



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2026

Danielle Rumple
PRESIDENT

Karen Rock
VICE PRESIDENT

Wendy Friedman
SECRETARY

Pam Graham

Frank Pisano

Jennifer Wheeler

Rebekah Craft
LIBRARY
DIRECTOR

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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Term expires 2027

Personnel Committee,
Policy Committee



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AGENDA

Baldwin Public Library Board Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Rotary/Donor Rooms

300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, MI 48009

Agenda

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

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

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

I. General Public Comment Period

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

II. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of September 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes p. 7
- B. Approval of September 2026 vendor payments in the amount of \$185,171.63, including payments in excess of \$75,000. p. 10
- C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$523,821.15 p. 15

IV. Board Reports and Special Announcements

- A. President's report
- B. Board comments
- C. Staff anniversaries (Wendy Friedman) p. 30
- D. Upcoming events of interest (Jaclyn Miller) p. 34
- E. Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library (Ryndee Carney) p. 31
- F. Report from Teen Advisory Board

- V. Board Committee Reports
 - A. Finance—Frank Pisano p. 14
The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.
 - B. Building—Pam Graham p. 17
The next Building Committee will meet on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.
 - C. Outreach
The next Outreach Committee meeting will be held at a date and time to be determined.
- VI. Library Report – Rebekah Craft and Jaclyn Miller p. 19
- 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
- IX. Unfinished Business
- X. Items removed from the Consent Agenda
- XI. Information Only
 - A. Upcoming events of interest p. 34
 - B. *Click on Detroit* article “What proposals are on Oakland County’s 2026 general election ballot? Here’s the list” p. 36
 - C. *Downtown Publications* article “Faces: Wendy Friedman” p. 37
- XII. Adjournment
The next regular meeting of the Library Board will take place on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: *To adjourn the October 19, 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.

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**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES,
REGULAR MEETING
September 28, 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, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumble, Jennifer Wheeler.

Absent and excused: Pam Graham.

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

Friends of the Library liaison present: None.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: None.

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 August 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**
 - B. Approval of August 2026 vendor payments in the amount of \$166,040.10, including payments in excess of \$75,000.**
 - C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of \$445,581.19**
 - 1st** Friedman
 - 2nd** Rock
 - A roll call vote was taken.
 - Yeas: Friedman, Pisano, Rock, Rumble, Wheeler.
 - Nays: None.
 - Absent and excused: Graham.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumble commended Craft for compiling the FY2025-2026 Annual Report for the City Commission.

Board comments: None.

Staff Anniversaries: Craft recognized the following staff anniversaries: Diana Ancog (5 years of service), Liz Aguilar (1 year), Theresa Anderson (2 years), Beverly Banks (5 years), Sarah Boggs (1 year), Ethan Cronkite (5 years), David Dapkus (9 years), Brandy Dziengel (2 years), Alyssa Mandell (4 years), Allison McFadden-Keesley (1 year), Louis Hatfield (2 years), Patricia Henricks (9 years), Jessica Hoeck (9 years), Jeff Jimison (9 years), Anjilena

Omlara-Fox (1 year), Haylie May (5 years), Mykola Potapenko (1 year), Vicki Sower (19 years), Lynn Szykiel (7 years), and Clover Vassilev (1 year).

Upcoming events of interest: Craft reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 102-103 of the September Board packet.

Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: None.

Pisano noted he recently met a former Friends President, who mentioned it would be advantageous for the Board to compile a letter to solicit Friends memberships.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Friedman reported that the Finance Committee met on September 14. Present were Friedman, Rumble, and Craft. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the September Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

Building Committee:

Rock reported that the Building Committee met last on September 14. Present were Graham, Rock, Rumble, and Craft. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 18-19 of the September Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

The Board expressed collective frustration with the City's long delays in repairing the loading dock. Library Trustees will compile a letter addressing these concerns to be given to the City Commission after it is approved by the full board at the October 20 board meeting.

5. Library Report:

Craft presented highlights as shown in the Library Report. Full details of the complete Library Report, including programs, services, and staffing updates, are on pages 65-77 of the September Board packet.

City and Library attorneys are meeting this week to address legal issues and concerns regarding the Administrative Services contract.

The Friends of the Library scheduled their Fall Book Sale for November 14-15, 2026.

6. Liaisons

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

New & Miscellaneous Business:

FY2025-2026 Annual Report

Craft reviewed the details of the Annual Report to City Commission memorandum, found on page 82 of the

September Board packet, and recommended it to be approved by the Board to be sent to Birmingham City Commission.

Motion to approve the FY2025-2026 Annual Report and related documents and pass them along to the Birmingham City Commission to review and file at their next City Commission meeting.

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham.

The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business: None.

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

9. Information Only: See pages 101-118 of the September Board packet.

10. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Rock

2nd Pisano

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 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
	000627	CONSUMERS ENERGY	1,408.00
	000575	DEMCO, INC	231.71
	010156	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	33.60
	008164	GARY EISELE	64.53
	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	22,758.12
	MISC	JESSICA WALKER	16.20
	008827	KANOPY, INC	561.00
	004904	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	24,615.70
	003527	LOWER HURON SUPPLY CO INC	211.46
	MISC	MAUREEN HAMILTON	10.40
	MISC	MCMASTER-CARR	22.68
	007927	MICHELLE HOLLO	735.00
	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	11,010.51
	008336	NBS COMMERCIAL INTERIORS	2,412.00
	006785	OVERDRIVE, INC.	23,120.34
	009030	SYNTHA GREEN	169.00
	000797	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	2,498.11
	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	1,494.06
16956	009920	CORPORATE DINING CONCEPTS	279.00
16957	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	376.75
16958	009024	D.M. BURR GROUP	4,964.66
16982	005861	UNIQUE MGMT SERVICE, INC	72.10
17033	006666	GRID 4 COMMUNICATIONS INC.	234.35
17037	005550	LEE & ASSOCIATES CO., INC.	20,299.90
17042	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	742.03
311167	009202	AQUARIUM DESIGN INC	245.00
311202	000249	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	284.64
311210	010082	ISCG	27,065.25
311227	009261	NICOLSON ASSOCIATES INC	265.00
311256	009863	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	154.25
311265	009976	WEBLINK, INC.	675.00
311276	008309	ABSOLUTE LOCKSMITHS	125.00
311277	006638	ACTION MAT & TOWEL RENTAL, INC	35.36
311293	000571	CAR TRUCKING INC	292.50
311301	004493	ELITE IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	2,230.82
311313	009037	INNOVATIVE INTERFACES INC	12,000.00
311314	009037	INNOVATIVE INTERFACES INC	1,520.00
311322	004904	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	2,510.22
311326	009533	LIBRARY IDEAS, LLC	54.95
311340	009478	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	264.81
311343	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	459.94
311357	009026	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	1,075.85
311361	006759	AT&T	668.21
311364	000433	BRODART COMPANY	134.10
311368	003904	CAPITAL ONE BANK	10,061.81
311377	000179	DTE ENERGY	2,381.52
311401	010086	FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH PC	186.90
311420	010310	AMITY KAPADIA	4,000.00
311428	009478	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	103.93

Register of Claims

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Baldwin Public Library

300 W. Merrill Street

Birmingham, MI 48009

Check Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Amount
Total:			185,171.63

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

October 2026 Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Finance Committee met on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Alcove. Present were Danielle Rumble, Wendy Friedman, Frank Pisano, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller.

- There was no Public Comment.
- Craft shared the FY2026-27 budget update after three months. Everything is tracking as expected.
 - The Bloomfield Hills millage renewal is on the ballot in November. The contract is still in effect and this millage renewal is to designate a specific funding mechanism.
 - The FY2026-27 audit is wrapping up.
- Miller discussed September 2026 Trust expenditures with the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library funds.
- Craft will invite Jim Cummins to our next meeting to review investments.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

FINANCIAL REPORT: September 2026

This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2026-27, found on the following page. At 25.0% of the way through fiscal year 2026-2027, the Library has spent 21.8% of its budget and received 0.9% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 25.0% of its budget and to have received 25.0% of its revenue.

Two pay periods were recorded in the month.

Vendor payments in excess of \$75,000:

Total vendor payments in excess of \$75,000	\$	-
Balance of vendor payments less than \$75,000	\$	185,171.63
Total vendor payments	\$	185,171.63

City of Birmingham allocations:

Payroll Period Ending 08/29/26	\$	143,833.51
Payroll Period Ending 09/12/26	\$	115,773.37
Fixed Past Retirement Health Care Cost (acct 711.0004)	\$	488.33
Retirement Cost (acct 711.0010)	\$	9,898.33
Total Payroll	\$	269,993.54

BS&A Software Charge (acct 811.0000)	\$	1,467.51
Administrative Services (acct. 813.0000)	\$	56,250.00
MML Insurance Premium (acct. 960.0400)	\$	1,719.99
Total City of Birmingham allocations	\$	329,431.04

Reconciling adjustments:

Refunds, Voids, Escheats (Fines, Bags, Room Rentals, Magazines etc.)	\$	(26.60)
Audit Fees		\$510.00
Credit Card Fees		\$434.48
City of Birmingham Parking	\$	4,610.00
Water Bill	\$	3,690.60
Total Recon Adjustments	\$	9,218.48

\$ 523,821.15

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT 2026-27
September 2026

	2026-2027 Budget	Current Month Budget September 2026	Current Month Actual September 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	3rd Month of the year 25.00%
REVENUES										
TAXES	\$4,928,390	\$410,699	\$0	(\$410,699)	\$1,232,098	\$0	(\$1,232,098)	0.0%	\$4,682,554	100.0%
PROVISION FOR TAX LOSS	(\$15,000)	(\$1,250)	\$0	\$1,250	(\$3,750)	\$0	\$3,750	0.0%	(\$2,084)	13.9%
COUNTY AND STATE REVENUE	\$97,000	\$8,083	(\$58,818)	(\$66,902)	\$24,250	(\$86)	(\$24,336)	-0.1%	\$0	0.0%
GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,600	\$3,600	N/A	\$1,800	18.8%
COMMUNITY CONTRACTS	\$1,176,890	\$98,074	\$34,951	(\$63,123)	\$294,223	\$34,951	(\$259,271)	3.0%	\$195,507	17.1%
PATRON USE REVENUE	\$35,700	\$2,975	\$3,878	\$903	\$8,925	\$10,857	\$1,932	30.4%	\$10,085	25.9%
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$5,689	\$4,439	\$3,750	\$5,689	\$1,939	37.9%	\$40,081	40.1%
OTHER REVENUE	\$500	\$42	\$8	(\$33)	\$125	\$8	(\$117)	0.0%	\$49	98.8%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,238,480	\$519,873	(\$14,291.38)	(\$534,165)	\$1,559,620	\$55,019.92	(\$1,504,600)	0.9%	\$4,927,992.11	86.2%

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$3,618,780	\$301,565	\$269,994	(\$31,571)	\$904,695	\$715,283	(\$189,412)	19.8%	\$690,336	19.8%
SUPPLIES	\$166,000	\$13,833	\$3,591	(\$10,242)	\$41,500	\$21,910	(\$19,591)	13.2%	\$42,415	24.2%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$511,970	\$42,664	\$79,727	\$37,062	\$127,993	\$146,263	\$18,271	28.6%	\$103,218	20.2%
TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE	\$135,000	\$11,250	\$16,808	\$5,558	\$33,750	\$104,182	\$70,432	77.2%	\$78,072	66.2%
UTILITIES	\$140,080	\$11,673	\$7,480	(\$4,193)	\$35,020	\$38,449	\$3,429	27.4%	\$40,054	31.2%
OTHER CHARGES	\$182,880	\$15,240	\$7,238	(\$8,002)	\$45,720	\$27,209	(\$18,511)	14.9%	\$24,311	23.3%
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS & FURNISHING	\$470,000	\$39,167	\$75,179	\$36,013	\$117,500	\$115,874	(\$1,626)	24.7%	\$20,191	15.1%
COLLECTIONS	\$987,000	\$82,250	\$63,805	(\$18,445)	\$246,750	\$187,955	(\$58,795)	19.0%	\$160,217	18.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,211,710	\$517,643	\$523,821.15	\$6,179	\$1,552,928	\$1,357,124.03	(\$195,803)	21.8%	\$1,158,814.23	14.4%
VARIANCE	\$26,770	\$2,231	(\$538,113)	(\$540,343)	\$6,693	(\$1,302,104.11)	(\$1,308,797)			

FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR

\$2,198,253.90

FUND BALANCE-CURRENT

\$896,149.79

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.

October 2026 Building Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Building Committee met on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Director's Alcove. Present were Danielle Rumble, Pam Graham, Rebekah Craft, and Jaclyn Miller.

- There was no Public Comment.
- Old Business
 - **Loading Dock** - The Building department is reviewing bids with the project engineer. They hope to have the project awarded and approved by the City Commission at the October 19 Commission meeting. One of the lowest bidders believes they will be able to install the dock by the end of 2026. Bids under consideration came in ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000.
 - **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, and begin trialing new locations of equipment within the space.
 - **Youth painting** – We will work with PCI Dailey to have various parts of the Youth Room and staff office ceiling painted after water damage and normal wear and tear, likely during the lower level renovation.
- Atrium HVAC
 - The atrium HVAC has been out of order since August 24. The unit is still under warranty until October 2027 and John Galik with the City of Birmingham is coordinating the replacement and installation of the new unit. The unit was placed on the roof out of the sightline of the Jeanne Lloyd Room windows and front entrance and it appears that the length of copper piping running from the atrium to the rooftop unit was too long for the HVAC unit's installation specifications.
- 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

- Robot vacuums – Craft and Miller will set up a one-week trial with Chris Forte of Rota Robotics to be completed in February 2027.
- The next cleaning contract RFP will be issued in summer 2027 and the current janitorial contract expires in October 2027. After reviewing the trial robot vacuum period, library staff will use the results to best inform how to issue the janitorial RFP.
- Craft will begin gathering quotes for the installation of a building backup generator to prepare for the FY27-28 budgeting process. Graham also suggested looking at solar power and battery backup options.
- The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Director's Alcove.

LIBRARY REPORT

Statistical Dashboard

Collections & Services

Facility

Marketing & Communications

Personnel & Organization

Financial

Expenditures from FOBPL Donations

Statistical Dashboard - September 2026

	Current Month	This month last year	Current FYTD	Previous FYTD	FY 26-27 Q1 Target	Better/ (Worse) Target	Off Target Cautionary On Target
Financials							
Revenues	\$ (14,291)	\$ 4,848,921	\$ 55,020	\$ 4,889,995			
Expenses	\$ 523,821	\$ 362,411	\$ 1,357,124	\$ 1,121,575			
Circulation							
Print Checkouts & Renewals*	27,704	28,886	90,964	61,758		90,964	Cautionary On Target
A/V Checkouts & Renewals	5,158	5,088	17,963	11,243		17,963	
e-Materials Checkouts	15,424	16,042	49,634	50,346	50,000	(366)	
Total Circulation	48,286	50,016	158,561	160,001	156,250	2,311	
% of Circ by Residents**	89.3%	89.5%	89.9%	90.3%	92.0%	-2%	
% of Circ by Non-Residents	10.7%	10.5%	10.1%	9.7%	8.0%	2%	
Cardholders							
New Cardholders	215	***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)	13,548						
Cardholders (3 years)***	24,727						
Other Statistics							
In Person Visits	20,657	20,767	64,217	63,461	60,000	4,217	On Target
Study Room Use	422	416	1,255	1,118	1,200	55	On Target
Rental Room Bookings	41	40	122	102			
Internal Room Bookings	82	67	242	184			
Idea Lab Visits	961	772	4,396	4,940			
MeL & ILL Items borrowed	684	743	2,110	2,285			
MeL & ILL Items loaned	597	728	1,914	2,130			
Self-Check Usage	59.9%	57.6%	64.7%	60.3%			
Wireless Sessions	3,678	2,768	9,568	6,941	9,500	68	On Target
Public Computer Usage	800	659	2,389	2,079			
Database Sessions	19,616	9,730	55,679	25,363	17,500	38,179	On Target
Library Volunteer Hours	62	3	122	9	19	103	On Target
Friends Volunteer Hours	36	53	131	141	113	19	On Target
Website Hits/Pageviews	32,167	30,176	96,800	84,093	80,000	16,800	On Target
Program Attendance							
Program Attendance for Adults	289	435	935	902			
# of Programs for Adults	22	25	57	63			
Program Attendance for Teens	135	100	701	271			
# of Programs for Teens	10	11	35	27			
Program Attendance for Youth	1,328	1,544	3,884	4,344			
# of Programs for Youth	50	65	136	170			
Computer Classes Attendance	40	26	93	89			
# of Computer Programs	6	4	16	18			
# of Idea Lab Programs	4		14				
Idea Lab Program Attendance	35		146				
Online Video Views	16	12	73	53			
Total Program Attendance	1,808	2,117	5,686	5,659	8,500	(2,814)	On Target
Total # of Programs	88	117	317	331	300	17	On Target
Outreach Attendance	222	346	903	860			
# of Outreach Programs	7	17	16	28			

*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



MISSION, VISION & CORE VALUES



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

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

Core Values: Education and Lifelong Learning | Welcoming and Inclusive Environment | Intellectual Freedom | Commitment to Excellence | Equitable and Diverse Access | Innovation | Community Partnerships | Integrity

COLLECTIONS & SERVICES



Goal 1: Improve collections and services to satisfy community needs and expectations

- Story time attendance, particularly morning story times have increased. From 2024 to 2025 there was an increase of over 600 people so morning staffing levels have increased to accommodate the increase in foot traffic.
- Youth and Access Services staff are re-cataloging and processing nonfiction books to be based on Neighborhoods to help users find materials more easily.
- Introduced a new public catalog that makes it easier to find materials and offers a pass-through search link directly to MeL interlibrary loan.
- Added BrainHQ, Ground News, Medici.tv, My Film Friend, and LOTE4Kids databases.
- Created Open Digital Studio in the Idea Lab using a grant from the Michigan Architecture Foundation.

LIBRARY FACILITY



Goal 2: Maintain and improve the building's functionality and cleanliness

- Issued an RFP for Lower Level Updates and hired PCI Dailey to complete the work. Work is scheduled to begin on November 30.
- Worked with ISCG to purchase new office furniture for the Adult Services and Access Services offices.
- Added additional overhead shelf lighting in the Claudia Ireland room to make it easier to view items on the shelves.
- Upholstered furniture in the library is cleaned on an annual basis and all windows are washed twice per year.



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS



Goal 3: Improve marketing and visibility of the Library

- Marketing consultant Amity Kapadia was hired and completed an audit of the Library's marketing footprint.
- Staff attended several outreach events to promote the library, including the Birmingham Farmers' Market, Hot Wheels on Midvale, and the Groves and Seaholm August orientations.
- Rebekah Craft appeared on the Fox 2 Lit with Syd segment to talk about popular books and summer reading.
- Stephanie Klimmek began reviewing the library's event calendar and gathering feedback from various staff members and will be reaching out to new vendors to evaluate calendar options.
- Baldwin's mobile app is now linked with new catalog and has been updated to make it easier to navigate and to access MeL.

PERSONNEL & ORGANIZATION



Goal 4: Educate, train, and empower staff with tools to serve the public

- Multiple youth librarians attended the annual Adaptive Umbrella Workshop on Sept 29, hosted by BTPL.
- Syntha Green attended the Association of Library Services to Children conference in Buffalo, NY.
- Library Intern Felicity Jackson completed a nine week internship as part of Michigan's first cohort of Next Chapter Library Interns.
- Susan Dion, Syntha Green, and Alyssa Mandell attended a Puppet Workshop and shared highlights of the training with Youth staff at their monthly department meeting.
- Jeff Jimison, Kait Aiken, Tess Coleman, and Jen Adams attended the annual GoLMCON makerspace conference where Jeff presented a program.

CURRENT & FUTURE FINANCIAL NEEDS



Goal 5: Develop a plan for current and future financial needs

- Library staff regularly evaluate database subscriptions to determine the cost per user and adjust our database holdings accordingly.
- Developed and launched the Tuition Assistance Program to provide funding to staff members wishing to complete college and university degrees.

Key Metrics Report

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

Key Metrics Explanation: October 2026

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

Cautionary = 0.1% to 3% beneath goal

Off Target = More than 3% beneath goal

In the first quarter of FY2026-27:

Financials

Financials are tracking as expected in the first quarter.

Circulation (On Target)

Circulation for the quarter is slightly higher than our quarterly target. Summer readers kept us busy with checkouts and returns in the first quarter. Ingram, our primary supplier since the closure of Baker and Taylor, continues to improve their delivery times for new materials, meaning we are getting items out to patrons on or closer to street dates than we were last year at this time.

Technology Statistics:

- Database Sessions (On Target*): We've seen consistent use of our research databases, and have introduced some new options to our offerings. However, we've observed a surprisingly high increase in usage across one or two resources and will be investigating to determine if this is accurate or if the way they track and report their usage to us has changed.
- E-Materials (Cautionary): Usage is less than 1% off target, which is surprising given the demand we've previously seen for electronic materials. Staff continue to monitor waiting lists and we're participating in the statewide lending model, to help stretch our resources even further.
- Website Pageviews (On Target): Webpage views for the quarter are on target and up over this time last year. Our new catalog launched in August, and we premiered some new electronic resources this quarter, which likely helped drive traffic to the site as people explored the new options.

Visitors (On Target):

The number of people entering is on target for the quarterly goal, and we are nearly equal to this month last year.

Program Attendance (Off Target):

Program attendance is off target for the quarterly goal, but on par with attendance at this point of last year. We offered a slightly lower quantity of summer programming, but at higher capacities. Story time attendance was also higher than expected, far surpassing last year's attendance in June, July and August.

Collections & Services

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

Bedazzle Your Library Card

Elisabeth Phou hosted a program to "Bedazzle your Library Card" on 9/24 for national library card sign up month but the teens brought other things to bedazzle



too!

Essential Albums of the 80s and 90s Program

On Monday, October 5, Mick Howey hosted Gary Graff and contributors to his two latest books, "501 Essential Albums of the '80s" and "501 Essential Albums of the '90s" (Motorbooks) to talk about music from both decades, offering an interactive and entertaining session.

A few patrons shared comments upon exiting:



- "Thank you for the trip down memory lane."
- "How do they remember all that about an album?!?!"
- Patron after grabbing a couple program flyers I left on a table by the door: "I have to tell my friends about these. All your programs have been excellent. Thank you."

Idea Lab Update

As summer gives way to fall, the Idea Lab settles into a slightly quieter rhythm. But there was still plenty of creativity going on! The embroidery machine remained our most popular piece of equipment by a wide margin, booked 82 times and in use for nearly three quarters of all open hours. The sewing machine had a great month, with its use more than doubling compared to August, and our button makers saw a nice bump as well. We were also happy to see so many new faces! More than half of our most active patrons this month were first-time bookers, a great sign that word about the Idea Lab continues to spread!

Our programs had a hands-on, artsy flavor this month. "Maps, Perhaps" returned by popular demand, with patrons rolling dice and consulting charts to shape original fictional continents, then using the laser cutter to etch their finished maps into stone slabs. Kait, our resident bookbinding expert, led "The Hand Book Handbook," a beginner workshop where attendees learned stab binding and pamphlet stitching and left with handmade books of their own. "Open Printmaking Night" continued to offer a relaxed studio space for creative exploration, and the "Grand Tour" introduced newcomers to everything the Idea Lab has to offer.

Facility

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

Upholstery Cleaning

NBS completed upholstery cleaning throughout the building after hours on September 30.

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.
- The City Library Agreement is still undergoing edits. City Attorney Tracy Gaudenzi and Library Attorney Anne Seurnyck discussed edits to the policy on October 5. We are now waiting on City Manager Jana Ecker to propose an accurate lists of costs for the negotiated services.

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.

Birmingham Public Schools

- We are working with the Birmingham Public Schools Adult Transition Program to have volunteers work at Baldwin twice per week. Andrea is the student supervisor and our two regular volunteers are Ari and Andrew. They will be spending most of their time working in the Grand Hall where they are shelf reading our collections and dusting the shelving. They may also work on other special projects, as needed.
- Craft and Miller provided a behind the scenes library tour to students in the BPS Adult Transition Program, along with their teachers, on Friday, October 9.

Friends of the Baldwin Public Library

The Friends Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13. Along with their regular monthly Director's and Finance reports, they finalized plans for their November Book Sale and further discussed options for sorting and selling books while the Book Cellar is inaccessible in December. They also settled on May 1-2, 2027 for the Spring Sale. They plan to do a postcard mailing in late October with membership and Fall sale information.

Detroit Red Wings Collaboration

This fall, David Dapkus (bottom left) is working with the Detroit Red Wings to help them celebrate the Red Wings' 100-year history and 11 Stanley Cup championships. The Red Wings have gifted 11 framed jerseys to 11 libraries across the state. This leads into their Original Faceoff game on November 18, 2026, which is 100 years to the day after the organization played its first game in 1926. Photos from all 11 libraries may be featured in social and in-game storytelling. The jersey is hanging on the wall close to the Idea Lab.



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
- Battle of the Books 2027 flyers and bookmarks
- Background image for self checkout machines
- Updated Books on Foot badges

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 September 29. The next All Staff meeting will be held on October 20. Recordings of each meeting are sent to all staff.

Conference Attendance

GoLMCON, Jeff Jimison:

On Friday, August 28th, the entire Idea Lab team attended GoLMCON 2026, the Guild of Library Makers conference, hosted this year at Southfield Public Library. Library makerspaces are still a young and growing field, and it's rare to find a room full of people who do exactly what we do. Spending a whole day with peers who share our challenges, our excitement, and our love of putting tools in the hands of the public was energizing and inspiring!

The sessions were packed with ideas we can put to work right away. Michael McEvoy's session on makerspace safety took a deep dive into configuring a makerspace for OSHA compliance, and gave us a lot to think about as we continue to refine our own space. Jenny de Jong's session on organizing a makerspace was full of clever, practical ideas for keeping things tastefully knolled.

I also had the thrilling experience of presenting my own session, on makerspaces as instruments for positive social change. It was an absolute joy to share how programs like ours help put real tools and skills into the hands of our community. Around 30 people attended, and the response in the hours and days that followed was overwhelmingly positive. It was wonderful to hear from colleagues who were excited to bring some of these ideas back to their own libraries.

None of this would have been possible without the support of Baldwin Public Library, which kindly enabled myself and the Idea Lab team to attend. Thank you! We came home with full notebooks, new connections, and plenty of fresh ideas for the Idea Lab.

GoLMCON, Tess Coleman:

I learned a lot at the second annual Guild of Library Makers Conference this September! What stood out to me most was the sessions that focused on building programming in a makerspace. They demonstrated excellent ideas for implementing Cosplay and Dungeons & Dragons makerspace programming. I learned about new equipment, as well as ways to use our current equipment. For example, using 3D printers to make fabric, using the laser to cut foam pieces, or making inexpensive DIY D&D accessories. I think using these ideas as references for patrons or as interactive programs would greatly enhance our community impact. I'm excited to share the ideas I've gathered with patrons and expand the ways we help people create things.

GoLMCON, Kait Aiken:

I spent time at the panels for Cosplay Programming for Makerspaces, Organizing a Makerspace, and D&D in Makerspaces. Each session was full of good information but I am most excited to brainstorm and implement an idea I had during the D&D in Makerspaces conversation.

That discussion was run by Wyatt from Dayton, Ohio, and something they had mentioned was that their library has a "catalog" of sorts for requesting 3D printed D&D tools such as initiative

trackers, stands for paper characters, and AOE (area-of-effect) rulers. Expanding on this, I had the idea of a catalog of “craft kits” that patrons could request with their 200g monthly allotment of filament. I am thinking of a set of tools for simple bookbinding or a mini loom to learn how to weave. These would be simple sets that allow people to use their monthly filament limit to learn a new craft or skill. This is an idea I would love to continue to workshop and expand into something patrons could look forward to and enjoy.

GoLMCON, Jen Adams:

It was amazing to see so many people from all over coming together to try to improve their respective maker spaces. What I found most interesting, personally, was the discussions around strategies to improve safety and organization in our spaces, which our team has been discussing and working to implement since attending.

The Back in Circulation 2026 Conference: Madison, WI - October 5-6, 2026, Kristen Tait & Cameron Rooney-Crawford (on a presenter's scholarship):

Meeting in-person every other year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, this conference offers a spectrum of sessions between academic and public poles of interest. Many opportunities are given to meet and share ideas with other circulation & tech staffers from all types of libraries and from across the country. Programs are prepared by staff of the University, as well as from interested attendees.

The most inspirational session Cameron attended was Mary Carmen Nyce's “Keeping People in Circ,” which identified ways to keep staff from ‘fizzling’ into non-productive team members, impacting the Library as a whole. Reframing supervision from an instinctually reactive position into a proactive model was a much-needed call to action, and reinforcement of ideal management philosophy. Steps provided to encourage frontline desk staff, especially encouraging growth at work through staff development opportunities, will be an action item for Cameron through the following year.

For Kristen, the most inspirational session was UW Library staff's demonstration of their internal wiki. It was actually not their actual model that was of interest, but the exhortation to not keep job role and institutional knowledge in multiple locations (or just in staff's minds!). Besides being too fragmented and incomplete, the point was made that such a system naturally runs into issues with version histories and syncing of updates. Our Information Desk and Cataloging staff are maintaining on a consistent basis their own wikis, but this session reminded Kristen that such a repository has yet to exist for Access Service supervisory staff. With Cameron's help, this winter she will create a wiki for those staff, adding in documentation and procedures from past staff members.

Staff Anniversaries

Gary Eisele, Library Assistant II, reached 17 years of service on October 1

Lawson Glenn III, Library Assistant I, reached 5 years of service on October 13

Stephanie Klimmek, Head of Youth Services, reached 15 years of service on October 17

Jamie Richards, Head of IT, reached 11 years of service on October 19

Cyndi Summers, Library Assistant I, reached 6 years of service on October 7

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome our newest Library Page Ella Mikoliczeak.

Volunteer Hours

62 Library volunteer hours and 36 Friends volunteer hours were utilized in the month of September.

Financial

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

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

Baldwin Public Library: Friends Funds	
September 2026 Expenditures	
Adult Services	
Film Viewing & Director Q&A	\$ 200.00
Witches Wonderful to Wicked Lecture	\$ 225.00
Summer Reading Prizes	\$ 318.00
Books Unshelved	\$ 123.61
Essential Albums of the 80s and 90s	\$ 600.00
Program Supplies	\$ 159.02
Trivia Prizes	\$ 75.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 1,700.63</i>
Teen Services	
Dungeons and Dragons	\$ 218.98
Haunted Library	\$ 54.57
Cupcake Wars	\$ 125.67
Teen Writing Contest	\$ 125.00
Supplies	\$ 70.08
Pizza and Pages	\$ 46.99
Paperbacks and Snacks	\$ 75.30
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 716.59</i>
Youth Services	
Books Unboxed	\$ 210.88
Kids Library Society	\$ 14.97
Haunted Library	\$ 48.95
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 274.80</i>
Idea Lab	
Wood Shelves for 3D Printers	\$ 842.85
Filament	\$ 301.79
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 1,144.64</i>
Outreach & Equipment	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ -</i>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,836.66
September 2026 Balances	
Adult Services	\$ 1,491.44
Teen Services	\$ 5,444.72
Youth Services	\$ 4,252.78
Idea Lab	\$ 559.39
Outreach & Equipment	\$ 5,199.62
Total Balance	\$ 16,947.95
September In-Library Book & Button Sale Cash Donations	\$681.92
Submitted by Jaclyn Miller for October 12, 2026	

INFORMATION ONLY

Upcoming Events of Interest

Vintage Ghost Painting Program: Grades 7-12

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Transform a piece of vintage art into something new by painting over the original scene to add ghosts and other fall favorites. Open to grades 7-12. Registration required for this in-person program.

1969: Killers, Freaks, and Radicals

Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Amid the radical politics and cultural upheaval of the late 1960s, a series of brutal murders targeting young women gripped the twin university towns of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Michigan. This independent and locally-made documentary examines not just a series of crimes, but the social and political tensions that enabled them—many of which still resonate today. Followed by a Q+A with Director Andrew Templeton.

Alzheimer's Awareness

Monday, October 26, 2026 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.

Costume Parade: Babies to Grade 1

Saturday, October 31, 2026 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. Registration opens one month before the program. Babies to Grade 1 with grown up(s).

Local Author Fair

Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Sowing Magic: Collecting, Sowing & Seed Stories

Monday, November 9, 2026 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. Join Jennifer Ott of MY Thyme Gardens in learning the magic of harvesting, planting, and caring for seeds in your own landscapes. Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person (with an IN-PERSON ticket) or virtually (with a VIRTUAL ticket).

Hidden Tools for Genealogy

Thursday, November 12, 2026 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! Virtual event. Registration required.

Friday the 13th After-Hours Scary Movie Night: Grades 7-12

Friday, November 13, 2026 at 6:00 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. Registration required.

Idea Lab Event: Group Zine - Fall Foods

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Share a favorite fall recipe in a collaborative mini zine everyone gets to take home! Registration required. Ages 14 and up.

Idea Lab Retro Expo: An Interactive Exposition of Vintage Video Games and Computers!

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - November 20-22, 2026 from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Into No Man's Land: An Afternoon with Holocaust survivor Irene Miller

Sunday, November 22, 2026 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 little written and known about. Learn how she overcame unimaginable adversity to become a positive, creative, accomplished woman with a joy for living and love to share. Copies of Irene's book *Into No Man's Land: A Historical Memoir* will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation. *Into No Man's Land* and her presentations to groups all over the country serve Irene's mission to promote tolerance and diversity. Tap Irene Miller Speaker to go to her website. Registration is required. Attend in person only.



What proposals are on Oakland County's 2026 general election ballot? Here's the list.

Here's what proposals are on the ballot for the 2026 general election in Oakland County

What to know:

- Oakland County voters will decide on statewide, countywide, local, and school-related proposals in the Nov. 3, 2026, general election.
- Statewide Proposal 1 asks whether to convene a constitutional convention; Proposal 2 would restrict campaign contributions from certain utilities and government contractors and broaden political-ad disclosure rules.
- Countywide measures would renew a property-tax levy supporting the Detroit Zoo and create a 10-year levy for historical museums in Oakland and Wayne counties.
- Local ballots vary by community, with proposals covering services and facilities such as police, fire, libraries, parks, roads, and schools—including millages, bonds, charter changes, and property sales.

Local proposals

In addition to the statewide and countywide proposals, voters in some Oakland County cities and townships will see more proposals. Depending on where voters are located, there will also be school district millage proposals for voters to decide on.

Here's a look at what those proposals will look like on the ballot:

Bloomfield Hills Library Millage Replacement

Shall the City of Bloomfield Hills be authorized to renew the existing library millage of .52 mills per year (as reduced by required millage rollbacks) due to expire in 2026, with a renewed library millage of up to .52 mills (\$.52 per \$1,000.00 taxable value) a year for a period of six years commencing with the July 2027 levy and raising approximately \$440,405 in the first year, for the purposes of funding a library contract with Baldwin Public Library of Birmingham, Michigan, to provide library services for the residents of the City of Bloomfield Hills and the employers and employees of businesses located in the City of Bloomfield Hills, which library services would include full library privileges to the Baldwin Public Library, including borrowing privileges and all other services of the Baldwin Public Library, on the same basis as such services are available to the residents of the City of Birmingham and the employers and employees of businesses located in the City of Birmingham?

FACES



Wendy Friedman

Six years ago, Wendy Friedman moved to Birmingham from the Chicago area and wasted no time getting involved in the community.

"I'm not one for sitting around – I'm a doer," she commented.

Friedman grew up in Highland Park, Illinois, and moved to New York to prepare for a career in broadcast journalism. She earned a BFA in Journalism from New York University and a master's degree from New York Institute of Technology. Her interesting career journey has included broadcast journalism, education and college counseling.

While living in New York, she started a successful "referral only, word of mouth" practice that helps students navigate college admissions called CollegeBound.

"Over twenty years ago I became enmeshed in the college admittance process when my daughter was going through it. After it was over, I thought, 'I could do this.' My neighbor had a practice and encouraged me....Now I have clients across the country and even a few international clients. I stay in touch with all of them."

Friedman's daughter ended up attending University of Michigan and settled in the Detroit area which ultimately brought Friedman and her oldest daughter with special needs to Birmingham. Her son lives in the Chicago area.

"I'm a city girl. I love Birmingham because it's so walkable. I'm drawn to the energy of a city. Even when I lived on Long Island, I had to go into New York City at least once a week."

As part of her active "doer" lifestyle, she serves on the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors and is passionate about the role public libraries play in society: "Libraries are the ultimate public institution people can trust, especially during today's divisiveness. The library offers reliable, verifiable information and everyone is welcome."

Over the years, Friedman has been involved in many charitable and

nonprofit organizations in New York, Illinois and Michigan, including Chicago Scholars and International Rett Syndrome Foundation. Friedman has a personal connection to Rett Syndrome as she is the main caregiver for her oldest daughter who has the rare, genetic neurodevelopmental disorder.

She is a political activist as well. She is involved with the Democrat party in addition to the new Michigan chapter of J Street. She is also a co-architect of "AI and the Human Future: Guardrails, Governance, and Human Responsibility," which is being held in Ann Arbor on October 8. The in-person public forum and livestream bring together nationally recognized AI policymakers and civic leaders to explore the opportunities, risks and governance of AI and the role informed citizens can play in shaping its future.

"Artificial Intelligence [AI] is a really serious problem and it's not going away. I literally leapt out of bed and said, 'I'm going to do something about this for my grandchildren and their future.' I worked with many experts to pull this forum together. This is an important conversation the public has never been invited to."

She further explained, "I am not against AI – it will be beneficial in many ways but it's moving too quickly, and data centers are shrouded in secrecy. Every state needs legislation with guardrails and policies to protect people and ensure AI serves humanity. We need to move forward safely."

When she's not working toward a better world and spending time with family, Friedman enjoys reading, audiobooks, long walks, bike rides and her latest passion – mahjong. She added, "I also love art, history, theater and entertaining in my home, especially meet and greets and fundraisers."

Friedman emphasized the importance to her of giving back to the community, particularly in areas of education and information: "Education is the true equalizer in life."

Story: Tracy Donohue

Photo: Laurie Tennant

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST

Trust Agenda

Trust Minutes

Trust Financial Reports

Gifts to Trust: Receipts

Check Register: Claims

Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting

Rotary Donor Room

Monday, October 19, 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 September 28, 2026 minutes | p. 41 |
| B. Acceptance of the September 2026 receipts of \$6,308.99 | p. 48 |
| C. Approval of the September 2026 disbursements of \$1,210.24 | p. 49 |

III. New and Miscellaneous Business

IV. Adjournment

The next Trust meeting will be held immediately following the next regular meeting of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors on Monday, November 16, 2026

Motion: To adjourn the October 19, 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
September 28, 2026**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumble at 8:18 p.m.

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

Absent and excused: Pam Graham.

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

Friends of the Library Liaison present: None.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: None.

1. General Public Comment Period: None.

2. Consent Agenda

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

A. Approval of the August 17, 2026 minutes

B. Acceptance of the August 2026 receipts of \$1,963.09

C. Approval of the August 2026 disbursements of \$13,078.41

1st Friedman

2nd Rock

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. New and Miscellaneous Business: Rumble thanked those who donated in memory of Mary Martha Feiste and George Stern.

4. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

1st Pisano

2nd Wheeler

A voice vote was taken.

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Graham.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next Trust Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026, following the regular meeting in the Rotary Tribute & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman, Secretary

Date

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Baldwin Public Library Trust: September 2026

September receipts totaled \$9,685.61. September disbursements totaled \$1,019.61

The current value of the Trust is \$2,448,657.29, divided up in the following way:

	June 2026 - EOY	September 2026
Total endowment investments*	\$ 1,290,491.52	\$ 1,277,288.72
Endowment funds distributed for use	\$ 217,608.53	\$ 203,888.13
Total endowment funds	\$ 1,508,100.05	\$ 1,481,176.85
General spendable funds	\$ 688,078.22	\$ 702,002.00
Building fund	\$ 152,877.03	\$ 154,537.38
Restricted funds**	\$ 45,390.25	\$ 28,551.60
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	\$ 908,308.63
Total endowment funds	\$ 1,508,100.05	\$ 1,481,176.85
Total non-endowment funds	\$ 909,563.15	\$ 908,308.63
Total of all Trust funds	\$ 2,417,663.20	\$ 2,389,485.48

* 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 September 30, 2026

<u>Index</u>	<u>2026: YTD</u>	<u>2025: Entire Year</u>
S&P 500-Equity Benchmark	11.77%	16.39%
U.S. Aggregate-Bond Benchmark	-2.86%	-0.20%
Blended Return of Both Benchmarks* (S&P 500: 75% and U.S. Aggregate: 25%)	8.11%	12.24%
Baldwin Endowment Funds' Portfolio	6.42%	9.73%
Endowment Funds' Performance Compared to Blended Return of Benchmarks	-1.69%	-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 September 30, 2026, the breakdown was as follows:

Raymond James Endowment Funds Account	\$1,291,120.71
Raymond James Building Mutual Funds Account	\$641,417.16
Huntington Bank Checking Account	\$4,880.05
Huntington Bank Money Market Account	<u>\$452,067.59</u>
Total	\$ 2,389,485.51

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

**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT BY INDIVIDUAL FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

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**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT FUNDS BY DESIGNATION
SEPTEMBER 30, 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 09/30/26
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Gift & Tribute Funds	Purpose	08/31/26		Revenue	Expense	Expense	In	Out	Value	
General Spendable Funds		\$711,497.60	\$920.06	\$9,685.61	\$503.53	\$1,019.61			(\$9,912.13)	\$702,002.00
Restricted Funds:										
Building Fund		\$157,667.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			(\$3,130.15)	\$154,537.38
Van Dragt Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00
Memorials/Tributes		\$10,741.21	\$50.18	\$300.57	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$10,791.39
Covid Project		\$516.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$516.43
Restricted Fund - Idea Lab/MAF		\$45.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,504.14				\$45.86
Friends	Adult Services Programs	\$3,192.07	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$1,700.63	\$3,242.11				\$1,741.44
	Young Adult Programs	\$6,161.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$716.59	\$3,957.76				\$5,444.72
	Youth Services Programs	\$4,527.58	\$0.00	\$3.30	\$274.80	\$1,688.46				\$4,252.78
	Idea Lab Program Supplies	\$1,704.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,144.64	\$2,303.81				\$559.39
	Outreach & Equipment	\$5,199.62	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$3,696.20				\$5,199.62
	Sub-total Restricted	\$189,755.64	\$300.18	\$553.87	\$3,836.66	\$17,392.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,130.15)	\$183,089.01
Rotary Room Fund	Naming Rights-Principal	\$7,832.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,832.00
	Maintenance Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ileane Thal Reference Desk		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Miranda Burnett Reference Desk		\$9,385.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,385.65
Total Gift and Tribute Funds		\$924,470.89	\$1,220.24	\$10,239.48	\$4,340.19	\$18,412.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$13,042.28)	\$908,308.66
Endowment Funds										
Endowment Budgeted Funds	General Funds	\$60,767.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$507.97	\$853.08				\$60,259.57
	Adult Large Print	\$2,386.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$179.20	\$691.23				\$2,206.98
	Adult Services Department	\$35,942.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.60				\$35,942.94
	Adult Audio Visual	\$712.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$712.29
	Adult Reference	\$71,470.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,140.00				\$71,470.06
	Adult Programs	\$15,893.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$985.00				\$14,893.28
	Architecture	\$910.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.58	\$133.77				\$889.18
	Youth Services Department	\$6,424.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66.06	\$949.02				\$6,358.50
	Youth Programs (Nix)	\$501.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$501.99
	Professional Development	\$7,505.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$6,630.81				\$7,470.18
	Staff Appreciation	\$1,880.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43.99	\$136.89				\$1,836.99
	Koschik Building Fund	\$1,471.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00				\$1,346.17
	Sub-total	\$205,866.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,978.80	\$13,720.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$203,888.13
Total Endowment Investments	All Funds	\$1,318,319.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$41,030.75)	\$1,277,288.72
Total Endowment Funds		\$1,524,186.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,978.80	\$13,720.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$41,030.75)	\$1,481,176.85
Total All Trust Funds		\$2,448,657.29	\$1,220.24	\$10,239.48	\$6,318.99	\$32,132.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$54,073.03)	\$2,389,485.51

TRUST RECEIPTS
September-26

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Trust Money Mkt General Funds:

Polly A Gumina	\$	50.00
Kathryn Bergeron	\$	25.00

Money Market Interest Income	\$	845.06	\$	920.06
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Friends of BPL:

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

Trust Money Mkt Restricted Funds:

Village of Beverly Hills - Refund of Deposit (FOL AS)	\$	250.00		
			\$	250.00

Memorial Book Fund:

Piety Hill Chapter 4-044 MI for History-related Books	\$	50.00
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Checking Account Interest	\$	0.18	\$	50.18
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Trust Money Mkt Endowment Fund:

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Total Receipts at Huntington Bank	\$	1,220.24	\$	1,220.24
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Raymond James

Huntington Bank to Raymond James)			\$0.00
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Total Trust Receipts (Before Bank Fees)	<u>\$1,220.24</u>	<u>\$1,220.24</u>
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Monthly Banking Fee on Money Market Account	\$ (10.00)	\$ (10.00)
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Total Trust Receipts (Net)	<u>\$1,210.24</u>	<u>\$1,210.24</u>
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Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank LIBRY BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST					
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6593	MISC	ALYSSA MANDELL	254.06
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6594	MISC	ANDREW TEMPLETON	200.00
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6595	MISC	BRIAN CHRISTOPHER KEMP	100.00
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6596	000902	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	179.20
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6597	MISC	CROWDED KITCHEN	500.00
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6598	MISC	ED BLONDIN	225.00
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09/29/2026	LIBRY	6602	MISC	GARY GRAFF	600.00
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6603	004604	GORDON FOOD	136.49
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6604	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	87.64
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6605	MISC	JESSICA KRUTELL	30.00
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6606	MISC	JONATHON CARPUS	100.00
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6607	006432	ELISABETH PHOU	125.00
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6608	MISC	STEWART GRAHAM	500.00 V
09/29/2026	LIBRY	6609	MISC	STEWART GRAHAM	500.00

LIBRY TOTALS:

Total of 17 Checks:	6,808.99
Less 3 Void Checks:	500.00
Total of 14 Disbursements:	6,308.99