



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2026

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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, August 17, 2026 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 July 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes p. 7
- B. Approval of July 2026 vendor payments in the amount of \$212,689.34, including payments in excess of \$75,000. p. 14
- C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$387,721.69 p. 15

IV. Board Reports and Special Announcements

- A. President's report
- B. Board comments
- C. Staff anniversaries (Wendy Friedman) p. 31
- D. Upcoming events of interest (Jaclyn Miller) p. 50
- E. Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library (Ryndee Carney) p. 32

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- A. Finance—Frank Pisano p. 14

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B.	Building—Karen Rock	
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C.	Outreach—Pam Graham	
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VII.	Liaisons	
	A. Beverly Hills (Andrew Drummond, Beverly Hills Village Council)	
	B. Bloomfield Hills (Susan McCarthy, Bloomfield Hills City Commission)	
	C. Bingham Farms (Kathy Mechigian, Bingham Farms Village Council)	
VIII.	New & Miscellaneous Business	
	A. Approval of 2027 calendar	p. 34
	<i>Suggested motion:</i> Motion to approve the 2027 Library calendar as found on pages 35-36 of the August 2026 Board Packet.	
IX.	Unfinished Business	
	A. Tuition Assistance Program	p. 38
	Suggested motion: To approve and adopt the Tuition Assistance Program.	
X.	Items removed from the Consent Agenda	
XI.	Information Only	
	A. Upcoming events of interest	p. 50
	B. Baldwin Public Library Fall Learn.Connect.Discover Issue	p. 52
	C. Oakland County Times article “Baldwin Library in Birmingham Gifted Marshall Fredericks Otter Sculpture”	p. 60
	D. Grosse Pointe News article “From Grosse Pointe to Los Alamos”	p. 62
	E. Michigan Public Library Millage Election Results August 2026	p. 66
XII.	Adjournment	

The next regular meeting of the Library Board will take place on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn the August 17, 2026 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
July 20, 2026**

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, Pam Graham, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, 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: One via Zoom.

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

Rock 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 June 15, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of June 2026 vendor payments in the amount of \$151,962.13, including payments in excess of \$75,000.

C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$427,783.27

1st Pisano

2nd Rock

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Friedman, Graham, 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 lauded the commemoration ceremony of the Marshall M. Fredericks 'Otto the Otter' sculpture, donated to the Library by Dr. Franziska Schoenfeld and Family, and thanked Craft for managing the logistics. Rumble thanked Miller for her work in coordinating HVAC repairs in the Library. Rumble thanked staff who attended the annual ALA conference in Chicago. Rumble thanked librarian Vicki Sower for hosting the "An Evening with Chef Mary Brady" event. Rumble thanked librarian Ethan Cronkite for going above and beyond in providing excellent customer service for her family.

Board comments: Rock congratulated Craft on her FOX2 interview. Friedman reported she is working on a statewide initiative with the University of Michigan MIDAS School concerning guardrails and governance policies for AI usage. A discussion event is scheduled for October 8 in Ann Arbor, which will include high profile speakers and elected officials.

Staff Anniversaries: Friedman recognized the following staff anniversaries: Rebekah Craft (11 years of service), Amber Davis (2 years), and Kim Goodrich (2 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Craft reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 70-71 of the July Board packet.

Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: Ryndee Carney reported that the Friends' financials are tracking almost exactly with this time last year. There are two Friends Board openings, including Book Sale Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Friedman reported that the Finance Committee met on July 13. Present were Rumple, Friedman, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 16 of the July Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Pisano asked Craft for the status of the proposed City Library Cooperative Agreement. Craft stated that City Attorney Tracy Gaudenzi had promised an updated draft of the agreement by July 13, but that the Library had not received anything as of July 20.

Building Committee:

Rock reported that the Building Committee met last on June 30. Present were Rumple, Rock, Graham, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 21-22 of the July Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on Friday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Library staff are awaiting the next heavy rain to confirm whether or not roof repairs over the Youth staff offices have been completely repaired.

Outreach Committee:

Graham reported that the Outreach Committee met last on June 29. Present were Friedman, Graham, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 23 of the July Board packet. The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will take place on Friday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

5. Library Report:

Craft and Miller presented highlights as shown in the Library Report. Craft reviewed the Strategic Plan Q4 update and Miller reviewed the FY2025-2026 Key Metrics report. Full details of the complete Library Report, including programs, services, and staffing updates, are on pages 25-44 of the July Board packet.

6. Liaisons

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

New & Miscellaneous Business:

RFP for Lower-Level Updates

Six responses to the Library's RFP for Lower Level Updates were received, with bids totaling between \$149,000-\$247,000. The Building Committee selected the submissions from PCI One Source and Sachse as finalists, and Craft worked with both companies to value engineer the project to fit within the Library's budget. Sachse updated their bid to \$133,800.00, and PCI One Source updated their bid to \$124,570.84. The Board expressed gratitude for Craft's work in reducing the bid figures. Trustees commented on the familiarity and reliability of PCI One Source, having engaged in Library projects previously.

Motion to select PCI One Source to complete Lower Level Updates, in the total amount of \$124,570.84, to be paid out of account 971.0000 (Building Improvements).

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business:

Tuition Assistance Program

Craft revised the drafted program text based on suggestions made during the June Board meeting and reviewed it with City of Birmingham HR. The Board recommended the library's attorney look over the text before it goes through Board approval. Graham recommended to clarify that the start/end date on the Application for Tuition Assistance form is specific to a singular upcoming semester, so that it is not seen as indefinite approval. Rock asked for clarification on whether or not the reimbursement will be taxed. Pisano asked for clarification on how the money will be refunded to the library if a recipient leaves employment at Baldwin before the 12-month required period after completing a course. Craft will consult the library's attorney and present the updated draft to the Library Board in August.

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

9. Information Only: See pages 69-84 of the July Board packet.

10. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Pisano

2nd Friedman

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman, Secretary

Date

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

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Check Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Amount
	006638	ACTION MAT & TOWEL RENTAL, INC	35.36
	MISC	AMINA A JAWAD	10.50
	000422	BLOOMFIELD TWP PUBLIC LIBRARY	25.00
	003914	BOOK PAGE	1,134.00
	005717	BSB COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	692.96
	003904	CAPITAL ONE BANK	8,325.13
	008139	ENVISIONWARE INC.	2,124.50
	010156	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	132.10
	008164	GARY EISELE	87.73
	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	6,504.87
	008827	KANOPY, INC	646.85
	005550	LEE & ASSOCIATES CO., INC.	21,984.00
	003527	LOWER HURON SUPPLY CO INC	2,178.88
	007927	MICHELLE HOLLO	673.75
	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	9,916.92
	009478	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	272.10
	006785	OVERDRIVE, INC.	24,213.28
	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	69.99
	MISC	TALA GINNI DURHAM	7.00
	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	1,756.70
	007408	T-MOBILE	892.42
	MISC	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN	90.00
	009026	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	72.02
16464	005861	UNIQUE MGMT SERVICE, INC	103.00
16505	008336	NBS COMMERCIAL INTERIORS	852.00
16529	009920	CORPORATE DINING CONCEPTS	279.00
16530	009024	D.M. BURR GROUP	4,964.66
16540	010156	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	66.29
16545	006666	GRID 4 COMMUNICATIONS INC.	424.03
16556	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	665.47
310193	009202	AQUARIUM DESIGN INC	245.00
310198	000571	CAR TRUCKING INC	280.00
310217	010086	FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH PC	106.80
310227	009037	INNOVATIVE INTERFACES INC	76,197.00
310237	004904	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	2,510.22
310245	000639	MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSN	2,663.00
310268	007408	T-MOBILE	842.06
310274	009863	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	69.93
310288	006638	ACTION MAT & TOWEL RENTAL, INC	35.36
310310	000575	DEMCO, INC	417.60
310317	004493	ELITE IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	2,377.39
310329	000249	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	71.98
310339	010310	AMITY KAPADIA	4,000.00
310351	009623	NEWSBANK, INC	1,270.00
310354	000678	OCLC, INC.	4,246.45
310357	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	201.97
310374	MISC	UOVO LLC	964.56
310381	009026	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	201.56

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Check Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Amount
310393	006759	AT&T	680.02
310409	000179	DTE ENERGY	14,183.63
310436	000585	FARMINGTON COMM. LIBRARY	6,625.00
310454	MISC	JOSEPH M ZANE	27.90
310469	002207	MICHIGAN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER, INC.	1,800.15
310481	006785	OVERDRIVE, INC.	2,750.00
310500	MISC	SOOK H HWANG	10.30
310516	009026	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	710.95
Total:			212,689.34

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

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Executive Library Director

Allowance of Vouchers

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

Secretary of the Baldwin Public Library Board

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Building Committee

Outreach Committee

August 2026 Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Finance Committee met on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present were Danielle Rumble, Wendy Friedman, Frank Pisano, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller.

- There was no public comment.
- Craft discussed updates to the FY 2025-26 budget
 - Penal Fines, totaling \$58,732.28, were received (budgeted amount was \$50,000)
 - Second State Aid payment of \$20,922.60 was received
 - Investment Income was higher than budgeted
- Craft reviewed the FY2026-27 budget and everything is tracking as expected after one month.
- Miller reported the July Trust expenditures with Friends of the Library funds which covers summer reading costs. The Friends generated \$988 in the bookshop in July.
- Pisano did not attend any meetings, as none are scheduled to be held again until September.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

FINANCIAL REPORT: July 2026

This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2026-27, found on the following page. At 8.3% of the way through fiscal year 2026-2027, the Library has spent 6.2% of its budget and received 0.4% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 8.3% of its budget and to have received 8.3% of its revenue.

Two pay periods were recorded in the month.

Vendor payments in excess of \$75,000:

Innovative Interfaces Inc	\$	76,197.00
Total vendor payments in excess of \$75,000	\$	76,197.00
Balance of vendor payments less than \$75,000	\$	136,492.34
Total vendor payments	\$	212,689.34

City of Birmingham allocations:

Payroll Period Ending 07/04/26	\$	140,315.35
Payroll Period Ending 07/18/26	\$	118,694.59
Y/E Payroll Adjustments	\$	(99,186.55)
Fixed Past Retirement Health Care Cost (acct 711.0004)	\$	488.33
Retirement Cost (acct 711.0010)	\$	9,898.33
Total Payroll	\$	170,210.05

BS&A Software Charge (acct 811.0000)

Administrative Services (acct. 813.0000)

MML Insurance Premium (acct. 960.0400)

Total City of Birmingham allocations	\$	170,210.05
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Reconciling adjustments:

Refunds, Voids, Escheats (Fines, Bags, Room Rentals, Magazines etc.)	\$	(145.70)
Audit Fees		
Credit Card Fees		
City of Birmingham Parking	\$	4,968.00
Water Bill		
Total Recon Adjustments	\$	4,822.30
	\$	387,721.69

**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT 2026-27
July 2026**

	2026-2027 Budget	Current Month Budget July 2026	Current Month Actual July 2026	Variance For Month	Y-T-D Budget 2026-2027	Y-T-D Actual 2026-2027	Variance For Y-T-D	% Received/ Spent	Prior year Y-T-D 2025-2026	1st Month of the year 8.33%	% Received/ Spent Prior Y-T-D
REVENUES											
TAXES	\$4,928,390	\$410,699	\$0	(\$410,699)	\$410,699	\$0	(\$410,699)	0.0%	\$4,682,554		100.0%
PROVISION FOR TAX LOSS	(\$15,000)	(\$1,250)	\$0	\$1,250	(\$1,250)	\$0	\$1,250	0.0%	(\$2,084)		13.9%
COUNTY AND STATE REVENUE	\$97,000	\$8,083	\$20,923	\$12,839	\$8,083	\$20,923	\$12,839	21.6%	\$0		0.0%
GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$0	\$3,600	\$3,600	N/A	\$0		0.0%
COMMUNITY CONTRACTS	\$1,176,890	\$98,074	\$0	(\$98,074)	\$98,074	\$0	(\$98,074)	0.0%	\$0		0.0%
PATRON USE REVENUE	\$35,700	\$2,975	\$2,937	(\$38)	\$2,975	\$2,937	(\$38)	8.2%	\$3,519		9.0%
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$0	(\$1,250)	\$1,250	\$0	(\$1,250)	0.0%	\$6,870		6.9%
OTHER REVENUE	\$500	\$42	\$0	(\$42)	\$42	\$0	(\$42)	0.0%	\$30		60.8%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,238,480	\$519,873	\$27,459,22	(\$492,414)	\$519,873	\$27,459,22	(\$492,414)	0.4%	\$4,690,890.08		82.0%
EXPENSES											
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$3,618,780	\$301,565	\$170,210	(\$131,355)	\$301,565	\$170,210	(\$131,355)	4.7%	\$175,552		5.0%
SUPPLIES	\$166,000	\$13,833	\$12,592	(\$1,241)	\$13,833	\$12,592	(\$1,241)	7.6%	\$21,916		12.5%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$511,970	\$42,664	\$39,890	(\$2,774)	\$42,664	\$39,890	(\$2,774)	7.8%	\$33,680		6.6%
TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE	\$135,000	\$11,250	\$83,995	\$72,745	\$11,250	\$83,995	\$72,745	62.2%	\$6,454		5.5%
UTILITIES	\$140,080	\$11,673	\$14,184	\$2,510	\$11,673	\$14,184	\$2,510	10.1%	\$12,612		9.8%
OTHER CHARGES	\$182,880	\$15,240	\$12,671	(\$2,569)	\$15,240	\$12,671	(\$2,569)	6.9%	\$14,166		13.6%
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS & FURNISHING	\$470,000	\$39,167	\$0	(\$39,167)	\$39,167	\$0	(\$39,167)	0.0%	\$3,724		2.8%
COLLECTIONS	\$987,000	\$82,250	\$54,180	(\$28,070)	\$82,250	\$54,180	(\$28,070)	5.5%	\$44,414		5.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,211,710	\$517,643	\$387,721.69	(\$129,921)	\$517,643	\$387,721.69	(\$129,921)	6.2%	\$312,516.67		3.9%
VARIANCE	\$26,770	\$2,231	(\$360,262)	(\$362,493)	\$2,231	(\$360,262.47)	(\$362,493)				
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR									\$2,167,638.47		
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT									\$1,807,376.00		

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.

August 2026 Building Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Building Committee met on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the Director's Alcove. Present were Danielle Rumple, Pam Graham, Karen Rock, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller.

- There was no Public Comment.
- Old Business
 - **Loading Dock** - Bids for the City's Loading Dock RFP were due July 16. City intends to have the work completed by November 15.
 - **Loading dock staff staircase** –The consulting engineer on the Loading Dock project also suggested heated stair mats. He will be looking into the best product for our staircase and we will be able to install them by November 2026.
 - **Idea Lab Expansion** – The project has been scaled back to update the space plan, remove a single door, add a sink, and update the ventilation system. Staff will talk with ISCG about purchasing furniture for the perimeter of the room
 - **Soundproofing measures** – Craft will acquire quotes for the three different products recommended for the Grams Discovery Room, Atrium, and Jeanne Lloyd Room.
 - **Youth Office ceiling leak** – The HVAC fixture has been repaired. We are waiting for a heavy rain to see how/if water collects on the roof before painting the Youth office ceiling.
- Lower Level Updates
 - Project will begin on November 30 and will last approximately 6 weeks in two stages (Phase 1: Tech Services and west hallway, Phase 2: Rotary Donor, Adult Services, and south hallway)
 - BPL staff will coordinate some pre-project work, including: installation of lights in new storage closet, addition of sprinkler in new storage closet, removal and installation of projector/screen in Rotary Donor room, relocation of temperature sensor in Rotary Donor Room, installing security cameras in new ceiling tiles, coordinating installation of network ports at new desk locations
 - Furniture order will be placed week of August 17 for delivery and installation in December/January.
- DPS staff did a garden cleanup of the beds around the library on August 5-6. Robert planted replacement plants in the Youth garden and Plaza bed on August 12.
- Robot vacuums – Craft will meet with Chris Forte of Rota Robotics during the week of August to discuss the potential of adding a robot vacuum to the library to perform

after hours vacuuming. Decisions about this purchase will be discussed at a future Building Committee meeting.

- The next cleaning contract RFP will be issued in spring 2027.
- The next Building Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

July 2026 Outreach Committee Report

The Outreach Committee met on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Delos Board Room at the Baldwin Public Library. Present were Wendy Friedman, Pam Graham, Karen Rock, Rebekah Craft, Jen Hassell, and Jaclyn Miller.

- There was no public comment.
- Old Business
 - Craft is working with resident David Bloom to host a collaborative art project with local artists to be held in late August and early September.
 - POST MEETING UPDATE – the call for artists went live on July 27. No artists responded to the call for art by the due date of August 12. Bloom will be looking to recruit artists elsewhere.
 - Miller will take the book bike to the Hot Wheels on Midvale event at Next on August 11, weather permitting
 - Miller or Kosciuk will attend and present storytime on October 17 at a local neighborhood event.
 - Baldwin staff will staff the kids craft tent the Birmingham Farmer's Market on July 26; Book Bike and Friends will also be present, weather permitting.
- New Business
 - Meet Jen Hassell – new Outreach Librarian
 - Jen will spend some time early on getting ready for traditional fall events and reaching out to the BSD to connect regarding businesses.
 - Committee members talked about potentially focusing on people who don't know they can get library cards, expanding on the idea that we aren't just books, connecting with other libraries to offer events.
- Any items not on the agenda
 - Craft shared that Birmingham DPS is now offering games in Shain Park, and that players can collect the game pieces from our Information Desk.
 - The idea of a Library Ambassador program was received with enthusiasm and will be discussed further.
- The next meeting date is TBD.

LIBRARY REPORT

Statistical Dashboard

Collections & Services

Facility

Marketing & Communications

Personnel & Organization

Financial

Expenditures from FOBPL Donations

Statistical Dashboard - July 2026

	Current Month	This month last year	Current FYTD	Previous FYTD	FY 26-27 Q1 Target
Financials					
Revenues	\$ 27,459	\$ 3,416	\$ 27,459	\$ 3,416	
Expenses	\$ 387,722	\$ 313,178	\$ 387,722	\$ 313,178	
Circulation					
Print Checkouts & Renewals*	32,355	32,872	32,355	32,872	
A/V Checkouts & Renewals	5,819	6,155	5,819	6,155	
e-Materials Checkouts	17,230	17,077	17,230	17,077	50,000
Total Circulation	55,404	56,104	55,404	56,104	156,250
% of Circ by Residents**	90.9%	89.9%	90.9%	89.9%	92.0%
% of Circ by Non-Residents	9.1%	10.1%	9.1%	10.1%	8.0%
Cardholders					
New Cardholders	286	***includes ~7500 patrons w/expiration date pushed from 3/16/20 to 3/16/23 and who have not renewed cards; 3/26 stats will have significant drop			
Active Cardholders (1 year)	13,479				
Cardholders (3 years)***	24,010				
Other Statistics					
In Person Visits	22,926	22,060	22,926	22,060	60,000
Study Room Use	404	355	404	5,521	
Rental Room Bookings	39	38	39	463	
Internal Room Bookings	97	61	97	735	
Idea Lab Visits	1,988	2,356	1,988	2,356	
MeL & ILL Items borrowed	791	862	791	862	
MeL & ILL Items loaned	660	687	660	687	
Self-Check Usage	70.5%	59.9%	70.5%	59.9%	
Wireless Sessions	2,796	2,584	2,796	2,584	9,500
Public Computer Usage	764	716	764	716	
Database Sessions	15,010	7,643	15,010	7,643	17,500
Library Volunteer Hours	57	3	57	3	19
Friends Volunteer Hours	40	36	40	36	113
Website Hits/Pageviews	32,234	27,694	32,234	27,694	80,000
Program Attendance					
Program Attendance for Adults	356	232	356	232	
# of Programs for Adults	17	20	17	20	
Program Attendance for Teens	185	86	185	86	
# of Programs for Teens	12	9	12	9	
Program Attendance for Youth	1,965	2,037	1,965	2,037	
# of Programs for Youth	63	73	63	73	
Computer Classes Attendance	27	44	27	44	
# of Computer Programs	6	8	6	8	
# of Idea Lab Programs	6		6		
Idea Lab Program Attendance	67		67		
Online Video Views	46	14	46	14	
Total Program Attendance	2,579	2,413	2,579	2,413	8,500
Total # of Programs	98	124	98	124	300
Outreach Attendance	35	465	35	465	
# of Outreach Programs	2	8	2	8	

*Books, Magazines & Pamphlets, Inter-library loans, Miscellaneous

**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.

Collections & Services

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

Adult Battle of the Books

Adult Battle of the Books was held on Thursday, August 7 to wrap up the 2026 Adult Summer Reading Challenge. The winners were Marvelous Moms who Read for their third win in a row - our reigning champions. Most of our 8 teams scored very close to each other. The participants voted and “The Art Thief” by Michael Finkel was the overall favorite book of the five we read this year.



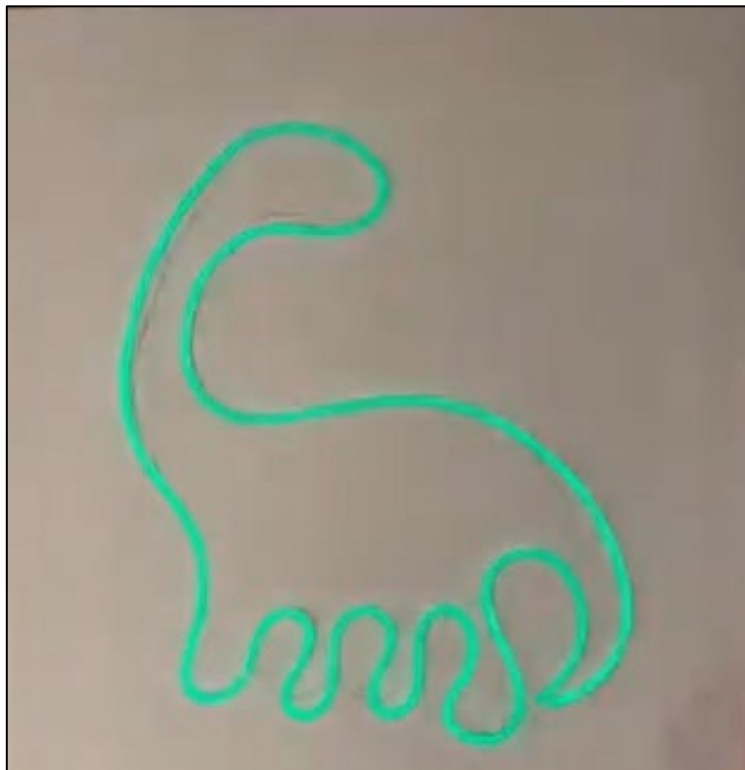
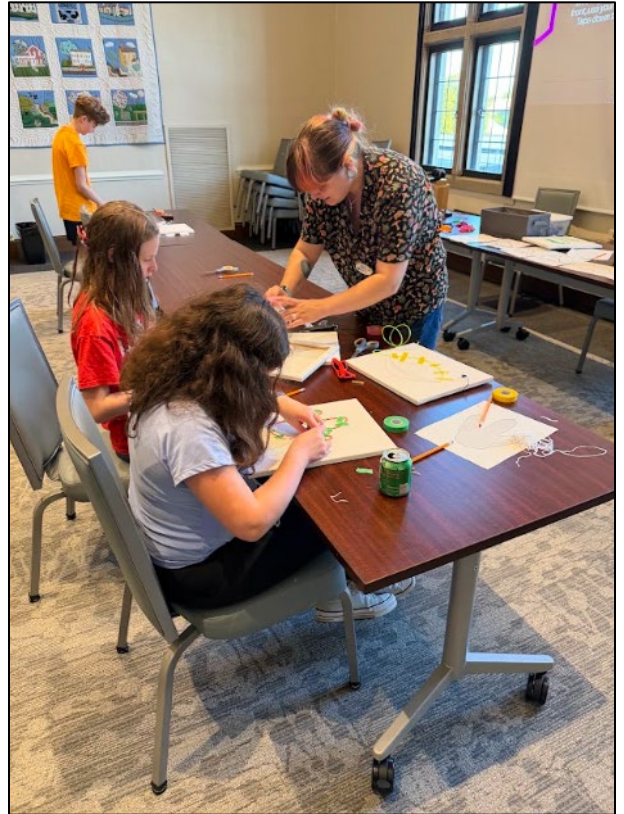
The Bald Eagle's Comeback in Michigan

On July 27, we hosted Dr. Carl Palazzolo and Francie Krawcke for their presentation "The Bald Eagle's Comeback in Michigan." Dr. Carl's presentation was informative and entertaining with a slideshow featuring some great photos of the magnificent birds. Francie captivated the house when she introduced a live rescue bald eagle! Both were knowledgeable and enthusiastic speakers whose passion for bald eagles was evident. The bald eagle majestically perched on Francie's arm while attendees had the opportunity to have their photos taken with her. The presentation drew 102 people with a good mix of children and adults.



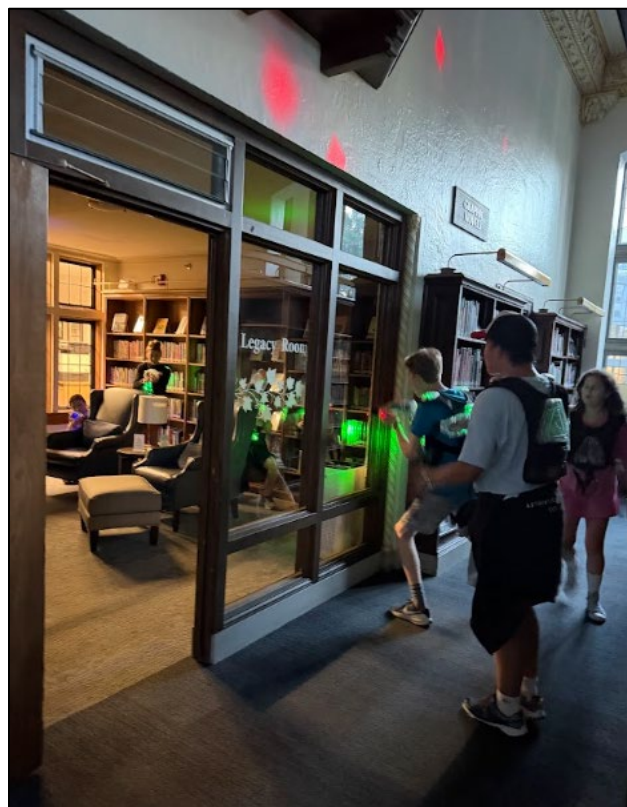
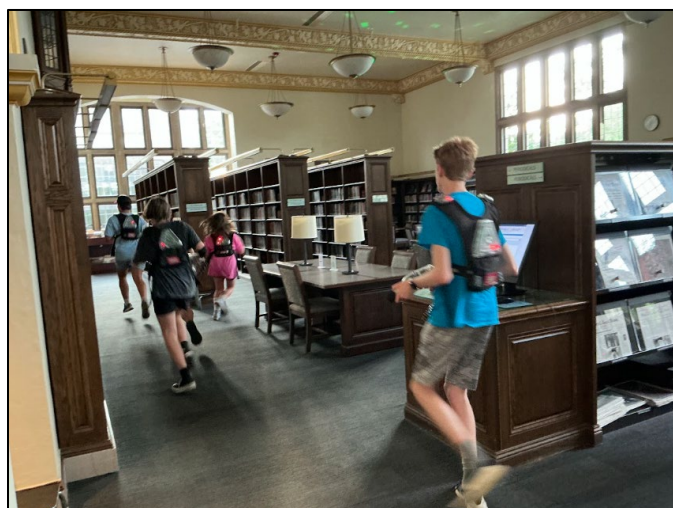
DIY Dino Neon Signs

On July 29, the Teen staff worked with participants to make neon signs, using craft supplies and simple electronics. The kids kept asking Haylie if we could do it again next summer. A few of them learned how to sew for the first time, and they all did a great job!



Laser Tag for Teens

On Friday, August 7, the 2026 Teen Summer Reading Challenge wrapped up with after hour laser tag. After pizza and pop, the group spent a couple hours playing laser tag all over the library. They had a great time, and requested we host this every month!



New Resources - Both are available 24/7 with your library card at baldwinlib.org/databases

- BrainHQ - is your online headquarters for brain training, with specialized exercises for memory, attention, brain speed, people skills, decision-making, and navigation. Just as the right kind of exercise can improve our physical health, the right kind of brain training can improve our brain health and cognitive performance. BrainHQ provides the training your brain needs to be at its best.

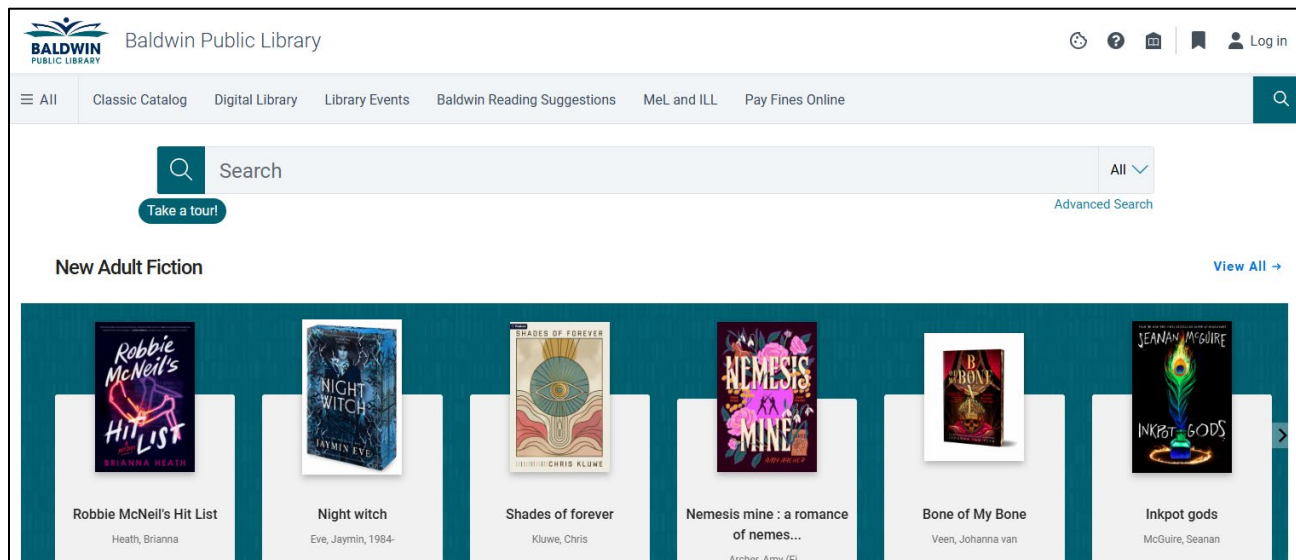


- LOTE4Kids - is an online database of digital books in World Languages, that allows kids to enjoy the magic of books in LOTE (Languages Other Than English). Each book comes with English translations to help with language learning.

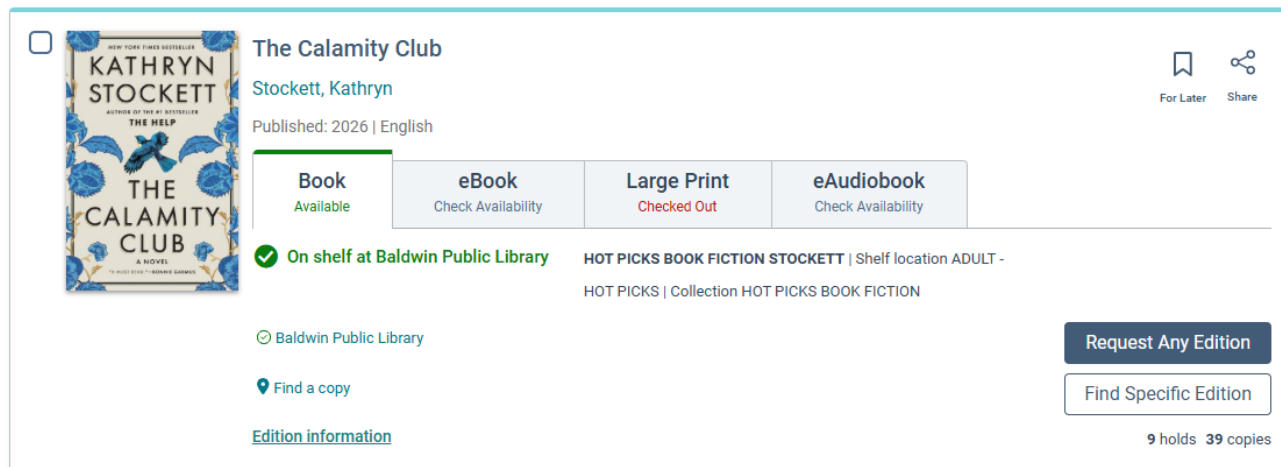


New Polaris Vega Catalog

On Monday, August 17, Baldwin will unveil its new Vega catalog, which can be accessed at catalog.baldwinlib.org.



This new catalog lists all types of materials under one main title. For instance, if you are searching for the book *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett, the user will see the print book, large print book, ebook, and eAudiobook listed in the item's record. Additionally, users can click the "Request Any Edition" button to request the first available copy of the item.



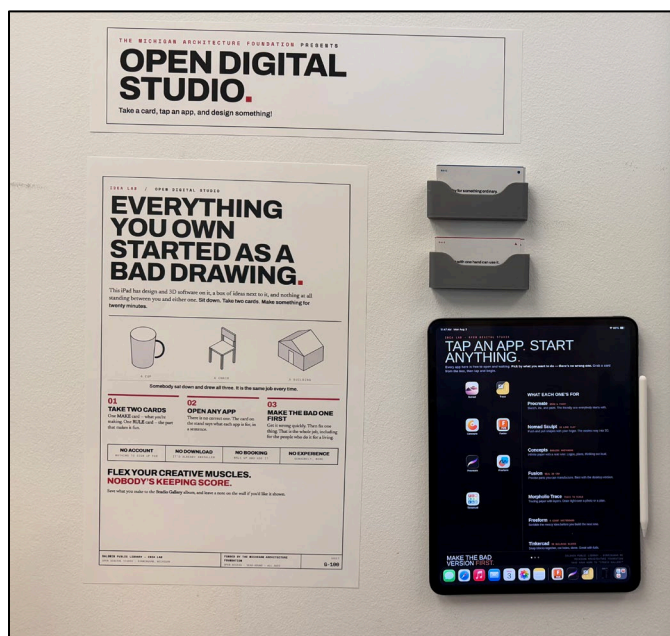
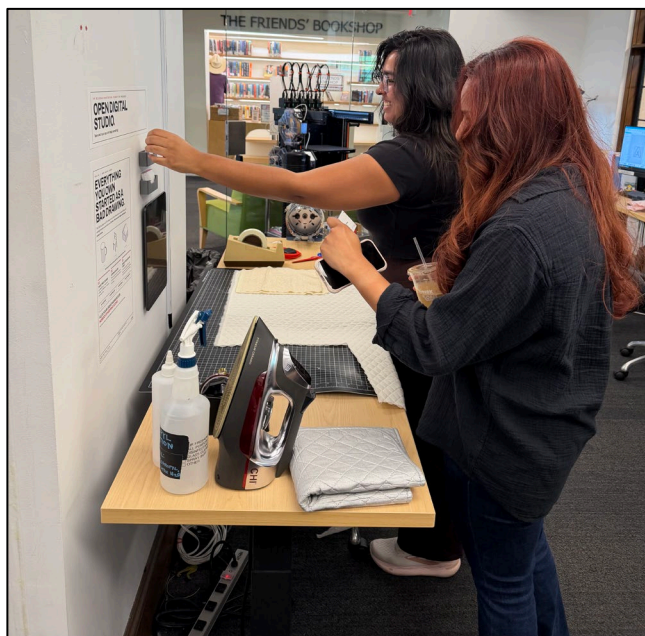
Many thanks to Kristen Tait, Cameron Rooney-Crawford, and the staff in Access Services for carefully reviewing all of our holdings and making necessary updates so that our materials are shown in a clear and intuitive manner when searching online for items. The launch of this project reflects over a year of work and careful inspections of all of our materials.

Please note that we are leaving our old/classic catalog in place (baldwinlib.polarislibrary.com). Patrons with comments or concerns about the new catalog should either email bplcirc@baldwinlib.org or call 248-554-4630.

Open Digital Studio

The Open Digital Studio launched on August 2. Made possible with a grant from the Michigan Architectural Foundation, the Open Digital Studio is a self-guided design station built around a 13" iPad Pro with Apple Pencil and Sketchpad Pro Drawing Frame. This interactive display invites patrons to try their hand at digital design. Sketching, 3D modeling, and architectural drawing. It is a passive program, with no appointment, sign-up, or experience required. Users will draw two cards, a "Make" card and a "Rule" card. Combined, these cards provide the core of the exercise, consisting of an interesting drawing task and an amusing constraint. The iPad contains several apps, along with descriptions of their functions, and patrons will decide which one is right for their task. A catalog of design ideas and instructions, inspired by the experimental Fluxus art movement of the 1970s, offers inspiration to anyone who interacts with the display. The iPad is available for general use, but when not otherwise in use it returns to the Open Digital Studio

And, perhaps unsurprisingly, we didn't have to wait long to see it work! Within an hour of the station going up, patrons were already gathered around it, drawing cards, and using the iPad to make a design!



Summer Reading Summary

Final, complete reports will be available in September, but as of August 7, numbers for each summer reading challenge were unofficially reported as:

- Adult Summer Reading: 181 participants, 36 completions, 1317 books read.
- Teen Summer Reading: 115 participants, 45 completions, 117,099 minutes read.
- Youth Summer Reading: 469 participants, 160 completions

Facility

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

Atrium Air Condenser

On Wednesday, August 12 it was discovered that the compressor on the condenser cooling the Atrium had failed. City Maintenance are working with the manufacturer to see if this repair is covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

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.
- On July 14, City Attorney Tracy Gaudenzi noted that she drafted updates to the City Library Agreement and that she is waiting to have City Manager Jana Ecker review the edits. Once reviewed, parties from the City and Library will meet to further discuss negotiations. The City and Library last met on April 21, 2026.
- Susan Dion and Felicity Jackson represented the library at the Farmers Market Kids Zone, making crafts with 271 people, while Jaclyn Miller brought the book bike to share library info, and Ryndee Carney and Jennifer Killeen helped promote the Friends on Sunday, July 26.

Beverly Hills

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

Bingham Farms

Miller submits monthly Board Meeting updates to the Library Liaison.

City of Bloomfield Hills

Miller submits monthly Board Meeting updates to the Library Liaison.

Birmingham Next

- Rebekah Craft continues to host the Popular Reads book club on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group meets in a hybrid format at Next and on Zoom. 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.

- Miller took the Book Bike to the final occurrence of “Hot Wheels on Midvale” at NEXT on Tuesday, August 11. Parked alongside classic cars, we featured library highlights and shared resources and flyers. This will be the last of these as NEXT plans their move to a new location.

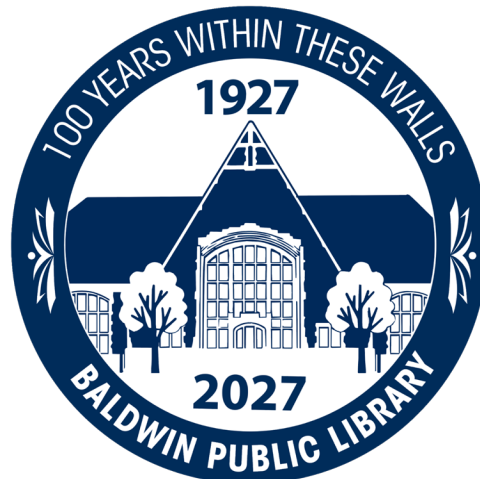
Friends of the Baldwin Public Library

The Friends Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11. They continue to consider ways to boost membership numbers, and talked about promotional pieces to use during their upcoming book sale. They also discussed how to handle donations while the lower level renovation limits access to the sorting room in December and January.

Marketing

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

- Promotional posters and fliers for Youth programs
- Promotional fliers and posters for Teen programs
- Books on Foot badges
- 100th Anniversary of the Building images for 2027, which we will be able to use on merchandise, newsletters, email signatures, press releases, library cards, bookmarks, tote bags, etc.



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

All Staff Meetings

An All Staff meeting was held on July 21. The next All Staff meeting will be held on August 18. Recordings of each meeting are sent to all staff.

Staff Anniversaries

Paul Gillin, Bookkeeper, reached 13 years of service on August 16.

Mick Howey, Adult Services Librarian reached 9 years of service on August 5.

Lawrence Marble, Substitute Librarian, reached 1 year of service on August 8.

Terry Meyer, Youth Services Library Assistant, will reach 14 years of service on August 27.

Daniel Patton, Substitute Adult Services Librarian, will reach 9 years of service on August 18.

Kristen Tait, Head of Circulation Services, reached 25 years of service on August 15.

Peter VanGelderren, IT Assistant, reached 3 years of service on August 1.

Volunteer Hours

57 Library volunteer hours and 40 Friends volunteer hours were utilized in the month of July.

Staffing Changes

- Operations Assistant **Tori Underhill** has resigned from the library for personal reasons. We appreciate all her hard work and will miss her and the friendly demeanor she maintained with staff and patrons alike. Interviews were held on Friday, August 17 to fill the vacancy created by her departure from Maintenance.

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	
July 2026 Expenditures	
Adult Services	
Presenter fees: Manhattan Project	\$ 150.00
Adult Battle of the Books	\$ 121.25
Books Unshelved	\$ 93.72
ELL Talk Time Cards	\$ 28.47
Misc Program Supplies & Refreshments	\$ 127.86
Gordons Returns - wrong items	\$ (32.49)
Teen Culinary Club Supplies	\$ 23.56
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 512.37</i>
Teen Services	
Teen Scene Supplies	\$ 9.47
Food: PB & Snacks, TAB, Pizza & Pages, Study Night, D&D, misc	\$ 184.73
Supplies: Lego Minute, DIY Dino, Hamilton, Rock Painting	\$ 178.80
Book Club Books & Prize Books	\$ 522.96
Books Unboxed supplies	\$ 47.65
Presenter Fee: D&D, Laser Tag	\$ 600.00
Filament	\$ 58.75
Credits for returns	\$ (47.77)
Misc supplies	\$ 143.47
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 1,698.06</i>
Youth Services	
Supplies: Fairy Tale Mixup, Baby Paleo, Dino Day, B&B, Farmers Market	\$ 433.17
Kids Library Society supplies	\$ 27.27
Misc Pgm Supplies: Paint, Envelopes, Tablecloths	\$ 508.50
Credit Presenter Cancellation	\$ (450.00)
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 518.94</i>
Idea Lab	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ -</i>
Outreach & Equipment	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ -</i>
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,729.37
July 2026 Balances	
Adult Services	\$ 4,221.18
Teen Services	\$ 7,704.42
Youth Services	\$ 5,422.30
Idea Lab	\$ 2,863.20
Outreach & Equipment	\$ 8,895.82
Total Balance	\$ 29,106.92
July In-Library Book & Button Sale Cash Donations	\$988.83
Submitted by Jaclyn Miller for August 10, 2026	

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 14, 2026
TO: Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors
FROM: Rebekah Craft, Library Director
SUBJECT: Proposed 2027 Calendar

INTRODUCTION

Following this memo is the proposed 2027 Library calendar.

In 2024, we decided to hold our staff development days every 18 months rather than annually. Our most recent staff development day was held in March 2026 and we plan to host our next staff development day on Friday, September 24, 2027.

The religious and federal holidays included in this calendar are the same as observed by the City of Birmingham. However, the City has not yet finalized their observed dates, so the holidays listed in the following dates reflect dates posted on religious websites consulted. No Board activity is to occur on any of the listed holidays.

We identified the following conflicts and have proposed new meeting dates:

- **CONFLICT #1:** President's Day falls on the 3rd Monday of February. Due to this, we propose moving the February Board meeting to Monday, February 22, 2027.
- **CONFLICT #2:** Eid al-Adha falls on the 3rd Monday of May. Due to this, we propose moving the May Board meeting to Monday, May 24, 2027.

Additional library closures suggested:

Independence Day falls on a Sunday in 2027. We propose also closing the library on Saturday, July 3, to give staff a full weekend off. No staff will be paid holiday pay for Saturday's 8-hour closure and this will save the library approximately \$2,000 on personnel costs for employees who do not earn time benefits.

The Woodward Dream Cruise will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2027. We have an average of 950 visits on Saturday/Sunday weekend days for non-Dream Cruise weekends in August. During the Dream Cruise, our weekend visits drop 63% to an average of 350 visits. Due to decreased traffic and the difficulties that staff have getting to and from work, we propose closing the library during the Saturday Cruise.

SUGGESTED BOARD ACTION

Motion to approve the 2027 Library calendar as found on the following pages of the August 2026 Board Packet.

Baldwin Public Library: Proposed 2027 Calendar

Friday, January 1, 2027	Closed	New Year's Day
Thursday, January 7, 2027	No Board activity	Orthodox Christmas
Tuesday, January 12, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2027	Closed	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday, January 20, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting*
Saturday, January 23, 2027	8:30 AM	City Commission Long Range Planning Meeting
Saturday, February 6, 2027	No Board activity	Chinese New Year
Tuesday, February 9, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2027	No Board activity	Ash Wednesday
Monday, February 15, 2027	No Board activity	President's Day
Monday, February 22, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting*
Tuesday, March 9, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2027	No Board activity	Eid-al-Fitr begins at sunset
Wednesday, March 10, 2027	No Board activity	Eid al-Fitr
Monday, March 15, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2027	No Board activity	Holi
Monday, March 22, 2027	No Board activity	Purim begins at sunset
Thursday, March 25, 2027	No Board activity	Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 26, 2027	No Board activity	Good Friday, Holy Friday
Sunday, March 28, 2027	Closed	Easter
Tuesday, April 13, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2027	No Board activity	Passover begins at sunset
Saturday, April 24, 2027	8:30 AM	City Budget Hearing
Thursday, April 29, 2027	No Board activity	Passover ends at nightfall
Sunday, May 2, 2027	No Board activity	Orthodox Easter
Tuesday, May 11, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Sunday, May 16, 2027	No Board activity	Eid al-Adha starts at sunset
Monday, May 17, 2027	No Board activity	Eid al-Adha ends at sunset
Monday, May 24, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting*
Saturday, May 29, 2027	Closed	Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 30, 2027	Closed	Memorial Day Weekend
Monday, May 31, 2027	Closed	Memorial Day
Tuesday, June 8, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 2027	No Board activity	Shavuot begins at sunset
Saturday, June 12, 2027	No Board activity	Shavuot ends at nightfall
Monday, June 14, 2027	No Board activity	Ashura begins at sunset
Tuesday, June 15, 2027	No Board activity	Ashura
Saturday, June 19, 2027	Closed	Juneteenth
Monday, June 21, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Saturday, July 3, 2027	Closed	Independence Day weekend
Sunday, July 4, 2027	Closed	Independence Day
Tuesday, July 13, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Monday, July 19, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Saturday, August 21, 2027	Closed	Woodward Dream Cruise
Saturday, September 4, 2027	Closed	Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, September 5, 2027	Closed	Labor Day Weekend

Monday, September 6, 2027	Closed	Labor Day
Tuesday, September 14, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Friday, September 24, 2027	Library Closed	Staff Development Day
Friday, October 1, 2027	No Board activity	Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset
Sunday, October 3, 2027	No Board activity	Rosh Hashanah ends at nightfall
Sunday, October 10, 2027	No Board activity	Yom Kippur begins at sunset
Monday, October 11, 2027	No Board activity	Yom Kippur, Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday, October 12, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Friday, October 15, 2027	No Board activity	Sukkot begins at sunset
Monday, October 18, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Friday, October 22, 2027	No Board activity	Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah begins at sunset
Friday, October 22, 2027	No Board activity	Sukkot ends at nightfall
Sunday, October 24, 2027	No Board activity	Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah ends at nightfall
Friday, October 29, 2027	No Board activity	Diwali
Tuesday, November 2, 2027	No Board activity	General Election Day
Tuesday, November 9, 2027	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Thursday, November 11, 2027	No Board activity	Veterans Day
Monday, November 15, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 24, 2027	Close at 5:30 PM	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 25, 2027	Closed	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 26, 2027	Closed	Native American Heritage Day
Wednesday, December 8, 2027	No Board activity	Bodhi Day
Monday, December 20, 2027	7:30 PM	Library Board Meeting
Friday, December 24, 2027	Closed	Christmas Eve, Hanukkah begins at sunset
Saturday, December 25, 2027	Closed	Christmas Day
Sunday, December 26, 2027	Closed	Kwanzaa; Day after Christmas
Friday, December 31, 2027	Closed	New Year's Eve
Saturday, January 1, 2028	Closed	New Year's Day
Sunday, January 2, 2028	Closed	Day after New Year's Day

OLD BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 14, 2026
TO: Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors
FROM: Rebekah Craft, Library Director
SUBJECT: Updated Tuition Assistance Program

INTRODUCTION

In March 2026, the Library Board voted to allocate money toward a forthcoming Tuition Assistance Program. At the time it was approved in the FY26-27 budget, I noted that the Board would have the opportunity to discuss and approve the proposed plan before making it available for staff members to use. The Board reviewed the initial program plan at the June 2026 meeting and the updated program plan at the July 2026 meeting. This new draft of the program includes updates from the Library's Attorney.

ADJUSTMENTS TO PROGRAM

At the July Board meeting, Karen Rock asked whether or not tuition payments to staff would be taxed. The City of Birmingham's Finance Department advised that Tuition Assistance payments would be reimbursed to staff eligible for the program through Accounts Payable, not Payroll. This reimbursement would not be considered part of the employee's taxable income.

At the July Board meeting, Frank Pisano asked how employees who leave employment at Baldwin Public Library prior to the twelve-month period after the end of their most recent class would be made to reimburse the Library for tuition paid through this program. Library Attorney Michael Blum advised:

In the event the employee leaves early it is enforceable under Michigan law, but the amount paid could only be deducted from the employee's final paycheck if a written authorization was provided by the employee at the time the deduction was made, in accordance with Section 7 of the Payment of Wages and Fringe Benefits Act (*see memo attachment*). If the employee refused to sign an authorization or other agreement for repayment of the amount owed, the library would need to sue the employee for recoupment. This could be done in the Small Claims Division of the District Court, which has jurisdiction over money claims up to \$7000, but attorneys are not allowed to represent parties in the Small Claims Division. So, if either the library or the employee wanted to be represented by an attorney, the matter would need to be filed or transferred to the regular civil court docket.

At the July Board meeting, Pam Graham suggested that staff revisit the wording on the application. Adjustments have been made to the application for applicants to declare their

overall goal in completing a course toward a degree and to specify that the approval relates to the individual courses listed on the application.

FISCAL IMPACT

During the March 2026 Budget Hearing, the Library Board approved allocating \$15,000 in the FY26-27 budget toward a new Tuition Assistance Program.

Due to the cost of tuition for different degree levels, we are proposing an annual allocation of \$3,500 per year for graduate level tuition assistance and \$1,750 per year for undergraduate level tuition assistance. While this would not cover the entire cost of a degree, it will offer a significant benefit to interested and eligible staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- Updated Tuition Assistance Program guidelines
- Section 7 of the Payment of Wages and Fringe Benefits Act
- Tuition Assistance Program Application
- Tuition Assistance Reimbursement Form

SUGGESTED BOARD ACTION

To approve and adopt the Tuition Assistance Program.

PAYMENT OF WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS (EXCERPT)

Act 390 of 1978

408.477 Deductions from wages.

Sec. 7.

(1) Except for those deductions required or expressly permitted by law or by a collective bargaining agreement, an employer shall not deduct from the wages of an employee, directly or indirectly, any amount including an employee contribution to a separate segregated fund established by a corporation or labor organization under section 55 of the Michigan campaign finance act, 1976 PA 388, MCL 169.255, without the full, free, and written consent of the employee, obtained without intimidation or fear of discharge for refusal to permit the deduction.

(2) Except as provided in this subsection and subsections (4) and (5), a deduction for the benefit of the employer requires written consent from the employee for each wage payment subject to the deduction, and the cumulative amount of the deductions must not reduce the gross wages paid to a rate less than the minimum rate as prescribed in the improved workforce opportunity wage act, 2018 PA 337, MCL 408.931 to 408.945. A nonprofit organization shall obtain a written consent from an employee for deductions to that nonprofit organization that qualify as charitable contributions under federal law. However, this subsection does not require the nonprofit organization to obtain from an employee a separate written consent for each subsequent paycheck from which deductions that qualify as charitable contributions that benefit the employer are made. An employee at any time may rescind in writing his or her authorization to have charitable contributions deducted from his or her paycheck. As used in this subsection, "nonprofit organization" means an organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501(c)(3).

(3) Each deduction from the wages of an employee must be substantiated in the records of the employer and must be identified as pertaining to an individual employee. Prorating of deductions between 2 or more employees is not permitted.

(4) Not later than 6 months after making an overpayment of wages or fringe benefits that are paid directly to an employee, an employer may deduct the overpayment from the employee's regularly scheduled wage payment without the written consent of the employee if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The overpayment resulted from a mathematical miscalculation, typographical error, clerical error, or misprint in the processing of the employee's regularly scheduled wages or fringe benefits.

(b) The miscalculation, error, or misprint described in subdivision (a) was made by the employer, the employee, or a representative of the employer or employee.

(c) The employer provides the employee with a written explanation of the deduction at least 1 pay period before the wage payment affected by the deduction is made.

(d) The deduction is not greater than 15% of the gross wages earned in the pay period in which the deduction is made.

(e) The deduction is made after the employer has made all deductions expressly permitted or required by law or a collective bargaining agreement, and after any employee-authorized deduction.

(f) The deduction does not reduce the regularly scheduled gross wages otherwise due the employee to a rate that is less than the greater of either of the following:

(i) The minimum rate as prescribed by subsection (2).

(ii) The minimum rate as prescribed by the fair labor standards act of 1938, 29 USC 201 to 219.

(5) If an employer pays any amount of the employee's debt under a default judgment entered under section 4012(9) or (10) of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.4012, the employer may deduct that amount from the employee's regularly scheduled wage payment without the written consent of the employee if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The employer provides the employee with a written explanation of the deduction at least 1 pay period before the wage payment affected by the deduction is made.

(b) The deduction is not greater than 15% of the gross wages earned in the pay period in which the deduction is made.

(c) The deduction is made after the employer has made all deductions expressly permitted or required by law or a collective bargaining agreement, and after any employee-authorized deduction.

(d) The deduction does not reduce the regularly scheduled gross wages otherwise due the employee to a rate that is less than the greater of either of the following:

(i) The minimum rate as prescribed by subsection (2).

(ii) The minimum rate as prescribed by the fair labor standards act of 1938, 29 USC 201 to 219.

(6) An employee who believes his or her employer has violated subsection (4) or (5) may file a complaint with the department not later than 12 months after the date of the alleged violation.

(7) As used in this section, "employer" means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, association, or corporation, public or private, this state or an agency of this state, a city, county, village, township, school district, or intermediate school district, an institution of higher education, or an individual acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer who employs 1 or more individuals.

History: 1978, Act 390, Imd. Eff. Aug. 1, 1978 ;-- Am. 1993, Act 124, Imd. Eff. July 21, 1993 ;-- Am. 1995, Act 207, Imd. Eff. Nov. 29, 1995 ;-- Am. 1995, Act 278, Eff. Mar. 28, 1996 ;-- Am. 2012, Act 30, Imd. Eff. Feb. 28, 2012 ;-- Am. 2015, Act 15, Eff. Sept. 30, 2015 ;-- Am. 2023, Act 243, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024

Compiler's Notes: For creation of bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation within department of consumer and industry services; transfer of powers and duties of bureau of worker's compensation and unemployment agency to bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation; transfer of powers and duties of director of bureau of worker's compensation and director of unemployment agency to director of bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation; and, transfer of powers and duties of wage and hour division of worker's compensation board of magistrates to bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation, see E.R.O. No. 2002-1, compiled at MCL 445.2004 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. For creation of the new wage and hour division as a type II agency within the department of labor and economic growth, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011. For transfer of powers and duties of the former wage and hour division of the department of consumer and industry services, transferred to the bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation, to the new wage and hour division within the department of labor and economic growth by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011. For the transfer of powers and duties of the department of licensing and regulatory affairs to the department of labor and economic opportunity, see E.R.O. No. 2019-3, compiled at MCL 125.1998.

Tuition Assistance Program

300 W. Merrill St. Birmingham, MI 48009 | 248-647-1700 | www.baldwinlib.org

This program is offered to encourage employee self-improvement, thereby increasing the participant's ability to contribute to the Baldwin Public Library (BPL) by pursuing courses of study related to their work.

The scope of the program does not include special seminars or "short courses" of a few days' duration, which will continue to be considered on an individual and departmental training basis as staff training.

The following provisions are established to govern the administration of BPL's Tuition Assistance Program.

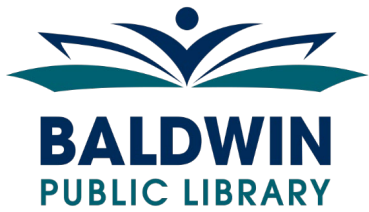
1. **Employee participation in the Tuition Assistance Program is voluntary.**
2. As funds for Tuition Assistance are limited, priority shall be governed by the time and date that completed applications are received. Approval and reimbursement for Tuition Assistance is contingent upon the availability of funds, the employee's successful completion of the course, and adherence to policies and procedures.
3. Employees must submit the Application for Tuition Assistance form to the Library Director to receive permission to participate in the program. This form should be submitted prior to ~~taking~~ enrolling to take any course.
4. All permanent employees who are regularly scheduled for 20 or more hours per week and have worked at BPL for at least 12 months are eligible to participate in this program.
5. The maximum reimbursable amount per employee is \$3,500 per fiscal year for graduate level tuition and \$1,750 per fiscal year for undergraduate level tuition. Each fiscal year, the Library Director will determine the number of employees who may participate in the tuition reimbursement program, based on budget availability.
6. All payments under this program are on a reimbursement basis. Documentation of fees paid must be submitted prior to reimbursement. Reimbursement for tuition and required textbooks shall be according to the following schedules:

Degree Level	Grade (Letter or numerical equivalent)	Reimbursement Percent
Graduate	A to B-	100%
Graduate	C+ and below	0%
Undergraduate	A to B-	100%
Undergraduate	C+ to C	75%

Undergraduate	C- and below	0%
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7. Reimbursement shall be made only for course work completed at accredited educational institutions.
8. ~~BPL will use the~~ Prevailing IRS guidelines ~~will govern administration and to processing of payments under this program.~~
9. In the event the employee terminates employment with BPL, or is terminated due to a violation of the Staff Rules of Conduct as listed in the Employee Handbook, within twelve (12) months from the last day of the semester during which the class was taken, the employee must reimburse 100% of the tuition assistance funds received from the Library.
10. Applications will be approved only for course work directly related to the employee's present job or directly related to a promotional position.
11. Within sixty (60) days of course completion, employees must submit the Tuition Assistance Form along with documentation of successful completion of the program/course and receipts for all expenses being reimbursed. The employee shall be considered as having completed a class when ~~the concluded~~ the term for which the school quotes the tuition fee ~~has been concluded~~. The last day of the semester during which the class is taken will determine the fiscal year to which the tuition payment is credited.
12. Expenses covered in this program include tuition and textbooks. Lab fees, parking, mileage, etc. shall not be a part of the Tuition Assistance Program.
13. The applicant shall attend classes on their own time and will not be paid their BPL hourly rate to attend class.
14. Continuation of this program will be at the sole option of the Library Board and Library Director.

It is recognized that in an area as broad as Tuition Assistance, this policy may not cover all eventualities. The Library Director shall be the final authority in judging whether reimbursement shall be made.



Application for Tuition Assistance

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This application must be approved by the Library Director PRIOR to enrolling to take any course. Please attach descriptions of the course(s) you will be completing. Upon successful completion of the course, fill out the "Tuition Reimbursement Form" and return your report card and payment receipts for all submitted expenses to the Library Director for reimbursement.

Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Name of school: _____

Degree being pursued: _____

How will completing the course(s) listed help you complete your overall goals?

Semester Start Date: _____ Anticipated Semester End Date: _____

Course Title	Credit Hours	Cost	Fees	Total cost/fees
Totals				

I understand that if this request is approved, reimbursement will be contingent upon successful completion of the course. Successful completion requires graduate students to receive a B- or higher for 100% reimbursement and undergraduate students to receive an A to B- for 100% reimbursement or a C+ to C for 75% reimbursement. I further understand that if I leave the employment of the Baldwin Public Library within one (1) year of the last day of the semester during which the class was taken, I am responsible for reimbursing Baldwin Public Library for 100% of the cost paid to me for tuition assistance.

Employee Signature

Date

Manager/Supervisor Signature

Date

APPROVED

Library Director Signature

Date

Tuition Assistance Reimbursement Form

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Complete this form once you have completed your approved course. You **MUST** attach documentation of successful completion of the program/course along with receipts for all expenses being reimbursed. Graduate students must receive a B- or higher to be eligible for 100% reimbursement. Undergraduate students must receive an A to B- for 100% reimbursement or a C+ to C for 75% reimbursement.

Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Name of school: _____

Degree being pursued: _____

Completion date of course(s): _____

Please list all completed courses, along with any applicable costs and fees.

Course Title	Credit Hours	Cost	Fees	Total cost/fees
Totals				

I understand that I leave the employment of the Baldwin Public Library within one (1) year of the last day of the semester during which the course was taken, I am responsible for reimbursing Baldwin Public Library for 100% of the cost paid to me for tuition assistance.

Employee Signature

Date

Documentation of successful completion attached: _____ Yes _____ No

Receipts for all expenses attached: _____ Yes _____ No

Total reimbursement amount: _____

Date of reimbursement: _____

Library Director Signature

Date

INFORMATION ONLY

Upcoming Events of Interest

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: All Ages

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Put on your favorite pjs and bring your stuffed friend to a sleepover themed story time. Leave your stuffie at the Library overnight and pick them up the next day. Registration required. All ages with grown up(s). Caregivers must stay in the program with participants.

Trivia Night: Adults & Teens

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Test your general knowledge and compete for prizes! Bring a group of up to 5, or join a group when you arrive. Teens and adults welcome. Light refreshments provided. Registration required.

Black Friday - October 20, 1916

Monday, August 24, 2026, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

On October 20th, 1916 four ships and 58 crew members were lost when a “perfect storm” swept over Lake Erie on what would come to be known as Black Friday. Chris Gillcrust of The National Museum of the Great Lakes tells the tale of what is perhaps the most infamous killer storm in Great Lakes history.

"App"-E-Teasers

Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Learn how to use the Library’s new app, plus Libby and Hoopla, in this beginner-friendly class. We’ll cover how to manage your account, browse and borrow digital materials, and enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, and more with your library card.

Idea Lab Event: Open Printmaking Night

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Explore the art of printmaking in a relaxed, open-studio setting! We’ll provide a variety of tools, materials, and simple instructions. Move at your own pace and enjoy hands-on artistic fun. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

How to Write a Great College Essay

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

The college essay is an important part of the evaluation process. Learn how to write one that really stands out. This program will be presented by Olivia Gundrum, M.Ed., a college essay tutor from Birmingham. Teens and parents are welcome. Registration required.

Start Simple: Genealogy Basics

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Take a deep dive into the most common genealogy documents to kickstart your search, including where to find them and how to read them. Join professional archivist and genealogist Robbie T. as she presents the best ways to get started on your journey of discovery! Registration required. Virtual event. Attend virtually only.

Fall Take & Make Craft: Preschool to Grade 3**Monday, September 14, 2026, All Day**

Pick up a fall-themed craft kit to take home. First come, first served.

Oakland County Modern**Monday, September 14, 2026, 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Midwest Modern photographer Josh Lipnik returns to BPL with Oakland County Modern. During this visit Josh explores the architecture and planning in Oakland County during its rapid growth after World War II, as an exceptional example of the historic and cultural forces that shaped suburbs across the country. This talk looks at buildings by famous architects such as Minoru Yamasaki, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Eero Saarinen, as well as the many talented local architects that have been overlooked by history.

My Favorite Animals: Preschool to Grade 2**Thursday, September 24, 2026, 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

Roam around different animal-themed stations featuring crafts, games, and more. Registration required. Preschool to Grade 2 with grown up(s). Caregivers must stay in the program with participants.

Bedazzle Your Library Card: Grades 6-12**Thursday, September 24, 2026, 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

Celebrate National Library Card Month! Bring your library card and add a little bling to it. If you don't want to decorate your library card, bring a book or bookmark and bedazzle it instead. Registration required.

Manhattan Short Film Festival**Saturday, September 26, 2026, 1:00pm – 3:00pm****Sunday, September 27, 2026, 1:00pm – 4:00pm****Friday, October 2, 2026, 7:00pm – 9:00pm****Saturday, October 3, 2026, 1:00pm – 4:00pm****Sunday, October 4, 2026, 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Back by popular demand, Manhattan Short Film Festival. Registration required. Attend in person only.

*BPL will be closed Saturday, September 5 through Monday, September 7 for Labor Day weekend.

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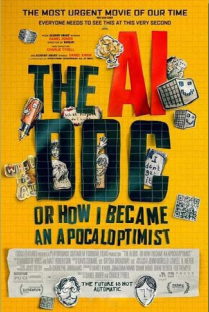
SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH
BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP YOU GET A CARD ANY DAY OF THE YEAR!



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BIRMINGHAM, BEVERLY HILLS, BINGHAM FARMS, & BLOOMFIELD HILLS

THE AI DOC: OR HOW I BECAME AN APOCALOPTIMIST

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 OR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
AT 6:30 P.M.



Learn more about the future of artificial intelligence and what's at stake if we get it wrong during this screening of the 2026 documentary.

Registration required. In person only.

BUILDING ANNIVERSARY LIBRARY CARD AND BOOKMARK DESIGN EVENT

To celebrate the **100th anniversary** of the 1927 Building, we are offering community members the chance to **help us create special edition Library Cards and bookmarks**. See official rules and submit your original design at baldwinlib.org/anniversarycard by 11:59 p.m. on October 25. New designs will be available at the Information Desk after January 2, 2027

LIBRARY BOARD



Board Members:

Frank Pisano, Pam Graham,
Wendy Friedman, Jennifer Wheeler,
Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble

THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON:
SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7:30 P.M.
OCTOBER 19 AT 7:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 16 AT 7:30 P.M.

FALL DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

September is Library Card sign up month at Baldwin and it's the perfect time to learn what your library can do for you. If you haven't already, visit Baldwin to:

- Discover new books and favorite authors
- Spend time studying or reading in our cozy Grand Hall or light-filled Adult and Teen wing or colorful Youth Room
- Attend one of our many programs highlighted in this newsletter
- Reserve museum passes with the Michigan Activity Pass
- Stream TV shows and movies with Hoopla or Kanopy
- Check out items from our Library of Things, toys from our youth toy collection, or records from our vinyl collection
- Read newspapers and magazines digitally
- Join a book club
- Make something in our Idea Lab using the laser cutter, embroidery machine, heat press, or vinyl cutter
- Volunteer with the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library or shop their used bookstore in the lobby

A Baldwin card is easy to obtain and its benefits and savings last for years.



Scan the QR code here to pre-register for a card and then visit Baldwin in person to receive your new physical library card. While you visit, meet our friendly staff, browse our shelves, and see what interests you. We have a wide range of services and resources available and we are here to meet your needs!

In addition to our many services and resources, there's always something new to discover when you visit Baldwin.

This summer, we welcomed a new friend named Otto to our building. He's a cast bronze otter sculpture by renowned artist, Marshall Fredericks. Otto lived with the Schoenfeld family for over thirty years and was donated to Baldwin by Dr. Franziska Schoenfeld in June. On display close to Otto is a children's book, *The Impatient Otter*, written by Dr. Franziska Schoenfeld and illustrated by Ann Kelly. Please check out this new addition to our building the next time you visit.

Rebekah Craft

Rebekah Craft, Library Director rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org 248-554-4681



BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 10:00 A.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 4:00 P.M.

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



THE IDEA LAB: CLASSES·KITS·LIVE

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

EVENT: THE GRAND TOUR

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 2 • OCTOBER 7 • NOVEMBER 4

Have you always wondered what the Idea Lab is all about, but were afraid to ask? Take a tour of the Idea Lab, including a quick demo of our exciting equipment.

Registration required.

EVENT: OPEN PRINTMAKING NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 9 • OCTOBER 13 • NOVEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

Explore the art of printmaking in a relaxed, open-studio setting! Move at your own pace and enjoy hands-on artistic fun.

Registration required.

EVENT: THE HAND BOOK HANDBOOK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 6:30 P.M.

In this beginner bookbinding workshop we will learn how to make stab-bound & pamphlet stitch books. **Registration required.**

CLASS: MAPS, PERHAPS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

An introduction to the art of cartography, back by popular demand! Use dice to plan out the shape, style and features of an original fictional continent. Then use the laser to etch your map into a stone slab! **Registration required.**

EVENT: EMBROIDERY BASICS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

This beginner-friendly demo will walk you through the basics of our Bai Mirror 1501 and Hatch software, so when you sit down for your one-on-one training, you'll already know the ropes. **Registration required.**

EVENT: IT'S ALIVE! MONSTER MASH-UPS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 7:00 P.M.

Piece together body parts of different monsters to create your own in this stamp-focused printmaking program. **Registration required.**

CLASS: PRIXEL WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 11 OR NOVEMBER 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

Build your own rubber stamp designs using the Poxel Press: a modular printmaking kit with hundreds of snap-together pieces.

Registration required.

EVENT: GROUP ZINE: FALL FOODS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 6:30 P.M.

Share a favorite fall recipe in a collaborative mini zine everyone gets to take home!

Registration required

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

NOVEMBER 20 • NOVEMBER 21 • NOVEMBER 22 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Our annual expo of vintage computers and games is back! Do you have some tech you're proud of? Register to reserve a table, and bring your own gear to the show!! **No registration needed to attend. Registration required to exhibit gear.**

FALL COMPUTER CLASSES

FOR ADULTS

HYBRID CLASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON OR ONLINE; ONLINE CLASSES ARE OFFERED VIRTUALLY ONLY. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES.

SEPTEMBER

HYBRID - "APP"-E-TEASERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - GOOGLE DOCS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - VALUE LINE AND THE INVESTING CENTER AT BPL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

HYBRID - SELLING ONLINE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 3:00 P.M.
Learn how to turn clutter into cash in this beginner-friendly class on selling online.

HYBRID - BUILD A WEBSITE
TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 22 AND 29 AT 7:00 P.M.
Learn how to create a professional-looking website without any coding!

OCTOBER

IN PERSON - ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 AND 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - GOOGLE SLIDES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - AI TOOLS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - CANVA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - ONLINE NEWSPAPERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 3:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER

ONLINE - GOOGLE SHEETS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 3:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER

HYBRID - BOOK MATCHMAKER: USING THE CATALOG & ADVISORY TOOLS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 3:00 P.M.

Discover your next great read by learning to navigate the library catalog with confidence and explore trusted readers' advisory websites like NoveList and Goodreads.

HYBRID - CREATE A PHOTOBOOK
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

Learn how to create a photo album that you can hold and share from your digital photos.

HYBRID - INSTAGRAM 101: CONNECTING AND SHARING SAFELY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 3:00 P.M.

Learn how to create an account, navigate the app, post content, and engage with others while maintaining privacy and safety.

FALL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

BABIES TO GRADE 6

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE.
EMAIL YOUTH.REFERENCE@BALDWINLIB.ORG WITH ANY ACCOMMODATION OR ALLERGY REQUESTS.

SEPTEMBER

FALL TAKE & MAKE CRAFT

PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 3

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Pick up a fall-themed craft kit to take home. **First come, first served.**

MY FAVORITE ANIMALS

PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 2 WITH GROWN UP(S)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 4:30 P.M.

Roam around different animal-themed stations featuring crafts, games, and more. **Registration required.**

DISCOVER SIGN LANGUAGE: AN INTERACTIVE PROGRAM WITH DEAF, LIKE DAVID

PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 3 WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

Celebrate Deaf Awareness Month with Jennifer Stewart, author of *Deaf, Like David*. This is an interactive ASL learning program that will introduce children and their families to beginner ASL signs. **Registration required.**

OCTOBER

COLLABORATIVE JIGSAW PUZZLES

GRADES 2 TO 5

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 6:30 P.M.

Relax and complete jigsaw puzzles with others. Various puzzle difficulties will be provided. **Registration required.**

HAUNTED LIBRARY

GRADES 7-12 (TEENS)

GRADES 4-6 (TWEENS)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.**

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



OCTOBER

NO BAKE KIDS RECIPES: PUPPY CHOW

GRADES 3 TO 6

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

STORY TIME YOGA

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 10:30 A.M.

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

COSTUME PARADE

BABIES TO GRADE 1 WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 10:30 A.M.

Come dressed in your costume and show it off in our candy-free parade around the Library. Costumes must be appropriate for all ages and no weapons. **Registration required.**

NOVEMBER



LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**

Readers of all ages are encouraged to drop by the Library and visit with local writers and illustrators. Discover your next great read or the perfect holiday gift while getting to know some of our local authors and illustrators. Head to baldwinlib.org/youth for a complete list of participating authors and illustrators. **No registration required. Applications accepted until September 18.**

KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY



GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

**SEPTEMBER 17 • OCTOBER 15
NOVEMBER 19**

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

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

HAPPY FEET PLAYTIME

BIRTH TO 3 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)

FRIDAYS FROM 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 18 • OCTOBER 30 • NOVEMBER 20

Drop in for open-ended, unstructured play with your child and to socialize with other families. **No registration required.**



FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY

GRADES K TO 6 WITH GROWN UP(S)

SUNDAYS FROM 2:30 TO 4:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 11 • NOVEMBER 22

Bring your family to play board games at the Library! We have games for a wide variety of ages and skills.

No registration required.

BOOK EXPLORERS

GRADES K TO 2

THURSDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 22 • NOVEMBER 12

Let your imagination run wild with interactive stories, crafts, snacks, and more! **Registration required.**

RUFF READERS

GRADES 1 TO 6

TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

**SEPTEMBER 22 • OCTOBER 20
NOVEMBER 17**

Sign up for a ten minute time slot to read to a registered therapy dog.

Registration required.

BRICK BUILDERS

GRADES 1 TO 3

MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 28 • OCTOBER 26 • NOVEMBER 23

Come join in the fun with different themed builds using LEGO bricks. **Registration required.**

PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON**

This free vision screening for ages 6 months and older is fast, non-invasive, and has an accuracy rating of 98%. *Sponsored by the Beverly Hills Lions Club.*



BOOK CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN

VISIT OUR BOOK CLUBS PAGE AT BALDWINLIB.ORG/BOOK-CLUBS FOR MORE UPCOMING BOOK SELECTIONS.

Adventures IN BOOKS

GRADES 1 TO 3

WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 14: *RISE OF THE EARTH DRAGON*
BY TRACEY WEST

NOVEMBER 11: *THE SECRET EXPLORERS AND THE LOST WHALES* BY SJ KING

Email Syntha at syntha.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

BEYOND the Book

GRADES 1 TO 3

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 1: *CATS VS DOGS* BY ELIZABETH CARNEY

NOVEMBER 5: *SHAPED BY HER HANDS: POTTER MARIA MARTINEZ* BY ANNA HARBER FREEMAN & BARBARA GONZALES

Email Rosemary at rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 19: *EMBER AND THE ISLAND OF LOST CREATURES* BY JASON PAMMENT

NOVEMBER 16: *LO AND BEHOLD* BY WENDY MASS

Email Josh at josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org to register.

mother/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 13: *THE ENEMY'S DAUGHTER*
BY ANNE BLANKMAN

NOVEMBER 10: *CANDLE ISLAND* BY LAUREN WOLK

Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 27: *FORTUNATELY, THE MILK*
BY NEIL GAIMAN

NOVEMBER 24: *SCAT* BY CARL HIAASEN

Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 12: *DELISH: THE HOW-TO COOKBOOK FOR YOUNG FOODIES* BY JOANNA SALTZ

Email Syntha at syntha.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

moms BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

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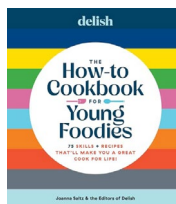
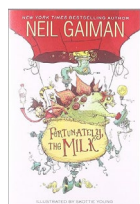
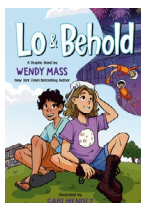
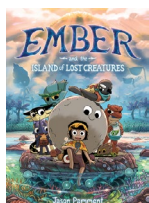
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SEPTEMBER

HOW TO WRITE A GREAT COLLEGE ESSAY

TEENS GRADES 9 TO 12 AND ADULTS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

This program is designed for high school students and their families who are navigating the college admissions process. Learn how to write a college essay that really stands out. Presenter: Olivia Gundrum, M.Ed.
Registration required.

CUPCAKE WARS

GRADES 6 TO 8
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 FROM 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

Test your decorating skills during this cupcake challenge! You'll have a set amount of time and ingredients to create designs to fit our themes and impress our panel of judges. This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.
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BEDAZZLE YOUR LIBRARY CARD

GRADES 6 TO 12
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

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OCTOBER

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TEENS (7-12 GRADE)
TWEENS (4-6 GRADE)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

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



OCTOBER

VINTAGE GHOST PAINTING

GRADES 7 TO 12
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Transform a piece of vintage art into something new by painting over the original scene to add ghosts.
Registration required.

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY THE 13TH AFTER-HOURS SCARY MOVIE NIGHT

GRADES 7 TO 12
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 FROM 6:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

Join us after the library closes for some PG-13 thrills & chills. We provide the movies and popcorn, you provide the screams! Pizza and drinks will be provided.
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BOOK CLUBS

FOR TEENS & TWEENS

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PIZZA AND PAGES

GRADES 7 TO 12
THURSDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 3: *ALL MY RAGE*
BY SABAA TAHIR

OCTOBER 1: *ALL OF US VILLAINS*
BY AMANDA FOODY

NOVEMBER 5: *THE WEIGHT OF BLOOD*
BY TIFFANY D. JACKSON

The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Registration required.

PAPERBACKS AND SNACKS

GRADES 6 TO 8
WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 9: *THE MONA LISA VANISHES*
BY NICHOLAS DAY

OCTOBER 14: *THE CARREFOUR CURSE*
BY DIANNE K. SALERNI

NOVEMBER 11: *THE STAR THAT ALWAYS STAYS*
BY ANNA ROSE JOHNSON

The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Registration required.

REPEATING PROGRAMS

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

GRADES 7 TO 12
SATURDAYS FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 19 · OCTOBER 17 · NOVEMBER 21

In this classic role-playing game, choose how your character interacts with the story, using dice to decide the outcome. All players are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Each session will be a one shot adventure. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
Registration required for each session.

TEENS NIGHT OUT

GRADES 6 TO 12
WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 2 · OCTOBER 7 · NOVEMBER 4

Enjoy video games, board games, food, and fun with other teens who love the library as much as you do! **Registration required.**

COZY WRITING CLUB

GRADES 7 TO 12
MONDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 21 · OCTOBER 19 · NOVEMBER 16

Write, share ideas, try fun prompts, and hang out with other creative teens. No pressure, no grades—just words and imagination. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Registration required.**

TEEN CULINARY CLUB

GRADES 7 TO 12
WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 23 · OCTOBER 28 · NOVEMBER 18

Each month, we'll explore different types of foods and drinks while learning basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, and creative techniques. See our calendar for details. **Registration required.**

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

GRADES 7 TO 12

THURSDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 17 · OCTOBER 15 · NOVEMBER 19

Have some ideas for the Library? Share your opinions on teen programs, books, trends, and more while eating pizza and making friends. Attendance can be used for volunteer (*must be 14-17 with a work permit*) hours **Registration required.**



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FALL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

SEPTEMBER

START SIMPLE: GENEALOGY BASICS

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

Take a deep dive into the most common genealogy documents to kickstart your search, including where to find them and how to read them. Join professional archivist and genealogist Robbie T. as she presents the best ways to get started on your journey of discovery.

Registration required. Virtual event.

OAKLAND COUNTY MODERN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

Midwest Modern photographer Josh Lipnik returns to explore the architecture and planning in Oakland County during its rapid growth after World War II.

Registration required. Attend virtually or in person.

THE REVOLUTIONARY WORDS THAT FORGED AMERICA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

Oakland County Judge Michael Warren will discuss his book, "The Revolutionary Words that Forged America," which analyzes the Declaration of Independence, and answer audience questions.

Registration required. In person only.

MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR DATES

Baldwin will be hosting the Manhattan Short Film Festival. Screen the films and then choose your favorite!

Registration required. In person only.

OCTOBER

CRAFT TO GO: AUTUMN BEAUTY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

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ESSENTIAL ALBUMS OF THE '80S & '90S

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 6:30 P.M.

Detroit music journalist Gary Graff and contributors to his two latest books, *501 Essential Albums of the '80s* and *501 Essential Albums of the '90s* gather to talk about music from both decades.

Registration required. In person only.

OCTOBER

DETROIT AT WAR: FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO WWII

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

The Detroit History Club joins us to explore Detroit's role in pivotal moments of American and world history. From the War of 1812 and the city's surrender, to its rallying cry, "Thank God for Michigan," during the Civil War, through to its transformation in WWII.

Registration required. In person only.

WITCHES: FROM WONDERFUL TO WICKED TO WONDERFUL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join Ed Blondin for an exploration of the Western World's original herbal healers. He will explain the stereotypes of the Witch/Healer and how these figures drove economics, religion, health care, and American Pop Culture into the 21st century.

Registration required. In person only.

J.R. ROSENWALD: THE QUIET PHILANTHROPISTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

Julius Rosenwald rose to become the President of Sears, Roebuck and Co. He amassed a significant fortune and used his wealth to support education, the arts, sciences and culture. Yet little is known about this great philanthropist.

Registration required. In person only.

1969: KILLERS, FREAKS, AND RADICALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 3:00 P.M.

Amid cultural upheaval of the late 1960s, a series of brutal murders targeting young women gripped Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. This independent and locally-made documentary examines the crimes and the social and political tensions that enabled them. Q+A with director Andrew Templeton to follow.

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ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us as we host Dr. Stewart Graham of Corewell Health, a global specialist in Alzheimer's research. He will discuss early warning signs and potential prevention methods for this disease.

Registration required. Attend virtually or in person.

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NOVEMBER

LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

Back by popular demand, Baldwin's Local Author Fair will return on Saturday, November 15. Applications and guidelines for interested authors can be found on our website at baldwinlib.org/youth and will be accepted until September 18.

No registration required.

SOWING MAGIC: COLLECTING, SOWING AND SEED STORIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

Discover the vital role that seeds play in creating a balanced ecosystem and how to embrace their potential to enhance both your garden's beauty and its ecological health.

Registration required. Attend virtually or in person.

HIDDEN TOOLS FOR GENEALOGY

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

Hit a genealogy roadblock? Discover online tricks and tools beyond the norm that will get you back on track. Join professional archivist and genealogist Robbie T. as she presents the best ways to get started on your journey of discovery!

Registration required. Virtual event.

INTO NO MAN'S LAND: IRENE MILLER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 2:00 P.M.

It is a story of courage, determination, perseverance, and the power of the human spirit. Irene Miller, a Holocaust survivor, author, speaker, and educator will take you on an extraordinary survival journey.

Registration required. In person only.

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(BPL, July 15, 2026)

Birmingham, MI – Baldwin Public Library (BPL) is pleased to announce receipt of a donation of a bronze cast Otter sculpture made by renowned artist Marshall M. Fredericks. In June 2026, the sculpture was donated to BPL by Dr. Franziska Schoenfeld. The sculpture,



purchased directly from Fredericks in 1993 by Drs. Robert and Franziska Schoenfeld, was affectionately known as “Otto” by their family.

Dr. Schoenfeld chose BPL as the recipient of this gift with the hope that library visitors would enjoy seeing the sculpture, which brought her family so much joy, every time they came to the building. Because of the appeal to all ages, the otter was installed at the entrance to the Grand Hall near the center of the library. With this placement, “Otto” becomes part of a collection of artworks scattered across the City of Birmingham for public enjoyment.



In addition to the sculpture, Dr. Schoenfeld also donated a copy of the children’s book, *The Impatient Otter*, which she wrote, and which was illustrated by Ann Kelly. Inspired by her own children’s love of “Otto”, the story imagines what happens when the sculpture comes to life, to the delight of the Fredericks children. A copy of the book will remain on display with “Otto” for visitors to read through at any time.

The Marshall M. Fredericks Otter sculpture was originally created along with a Rabbit, Grouse, and Hawk and is one of four animals surrounding the Gazelle Fountain in the Levi L. Barbour Memorial fountain in the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory Rose Garden on Belle Isle in Detroit, Michigan. A version of the sculpture is also in the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids and the Marshall Fredericks Museum at Saginaw Valley State University.

The sculpture will be officially received and the Schoenfeld family will be thanked at an open reception in the Baldwin Public Library’s Grand Hall on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend.

From Grosse Pointe to Los Alamos: Pointer honors father's hidden history

By Meg Kelly, July 16, 2026



From top, John "Mike" Michnovicz, posing with his camera; Toni Michnovicz Gibson's parents during the Manhattan Project era; and a photo Michnovicz took capturing humanity in Los Alamos during the Manhattan Project. Photos courtesy of Toni Michnovicz Gibson

When Toni Michnovicz Gibson relocated to Michigan decades ago, she never anticipated that her family's archive eventually would be so impactful on pieces of American history. For three years, the Grosse Pointe Park resident meticulously sorted through hundreds of old photographs, negatives and recordings to culminate in the publication of her book, "Los Alamos 1944-1977."

Published by Arcadia Publishing in 2005, the book brought long overdue recognition to her father, a military photographer whose lens captured humanity during the Manhattan Project.

Gibson grew up in Albuquerque, N.M., the second oldest of 13 children. Her parents met at a secret laboratory in Los Alamos during World War II.

"My parents met during the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos," Gibson said, "and when the war was over, my dad stayed working there. He was then sent to Albuquerque because it was like the overflow site for Los Alamos, because it was pretty small."



After graduating from the University of New Mexico with a teaching certificate, Gibson was eager to forge her own path.

"I graduated and at that point I wanted to move as far away from my family as I could," Gibson said. "So I moved to Hawaii."

While on Oahu she met her husband, who was serving at Barbers Point and Pearl Harbor as one of the final draftees of the Vietnam War.

"We met in a choir singing with the Honolulu Symphony and so we got married a year later," Gibson said.

Because her husband was a Michigan native, the couple eventually relocated to the Midwest, where he earned an advanced degree in Ann Arbor and secured a position as an archivist at the Detroit Public Library. Gibson spent 20 years teaching elementary school in the Detroit Public Schools before retiring.

Today, she has seven grandchildren and remains active in the community as an avid gardener and by giving historical tours at Pewabic Pottery, as well as St. Paul Cathedral and St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Detroit.

Though Gibson always knew her parents had worked at the time of the Manhattan Project, the true scope of her father's historical contribution came to light unexpectedly during a family trip back West. While visiting the White Sands National Monument with her daughters and nieces, Gibson picked up a historical book in the gift shop detailing the lives of wartime women in Los Alamos.

"I picked up this book and ... thought, 'This picture looks familiar' and 'I saw this picture' and 'I've seen this before,'" Gibson said.

She purchased the book and took it to her father's house.

"I showed my dad," she continued. "I said, 'This looks really familiar.' He said, 'Yeah, it's right there on the wall.' It was one of his photos. It's 'Road to Los Alamos' and this is one of his pictures he took back in the '40s."

John "Mike" Michnovicz then went through the book identifying numerous photographs as his own. When Gibson expressed amazement, her father produced two large boxes filled with original photographs, negatives, portraits and a mass of wartime artifacts.

Recognizing the immense historical value of the collection, Gibson embarked on a three-year project to organize the materials, sitting down with her father to preserve each story behind the lens.

"When I did organize them, I sat down with my dad and we tape-recorded with a cassette him describing every photo, who was in it, when it happened, if he took the picture, because sometimes he's in the picture," Gibson said.

As Gibson dug deeper into the disorganized boxes, she discovered her father had unprecedented access to the absolute highest tier of the Manhattan Project's leadership and scientific elite. Among the artifacts was an original print that stunned her.

"He brought out this photo of Robert Oppenheimer and I actually had this — it's a print, but I actually have the 8-by-10 of this, the original — and Oppenheimer has autographed it," Gibson said. "So when he brought these out, it was kind of amazing to me."

Beyond the autographed portrait of Oppenheimer, her father captured intimate, candid moments of other legendary figures, including Nobel Prize-winning physicist Enrico Fermi. Despite the massive historical weight of the images, her father's name was completely erased from the public record.

"He never got any credit for any of this," Gibson said. "His name is never mentioned, because he was in the Army, so he didn't technically own the images. They belong to the Army, so he was never recognized."

Because her father had been drafted into the military as a college student with a background in physics and engineering, the officer at Los Alamos reviewed his service record, noticed he had shot photos for his college yearbook and ordered him to the photo lab.

His true legacy was documenting the human reality of a community built completely in secret. He shot portraits of world-famous scientists, but he also captured the raw substandard daily living conditions of the base.

"His photos are not the photos of the atomic bomb, photos of science experiments," Gibson said.

"They're photos of the life people did in their spare time — where they ate, where they did community events, how they played sports. So this was all about life in this secret town."

Her father was a true Renaissance man in the camp. In addition to working in the photo lab, he was a gifted musician who played in a band on Los Alamos' isolated, internal radio station and he frequently photographed local weddings, babies and square dances with the neighboring Pueblo peoples.



The photo of Robert Oppenheimer that John "Mike" Michnovicz took.

Beyond preserving national history, the project served as a profound emotional bridge between Gibson and her father. Growing up one of 13 children under the roof of a military man meant that family life oftentimes was strictly disciplined.

"He had to run a tight ship, so we all were kind of afraid of him I guess you could say," Gibson said. "So this project really brought me a lot closer to him and I appreciated his work. I appreciated his humility."

The race to finish the book became deeply urgent when her father was diagnosed with colon cancer in his 70s. As his health rapidly declined, Gibson fought desperately to get a physical copy of the book into his hands.

"He was getting increasingly more ill and I really wanted him to see this," Gibson said. "I called my editor and said, 'Do you have any copies available?' And she said, 'Yes, we can give you an overnight one.' I was in Michigan, so I got on the plane and got there that night. Then the next morning, the doorbell rang and UPS was delivering a book, so my dad got to see it and he died a week later."

Decades later, a similarly bittersweet tragedy struck the family. In February 2024, Gibson organized a major pop-up photo exhibition and book talk at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Her brother, Jon Michnovicz, a prominent New York doctor who had co-authored the book by manually developing the old negatives in a local print lab, had advanced lung cancer and passed away the day after the presentation.

Following her father's passing, Gibson made it her mission to see historical institutions give her father the public credit he was denied in the 1940s and still to this day. A Google search of George Kistiakowsky, a famous Ukrainian-American chemist, will reveal his portrait, taken by Gibson's father, but with no credit attached. She donated his priceless archive to the Los Alamos History Museum.

On Dec. 26, 2023, what would have been her father's 100th birthday, Gibson traveled to New Mexico, rented a room in the La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe and curated her own independent exhibition of more than 100 photos, complete with captions and historical references.

An archivist from the Norris Bradbury Science Museum attended the pop-up, admitted to never hearing of this famous photographer and immediately requested to host an official exhibition. By 2024-25, both the Bradbury Museum and the Los Alamos Historical Society finally mounted formal exhibitions showcasing her father's name.

Gibson continues to carry history forward. She currently is preparing a presentation for the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, where she will showcase a 30-minute multimedia video her father created for a 1970 Manhattan Project reunion. The presentation features hundreds of his original slides, authentic audio from the secret town's radio station and his own voice narrating what life was like behind security gates.

Looking back at the decades-long journey to preserve her dad's hidden history, Gibson offered a final piece of hard-won wisdom about what truly matters.

"The book speaks for itself," she said. "If I did it again, I would stop and appreciate my parents more. Lives are busy and, as you get old, you have a different place in life. I would spend more time with them, but I am grateful for all the hours I did get to spend with them."

Michigan Public Library Millage Results 2010 to August 2026

Vote Date	Library Name	County	Millage	Renewal, Increase, or New	Term	Result	Yes	No	Takes effect	Type
4-August-2026	Albion District Library	Calhoun	2.4777	Renewal	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	1,166	369	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Alcona County Library	Alcona	0.75	Renewal/Increase	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	2,147	1,412	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Almont District Library	Lapeer	1.25	Renewal/Increase	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	1,107	694	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Benzonia Township (Benzonia Public Library & Darcy Library of Beulah)	Benzie	0.78	Renewal/Additional	2027-2033 (7 years)	Passed	731	427	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Bridgeport Public Library	Saginaw	1.5	Renewal/Increase	2026-2031 (6 years)	Passed	1,414	661	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Capital Are District Library	Ingham	1.56	Renewal	2026-2029 (4 years)	Passed	47,707	16,56	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Charlotte Community Library	Eaton	1.4	Renewal/Additional	2028-2037 (10 years)	Passed	2,551	1,595	2028	Operating
4-August-2026	Columbia Township Library	Tuscola	1.0	Renewal	2028-2034 (7 years)	Passed	210	89	2028	Operating
4-August-2026	Dryden Township Library	Lapeer	0.1644	New	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	728	680	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Eastpointe Memorial Library	Macomb	1.0	Renewal	2027-2031 (5 Years)	Passed	4,382	1,609	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Ferndale Area District Library	Oakland	2.81	Renewal	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	5,149	2,438	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Ferndale Area District Library	Oakland	0.5	New	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	5,102	2,464	2027	Capital Asset
4-August-2026	Frankenmuth Wickson District Library	Saginaw	0.85	New	2026-2045 (20 years)	Passed	1,872	1,058	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Freeport District Library	Barry	0.5	Renewal/Increase	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	1,109	523	2027	Operating

Vote Date	Library Name	County	Millage	Renewal, Increase, or New	Term	Result	Yes	No	Takes effect	Type
4-August-2026	Genesee District Library	Genesee	0.9578	Renewal	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	55,321	23,579	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Hazel Park District Library	Oakland	2.5	Renewal/Increase	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	2,211	956	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Hesperia Community Library	Newaygo/Oceana	1.1	Renewal/Increase	2026-2033 (8 years)	Passed	689	471	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Holly Township Library	Oakland	1.31	Renewal/Increase	2026-2029 (4 years)	Passed	1,562	1,381	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Ionia County Library Millage (Alvah Belding, Ionia Com. Lib., Lake Odessa Lib., Lyons Twp Lib, Portland D. L., Saranac Clarksville D. L.)	Ionia	1.2212	Renewal	2028-2037 (10 years)	Passed	8,878	5,849	2028	Operating
4-August-2026	Merrill District Library	Saginaw	0.80	Renewal	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	406	222	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	North Branch Township Library	Lapeer	1.0	Renewal/Increase	2028-2037 (10 years)	Passed	381	329	2028	Operating
4-August-2026	Otsego County Library	Otsego	0.40	New	2027-2032 (6 years)	Passed	4,281	2,027	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Paw Paw District Library	Van Buren	.9571	Renewal	2027-2046 (20 years)	Passed	2,328	1,096	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Pentwater District Library	Oceana	1.25	New	2026-2029 (4 years)	Passed	642	388	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Pinckney Community Public Library	Livingston	1.75	Renewal/Increase	2027-2034 (8 years)	Passed	1,498	1,170	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Pontiac Public Library	Oakland	1.4660	Renewal/Increase	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	6,121	1,992	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Putnam District Library	Barry	0.9398	Renewal	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	660	323	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Rawson Memorial Library	Tuscola	0.35	Renewal/Increase	2027-2030 (4 years)	Passed	965	570	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	Rauchholz Memorial Library (Fremont Twp)	Saginaw	0.30	New	2027-2036 (10 years)	Failed	234	292	2027	Operating

Vote Date	Library Name	County	Millage	Renewal, Increase, or New	Term	Result	Yes	No	Takes effect	Type
4-August-2026	Royal Oak Township Public Library (Renewal Prop 1)	Oakland	1.2834	Renewal/Increase	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	322	146	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Royal Oak Township Public Library (Renewal Prop 2)	Oakland	0.7166	Renewal/Increase	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	321	142	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Shelby Area District Library (Benona Twp)	Oceana	0.25	Renewal/Increase	2026-2029 (4 years)	Passed	366	192	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Sparta Carnegie Township Library	Kent	0.2375	Renewal	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	1,034	995	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Utica Public Library	Macomb	0.3894	Renewal	2027-2036 (10 years)	Passed	835	206	2027	Operating
4-August-2026	White Lake Library	Oakland	0.3603	Renewal	2026-2033 (8 years)	Passed	5,004	4,138	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Wixom Public Library	Oakland	1.0645	Renewal	2027-2036 (10 Years)	Passed	2,119	1,161	2027	Operating
5-May-2026	Clinton Township Public Library	Lenawee	1	New	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	379	285	2026	Operating
4-November-2025	Milan Public Library	Monroe	.2185	Renewal	2026-2032 (7 years)	Passed	1,473	567	2026	Operating
4-November-2025	Richland Community Library	Kalamazoo	.75	New/Additional	Perpetuity	Passed	1,088	682	2025	Operating
4-November-2025	Roseville Public Library	Macomb	.4622	Renewal	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	4,107	1,557	2026	Operating
4-November-2025	Troy Public Library (Troy City Bond)	Oakland	1.1327	New	2025-2044 (20 years)	Failed	2,879	4,766	2025	Building Bond and City Improvements
4-November-2025	Van Buren District Library	Van Buren	.1984	Renewal	2025-2034 (10 years)	Passed	3,196	1,549	2025	Operating
5-August-2025	Buchanan District Library	Berrien	.30	Renewal/Headlee Override	2025-2034 (10 years)	Passed	862	391	2025	Operating
5-August-2025	Elk Rapids District Library	Antrim	.36	New	2025-2036 (12 Years)	Passed	1,063	571	2025	Building Bond

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST

Trust Agenda

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Gifts to Trust: Receipts

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Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting

Rotary Donor Room

Monday, August 17, 2026

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 July 20, 2026 minutes | p. 71 |
| B. Acceptance of the July 2026 receipts of \$7,036.15 | p. 78 |
| C. Approval of the July 2026 disbursements of \$13,165.09 | p. 79 |

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, September 28, 2026

Motion: To adjourn the August 17, 2026 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
July 20, 2026**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 8:34 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Pam Graham, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, 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 June 15, 2026 minutes

B. Acceptance of the June 2026 receipts of \$22,852.67

C. Approval of the June 2026 disbursements of \$8,543.93

1st Friedman

2nd Pisano

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. New and Miscellaneous Business: Pisano noted that the library's endowment funds are performing above the established benchmarks.

4. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

1st Wheeler

2nd Friedman

A voice vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The next Trust Meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026, following the regular meeting in the Rotary Tribute & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman, Secretary	Date
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Baldwin Public Library Trust: July 2026

July receipts totaled \$7,036.15. July disbursements totaled \$13,165.09

The current value of the Trust is \$2,419,404.52, divided up in the following way:

	June 2026 - EOY	July 2026
Total endowment investments*	\$ 1,290,491.52	\$ 1,289,194.04
Endowment funds distributed for use	\$ 217,608.53	\$ 210,126.95
Total endowment funds	\$ 1,508,100.05	\$ 1,499,320.99
General spendable funds	\$ 688,078.22	\$ 701,636.36
Building fund	\$ 152,877.03	\$ 154,969.29
Restricted funds**	\$ 45,390.25	\$ 40,260.23
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
Total non-endowment funds	\$ 909,563.15	\$ 920,083.53
Total endowment funds	\$ 1,508,100.05	\$ 1,499,320.99
Total non-endowment funds	\$ 909,563.15	\$ 920,083.53
Total of all Trust funds	\$ 2,417,663.20	\$ 2,419,404.52

* The principal of the endowment funds is \$891,886.60.

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

Baldwin Public Library Trust
Endowment Funds Portfolio Performance Benchmarks
As of July 31, 2026

<u>Index</u>	<u>2026: YTD</u>	<u>2025: Entire Year</u>
S&P 500-Equity Benchmark	9.41%	16.39%
U.S. Aggregate-Bond Benchmark	-0.75%	-0.20%
Blended Return of Both Benchmarks* (S&P 500: 75% and U.S. Aggregate: 25%)	6.87%	12.24%
Baldwin Endowment Funds' Portfolio	7.40%	9.73%
Endowment Funds' Performance Compared to Blended Return of Benchmarks	0.53%	-2.51%

*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 July 31, 2026, the breakdown was as follows:

Raymond James Endowment Funds Account	\$1,303,026.03
Raymond James Building Mutual Funds Account	\$643,216.78
Huntington Bank Checking Account	\$4,879.68
Huntington Bank Money Market Account	<u>\$468,282.03</u>
Total	\$ 2,419,404.52

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

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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT FUNDS BY DESIGNATION
JULY 31, 2026

		Prior Month Balance	Current Month Revenue	Year to Date Revenue	Current Month Expense	Year to Date Expense	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Change in Investment Value	Ending Balance 07/31/26
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Gift & Tribute Funds	Purpose	06/30/26		Revenue	Expense	Expense	In	Out	Value	
General Spendable Funds		\$688,078.22	\$6,942.65	\$6,942.65	\$10.00	\$10.00			\$6,625.48	\$701,636.36
Restricted Funds:										
Building Fund		\$152,877.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$2,092.26	\$154,969.29
Van Dragt Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Memorials/Tributes		\$10,490.82	\$100.20	\$100.20	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$10,591.02
Covid Project		\$516.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$516.43
Restricted Fund - Idea Lab/MAF		\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$2,550.00
Friends	Adult Services Programs	\$4,733.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$512.37	\$512.37				\$4,221.18
	Young Adult Programs	\$9,402.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,698.06	\$1,698.06				\$7,704.42
	Youth Services Programs	\$5,937.94	\$3.30	\$3.30	\$518.94	\$518.94				\$5,422.30
	Idea Lab Program Supplies	\$2,863.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,504.14	\$2,504.14				\$359.06
	Outreach & Equipment	\$8,895.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$8,895.82
	Sub-total Restricted	\$198,267.27	\$103.50	\$103.50	\$5,233.51	\$5,233.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,092.26	\$195,229.52
Rotary Room Fund	Naming Rights-Principal	\$7,832.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$7,832.00
	Maintenance Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Ileane Thal Reference Desk		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Miranda Burnett Reference Desk		\$9,385.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$9,385.65
Total Gift and Tribute Funds		\$909,563.15	\$7,046.15	\$7,046.15	\$5,243.51	\$5,243.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,717.74	\$920,083.53
Endowment Funds										
Endowment Budgeted Funds	General Funds	\$61,112.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112.95	\$112.95				\$60,999.70
	Adult Large Print	\$2,898.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.80	\$28.80				\$2,869.41
	Adult Services Department	\$36,018.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$36,018.54
	Adult Audio Visual	\$712.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$712.29
	Adult Reference	\$74,610.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$74,610.06
	Adult Programs	\$15,878.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$15.00)	(\$15.00)				\$15,893.28
	Architecture	\$1,022.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$1,022.95
	Youth Services Department	\$7,307.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$759.02	\$759.02				\$6,548.50
	Youth Programs (Nix)	\$501.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$501.99
	Professional Development	\$14,100.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,595.81	\$6,595.81				\$7,505.18
	Staff Appreciation	\$1,973.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$1,973.88
	Koschik Building Fund	\$1,471.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$1,471.17
	Sub-total	\$217,608.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,481.58	\$7,481.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210,126.95
Total Endowment Investments	All Funds	\$1,290,491.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			(\$1,297.48)	\$1,289,194.04
Total Endowment Funds		\$1,508,100.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,481.58	\$7,481.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,297.48)	\$1,499,320.99
Total All Trust Funds		\$2,417,663.20	\$7,046.15	\$7,046.15	\$12,725.09	\$12,725.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,420.26	\$2,419,404.52

TRUST RECEIPTS
July-26

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Trust Money Mkt General Funds:

Trevor Sutherland in Appreciation of Idea Lab	\$	800.00
Kathryn Bergeron	\$	25.00
Jeff Emery in Memory of Mary Martha Feiste	\$	100.00
Todd Bos in Memory of Mary Martha Feiste	\$	50.00
Anonymous	\$	5,000.00

Money Market Interest Income	\$	967.65	\$	6,942.65
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Friends of BPL:

- Adult Programs	
- Teen Programs	
- Youth Programs - Cash Refund of Returned Item	\$ 3.30
- Idea Lab Program Supplies	
- Outreach and Equipment	

Trust Money Mkt Restricted Funds:

	\$	3.30
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Memorial Book Fund:

Nancy Lane in Memory of Mary Martha Feiste (Adult)	\$	75.00
Marianne Kalk in Memory of Mary Martha Feiste (Adult)	\$	25.00

Checking Account Interest	\$	0.20	\$	100.20
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Trust Money Mkt Endowment Fund:

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Total Receipts at Huntington Bank	\$	7,046.15	\$	7,046.15
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Raymond James

Huntington Bank to Raymond James)		\$0.00
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Total Trust Receipts (Before Bank Fees)	<u>\$7,046.15</u>	<u>\$7,046.15</u>
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Monthly Banking Fee on Money Market Account	<u>\$ (10.00)</u>	<u>\$ (10.00)</u>
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Total Trust Receipts (Net)	<u>\$7,036.15</u>	<u>\$7,036.15</u>
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CHECK REGISTER FOR CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
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Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank LIBRY BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST					
07/10/2026	LIBRY	6554	MISC	ANTONIA GIBSON	150.00
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6555	MISC	ALYSSA MANDELL	155.93
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6556	004867	BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST	31.80
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6557	MISC	BEVERLY BANKS	1,462.89
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6558	MISC	BRIAN CHRISTOPHER KEMP	100.00
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6559	000902	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	28.80
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6560	000575	DEMCO, INC	321.78
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6561	007403	SUSAN DION	27.90
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6562	009315	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	8,543.92
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07/31/2026	LIBRY	6564	009315	VOID	0.00 V
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6565	010156	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	167.84
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6566	004604	GORDON FOOD	465.18
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6567	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	227.70
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6568	MISC	JOSH CAMPEAU	823.39
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6569	000757	SCHOLASTIC INC	134.40
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6570	MISC	STUART J. STURTON	23.56
07/31/2026	LIBRY	6571	MISC	TECHNOTAG LLC	500.00
LIBRY TOTALS:					
Total of 18 Checks:					13,165.09
Less 2 Void Checks:					0.00
Total of 16 Disbursements:					13,165.09