannagan from Raymond James recommended reinvesting in financial products that may produce higher returns.

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.

1st Pisano

2nd Rock

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

1st Mark

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Mark, Pisano, Rock, Rumpel, Wheeler.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. The next Trust Meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025, following the regular meeting in the Rotary Tribute & Donor Room.

Jennifer Wheeler, Secretary

Date

Baldwin Public Library Trust: September 2025

September receipts totaled \$113,792.88. September disbursements totaled \$7,258.14.

The current value of the Trust is \$2,246,225.16, divided up in the following way:

	<i>June 2025 - EOY</i>	September 2025
Total endowment investments*	\$ 1,175,624.57	\$ 1,231,890.43
Endowment funds distributed for use	\$ 206,593.83	\$ 196,810.64
<hr/> Total endowment funds	<hr/> \$ 1,382,218.40	<hr/> \$ 1,428,701.07
General spendable funds	\$ 586,790.38	\$ 625,570.73
Van Dragt fund	\$ -	\$ -
Building fund	\$ 132,466.59	\$ 140,088.60
Restricted funds**	\$ 40,987.12	\$ 28,647.11
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/> \$ 817,524.09
Total endowment funds	\$ 1,382,218.40	\$ 1,428,701.07
Total non-endowment funds	\$ 783,461.74	\$ 817,524.09
<hr/> Total of all Trust funds	<hr/> \$ 2,165,680.14	<hr/> \$ 2,246,225.16

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

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

As of September 30, the amount of money in the Trust that is undesignated stands at \$820,641.26

Baldwin Public Library Trust
Endowment Funds Portfolio Performance Benchmarks
As of September 30, 2025

<u>Index</u>	<u>2025: YTD</u>	<u>2024: Entire Year</u>
S&P 500-Equity Benchmark	13.68%	23.31%
U.S. Aggregate-Bond Benchmark	6.39%	-0.13%
Blended Return of Both Benchmarks* <i>(S&P 500: 75% and U.S. Aggregate: 25%)</i>	11.86%	17.45%
Baldwin Endowment Funds' Portfolio	7.59%	10.81%
Endowment Funds' Performance Compared to Blended Return of Benchmarks	-4.27%	-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 September 30, 2025, the breakdown was as follows:

Raymond James Endowment Funds Account	\$1,245,722.42
Raymond James Building Mutual Funds Account	\$581,213.91
Huntington Bank Checking Account	\$4,428.08
Huntington Bank Money Market Account	<u>\$414,860.75</u>
Total	\$ 2,246,225.16

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
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

Investment and Cash Report											
12_c	Prior Month Balance 08/31/25	Current Month Revenue	Year to Date Revenue	Current Month Expenses	Year to Date Expenses	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Change in Investment Value	Ending Balance 09/30/25		
Huntington Bank Checking:											
Endowment Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,240.67	\$9,783.19	\$4,240.67			\$0.00		
Van Dragt Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		
Restricted Funds - Memorials and Friends	\$4,427.93	\$0.15	\$0.50	\$3,007.47	\$12,340.50	\$3,007.47			\$4,428.08		
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	\$4,427.93								\$4,428.08		
General Spendable Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		
TOTAL	\$4,427.93	\$0.15	\$0.50	\$7,248.14	\$22,123.69	\$7,248.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,428.08		
Huntington Bank Money Market:											
Endowment Budgeted Funds	\$201,051.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,240.67)		\$196,810.65		
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	\$36,095.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,007.47)		\$33,088.25		
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	\$172,262.94	\$11,192.73	\$14,673.98	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$183,445.67		
TOTAL	\$410,926.16	\$11,192.73	\$14,673.98	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	(\$7,248.14)		\$414,860.75		
Raymond James & Associates:											
Endowment Fund Investments	\$1,222,913.99	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,969.32	\$1,234,883.31		
Endowment Cash	\$6,814.58	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,424.53	\$10,839.11		
Sub-total Endowment Funds	\$1,229,728.57	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,393.85	\$1,245,722.42		
General Spendable Funds Cash	\$499.71	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$499.76		
General Spendable Mutual Funds	\$431,706.15	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,587.92	\$441,294.06		
General Spendable Building Mutual Funds	\$136,392.33	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,027.76	\$139,420.09		
Sub-total General Spendable Funds	\$568,598.18	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,615.73	\$581,213.91		
TOTAL	\$1,798,326.75	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,009.58	\$1,826,936.33		
Total All Funds	\$2,213,680.84	\$13,792.88	\$17,274.48	\$7,258.14	\$22,153.69	\$7,248.14	(\$7,248.14)	\$26,009.58	\$2,246,225.16		

**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT BY INDIVIDUAL FUND
SEPTEMBER 30, 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	53,665.86	
401	Frances Balfour	Adult Reading	\$13,638.32			\$603.80	\$14,242.13	
402	Gladys E. Brooks	Large Print Books/Senior Citizens Programs	\$56,513.57			\$2,502.03	\$59,015.60	
403	Jane Cameron	Baldwin Public Library	\$89,634.36			\$4,152.36	\$93,786.72	
404	Jane Martin Clark	Baldwin Public Library	\$6,819.16			\$301.90	\$7,121.06	
405	Jan Coil	Baldwin Public Library	\$14,197.29			\$633.99	\$14,831.28	
406	Aubrey & Grace Flood	Youth Services	\$6,819.16			\$301.90	\$7,121.06	
407	Paul R. Francis	Staff Appreciation	\$12,836.84	\$2,000.00		\$603.80	\$15,440.65	
408	Friends of the Library	Library Collections	\$43,642.91			\$1,932.17	\$45,575.08	
409	Priscilla Goodell	Baldwin Public Library	\$155,092.84			\$6,866.33	\$161,959.17	
410	Emmelene Hornac	Youth Services & Adult Reading	\$68,191.66			\$3,019.02	\$71,210.67	
411	H. G. Johnston	Reference Collection	\$8,609.12			\$383.42	\$8,992.54	
412	Bob & Jean Kelly	Youth Services Programs	\$13,728.57			\$634.48	\$14,363.05	
413	William Keman, Jr.	Library Collections	\$34,095.85			\$1,509.51	\$35,605.36	
414	Merle L. Rominger	Reference Collection	\$342,091.94			\$15,148.82	\$357,240.76	
415	Rosso Family Foundation	Baldwin Public Library	\$13,638.34			\$603.80	\$14,242.15	
416	Marion G. Sweeney	Youth Services	\$14,903.18			\$688.34	\$15,591.51	
417	Stephen Vartanian	Audio Visual Material	\$13,638.34			\$603.80	\$14,242.15	
419	Clarice G. Taylor	Professional Development	\$83,825.48			\$3,613.93	\$87,439.41	
421	Eric & Julie Gheen	Adult Reading Print Books	\$12,815.26			\$603.80	\$13,419.07	
422	Ileane Thal	Baldwin Public Library	\$59,502.34			\$3,018.95	\$62,521.29	
423	Judith Nix	Adult & Youth Programs	\$18,957.67			\$918.23	\$19,875.91	
424	MAF-Rae Dumke	Architecture Books	\$12,860.73			\$603.80	\$13,464.54	
425	Linne Underdown Hage Forester	Professional Development	\$37,920.30	\$600.00		\$2,083.72	\$40,604.02	
426	Richard & Mary Henne Book Fund	Adult Reading Print Books	\$10,552.64			\$603.80	\$11,156.45	
427	Douglas R. Koschik	Building Improvements	\$19,547.49			\$1,120.30	\$20,667.78	
428	Gerald "Jerry" Dreer		\$11,551.20			\$609.84	\$12,161.04	
			\$1,175,624.56	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$53,665.86	\$1,231,890.42	

**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT FUNDS BY DESIGNATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

		Prior Month	Current	Year to	Current	Year to	Current	Year to	Transfer	Change in	Ending
		Balance	Month	Date	Month	Date	Month	Date	In	Investment	Balance
		08/31/25	Revenue	Revenue	Expense	Expense	Expense	Expense	Out	Value	09/30/25
	Purpose										
Gift & Tribute Funds											
General Spendable Funds		\$604,800.04	\$11,192.73	\$14,673.98	\$10.00	\$30.00				\$9,587.95	\$625,570.73
Restricted Funds:											
Building Fund		\$137,060.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$3,027.78	\$140,088.60
Van Dragt Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Memorials/Tributes		\$10,609.19	\$0.15	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$56.72	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$10,609.34
Covid Project		\$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
Friends	Adult Services Programs	\$7,852.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$998.66	\$3,133.55	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$6,853.92
	Young Adult Programs	\$5,057.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$712.43	\$3,188.95	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$4,345.14
	Youth Services Programs	\$4,363.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,296.38	\$2,231.50	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$3,066.93
	Idea Lab Program Supplies	\$1,101.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$494.05	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,101.11
	Outreach & Equipment	\$2,154.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,235.73	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$2,154.24
	Sub-total Restricted	\$168,715.26	\$0.15	\$0.50	\$3,007.47	\$12,340.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,027.78	\$168,735.71
Rotary Room Fund	Naming Rights-Principal	\$7,832.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ileana Thal Reference Desk		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,385.65
Total Gift and Tribute Funds		\$796,732.95	\$11,192.88	\$14,674.48	\$3,017.47	\$12,370.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,615.73	\$817,524.09
Endowment Funds											
Endowment Budgeted Funds	General Funds	\$56,353.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$372.00	\$1,131.60	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$55,981.68
	Adult Large Print	\$3,015.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$761.64	\$1,142.14	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$2,254.10
	Adult Services Department	\$32,880.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$207.84	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$32,880.56
	Adult Audio Visual	\$660.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.01	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$660.84
	Adult Reference	\$56,646.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$56,646.34
	Adult Programs	\$17,561.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$15,761.21
	Architecture	\$1,061.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$232.19	\$424.65	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$829.23
	Youth Services Department	\$5,622.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,030.78	\$3,094.36	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$4,592.16
	Youth Programs (Nix)	\$672.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.93	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$672.27
	Professional Development	\$22,959.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$22,959.17
	Staff Appreciation	\$1,917.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.06	\$339.66	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,873.26
	Koschik Building Fund	\$1,699.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,699.82
	Sub-total	\$201,051.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,240.67	\$9,783.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$196,810.64
Total Endowment Investments	All Funds	\$1,215,896.58	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,393.85	\$1,231,890.43
Total Endowment Funds		\$1,416,947.89	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$4,240.67	\$9,783.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,393.85	\$1,428,701.07
Total All Trust Funds		\$2,213,680.84	\$13,792.88	\$17,274.48	\$7,258.14	\$22,153.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,009.58	\$2,246,225.16

TRUST RECEIPTS
September-25

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Trust Money Mkt General Funds:

Amy and Frank Pisano in Memory of Lilia Serrano Mangulabnan	\$	100.00	
Carole Ann and James O. Abshier	\$	30.00	
Trott Foundation	\$	10,000.00	
Money Market Interest Income	\$	1,062.73	\$ 11,192.73

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	\$	0.15	\$ 0.15

Trust Money Mkt Endowment Fund:

\$ -

Total Receipts at Huntington Bank

\$ 11,192.88 \$ 11,192.88

Raymond James

Linne Hage Underdown Forester Endowment	\$600.00	
Paul Francis Endowment	\$2,000.00	
		\$2,600.00

Total Trust Receipts (Before Bank Fees)

\$13,792.88 \$13,792.88

Monthly Banking Fee on Money Market Account

\$ (10.00) \$ (10.00)

Total Trust Receipts (Net)

\$13,782.88 \$13,782.88

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank LIBRY BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST					
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6395	000843	BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	82.82
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6396	004867	BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST	61.86
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6397	MISC	BRIAN CHRISTOPHER KEMP	100.00
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6398	000902	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	543.02
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6399	004269	CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	90.21
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6400	009315	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	3,383.56
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6401	004604	GORDON FOOD	366.72
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6402	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	754.95
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6403	MISC	JOSEPH CHASNEY	500.00
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6404	MISC	KRISTIN M FONTICHIARO	300.00
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6405	MISC	MANHATTAN SHORT	600.00
09/30/2025	LIBRY	6406	000757	SCHOLASTIC INC	465.00

LIBRY TOTALS:

Total of 12 Checks:	7,248.14
Less 0 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 12 Disbursements:	7,248.14