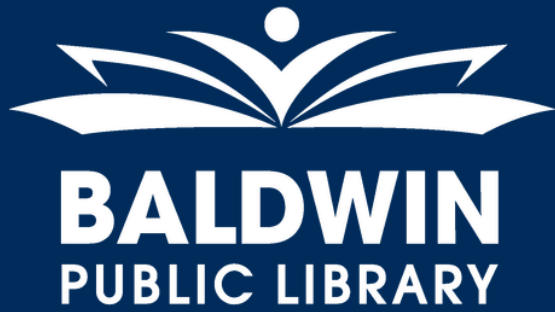




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ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

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





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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fiscal year 2025-2026 was another banner year for the Baldwin Public Library. We continue to make fiscally responsible improvements to our building, materials, and services to provide you with a high return for your tax investment.

Our Library Board thanked outgoing board member, Melissa Mark, for her 8 years service on the Board and welcomed incoming board member Pam Graham.

In continued efforts to improve your experiences at Baldwin, our staff members launched a new website, online catalog, and mobile app, which make it easier than ever to see and access everything that we have to offer.

Baldwin continues to be a special destination and a beloved part of our community. Not only do we offer an updated, accessible, and welcoming building that is open seven days a week, but we are also proud to have the friendliest and most helpful group of library staff in the area.

We truly wouldn't be the place we are without your continued support and feedback. Thank you for making Baldwin what it is today!

REBEKAH CRAFT

LIBRARY DIRECTOR



BOARD OF DIRECTORS (L-R)

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BY THE NUMBERS



23,827

Library Cardholders



3,067

New library cards issued



603,796

Total Circulation



195,109

eMaterials Circulation



103,144

Items in Circulation



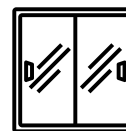
134,548

Database Sessions



18,303

Idea Lab Visits



247,612

Library Visits



33,123

Attendees at Programs



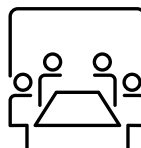
7,893

Public Computer Sessions



735

Study Room Uses



459

Room Rentals (earning \$20,507)

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed and launched the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan
- Launched a new, fully accessible website in September 2025
- Debuted a new catalog app for mobile devices in January 2026
- Cameron Rooney-Crawford, Kristen Tait, and Sam Hollo were selected to present their proposed programs at the Innovative User Group conference
- Library Director Rebekah Craft was awarded the 2025 Michigan Library Association's Public Librarian of the Year award
- Hosted Staff Development Day for staff training and teambuilding on March 27, 2026
- Staff members Elisabeth Phou, Patricia Henricks, Alyssa Mandell, Austin DeWalt, Jen Adams, Jeff Jimison, and Beverly Banks received stipends totaling \$13,200 from the Library of Michigan to attend library conferences.
- The Youth Room Terrace was replaced with exposed aggregate concrete and a path with steps to the Martin Street sidewalk.
- Technology infrastructure improved with the addition of a redundant network server and phone server, and a thorough test of network security.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Baldwin staff and Board members attended **165 outreach programs** reaching **6,423 visitors**

Events and visits included:

- Birmingham Farmers Market
- Goddard School
- Midvale
- Birmingham YMCA
- Birmingham Optimist Club
- Wee Care
- Book Clubs at Senior Living Facilities
- Birmingham Next
- Beverly Hills Halloween Hoot
- Birmingham Wintermarkt
- Birmingham DPS Open House
- Birmingham Hometown Parade
- Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade
- Pembroke STEAM Night
- Birmingham Youth Assistance Touch a Truck
- And many visits to promote Summer Reading to all public school students in grades K to 11.

FROM OUR SUPPORTERS

“My father-in-law (101 years old) just obtained his Baldwin library card. He lives in a local senior home and was reluctant to join a new library. Lynn signed him up and showed him around. She was so kind and gracious that he changed his attitude about a new library. “

“Baldwin is the BEST and I so appreciate your getting these books in for me. I thank you and your staff for always being so helpful and gracious.”

“A regular patron came to the Info Desk and expressed how much she loves the library. The one thing that makes BPL SO extra special are the people who work here.”

“Baldwin programming is really special and I feel very fortunate to attend many of the offerings.”

“The Baldwin library has been a great gift over the years.”

“My family and I have loved Baldwin. Thank you for providing a safe, welcoming and wonderful space for our community.”

“We recently moved here and need to tell you we are blown away by the Baldwin Library. The programming is inclusive and very interesting! We appreciate your hard work!”

BALDWIN FRIENDS



The Friends of the Baldwin Public Library contributed \$49,550 this year, which they fundraised through book sales, lobby bookshop sales, and memberships. Now in its 76th year, the Friends support the Library’s standards, goals and vision by creating enjoyable programs and opportunities for all Baldwin patrons. If you have a similar passion, consider joining the Friends. Membership is open to all, and paid dues go directly back to the Library. Find out more at baldwinlib.org/friends.

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Total Value
\$2,417,663

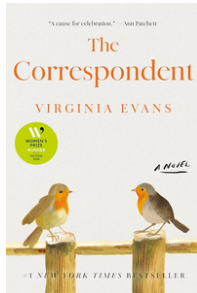
General
Spendable
Funds
\$688,078

28 Named
Endowments
\$1,508,100

POPULAR BOOKS

Books

Adult Fiction



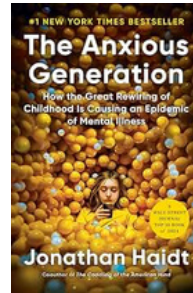
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry



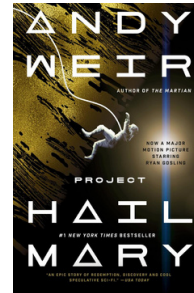
Adult Nonfiction



The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins
The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt



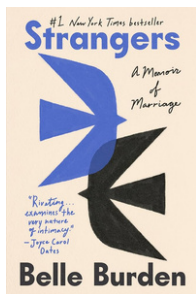
Adult Science Fiction



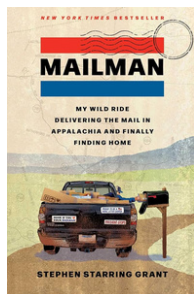
Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir
Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros



Biography



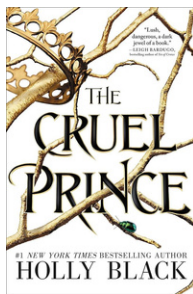
Strangers by Belle Burden
Mailman by Stephen Starring Grant



Teen Fiction



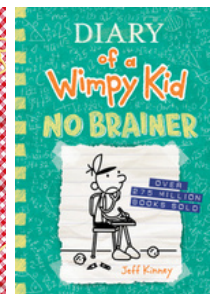
Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins
The Cruel Prince by Holly Black



Youth Fiction

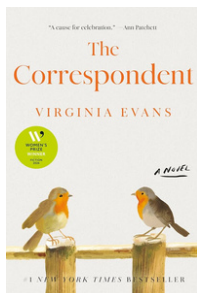


Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess & No Brainer by Jeff Kinney

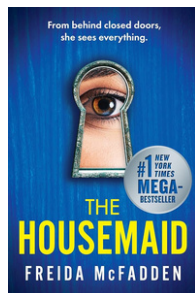


eBooks

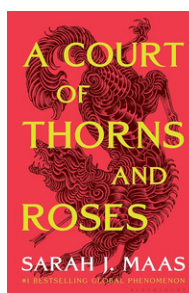
Adult



The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
The Housemaid by Freida McFadden



Teen



A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas
Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins



Youth



A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston



Graphic Novels

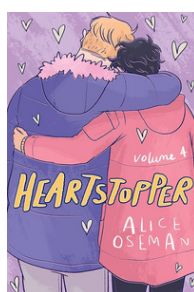
Adult



Checked Out by Katie Fricas
Redcoat Vol. 1 by Geoff Johns



Teen



Heartstopper Vol. 4 by Alice Oseman
Heartstopper Vol. 5 by Alice Oseman



Youth



Claudia and the Bad Joke by Ann M. Martin
Stacey's Mistake by Ann M. Martin



POPULAR MEDIA

Audiobooks

Adult



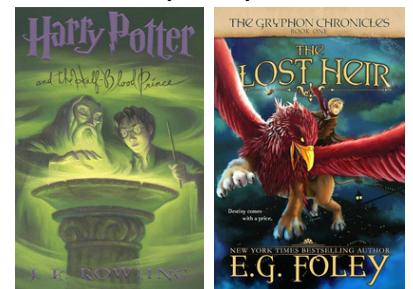
King's Ransom by Janet Evanovich
My Friends by Frederik Backman

Youth



Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
Stella by McCall Hoyle

Youth Playaway



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
by J.K. Rowling
The Lost Heir by E.G. Foley

Music

CDs



Riley Clemmons Godsend

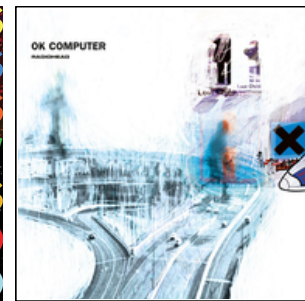


Switchfoot Interrobang

Vinyl



Radiohead In Rainbows



Radiohead OK Computer

DVD and Blu-ray

Adult



Jane Austen Wrecked My Life
Superman [2025]

TV Series



Tedd Lasso [Season 2]
Tedd Lasso [Season 3]

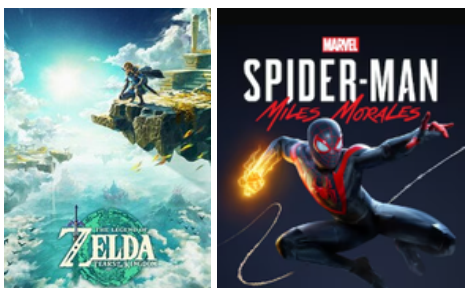
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Sonic the Hedgehog 3
Despicable Me 2

Video Games

Teen



The Legend of Zelda. Tears of the Kingdom [Switch]
Spider-Man: Miles Morales [PS5]

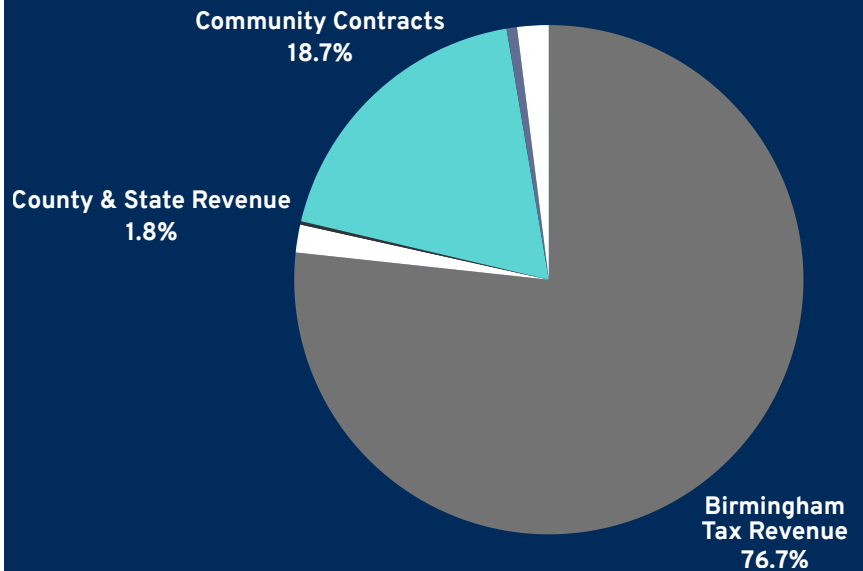
Youth



Minecraft Legends [Switch]
Super Mario Party [Switch]

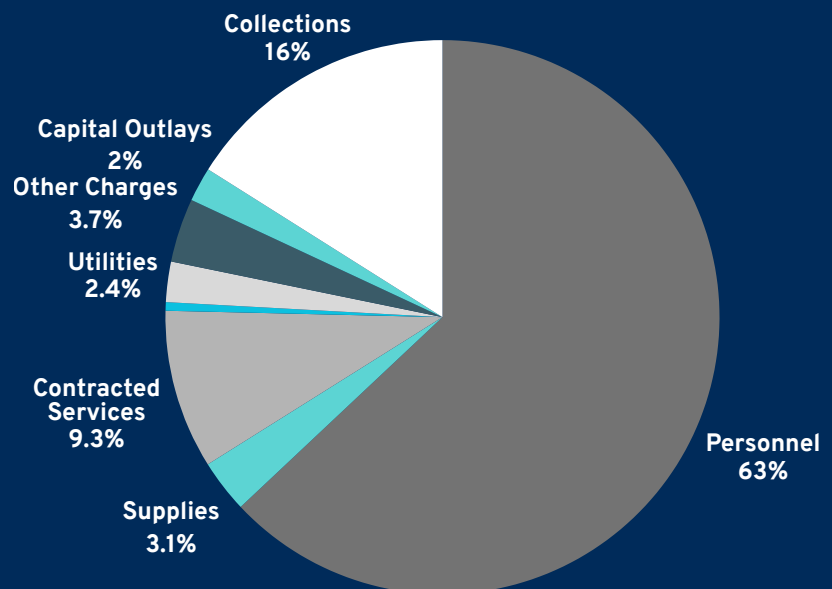
REVENUE

Birmingham Tax Revenue	\$4,698,792
Provision for Tax Loss	(\$16,651)
County & State Revenue	\$108,306
Grants	\$13,200
Community Contracts	\$1,142,478
Patron Use Revenue	\$40,280
Investment Income	\$122,385
Other Revenue	\$49
TOTAL	\$6,108,840



EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$3,397,440
Supplies	\$166,827
Contracted Services	\$500,835
Technology & Maintenance	\$26,805
Utilities	\$127,066
Other Charges	\$201,104
Capital Outlays	\$107,977
Collections	\$865,536
TOTAL	\$5,393,589



ENDING FUND BALANCE: \$2,198,254