BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS













LIBRARY **BOARD** MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Danielle Rumple
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Karen Rock
VICE PRESIDENT

Wendy Friedman
SECRETARY

Pam Graham

Frank Pisano

Jennifer Wheeler

Rebekah Craft
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY LEARN. CONNECT. DISCOVER.

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, November 16, 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 October 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes p. 7
B. Approval of October 2026 vendor payments in the amount of $139,424.62, including payments in excess of $75,000. p. 10
C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of $559,739.24 p. 15

III. Election of Officers:
A. Acceptance of nominations for President from Library Board of Directors
B. Election of President
C. Acceptance of nominations for Vice President from Library Board of Directors
D. Election of Vice President
E. Acceptance of nominations for Secretary from Library Board of Directors
F. Election of Secretary

IV. Board Reports and Special Announcements
   A. President's report
   B. Board comments
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   D. Upcoming events of interest (H Jennings) p. 70
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   A. Finance—Frank Pisano p. 14
      The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
   B. Building—Pam Graham p. 17
      The next Building Committee will meet on Monday, December 14, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

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VII. Liaisons
   A. Beverly Hills (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
   Discussion of Administrative Services Contract p. 38

X. Items removed from the Consent Agenda

XI. Information Only
   A. Upcoming events of interest p. 70
   B. Downtown Publications article "Baldwin Library wins new state LEAD award" p. 71
   C. BPL Press Release "Friends of the Baldwin Public Library Fall Book Sale" p. 72
   D. BPL Learn.Connect.Discover Winter 2026-2027 Issue p. 73
   E. Library of Michigan Public Library Millage Results November 2026 p. 81

F. *Oakland Press* article "Library millages earn voter support around the county" p. 83

XII. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Library Board will take place on Monday, December 21, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: *To adjourn the November 16, 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 session 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 dia 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
October 19, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call:

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

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Pam Graham, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumple.

Absent and excused: Jennifer Wheeler.

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: Five.

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:

Pam Graham requested to remove Item C from the Consent Agenda, to be moved to New & Miscellaneous Business for discussion.

Motion to approve Items A & B of 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.

1st Pisano
2nd Friedman
A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumple.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Wheeler.
The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

President's report: Rumple gave gratitude for the Adult Services team in assisting her with Halloween projects.

Board comments: Rock appreciates seeing reports and comments from staff about conferences they attend and congratulated Craft on completing a half marathon.

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Staff Anniversaries: Friedman recognized the following staff anniversaries: Gary Eisele (17 years of services), Lawson Glenn III (5 years), Stephanie Klimmek (15 years), Jamie Richards (11 years), and Cyndi Summers (6 years).

Upcoming events of interest: Miller reported upcoming events at the Library, full details of which are on pages 34-35 of the October Board packet. Miller noted the Friends of the Library will host their Fall book sale on November 14-15, with Sunday, November 15 as '$5 Bag Day'. This week is recognized as National Friends of Libraries Week.

Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library: Miller stated that she attended the Friends monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13. The Friends finalized plans for the Fall sale and are working through their process for accepting donations during the lower level renovations, which will leave their storage room inaccessible for three weeks. They have scheduled the Spring sale for May 1-2, 2027. A postcard mailing with membership and Fall Book Sale information will be mailed next week.

Report from Teen Advisory Board: Mia, Miles, Henry, and Quentin, who are representatives from the Teen Advisory Board (TAB), introduced themselves and briefly discussed what they are working on: Winter/Spring teen programming, outreach to different organizations for partnerships and sponsorships, getting more teens into the library, and improving the library as a safe 'third space'.

4. Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Friedman reported that the Finance Committee met last on October 12. Present were Rumple, Friedman, Pisano, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on page 14 of the October Board packet. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room.

Building Committee:

Graham reported that the Building Committee met last on October 12. Present were Rumple, Graham, Craft, and Miller. Full minutes from this meeting are on pages 17-18 of the October 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.

Craft noted that during the meeting, the loading dock repair item was approved during the concurrent City Commission meeting.

5. Library Report:

Craft reviewed the one-year update on the Strategic Plan 2025-2028 and first quarter Key Metrics Report. Miller reviewed all of the conference reports from staff. Full details of the complete Library Report, including programs, services, and staffing updates, are on pages 19-30 of the October Board packet.

6. Liaisons

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

Bingham Farms: There was no report.

7. New & Miscellaneous Business: None.

8. Unfinished Business: None.

9. Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

Discussion on Removed Item C from Consent Agenda

Graham brought to attention the $56,250.00 charge withdrawn by the City from the Library account. This amount was not agreed on and is currently being decided through contract negotiations. Graham is disappointed the Administrative Services contract has not been resolved in a year and noted that the Board has a responsibility to bring attention to this potentially unlawful journal entry made by the City. Pisano noted the City is essentially providing free administrative services to non-City entities. Rumple suggests writing a letter from the Board of Trustees and attending the next City Commission meeting. At this point, the Library has no other option but to approve the ledger for September.

Motion to accept Item C of the consent agenda.

C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of $523,821.15.

1st Pisano
2nd Graham
A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumple.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Wheeler.
The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Information Only: See pages 33-37 of the October Board packet.

11. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Rock
2nd Friedman
A voice vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumple.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Wheeler.
The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotary & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman, Secretary Date

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Register of Claims

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

Check Number	Vendor #	Vendor	Amount
	005717	BSB COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	7,888.05
	003904	CAPITAL ONE BANK	5,788.36
	000605	CINTAS CORPORATION	292.92
	MISC	CLOVER VASSILEV	89.83
	000627	CONSUMERS ENERGY	1,578.00
	000575	DEMCO, INC	592.86
	010156	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	152.45
	008164	GARY EISELE	76.76
	004604	GORDON FOOD	129.99
	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	19,581.51
	008827	KANOPY, INC	782.10
	004904	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	4,761.35
	003527	LOWER HURON SUPPLY CO INC	1,177.04
	007927	MICHELLE HOLLO	831.25
	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	12,424.63
	010374	MUSEEC DBA MEDICI.TV	1,330.00
	010372	MYFILMFRIEND, INC	3,400.00
	008336	NBS COMMERCIAL INTERIORS	2,350.00
	000678	OCLC, INC.	7,517.50
	009478	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	215.04
	006785	OVERDRIVE, INC.	28,827.67
	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	84.99
	009060	ROSEMARY ISBELL	31.62
	MISC	SVETLANA GALEANO	52.50
	009840	THOMAS S. KLISE COMPANY, INC	1,766.42
	009026	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	72.02
17142	001194	NELSON BROTHERS SEWER	605.00
17189	008336	NBS COMMERCIAL INTERIORS	852.00
17213	000902	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	40.00
17222	009920	CORPORATE DINING CONCEPTS	279.00
17223	009024	D.M. BURR GROUP	4,964.66
17229	010156	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	100.80
17235	006666	GRID 4 COMMUNICATIONS INC.	230.47
17246	002013	MIDWEST TAPE	327.68
17263	005861	UNIQUE MGMT SERVICE, INC	72.10
311581	009202	AQUARIUM DESIGN INC	245.00
311591	000571	CAR TRUCKING INC	297.50
311645	001194	NELSON BROTHERS SEWER	235.00
311687	006638	ACTION MAT & TOWEL RENTAL, INC	35.36
311717	006432	ELISABETH PHOU	40.45
311718	004493	ELITE IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC	2,212.32
311720	000585	FARMINGTON COMM. LIBRARY	2,466.47
311723	010086	FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH PC	133.50
311726	000249	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	106.62
311739	MISC	JOSH CAMPEAU	41.47
311740	004904	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	2,510.22
311742	MISC	KRISTIN KLIMA WITT	10.40
311759	009478	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	5.76
311760	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	159.27
311763	002675	RESERVE ACCOUNT	5,000.00

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311779	009863	US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	69.93
311784	009026	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	129.54
311786	006638	ACTION MAT & TOWEL RENTAL, INC	35.36
311787	010310	AMITY KAPADIA	4,000.00
311797	MISC	CAMERON CRAWFORD	683.29
311800	009932	CERTASITE, LLC	1,229.29
311825	000179	DTE ENERGY	8,698.28
311829	008139	ENVISIONWARE INC.	75.00
311857	009478	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	265.91
311858	009612	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	314.95
311864	009060	ROSEMARY ISBELL	34.04
311870	009030	SYNTHA GREEN	235.15
311882	009026	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FIN SERV	782.97
311883	MISC	WENDY FRIEDMAN	105.00
		Total:	139,424.62

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.

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Secretary of the Baldwin Public Library Board

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Building Committee

November 2026 Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Finance Committee met on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Danielle Rumple, Wendy Friedman, Frank Pisano, Rebekah Craft, Jim Cummins, and Connor Brannagan.

- There was no Public Comment.
- Jim Cummins and Connor Brannagan, the library's Raymond James investment advisors, shared an update on the library's Trust funds. Though the Trust is performing well, they see room for improvement. They suggested the following changes to the funds. The Trust Board will have the opportunity to vote on these changes during the November 16, 2026 Trust Board Meeting:
    - Sell the Trust's shares in T Rowe Price All Capp Opp Fund and reinvest into Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund
    - Sell shares in the Janus Henderson Triton I Fund and reinvest into Allspring Disc Small Cap Inst Fund
    - Sell Pro Shares St P 500 Div Aristocrats and reinvest into Putnam Large Cap Value Y Fund
    - Sell Eaton Vance Atlanta Cap SMID Cap and reinvest into BNY Mellon and Dynamic Value I and Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Funds
- Craft shared the FY2026-27 Budget Update. Things are tracking well after four months.
- Plante Moran has completed the library's FY2025-26 Audit and will present it to the Library Board at an upcoming meeting.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: October 2026

This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2026-27, found on the following page. At 33.3% of the way through fiscal year 2026-2027, the Library has spent 30.9% of its budget and received 84.5% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 33.3% of its budget and to have received 33.3% of its revenue.

Three 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	$	139,424.62
Total vendor payments	**$**	**139,424.62**
City of Birmingham allocations:		
Payroll Period Ending 09/26/26	$	143,895.56
Payroll Period Ending 10/10/26	$	120,037.73
Payroll Period Ending 10/24/26	$	119,331.89
Special Payroll for Misc Issues with Employee's Pay	$	2,343.38
Fixed Past Retirement Health Care Cost (acct 711.0004)	$	488.33
Retirement Cost (acct 711.0010)	$	9,898.33
Total Payroll	$	395,995.22
BS&A Software Charge (acct 811.0000)	$	489.17
Administrative Services (acct. 813.0000)	$	18,750.00
MML Insurance Premium (acct. 960.0400)	$	573.33
Total City of Birmingham allocations	**$**	**415,807.72**
Reconciling adjustments:		
Refunds, Voids, Escheats (Fines, Bags, Room Rentals, Magazines etc.)	$	(242.90)
Audit Fees		$0.00
Credit Card Fees		$207.80
City of Birmingham Parking	$	4,542.00
Water Bill		
Total Recon Adjustments	$	4,506.90
	$	**559,739.24**

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

33.33% **4th Month of the year**

	2026-2027 Budget	Current Month Budget October 2026	Current Month Actual October 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	% Received/ Spent Prior Y-T-D
REVENUES										
TAXES	$4,928,390	$410,699	$4,928,392	$4,517,693	$1,642,797	$4,928,392	$3,285,595	100.0%	$4,682,554	100.0%
PROVISION FOR TAX LOSS	($15,000)	($1,250)	$351	$1,601	($5,000)	$351	$5,351	-2.3%	($2,084)	13.9%
COUNTY AND STATE REVENUE	$97,000	$8,083	$6,854	($1,229)	$32,333	$6,768	($25,565)	7.0%	$7,132	7.3%
GRANTS	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$3,600	$3,600	N/A	$1,800	18.8%
COMMUNITY CONTRACTS	$1,176,890	$98,074	$260,659	$162,585	$392,297	$295,610	($96,687)	25.1%	$283,831	24.8%
PATRON USE REVENUE	$35,700	$2,975	$4,491	$1,516	$11,900	$15,348	$3,448	43.0%	$13,399	34.4%
INVESTMENT INCOME	$15,000	$1,250	$18,354	$17,104	$5,000	$24,043	$19,043	160.3%	$56,037	56.0%
OTHER REVENUE	$500	$42	$0	($42)	$167	$8	($158)	0.0%	$49	98.8%
TOTAL REVENUE	$6,238,480	$519,873	$5,219,101.40	$4,699,228	$2,079,493	$ 5,274,121.32	$3,194,628	84.5%	$5,042,718.29	88.2%
EXPENSES										
PERSONNEL SERVICES	$3,618,780	$301,565	$395,995	$94,430	$1,206,260	$1,111,278	($94,982)	30.7%	$1,064,631	30.5%
SUPPLIES	$166,000	$13,833	$14,512	$679	$55,333	$36,421	($18,912)	21.9%	$54,480	31.1%
CONTRACTED SERVICES	$511,970	$42,664	$46,062	$3,398	$170,657	$192,325	$21,669	37.6%	$149,466	29.2%
TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE	$135,000	$11,250	$10,030	($1,220)	$45,000	$114,212	$69,212	84.6%	$87,605	74.2%
UTILITIES	$140,080	$11,673	$10,276	($1,397)	$46,693	$48,725	$2,032	34.8%	$50,813	39.6%
OTHER CHARGES	$182,880	$15,240	$6,331	($8,909)	$60,960	$33,539	($27,421)	18.3%	$31,318	30.0%
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS & FURNISHING	$470,000	$39,167	$3,352	($35,815)	$156,667	$119,226	($37,441)	25.4%	$43,980	32.8%
COLLECTIONS	$987,000	$82,250	$73,181	($9,069)	$329,000	$261,136	($67,864)	26.5%	$218,902	24.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	$6,211,710	$517,643	$559,739.24	$42,097	$2,070,570	$1,916,863.27	($153,707)	30.9%	$ 1,701,193.99	21.1%
VARIANCE	$26,770	$2,231	$4,659,362	$4,657,131	$8,923	$3,357,258.05	$3,348,335			
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR						$2,198,253.90				
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT						$5,555,511.95				

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.

November 2026 Building Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board's Building Committee met on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Danielle Rumple, Karen Rock, Pam Graham, and Rebekah Craft.

- There was no Public Comment.
- Old Business
    - **Loading Dock** – The project started on October 28 and should be completed by the end of November.





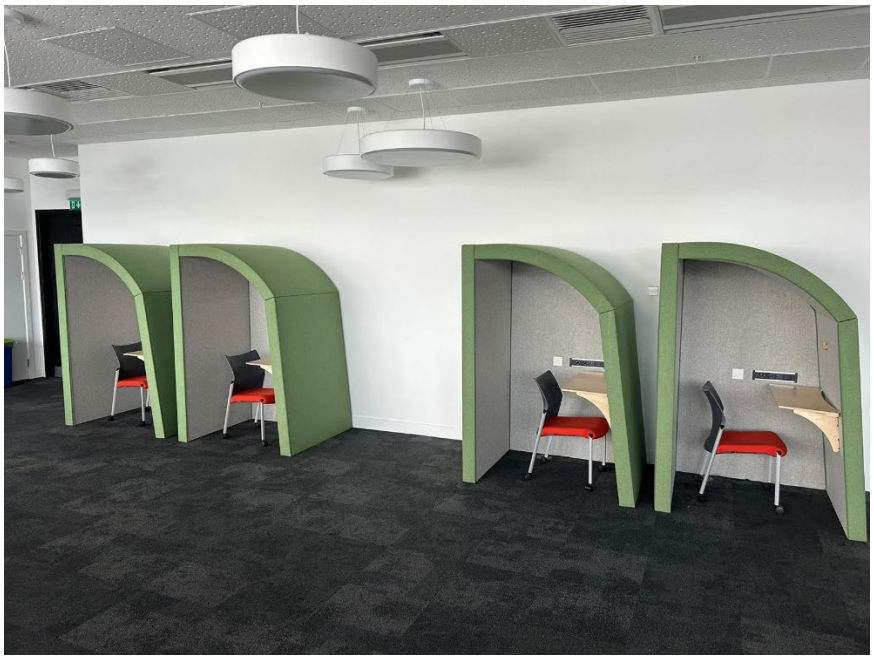
    - **Idea Lab Expansion** – Jeff and crew are rearranging the Lab to test out some new layouts. Once they are satisfied with the changes, ISCG will come in to

discuss which furniture should be added to the space to provide more tablespace and storage. A sink and exhaust system will also be added.
    - **Youth painting** –During the lower level renovation, PCI Dailey will paint various parts of the Youth Room and staff office ceiling painted after water damage and normal wear and tear.
- 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
    - The 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). A poster advertising the project scope has been placed in the lobby for patrons to view.
    - BPL staff is working on the pre-project work, including: installation of lights in new storage closet, addition of a 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
- 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.

- New Business
    - The Terrace door failed and will need to be replaced. A temporary door was installed by Belfor while we wait for quotes for a new door.
    - New directional signage was installed in the Youth Room. The total project cost was $2,700 and includes the fabrication and installation of 8 signs. Robert Stratton was able to negotiate with the sign company to lower the cost by $800.



- Graham shared updates from the BTPL renovation project. Craft will reach out to BTPL Director Tera Moon to see if any acoustical studies were performed before adding new tiles to ceilings and quiet study areas in their building. Graham also noted that their project includes study pods with felt ceilings and walls. (sample product shown below)



The next Building Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 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 - October 2026

	Current Month	This month last year	Current FYTD	Previous FYTD	FY 26-27 Q2 Target
Financials					
Revenues	$ 5,219,101	$ 136,479	$ 5,274,121	$ 4,814,290	
Expenses	$ 559,739	$ 562,370	$ 1,916,863	$ 1,666,943	
Circulation					
Print Checkouts & Renewals*	27,810	28,293	118,774	90,051	
A/V Checkouts & Renewals	5,230	4,779	23,193	16,022	
e-Materials Checkouts	15,437	16,047	65,071	66,450	**100,000**
Total Circulation	**48,477**	**50,016**	**207,038**	**160,001**	**312,500**
% of Circ by Residents**	89.0%	89.5%	89.7%	90.3%	**92.0%**
% of Circ by Non-Residents	11.0%	10.5%	10.3%	9.7%	**8.0%**
Cardholders					
New Cardholders	209	***includes ~7500 patrons w/expiration date pushed			
Active Cardholders (1 year)	13,566	from 3/16/20 to 3/16/23 and who have not renewed			
Cardholders (3 years)***	24,841	cards; 3/26 stats will have significant drop			
Other Statistics					
In Person Visits	25,102	24,042	89,319	87,503	**120,000**
Study Room Use	448	572	1,703	1,690	**1,800**
Rental Room Bookings	51	47	173	149	
Internal Room Bookings	112	74	354	258	
Idea Lab Visits	1,512	1,163	5,908	6,103	
MeL & ILL Items borrowed	613	747	2,723	3,032	
MeL & ILL Items loaned	603	745	2,517	2,875	
Self-Check Usage	57.2%	58.8%	62.8%	60.0%	
Wireless Sessions	3,624	3,245	13,192	11,074	**15,000**
Public Computer Usage	714	650	3,103	2,729	
Database Sessions		10,874	55,679	36,237	**35,000**
Library Volunteer Hours	44	3	148	12	**38**
Friends Volunteer Hours	38	51	169	192	**225**
Website Hits/Pageviews	32,632	30,789	129,432	114,882	**160,000**
Program Attendance					
Program Attendance for Adults	519	335	1,454	1,237	
# of Programs for Adults	29	24	86	87	
Program Attendance for Teens	185	383	886	654	
# of Programs for Teens	11	15	46	42	
Program Attendance for Youth	1,815	1,822	5,699	6,166	
# of Programs for Youth	78	74	214	244	
Computer Classes Attendance	37	43	130	132	
# of Computer Programs	6	6	22	24	
# of Idea Lab Programs	4		18		
Idea Lab Program Attendance	54		200		
Online Video Views	10	24	83	77	
Total Program Attendance	**2,566**	**2,607**	**8,252**	**8,266**	**17,000**
Total # of Programs	**124**	**143**	**451**	**474**	**600**
Outreach Attendance	567	453	**1,470**	799	
# of Outreach Programs	28	19	**44**	36	

*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

Birmingham Farms Story Time

Youth Librarian Morgan Koscuik presented a story time at a Cider and Stories event on October 17. We have repeatedly been invited to the Birmingham Farms neighborhood celebrations to share stories, renew library cards, and demonstrate resources.

Haunted Library

On Friday, October 16, staff transformed the building for after hours "Haunted Library" tours. Teen volunteers stationed themselves across the Grand Hall while small groups of 4th through 6th graders bravely walked through the space, with potential jump scares around every corner. Around 75 students took part, and a sufficiently scary time was had by all.





Idea Lab Update

In October, lab bookings, overall equipment use, and the number of patrons served all rose compared to September, and the number of individual patrons booking time with us grew by more than 40%. The embroidery machine was booked 94 times! The laser cutter had a standout month too, with its use jumping by more than half compared to September. Saturdays were our busiest day of the week, and Tuesday evenings were our single busiest time slot.

The highlight of the month was Embroidery Basics, an hour-long class delivered to a packed room! To make sure everyone could follow along, we put the embroidery software up on the projector and ran a live camera feed showing the finer details of the machine itself, so the whole group could see every step up close. Attendees were able to sign up right there in the room to schedule their formal one-on-one training. It was a big success, and a format we're excited to bring back for more classes in the future!

Kait also designed and led Monster Mash-Ups, a perfectly spooky program built around a set of laser-cut stamps of different monster parts. Patrons mixed and matched heads, bodies, limbs, and more to stamp out monsters of their own invention. It was an absolutely genius design, and a perfect fit for the Halloween season! Open Printmaking Night continued to give our creative regulars a relaxed place to work at the press, and the Grand Tour welcomed new visitors into the space.

New Electronic Resources

The Atlantic Magazine Online

- The Atlantic covers news, politics, technology, health, and more, through its articles, podcasts, videos, and flagship magazine.
- Access is only available inside the library at this time. We are the first public library giving access to The Atlantic, which is exciting, but might include troubleshooting along the way.

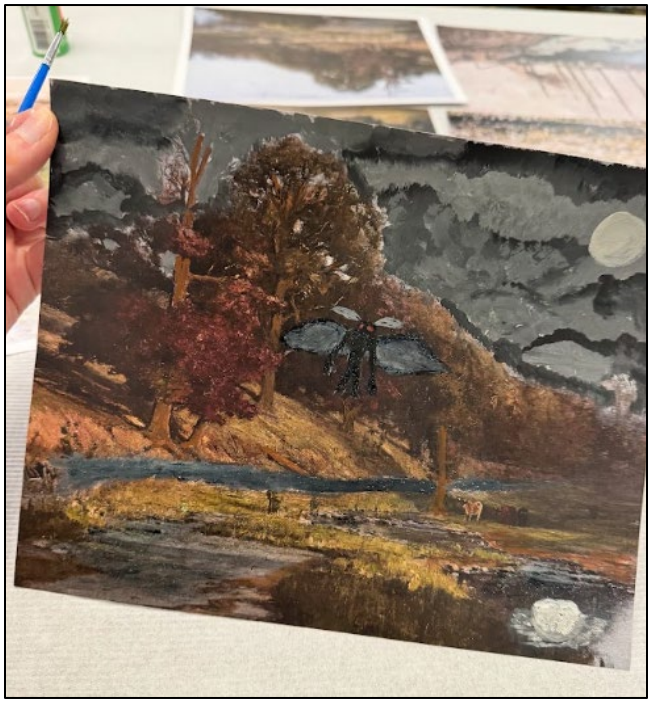
Medici.tv

- The largest online catalog of classical music, opera, dance, and jazz videos:
    - 4,000+ videos including concerts, operas, ballets, documentaries, and master classes
    - 150+ live events streamed yearly with top-name artists at the world's most prestigious venues
    - 200+ new programs added to our on-demand listings every year
- Also offers an app – be sure to download the Medici.TV for Libraries version. Users must create an account to use Medici.tv.

Vintage Ghost Paintings

Teen Librarian Haylie May hosted a painting session on Wednesday, October 21. Students in grades 7-12 transformed vintage paintings and prints by adding ghosts and other creepy creatures. All of the teens had such unique ideas on how to make their paintings ready for the Halloween season.







Witches: Wonderful to Wicked to Wonderful

On October 13, Ed Blondin led the group on an exploration of the Western world's original herbal healers. He explored the stereotypes of the Witch/Healer and how these figures drove economics, religion, health care, and American Pop Culture into the 21st century.





Facility

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

Canine Pest Inspection

Recently we engaged with Rose Pest Control for quarterly canine inspections for bed bugs, at a cost of $508 per inspection. Handler Sarah and canine inspector Nova searched the library on Wednesday, November 4. No bed bugs were detected in the building. The next inspection will be held in February 2027.

Electronics Recycling

In anticipation of the upcoming lower level renovations, IT Coordinator Jamie Richards worked with Digital Red to recycle three bins of outdated and broken electronics on Tuesday, November 3.



Loading Dock work

The City of Birmingham Loading Dock project is underway. Patrons were notified online, by email, and via social media channels to anticipate louder than normal noise levels at the library. Ear plugs were made available for patrons and staff, as needed.

Curbside Pickup has been temporarily relocated to the drop box area on Bates St.

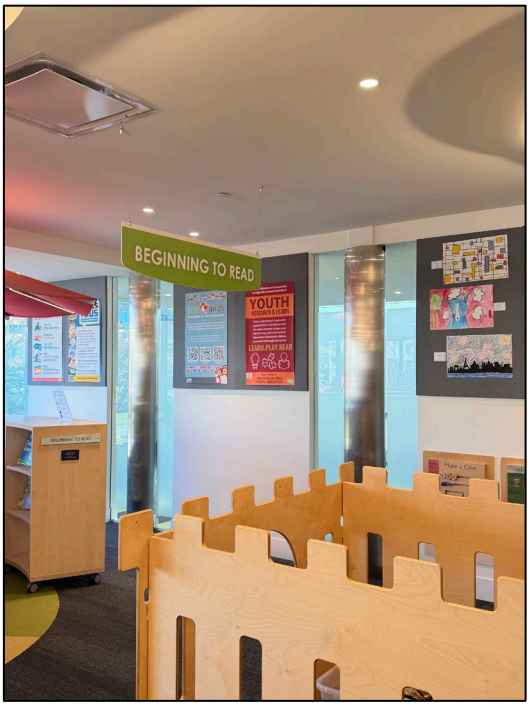
Window Cleaning

NBS was onsite on October 27 to clean the exterior windows of the building. The next cleaning will be scheduled for April or May 2027.

Youth Collection Signage

Robert Stratton worked with Nicolson Associates to have new overhead signage installed in the Youth Room on Tuesday, October 27. The total project cost was $2,700, which included the design, fabrication, and installation of 8 overhead signs. Robert was able to negotiate the price down by $800.







Youth Terrace Door

Due to the rusting of the in-ground pivot, the Terrace Door became extremely difficult to open and close in late October. Because we are relying on this door while access to the Loading Dock is off limits, it was replaced with a temporary fiberglass option on November 4 while quotes are gathered to replace the 2019 door with an exterior stile and rail option. We have requested that all patrons and staff use the front entrance while this temporary door is in place.



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.
- After four months of delays, and several reminders from Library Attorney Anne Seurynck, City Manager Jana Ecker shared her updated amounts for the Contracted Services. The document she shared on November 16 has the same numbers that were first shared in February 2025.
- The Library served as the voting location for Precinct 1 in Birmingham during the November 3 midterm elections. We also provided hotspots to the City Clerk's office for use at other polling locations, ensuring election workers had wifi connection.
- We submitted this adorable owl to the city pumpkin carving contest and after the votes were all tallied, it was announced as the crowd favorite!



Beverly Hills

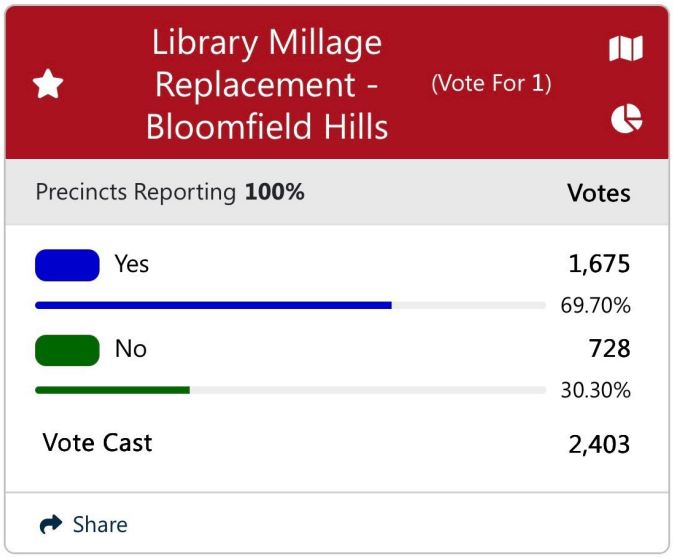
Miller submitted information to the Village of Beverly Hills for inclusion in its weekly email and monthly newsletter.

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.
  Voters in the City of Bloomfield Hills passed the library millage renewal during the November 3 election, 70% to 30%



Birmingham Next

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

Friends of the Baldwin Public Library

The Fall Book and Media sale will be held on November 14 & 15, and featured surprised wrapped books for purchase. The Friends held their monthly board meeting on November 10.

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
- Winter Reading Challenge promotional pieces
- Winter Learn.Connect.Discover newsletter

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 October 20. The next All Staff meeting will be held on November 24. Recordings of each meeting are sent to all staff.

Conference Attendance

Syntha Green, ALA's Association for Library Service to Children's National Institute

I attended the ASLC conference in Buffalo, NY. We got to tour the Rochester Public Library which has a cool secret door through a bookcase in their youth room. We also toured the Strong Museum of Play which was fabulous and has toy and product development archives (Choose Your Own Adventure, D&D, etc.), and so much more.

My favorite session was one where the developers of Reading Rainbow talked about their new book and how the show came to be. It was first created to help combat the summer slide and was started in Buffalo with their Public Broadcasting station. The show creators used the following tenets in creating the show: Pay attention to needs; Be bold/experiment; Embrace Failure/be resilient; Collaborate (find people to help); Leadership is critical - cultivate champions to the cause. The appendix of the book, Creating Reading Rainbow: The Untold Story of a Beloved Children's Series by Barbara Irwin, lists every book ever featured on the show and a new season is dropping soon with Mychal Threets (Librarian) as host.

Another of my favorite sessions was called Leading From the Middle which was really interesting, had great tips and is quite helpful since I supervise the YS substitutes.

Sarah Boggs, Michigan Library Association Annual Conference

Attending MLA was a great professional and learning experience. I was able to participate in several breakout sessions. The session that impacted me the most was about the overlap of social work and libraries serving the public. Social workers have a place in the library because they have a skill set and expertise that pair well with librarians to make sure every patron has the resources they need.

Another session which motivated me was concerning seniors, programming, and the technology from the makerspace idea lab. As librarians, we can create opportunities for 3D printing that allow participants to do something exciting, imaginative, and practical. I learned that some 3D printers are small enough to be mobile. Also,the keynote speaker who discussed listening styles and strengths encouraged me to be a better listener and to take into consideration the needs of others in conversation.

I am even more enthusiastic about serving the community and public at the library. I have more goals to set and while it may take time to implement them, the conference provided resources and partnerships with others to do more learning, connecting, and discovering at Baldwin Public Library.

Clover Vassilev, Michigan Library Association Annual Conference

The most inspiring session I attended was about turning your library into a video store. What particularly stood out to me was the idea of DVD drives for the library, because we are very strict about where we purchase from, so we are really limited by what is currently out on DVD. However, people who may have DVD collections they are looking to get rid of are likely to have things that are no longer being released/sold on DVD that would be otherwise inaccessible to us.

I also attended a session on getting adults 20-30 years old more active at the library, with program suggestions like speed friending, craft nights, and DND, which are things that we focus on more for teens. The speed friending program has been very successful for RHPL, and I think that it would also be successful for us.

Additionally, I stopped by the booth for the Sustainable Libraries Initiative. From my discussion with them, I feel that there would certainly be benefits to participating with them/getting certified, however I understand that as a library, there is only so much we can do. Something I did like though was the fact that they help you purchase more sustainably and help find local, ethical places to purchase materials, so the amount of things libraries buy from Amazon is decreased.

Lisa Christie, Michigan Library Association Annual Conference

I attended the Michigan Library Association Conference on October 28-29 in Novi. I was impressed not only by the organization of the event, including the number of keynote speakers and variety of breakout sessions offered but also by the enthusiasm of the 500+ attendees. There were many opportunities for meeting other library staff, both professional and administrative and also occasions to share commonalities between different libraries. I was especially interested in discovering how smaller, more rural libraries overcome connectivity issues, both in digital resources and in programming availability.

One especially impactful breakout session was "3D Printing in the Wild: Bringing Maker Space Technology to Seniors". Librarians from Clinton Township Library (which does not have a dedicated Maker Space!) provided information about and experiences of bringing 3D printing equipment to senior residences and senior centers. Seniors had requested this after seeing the programs offered at their library. This successful program was designed to engage their Patrons in continuing education and creating exposure to other library offerings.

I also attended a breakout session presented by Lisabeth Posthuma-Conger of the Berkley Public Library. She has created BerkBuster- an alternative to streaming services free video store located inside of the Berkley Public Library. During her presentation, she gave enormous credit to Baldwin's Idea Lab and to Jeff Jimison for all the help and support provided to her during this project. She commented that the project could not have been completed with Jeff's involvement!!

MLA Diversity Award



As part of the Michigan Library Association's 2026 Library Awards Night on Wednesday, October 28, the IDEA Task Force – nominated by Library Board Secretary Wendy Friedman - was presented with the inaugural **LIBRARY EXCELLENCE IN ACCESS AND DIVERSITY (LEAD) AWARD**, highlighting the committee's and library staff's work in accessibility, inclusion, digital resources, and staff training. Rosemary Isbell, H Jennings, and Jaclyn Miller attended the ceremony with former staff member and original Task Force member Kathleen McBroom and Library Board President Danielle Rumple. Rosemary gave brief comments on behalf of the committee. Congratulations to Rosemary, H, Jaclyn, Rebekah, Josh Campeau, and Jeff Jimison.



Staff Anniversaries

Jen Adams, Technology Assistant, reached 3 years of service on November 12.
Lindsay Block, Substitute Librarian, will reach 4 years of service on November 27.
Josh Campeau, Youth Services Librarian, will reach 3 years of service on November 26.

Lauren Clifford, Technical Services Assistant II, reached 7 years of service on November 3.
Austin DeWalt, Technology Assistant, reached 3 years of service on November 12.
Susan Dion, Youth Services Specialist, will reach 21 years of service on November 30.
Bart Gioia, Technology Trainer, will reach 19 years of service on November 26.
Kanady Horn, Page, will reach 4 years of service on November 27.
Morgan Kosciuk, Youth Services Librarian, will reach 7 years of service on November 25.
Becky Nelson, Substitute Librarian, reached 3 years of service on November 12.
Cheyenne Nierhaus, Operations Assistant, reached 7 years of service on November 3.
Robert Stratton, Office Administrator, reached 7 years of service on November 4.
Michele Turner, Access Services Assistant I, will reach 4 years of service on November 27.

New Staff
We are happy to welcome our newest page **Kevin Yo**. Kevin brings with him some expertise derived from his current work with Schuler Books. He's also a recent MSU graduate (BA in English) with experience both as ghost and copywriter.

Volunteer Hours
44 Library volunteer hours and 37 Friends volunteer hours were utilized in the month of October.

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

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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		
October 2026 Expenditures		
Adult Services		
Detroit at War Presenter Fee	$	175.00
Lifelong Learning refreshments	$	21.32
Seed Library supplies	$	160.39
Program snacks	$	205.06
Books Unshelved	$	115.12
No Man's Land Presenter Fee	$	600.00
2 Genealogy Presentation Fees	$	300.00
Manhattan Shorts Fees	$	600.00
Total	*$*	*2,176.89*
Teen Services		
D&D Fees	$	200.00
Haunted Library program supplies	$	224.10
Pizza - TAB, Pizza and Pages	$	98.98
Teen General Program supplies/snacks	$	649.20
Vintage Painting	$	45.34
Book Club Book	$	185.50
Books Unboxed	$	112.34
Total	*$*	*1,515.46*
Youth Services		
General Program supplies	$	111.34
Book Clubs	$	18.53
First Grade First Card Golden Bananas (filament)	$	53.97
Total	*$*	*183.84*
Idea Lab		
Listening Room Supplies	$	72.03
refunds, returned items	$	(32.87)
Total	*$*	*39.16*
Outreach & Equipment		
Total		*#REF!*
Total Expenditures		**#REF!**
October 2026 Balances		
Adult Services	$	(435.45)
Teen Services	$	3,929.26
Youth Services	$	4,068.94
Idea Lab	$	520.23
Outreach & Equipment	$	5,199.62
Total Balance	**$**	**13,282.60**
October In-Library Book & Button Sale Cash Donations		$1,014.22
Submitted by Jaclyn Miller for November 9, 2026		

OLD BUSINESS

MEMORANDUM

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

DATE:	November 10, 2026
TO:	Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors
FROM:	Rebekah Craft, Library Director
SUBJECT:	Contracted Services Agreement

INTRODUCTION

The Library has been working with the City of Birmingham to finalize a new Cooperative Agreement. Part of this Agreement includes agreeing upon the price the Library will pay to the City of Birmingham for Administrative Services.

During the meeting with the City on April 21, 2026, City Manager Jana Ecker had agreed to review the proposed Administrative Services charges, provide a rationale for the charges that seemed out of line with charges for the same types of services available elsewhere, and respond with a full list of services included with the charges.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Since July 8, 2026 Library Attorney Anne Seurynck has been contacting, with increasing frequency, City Attorney Tracy Gaudenzi for an update on City Manager Ecker's calculations. The emails between Seurynck, Gaudenzi, and me follow this memo.

After additional reminders on October 8 and November 6, Gaudenzi responded to Seurynck with a document that lists the original services as enumerated by the City in February 2026 and prices set by the City in February 2025. This document was requested at the April 21, 2026 meeting with the City, was promised in early July 2026, and was not sent until 6.5 months after originally requested. Rather than responding in a timely manner, the City Manager delayed this process by 6.5 months. More concerningly, that response did not include any changes and instead was a restatement of the original terms.

In her email accompanying Exhibit A, Gaudenzi noted, "The City is using the same breakdown and methodology for expenses that it has provided to BSD and the Community House, in an effort to remain consistent and fair. Given the Library's larger number of employees, the overall amount will be higher. The attached breakdown also identifies certain expenses that are specific to individual departments to provide further explanation."

It should be noted that the City of Birmingham recently adopted an agreement with the Birmingham Community House to pay the full salary and benefits for its director ($188,980) and offer human resources and payroll services to the Community House at a charge of $1 per employee per month. Baldwin has 93 employees. If the City of Birmingham was offering the same fee for services to the Library and the Community House, the Human Resources and Payroll charge for the Library should be $1,116 per year, not $102,011.

The Birmingham Shopping District was offered the same Contracted Services fee percentages as the Library, however the BSD uses the full services of the Human Resources department and Finance Department whereas Baldwin handles job postings, interviewing, hiring, onboarding, and bookkeeping via library employees.

Library staff spent time interviewing consultants and found that outsourcing financial services and human resources services to consultants would be less expensive than paying proposed City fees.

For these reasons, we had hoped the City of Birmingham would consider our request to negotiate fees in good faith.

BOARD DISCUSSION

The conversation between the Library and City of Birmingham has been ongoing for nearly two years. The Library Board will need to discuss this matter and determine how to move forward. Does the Library Board want to approve of the administrative charges as is and move forward with signing the Cooperative Agreement or does the Library Board want to discuss and propose a new amount for administrative charges and forward them to the City to review?

ATTACHMENTS

- City of Birmingham Memo – City of Birmingham Contracted Services Agreement with the Baldwin Public Library, February 26, 2025
- Draft Exhibit A – February 26, 2026
- Draft Exhibit A – November 9, 2026
- City of Birmingham Memo - Community House Foundation – Executive Director Employee Lease Agreement, September 28, 2026
- Various emails between Anne Seurynck, Tracy Gaudenzi, and Rebekah Craft between July 2, 2026 and November 9, 2026

SUGGESTED BOARD ACTION

To review the proposed charges and determine whether or not the Library wishes to approve of the administrative charges and move forward with signing the Cooperative Agreement or propose a new amount for administrative charges and forward them to the City to review.

BIRMINGHAM
A WALKABLE CITY

DATE: February 26, 2025

TO: Rebekah Craft, Baldwin Public Library Director

FROM: Mark H. Clemence, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: City of Birmingham Contracted Services Agreement with the Baldwin Public Library

INTRODUCTION

In November of 2009, the City of Birmingham (City) entered into a contract with the Baldwin Public Library (Library) in which the City agreed to provide the following services to the Library:

1. Tax billing and collection;
2. Banking and investment, excluding the Baldwin Public Library Trust;
3. Assessing services and legal for tax tribunal;
4. Library accounts payable;
5. Library payroll;
6. Accounting services;
7. Budget;
8. HR and benefit services.

In exchange for the City furnishing these services to the Library, the Library agreed to annually reimburse the City its administrative costs. Total administrative charges were determined to be $104,889.00 per year at the time the contract was agreed upon. The initial term of the contract was seven (7) months in length, commencing on November 30, 2010 and terminating on June 30, 2010. However, after the initial term, the contract also contained three subsequent one-year renewal terms. Each renewal term was automatic unless the City notified the Library or the Library notified the City, in writing, at least six (6) months prior to the end of any term that there was a need to negotiate the subsequent renewal (see Attachment A).

Each of the three subsequent one-year renewals occurred without change from either the City or the Library. The contract expired on June 30, 2013.

BACKGROUND

The City continues to provide all eight (8) of the services to the Library that are enumerated in the introduction section. However, the contract expired on June 30, 2013 and a new or revised contract was never negotiated nor agreed upon. As a result, the Library has continued to receive all the City's listed administrative services for the past eleven (11) years at the same cost negotiated in 2009 for $104,889.00.

The City's Finance Department was consulted and confirmed that the $104,889.00 figure is the amount currently being charged for the City's administrative services to the Library. The Finance Department was asked to examine the contract and determine the current expenses to the City to fulfill the contract terms as previously agreed. The Finance Department examined the contract and determined that the original formula used to determine the contract amount was cumbersome to work with and included several categories where assumptions were made. The Finance Department has determined that since the contract was expired, they will propose a new, but similar financial model that will be more user friendly. The new formula to determine the administrative costs to the City to provide the same services is as follows (see Attachment B):

<u>Expense Allocation by Department Summary</u>

1. Human Resources

   Library allocation - 20% (Library represents 20% of the City's employees
   430 total active employees/87 Library employees)

   HR actual expenditures FY 2023-2024 $398,265

   Total Expense $79,653

2. Payroll

   Library allocation - 20% (Library represents 20% of the City's employees
   430 total active employees/87 Library employees)

   Finance actual expenditures FY 2023-2024 $111,792

   Total Expense $22,358

3. Assessing

   Library allocation - 10% (Library accounts for 10% of the City's assessing costs
   1.3142 Library millage rate/13.3164 total millage rate)

   Oakland County contract FY 2023-2024 $227,068

   Total Expense $22,707

4. Treasury

Library allocation - 5% (Library accounts for 5% of the City's Treasury expenditures

Based on AUDIT expense allocation Library allocation for revenue)

Treasury actual expenditures FY 2023-2024		$750,425
	Total Expense	$37,521

5. Finance

Library Allocation - 6% (Library accounts for 6% of the City's Finance expenditures)

Finance actual expenditures FY 2023-2024		$947,132
	Total Expense	$56,828
	TOTAL	$219,067.00

LEGAL REVIEW

The City Attorney has drafted a new contract (see Attachment C) for consideration by the Library Board that is reflective of the new formula and updated costs incurred by the City to provide the administrative services to the Library. If you or the Library Board have any questions, City Attorney Kucharek will address them.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based upon the new formula used by the Finance Department, using up-to-date financial costs, the City shall request $219,067 from the Library in order to reimburse administrative costs incurred by the City to provide services. This figure is $114,178 higher, which is an increase of approximately 109% than the current budgeted amount.

SUSTAINABILITY

None

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

City budgets, which are published documents, have reflected revenue to the City for administrative services provided to the Baldwin Public Library in the amount of $104,889.00 in every budget since the 2010-2011 budget.

SUMMARY

In November of 2009, the City of Birmingham (City) entered into a contract with the Baldwin Public Library (Library) in which the City agreed to provide administrative services for the Library. In exchange, the Library agreed to annually reimburse the City its administrative costs associated with the services received. The contract expired in June of 2013. The City and the Library are

currently working without a legally binding contract and the associated costs to provide the administrative services to the Library have not been increased since its inception in 2009.

Based on data determined by the City's Finance Department, the current cost to provide the same administrative services to the Library have increased approximately 109% from 2009 to a current value of $219,067 for FY 2023-2024.

Myself, Finance Director Mark Gerber and Finance Director Designee Mary Chavez are all available to answer any questions and would make ourselves available to be present at a Library Board meeting if you so desire.

EXHIBIT A

CONTRACTED SERVICES

a) **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Includes:
Retirement Administration;
Point of Contact for Library Pension Retirees;
Insurance Administration & Guidance;
1095-C Healthcare Annual Reporting;
Workers Compensation Claims;
FMLA Administration;
STD Coverage;
AETNA Employee Assistance Program;
Rate/Position/Name/Status Change;
Unemployment Insurance Agency Claims and Issues;
LTD;
AD&D Life Insurance Quarterly Reporting;
EEOC Annual Reporting;
OSHA Annual Reporting

Total Expense $

b) **PAYROLL**

Includes: Administer Funds Collected from Outside Agency for City's Group Health Insurance

Total Expense $

c) **ASSESSING**

Total Expense $

d) **TREASURY**

Includes:
Receipt Revenues into BS&A;
NSF Check Management;
Tax Billing;
Tax Distribution

Total Expense $

e) **FINANCE**
Includes:
Accounting services;
Accounts Payable;
General Ledger Maintenance;
Audit Prep;
Monthly Expenditure Reports;
Journal Entries;
Budget;
Banking and Investment

Total Expense $

TOTAL **$**

**Any costs or fees incurred by the City on behalf of the Library not specifically covered or provided for in this Agreement will be billed on an actual cost reimbursement basis to the Library.

EXHIBIT A

CONTRACTED SERVICES

a) **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Includes: Workers Compensation Claims; FMLA Administration; ADA Guidance; STD Coverage; Workplace Discrimination/Harassment Investigation; Guidance on Personnel Issues; Insurance Administration & Guidance; AETNA Employee Assistance Program; Retirement Administration; Point of Contact for Library Pension Retirees; Personnel File Management; Rate/Position/Name/Status Change; Unemployment Insurance Agency Claims and Issues; LTD, AD&D Life Insurance Quarterly Reporting; Employment Law/Regulation Liability; EEOC Annual Reporting; OSHA Annual Reporting; 1095-C Healthcare Annual Reporting

Library Allocation: 20%
HR Expenditures FY 2023-24 $398,265
Total Library Expense **$79,653**

b) **PAYROLL**

Includes: Administer Funds Collected from Outside Agency for City's Group Health Insurance

Library Allocation: 20%
HR Expenditures FY 2023-24 $111,792
Total Library Expense **$22,358**

c) **ASSESSING**

Includes: Contract with Oakland County

Library Allocation: 10%
HR Expenditures FY 2023-24 $227,068
Total Library Expense **$22,707**

d) **TREASURY**

Includes: Receipt Revenues into BS&A; NSF Check Management; Tax Billing; Tax Distribution; Banking Services; Investment Services

Library Allocation: 5%
HR Expenditures FY 2023-24 $750,425
Total Library Expense **$37,521**

e) **FINANCE**

Includes: Accounts Payable; Payroll; Accounting Services (general ledger maintenance/audit prep/monthly expenditure reports/journal entries); Budget

Library Allocation: 6%	
HR Expenditures FY 2023-24	$947,132
Total Library Expense	**$56,828**

TOTAL **$ 219,067**

**Any costs or fees incurred by the City on behalf of the Library not specifically covered or provided for in this Agreement will be billed on an actual cost reimbursement basis to the Library.

MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

DATE: September 28, 2026

TO: City Commission

FROM: Jana Ecker, City Manager

SUBJECT: Community House Foundation – Executive Director Employee Lease Agreement

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INTRODUCTION:

The City of Birmingham Community House Foundation ("Foundation") was recently established to operate The Community House and provide social, philanthropic and civic activities for the Birmingham community. As part of the transition to the Foundation's operation of The Community House, the Foundation will need to engage a new Executive Director.

The Executive Director is proposed to be employed by the City and assigned to provide services to the Foundation in the same arrangement utilized for Baldwin Library staffing. The proposed Employee Lease Agreement establishes the respective responsibilities of the City and Foundation with respect to the Executive Director and formalizes this employment arrangement.

BACKGROUND:

Under the Agreement, the City will remain the Executive Director's employer of record and will be responsible for payroll, employment taxes, workers' compensation, and applicable employee benefits. The City also retains its authority as employer with respect to employment and disciplinary matters.

The Foundation Board, acting through its President or other designee, will be responsible for the Executive Director's day-to-day supervision and direction in performing duties for the Foundation. The Foundation may address routine performance matters, while matters requiring disciplinary or other employment action will be handled by the City after consultation with the Foundation. The Executive Director will remain subject to applicable City personnel policies as well as Foundation policies that do not conflict with City policies.

The Agreement has an initial one-year term and renews annually unless terminated. Either the City or Foundation may terminate the Agreement for any or no reason upon 45 days' written notice.

LEGAL REVIEW:
The City Attorney has reviewed the proposed Employee Lease Agreement and has no concerns.

FISCAL IMPACT:
During the term of the Agreement, the City will be responsible for the Executive Director's salary, benefits, payroll taxes and other employment costs. The Foundation will pay the City a nominal fee of $1.00 per month in lieu of reimbursement of those costs. The fee may be modified during the term by mutual written agreement of the City and Foundation.

The nominal fee reflects the Foundation's current stage of development. As a newly established nonprofit organization, the Foundation has only recently commenced its fundraising efforts and will require time to develop the financial resources necessary to support its ongoing operations. The City's assumption of the Executive Director's employment costs during this initial period will allow the Foundation to establish its operations and develop its fundraising capacity. As the Foundation's financial resources develop, the parties anticipate revisiting the financial arrangement with the goal of having the Foundation ultimately assume an appropriate share of the cost of the Executive Director's services.

SUSTAINABILITY:
Not applicable.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:
Not applicable.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:
Not applicable.

SUMMARY:
The City is proposing an Employee Lease Agreement with the Birmingham Community House Foundation for the Foundation's Executive Director. Under the agreement, the Executive Director will remain a City employee, while the Foundation will be responsible for their day-to-day supervision and direction. The City will initially cover the employee's salary, benefits, payroll taxes and other employment costs, with the Foundation paying a nominal fee of $1 per month while it establishes its operations and fundraising capacity.

The City will initially be responsible for approximately $188,980 in salary, benefits, payroll taxes and other employment costs associated with the Executive Director. These costs are not currently included in the City's adopted budget; therefore, approval of a $188,980 budget amendment is requested as part of the resolution. City Commission approval is also requested to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the proposed lease agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Employee Lease Agreement-Executive Director

SUGGESTED COMMISSION ACTION:
Make a motion adopting a resolution to approve the appropriation and amendment to the fiscal

year 2026-2027 budget as follows:

General Fund:

Revenues:

Draw From Fund Balance	101.0-000.000-400.0000	$188,980
Total Revenue		$188,980

Expenditures:

Salaries & Wages	101.0-901.000-702.00XX	$135,000
Fringe Benefits	101.0-901.000-711.00XX	53,980
Total Expenses		$188,980

AND

Make a motion adopting a resolution to approve the Employee Lease Agreement between the City of Birmingham and the City of Birmingham Community House Foundation for the Foundation's Executive Director and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>

Re: FY25-26 Library Administrative Services Charge

1 message

Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com> Thu, Jul 2, 2026 at 11:51 AM
To: Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>
Cc: jecker <jecker@bhamgov.org>, "Seurynck, Anne" <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>

I will have the drafts to you and Anne by July 13th (hopefully sooner).

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From: Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>
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To: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Cc: jecker <jecker@bhamgov.org>; Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>
Subject: Re: FY25-26 Library Administrative Services Charge

Hi Tracy,

It's Monday, July 20 at 7:30pm.

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On Thu, Jul 2, 2026 at 11:22 AM Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com> wrote:

> Rebekah,
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> When is your next board meeting?

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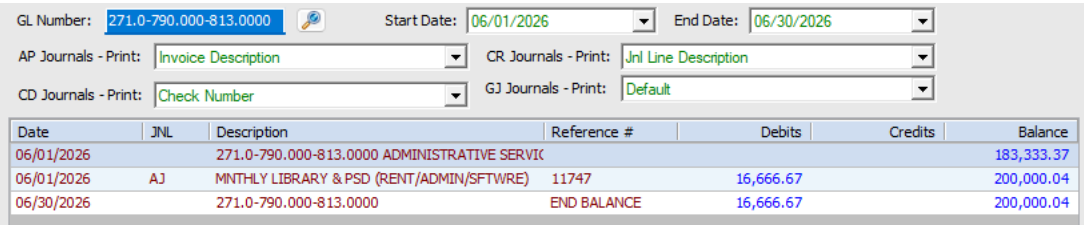
From: Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>
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Cc: Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>
Subject: FY25-26 Library Administrative Services Charge

Hi Jana and Tracy,

As of today, the Library's Administrative Services account has been charged a total of $200,000.04 for FY25-26 (12 monthly journal entries of $16,666.67). The Library and City do not have an updated contract and therefore no authorization for the charge of this amount to the Library Fund has been provided by the Library Board.

The Library Board is very eager to come to a final agreement and is waiting on the next draft of the agreement, as discussed at our April 21, 2026 meeting.

Thank you,
Rebekah


GL Number: 271.0-790.000-813.0000 Start Date: 06/01/2026 End Date: 06/30/2026
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06/30/2026		271.0-790.000-813.0000	END BALANCE	16,666.67		200,000.04

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Fwd: Baldwin

1 message

Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com> Wed, Jul 22, 2026 at 3:11 PM
To: Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Date: July 22, 2026 at 2:51:48 PM EDT
To: "Seurynck, Anne" <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>
Subject: Re: Baldwin

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To: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Subject: Baldwin

Tracy:

I'm checking in on the status of the agreements with the Library. Let me know if you need anything from me!

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Re: Baldwin Administrative Service Contract

1 message

Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com> Tue, Sep 15, 2026 at 5:06 PM
To: Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>, Clinton Baller <clinton@baller4bham.com>, Danielle Young-Rumple <dmeyoung@gmail.com>, jecker <jecker@bhamgov.org>, "Seurynck, Anne" <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>

Hi Rebekah,

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Before bringing everyone together, I would like to first go through the issues and concerns with Anne so we can make the best use of everyone's time.

Anne- I will reach out to you directly.

Thanks!

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From: Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 4:43:12 PM
To: Clinton Baller <clinton@baller4bham.com>; Danielle Young-Rumple <dmeyoung@gmail.com>; jecker <jecker@bhamgov.org>; Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>; Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Subject: Baldwin Administrative Service Contract

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Please let me know your availability in the next several weeks:

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- Tuesday, October 13 from 1-3pm
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Thank you,
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1 message

Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com> Wed, Sep 16, 2026 at 11:32 AM
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Cc: Clinton Baller <clinton@baller4bham.com>, Danielle Young-Rumple <dmeyoung@gmail.com>, jecker <jecker@bhamgov.org>, "Seurynck, Anne" <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>

Hi Rebekah,

Anne and I are prepared to speak tomorrow or early next week. The City is prepared to move this forward and is likewise interested in reaching a resolution.

To be clear, I do not think it is productive to schedule a larger group meeting before Anne and I have had an opportunity to understand and resolve the outstanding issues—particularly when the proposed dates extend into November. We should first determine what issues, if any, remain. If a larger meeting is necessary after that, we can schedule one then.

Thanks,
Tracy

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 September 2026 09:10:09
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Subject: Re: Baldwin Administrative Service Contract

Hi Tracy,

Thanks for working with Anne on this.

I think it would be helpful for us all to get a next meeting date on the calendar for a discussion once you and Anne have made edits. Do you think one month is sufficient time to work through the contract with Anne?

If so, please let me know your availability for the following dates:

- Monday, October 19 from 1-3pm
- Tuesday, October 20 from 1-3pm
- Wednesday, October 21 from 1-3pm
- Thursday, October 22 from 1-3pm
- Wednesday, November 4 from 1-3pm
- Thursday, November 5 from 1-3pm
- Tuesday, November 10 from 1-3pm
- Wednesday, November 11 from 1-3pm
- Monday, November 16 from 1-3pm
- Tuesday, November 17 from 1-3pm

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FW: Baldwin

1 message

Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com> Mon, Oct 5, 2026 at 4:42 PM
To: Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>

Rebekah – I spoke with Tracy briefly on Thursday. Please let me know your thoughts on the issues. The one issue that I think is still not included is that we were going to add a provision as 8.g that addressed the elevator and atrium windows. Do we need to add anything else at this point?

But, the real "heart" of the issue is the "final" numbers that Jana was going to present. I have not received those yet. I'll prompt Tracy again as soon as you let me know about the windows and elevator issue.\

Then, we can discuss the statement.

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From: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2026 11:43 AM
To: Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>
Subject: Re: Baldwin

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Updated Agreement (redline and clean) based upon our call yesterday. I also added the notice paragraph from the Employee Lease Agreement.

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From: Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2026 9:19 AM
To: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Subject: RE: Baldwin

Can you talk at 2:00 today? I ran into an issue that I have to resolve this morning.

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From: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 11:04 AM

To: Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>
Subject: Re: Baldwin

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Great—how about I give you a call tomorrow at 10?

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Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 8:10 PM
To: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Subject: RE: Baldwin

I can talk on Thursday morning or Monday and Tuesday of next week.

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Anne,

When are you available for a telephone call or teams meeting?

I can shift my calendar most days with the exception of Friday this week and Tuesday mornings.

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From: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 July 2026 14:50:35
To: Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com>
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FW: Follow up

1 message

Seurynck, Anne <ASeurynck@fosterswift.com> Mon, Nov 9, 2026 at 10:09 AM
To: Rebekah Craft <rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org>

I just received this.

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From: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2026 10:08 AM
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Subject: Re: Follow up

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Hi Anne,

Please see attached.

The City is using the same breakdown and methodology for expenses that it has provided to BSD and the Community House, in an effort to remain consistent and fair. Given the Library's larger number of employees, the overall amount will be higher. The attached breakdown also identifies certain expenses that are specific to individual departments to provide further explanation.

Of course, if the Library has any specific questions or concerns with the breakdown, the City is happy to discuss.

Thanks,

Tracy

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Sent: Friday, 06 November 2026 17:35:51
To: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Subject: RE: Follow up

Any update on the numbers? I was out last week and will have Mike Blum do a final review of the employee issues but I don't expect a problem.

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From: Tracy Gaudenzi <tgaudenzi@bhlaw.us.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2026 1:32 PM
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Subject: Re: Follow up

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Hi Anne,

Jana is working on getting specific details from the department heads. Hope to have that to you soon.

Any updates on the final review of the agreements? You mentioned needing to review the Employee Lease with Mike and possibly a review with Rebekah. Any edits necessary?

Thanks,

Tracy

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INFORMATION ONLY

Upcoming Events of Interest

Please note BPL will close at 5:30pm on Wednesday, November 25 and remain closed until Saturday, November 28.

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 Event: Retro Expo – An Interactive Exposition of Vintage Video Games & Computers!
Friday through Sunday, November 20-22, 2026 at 12:00 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! 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.

Winter Craft to Go Kit
Tuesday, December 1, 2026 all day pick-up.
Pick up a craft kit to take home and create a wooden decorative ornament.
One per person. First come, first served. As supplies last.

Hot Cocoa Taste Test for Teens
Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Warm up this winter by sampling a variety of hot cocoa mixes. Maybe you will find a new favorite! Registration required.

The Idea Lab Presents: The Listening Room
Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
An afternoon all about our library's amazing vinyl record collection! Learn how to use a record player, how to properly handle a record, and enjoy a relaxing listening session with hand-picked selections from our incredible collection, on amazing stereo equipment made right here in our Idea Lab.

Kids in the Kitchen- Panini Sandwiches: Grades 3 to 6
Wednesday, December 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Grades 3 to 6. Caregivers must stay in the building during the program if the participant is ten years old or younger. Join us as we learn how to cook a simple recipe. This month we will be making panini sandwiches. Allergens may be present. Registration required.

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Baldwin Library wins new state LEAD award

November 5, 2026

The Baldwin Public Library in downtown Birmingham at 300 W. Merrill Street was recently honored by the Michigan Library Association (MLA) as the inaugural winner of the Library Excellence In Access And Diversity (LEAD) award.

This new award "recognizes a Michigan library for outstanding, measurable contributions to equity, diversity, accessibility, and belonging within the past 12 months. This award honors libraries that demonstrate leadership in creating welcoming, inclusive environments and expanding equitable access to services, collections, and opportunities for all members of their community."

Several members of the Baldwin IDEA Task Force were in attendance at the annual MLA awards dinner, held on October 29 in Novi.

The task force's nomination was submitted by library board member Wendy Friedman, with support from staff. Youth librarian Rosemary Isbell spoke on behalf of the committee at the ceremony.

Isbell's comments included highlights about the ongoing efforts of the library staff to remove barriers to access, both online and in the building. In the past year, the IDEA Task Force has updated policies, promoted peer to peer discussion, audited collections and programming to ensure a variety of viewpoints are included, and updated building accessibility.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Friends of the Baldwin Public Library Announce Fall Book, Media Sale

BIRMINGHAM, MICH. (Nov. 2, 2026) — The Friends of the Baldwin Public Library will hold its bi-annual used books and media sale on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15, from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

The sale of gently used children's books, adult fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, board games, puzzles, and more will take place on the lower level of the Baldwin Public Library. Inventory consists of materials that have been deselected from library collections as well as donations from personal collections. All proceeds benefit the Library's programs and services.

Established in 1950, Friends of the Baldwin Public Library is a non-profit association that supports and enhances the Library's goals. The group of volunteers raised $49,000 from sales and donor contributions in 2025-26 to supplement tax-payer funding the Library receives.

More information about the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library can be found at baldwinlib.org/friends.

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

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WINTER DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we look ahead to 2027, we are excited to be celebrating a milestone year at Baldwin. This year we'll observe the 100th anniversary of the original portion of our existing building. Built in 1927, this was not the first iteration of a library in Birmingham, but it is the longest standing! Over the years, the popularity and expanded reach of the library have necessitated the additions of more space, but the heart of the building, the area around which we have built up usable space and services for our community, retains its charm and function. Hearing "oh, what a beautiful room!" when someone walks into the Grand Hall never gets old.

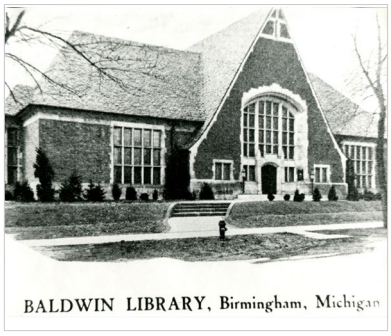
In acknowledgement of this exciting anniversary, we have some special ways to highlight the history of our building all year long. Be on the lookout for new library cards, monthly surprise sticker giveaways, featured community readers, new library merch, tours, scavenger hunts, and trivia. And save the date on April 13 for a visit from author Virginia Evans who wrote "The Correspondent"!

Here's to a new year, and to many more in our beautiful space. We hope that you enjoy the fun we have in store this year. Whether you're coming in or using resources and services remotely, are a long-time user or are coming by for your first visit, we're ready to help. Thanks in advance for helping us celebrate in 2027!

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LIBRARY BOARD



Board Members:
Frank Pisano, Pam Graham, Wendy Friedman, Jennifer Wheeler, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumple

THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON:
DECEMBER 21 AT 7:30 P.M.
JANUARY 20 AT 7:30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 22 AT 7:30 P.M.

ANNIVERSARY LIBRARY CARD DESIGNS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY!

BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 10:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 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.
DECEMBER 2 · JANUARY 6 · FEBRUARY 3
Have you always wondered what the Idea Lab is all about, but were afraid to ask? In these events, Jeff will take you on a tour of the Idea Lab, including a quick demo of our exciting equipment. **Registration required. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.**

EVENT: OPEN PRINTMAKING NIGHT

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 9 · JANUARY 12 · FEBRUARY 15
Explore the art of printmaking in a relaxed, open-studio setting! We'll provide a variety of tools, materials, and simple instructions. Just bring your creativity! Try stamping, block printing, and more! Move at your own pace and enjoy hands-on artistic fun. **Registration required. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.**

EVENT: THE LISTENING ROOM

SUNDAYS AT 2:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 13 · JANUARY 10 · FEBRUARY 14
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CLASS: INTRO TO 3D PRINTING IN THE IDEA LAB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.
Jeff will teach you everything you need to know to utilize the Idea Lab's premiere 3D printing service. From ways to design and source your 3D models, to submitting 3D print requests to the Lab itself, this class is a great jumping-off point for anyone interested in 3D Printing. **Registration required. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.**

CLASS: MAKING ZINES USING FREE ONLINE TOOLS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 7:00 P.M.
Learn how to use Canva to design and layout zines, pamphlets, small books and more! Start publishing your own small books for physically sharing art, original writings, and information! **Registration required. Ages 14 and up.**

CLASS: PATCHED UP: HOW TO MAKE EMBROIDERY PATCHES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 AT 7:00 P.M.
Learn to make embroidery patches on our embroidery machine. This demonstration will cover design fundamentals, best materials, techniques, and application so you can make your own professional embroidery patches in The Idea Lab! **Registration required. Ages 14 and up.**

WINTER **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.

JANUARY

IN PERSON - **NEW** TECH TIME
SATURDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:00 A.M.

HYBRID - EBOOKS
MONDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - MICROSOFT EXCEL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - GOOGLE DOCS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - MICROSOFT WORD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - CANVA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 3:00P.M.

HYBRID - NYT & MORE ONLINE!
MONDAY, JANUARY 11 OR
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 3:00 P.M.

ONLINE - GOOGLE SHEETS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 3:00 P.M.

IN PERSON - ADOBE PHOTOSHOP
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 AND 28 AT 3:00 P.M.

JANUARY

HYBRID - EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY
MONDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

HYBRID - CREATE AI ART
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - GOOGLE SLIDES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 AT 3:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY

IN PERSON - **NEW** TECH TIME
SATURDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:00 A.M.

HYBRID - NYT & MORE ONLINE!
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 3:00 P.M.

IN PERSON - STREAMING WITH YOUR BPL CARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - CONSUMER REPORTS WITH YOUR BPL CARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 3:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY

HYBRID - CREATE A PHOTOBOOK
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - NYT & MORE ONLINE!
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 OR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 3:00 P.M

ONLINE - BUILD A WEBSITE
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 17 & 24 AT 3:00 P.M.

ONLINE - EBOOKS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - SIDE HUSTLE: SELLING ONLINE WITH EBAY AND FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

HYBRID - BOOK MATCHMAKER: USING THE CATALOG AND ADVISORY TOOLS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 3:00 P.M.

WINTER **PROGRAMS** FOR **CHILDREN**

BABIES TO GRADE 6

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

DECEMBER

WINTER READING *challenge*

DECEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 31

Download the Beanstack app or go to baldwinlib.beanstack.org and enter the Winter Reading Challenge. Complete one row of the bingo card to enter a raffle for a chance to win a $50 Books-A-Million gift card. January 31 is the last day to play and record your progress.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

4TH & 5TH GRADERS IN BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

KICKOFF:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026
TITLES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM

VISIT BALDWINLIB.ORG/BATTLE FOR MORE INFORMATION

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

GRADES 3 TO 6
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6:30 P.M.
Join us as we learn how to cook a simple recipe. This month we will be making panini sandwiches. Allergens may be present. **Registration required.**



MARIO KART FREE PLAY

GRADES 2 TO 5
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 4:30 P.M.
Come play Mario Kart World for the Switch 2! Bring a friend or come by yourself and meet some new ones. All skill levels are welcome. **Registration required.**

DECEMBER

MARTHA MEDAL: BALDWIN'S MOCK CALDECOTT AWARD

ALL AGES
DECEMBER 23 THROUGH JANUARY 31
Help us choose which picture book will earn the Martha Medal, Baldwin's very own mock Caldecott award. Stop by the Youth Room to read our favorite picture books of 2026 and vote for your favorite. The winner will be announced in February.

SENSATIONAL STICKERS

AGES 4 TO 12 WITH GROWN UP(S)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 FROM 10:30 A.M. TO NOON
Decorate a sticker notebook and fill it with a plethora of stickers, provided by us, to use at home, trade, or give away! **Registration required.**

CARDBOARD LOOM WEAVING

GRADES 1 TO 5
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT 11:00 A.M.
Use a loom to make your own yarn creation to take home. **Registration required.**

JANUARY

JUNIOR LIBRARIAN

WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
JANUARY 20: GRADES K TO 2
JANUARY 27: GRADES 3 TO 5
Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Library, learn what librarians do, and choose books for your very own Library book display! Book displays will be shared in March. **Registration required.**

SNOWFLAKE SUNCATCHER

GRADES 1 TO 3
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 4:30 P.M.
Make your own suncatcher to bring the sunlight inside with you. **Registration required.**

NOVELIST & NOVELIST K-8

LOOKING FOR MORE BOOK SUGGESTIONS?
Try Novelist and Novelist K-8. Share titles or authors you've enjoyed reading in the past and see lists of similar titles you might enjoy. Available at **baldwinlib.org/databases**.

FEBRUARY



POKÉMON DAY

GRADES K TO 5
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 4:30 P.M.
Celebrate all things Pokémon with crafts and activities. Trainers are encouraged to bring their Pokémon cards but leave their Nintendo Switch at home. **Registration required.**



MINI GOLF

AGES 3 & UP WITH GROWN UP(S)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.
Are you missing outdoor fun this winter? Join us for a round of mini-golf as a family. **Registration required.**



CRAFTING FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

GRADES 1 TO 5
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 4:30 P.M.
Decorate a birdhouse and make a bird feeder. Put your im-peck-able creations outside for the birds to enjoy. Allergens may be present. **Registration required.**



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 10:30 A.M.
Bring your teddy bear and a blanket to the Library for an indoor picnic featuring stories, songs, a craft, and a snack. **Registration required.**

BOOKS UNBOXED **GRADES 4 TO 12**

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

KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

GRADES 3 TO 6
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 17 · JANUARY 21 · FEBRUARY 25
Play games, eat snacks, and make friends at our monthly get-togethers. You won't want to miss KLS! **Registration required.**

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY
GRADES K TO 6 WITH GROWN UP(S)
SUNDAYS FROM 2:30 TO 4:00 P.M.
JANUARY 24 • FEBRUARY 14
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.
DECEMBER 10 • JANUARY 14 • FEBRUARY 11
Let your imagination run wild with stories, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and more! **Registration required.**

RUFF READERS
GRADES 1 TO 6
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
JANUARY 5 • FEBRUARY 2
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.
DECEMBER 28: BUILD A ZOO
JANUARY 25: LEGO CHALLENGE - DUPLO DOMINATION
FEBRUARY 22: BUILD A PYRAMID
Come join in the fun with different themed builds using LEGO bricks. **Registration required.**

PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS
SATURDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON
DECEMBER 12 • FEBRUARY 27
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.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



Encourage reading and help prepare your child for kindergarten. Earn prizes for every 250 books you read with your child before they enter Kindergarten!

Sponsored by the Bob and Jean Kelly Endowment.
Go to baldwinlib.beanstack.org to register.

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.
DECEMBER 9: *BABYMOUSE: QUEEN OF THE WORLD* BY JENNIFER L. HOLM
JANUARY 13: *MONSTER AND BOY* BY HANNAH BARNABY
FEBRUARY 3: *WILDFIRE RESCUE* BY REKHA S. RAJAN
Email Syntha at **syntha.green@baldwinlib.org** to register.

BEYOND the Book
GRADES 1 TO 3
THURSDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 3: *HOMES AROUND THE WORLD* BY LISA M. HERRINGTON
JANUARY 7: *DESERT* BY BRENNA MALONEY
FEBRUARY 4: *AKEEM KEEPS BEES!* BY KAMAL EUGENE WILLIAM BELL
Email Rosemary at **rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org** to register.

KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB
GRADES 3 TO 6
MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 21: *THE AWAKENING STORM* BY JAIMAL YOGIS
JANUARY 11: *A KID LIKE ME* BY NORM FEUTI
FEBRUARY 8: *AGENT CUPCAKE* BY MEL HILARIO
Email Josh at **josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org** to register.

FAMILY BOOK CLUB
GRADES 3 TO 6 AND GROWN UP(S)
TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
JANUARY 12: *WANDER LOST* BY LAURA MARTIN
Email Susan at **susan.dion@baldwinlib.org** to register.

BOOKS AND BAGELS
GRADES 4 TO 6
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 15: *THE LEGEND OF THE LAST LIBRARY* BY FRANK L. COLE
JANUARY 26: *MISSION UNSTOPPABLE* BY DAN GUTMAN
FEBRUARY 23: *SPEED READER* BY MATTHEW CODY
Email Susan at **susan.dion@baldwinlib.org** to register.

Kids COOKBOOK club
GRADES 3 TO 6
MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 1: *COMPLETE COOKBOOK FOR TEEN CHEFS* BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN
Email Syntha at **syntha.green@baldwinlib.org** to register.

moms BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 9: *WEST WITH GIRAFFES* BY LYNDA RUTLEDGE
FEBRUARY 24: *SOUTH OF SUPERIOR* BY ELLEN AIRGOOD
Email Susan at **susan.dion@baldwinlib.org** to register.

STORY TIMES

Story times use a first come, first served ticketing system starting 15 minutes before the story time starts. Visit **baldwinlib.org/storytime** for dates and more information. ***No weekly story times December 7 through January 1 or February 15 through February 19.***

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

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

TODDLER TALES
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WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

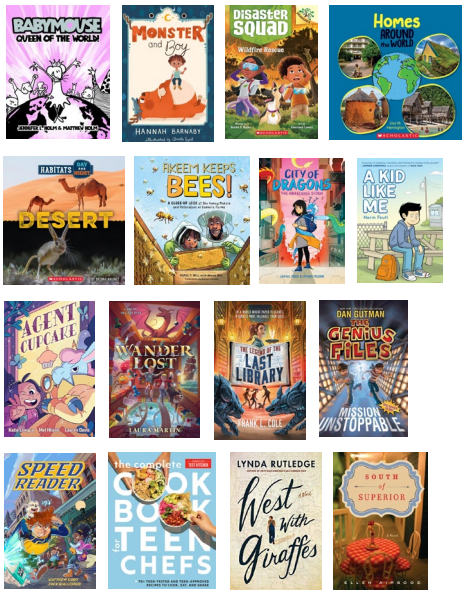
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ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
THURSDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

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

ADAPTIVE ADVENTURES STORY TIME
ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
TUESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.
JANUARY 19 • FEBRUARY 9

MUSIC & MOVEMENT
ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.
DECEMBER 19 • JANUARY 30 • FEBRUARY 20

WINTER BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS



WINTER **PROGRAMS** FOR **TWEENS & TEENS**

PARENTS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS MAY NOT ATTEND THESE PROGRAMS UNLESS NOTED.
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BOARD GAME NIGHT

GRADES 6 TO 12
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
Learn a new board game or play some old favorites. Games and snacks will be provided. **Registration required.**

HOT COCOA TASTE TEST

GRADES 7 TO 12
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
Warm up this winter by sampling a variety of hot cocoa mixes. Maybe you will find a new favorite! **Registration required.**

TRIVIA NIGHT

TEENS AND ADULTS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
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.**

STUDY NIGHT WITH THERAPY DOGS GRADES 9 TO 12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
Reduce your stress by petting dogs and eating pizza during our special after-hours study session just for high school students. Show up any time between 5:30 and 8:30 P.M. **No registration required.**

CARICATURE CLASS WITH ANDREW SIGMAN GRADES 7 TO 12

MONDAY, JANUARY 25 FROM 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.
Learn to draw fun cartoon caricatures with artist Andrew Sigman! You'll practice drawing your classmates, receive your own caricature by Andrew, and take home your artwork. **Registration required.**

FEBRUARY

FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY

GRADES 7 TO 12
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
Who says Valentine's Day is just for romance? Celebrate the people who matter most by making beaded friendship bracelets to wear, share, or gift. **Registration required.**

MINI GOLF ALL AGES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.
Are you missing outdoor fun this winter? Join us at the library to play a round of mini-golf, by yourself, with your friends, or your family. **Registration required.**

BROWNIE DECORATING WITH THE BROWNIEDR® GRADES 7 TO 12

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22
FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.
Join Chanille Carswell, the Brownie Doctor, for a fun and delicious decorating session where you'll learn tips and tricks for creating brownies that look as good as they taste! **Allergens may be present. Registration required.**

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.
DECEMBER 3: *THROWBACK* BY MAURENE GOO
JANUARY 7: *BOOK CLUB SELECTION MEETING*
FEBRUARY 4: *THE BLOOD YEARS* BY ELANA K. ARNOLD
The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Pizza and drinks will be provided. **Registration required.**

PAPERBACKS AND SNACKS

NEW TIME!

GRADES 6 TO 8
WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 9: *A WIZARD'S GUIDE TO DEFENSIVE BAKING* BY T. KINGFISHER
JANUARY 13: *BOOK CLUB SELECTION MEETING*
FEBRUARY 10: *THE RHYTHM OF TIME* BY QUESTLOVE AND S.A. COSBY
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.
DECEMBER 5 · JANUARY 9 · FEBRUARY 6
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.
JANUARY 6 · FEBRUARY 3
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.
DECEMBER 14 · JANUARY 11 · FEBRUARY 15
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.
DECEMBER 16 · JANUARY 20 · FEBRUARY 24
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.
DECEMBER 17 · JANUARY 21 · FEBRUARY 25
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 hours *(must be at least 14 and have a work permit on file)*.
Registration required.

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

TEENS AND ADULTS
Go on a blind date with a book this February. See our display in the Adult Services area for full details. There will be adult and teen books available.

FALL **PROGRAMS** FOR **ADULTS**

DECEMBER

WINTER READING challenge

DECEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 31

Download the Beanstack app or go to baldwinlib.beanstack.org and enter the Winter Reading Challenge. Complete one row of the bingo card to enter a raffle for a chance to win a $50 Books-A-Million gift card. January 31 is the last day to play and record your progress.

WINTER CRAFT TO GO KIT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Pick up a craft kit to take home and create a wooden decorative ornament.
One per person. First come, first served. As supplies last.

REPEATING PROGRAMS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION GROUP

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

This group meets at the library weekly to practice developing English language speaking skills.

GREAT BOOKS

DECEMBER 2 · JANUARY 6 · FEBRUARY 3

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

SOCRATES CAFE

DECEMBER 20 · JANUARY 17 · FEBRUARY 21

This group meets at the library on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 P.M. for thoughtful conversation on different topics. Contact the group's facilitator, Annis Pratt (**avpratt@aol.com**) for more information about this event.

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JANUARY

HOW MICHIGAN BECAME MICHIGAN

MONDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

Michigan's shape of two peninsulas is unusual. It happened due to some strange twists of history and an inaccurate 1755 map. **Registration required. In person event only.**

THE QUILTS OF GEE'S BEND

MONDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Gee's Bend Quilters have produced some of the greatest examples of American folk art to date. Lynn Aleman joins us to cover the history of Gee's Bend, the story of the quilters and their journey from obscurity to artist recognition. **Registration required. In person event only.**

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Artist Andrew Sigman breaks down the process, making it fun and easy. There will be a short class showing how to visualize the face in a simplified way, what is needed to capture a person's likeness, and tips to make fast decisions. The remainder of time will be spent drawing as many caricatures as they can, with supportive critique. Andrew will draw each student, and each student will draw all the other students as well. **Registration required. In person event only.**

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FEBRUARY

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HISTORY OF THE NEGRO LEAGUES

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

Dr. Leslie Heaphy joins us to explore the history of Black baseball and the growth then subsequent demise of the Negro Leagues. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

IN PERSON - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 2:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

Caring for an older adult can be meaningful, but it can also be overwhelming. AgeWays Senior Services caregiver class offers practical guidance to manage day-to-day care, strategies to reduce stress, and give you confidence to support your loved one—and yourself. **Registration required. Attend in person or virtually. Both presentations are the same.**

HAMILTON: THE MOVIE SCREENING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 1:00 P.M.

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with a movie screening of the wildly popular *Hamilton*! Enjoy *Hamilton* on the screen for a review or for the first time. Snacks included. **Registration required. In person event only.**

BROWNIE DEMO & DECORATING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join Chanille Carswell the Brownie Dr. as she walks you through the best and most surgically efficient ways to decorate brownies. All supplies will be provided, all you have to do is show up and enjoy. **Registration required. Attend in person. Allergens may be present.**

HAMILTON: HOW THE MUSICAL REMIXES AMERICAN HISTORY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us as we host Dr. Richard Bell as he takes us through the popular stage production and shares what the musical gets right and wrong about American history. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Michigan Public Library Millage Results 2010 to November 2026

Vote Date	Library Name	County	Millage	Renewal, Increase, or New	Term	Result	Yes	No	Takes effect	Type
3-November-2026	Alanson Area Public Library	Emmet	0.3322	Renewal	2026-2029 (4 Years)	Passed	1,027	376	2026	Operating
3-November-2026	Alma Public Library	Gratiot	1.0	Renewal	2027-2032 (6 Years)	Passed	1,651	1,257	2027	Capital
3-November-2026	Bay County Library System	Bay	1.7399	Renewal	2026-2031 (6 Years)	Passed	31,839	15,859	2026	Operating
3-November-2026	Baldwin Public Library (Bloomfield Hills)	Oakland	.52	Renewal	2027-2032 (6 Years)	Passed	1,675	728	2027	Operating
3-November-2026	Bridgman Public Library	Berrien	1.0	Renewal/Increase	2028-2032 (5 Years)	Passed	765	304	2028	Operating
3-November-2026	Bridgman Public Library	Berrien	1.0	Headlee Override	Perpetuity	Passed	698	348	2027	Operating
3-November-2026	Center Line Public Library	Macomb	1.0	New	2026-2035 (10 Years)	Passed	1,981	1,101	2026	Operating
3-November-2026	Grosse Pointe Public Library	Wayne	0.6432	Renewal	2028-2042 (15 Years)	Passed	23,885	6,782	2028	Operating
3-November-2026	Hancock Area District Library	Houghton	0.70	New	2026-2030 (5 Years)	Passed	2,000	1,118	2026	Operating
3-November-2026	Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library	Marquette	2.5	New	2026-2031 (6 Years)	Passed	1,972	667	2026	Operating/Capital
3-November-2026	Lincoln Township Public Library (Royalton Twp.)	Berrien	0.4	New	2027-2030 (4 Years)	Passed	1,351	1,194	2027	Operating
3-November-2026	Lyon Township Library	Oakland	1.1	New	2026-2035 (10 Years)	Passed	6,120	6,076	2026	Operating
3-November-2026	McMillan Township Library (Stannard Twp.)	Ontonagon	0.25	New	2027-2030 (4 Years)	Passed	228	113	2027	Operating
3-November-2026	Orion Township Public Library	Oakland	0.3116	New	2027-2046 (20 Years)	Passed	9,868	9,328	2027	Capital Assist

Vote Date	Library Name	County	Millage	Renewal, Increase, or New	Term	Result	Yes	No	Takes effect	Type
3-November-2026	Oscoda County Library	Oscoda	0.4883	Renewal	2026-2029 (4 Years)	Failed	1,961	2,175	2026	Operating
3-November-2026	Peter White Public Library (Marquette Charter Twp)	Marquette	0.8761	Renewal	2026-2027 (2 Years)	Passed	1,726	587	2026	Operating
3-November-2026	Southfield Public Library (Lathrup Village)	Oakland	1.0	New	2027-2031 (5 Years)	Passed	1,744	1,016	2027	Operating
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	Beaver Island District Library	Charlevoix	1.0	Renewal/Increase	2026-2029 (4 years)	Passed	190	62	2026	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	Blendon Twp. (Gary Byker & Howard Miller libraries)	Ottawa	0.3	Renewal/Increase	2026-2037 (12 years)	Passed	1,301	1,197	2026	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	Briggs District Library	Clinton	0.75	Renewal/Headlee	2026-2035 (10 years)	Passed	3,552	2,210	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	Carp Lake Township Library	Ontonagon	.50	Renewal	2026-2029 (4 years)	Passed	143	54	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Carp Lake Township Library	Ontonagon	.25	New	2026-2029 (4 years)	Passed	111	78	2026	Operating
4-August-2026	Charlotte Community Library	Eaton	1.4	Renewal/Additional	2028-2037 (10 years)	Passed	2,551	1,595	2028	Operating

THE OAKLAND PRESS

Library millages earn voter support around the county

Lyon Township passes proposal by less than 50 votes

By **Matthew Fahr** | mfahr@medianewsgroup.com | The Oakland Press

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Four library-related millage proposals were approved by voters on Nov. 3, including one millage renewal, two new millage requests and an improvement bond in Orion Township.

Two passed by comfortable margins and two were narrow victories and will help with operating funding for the future.

“The library serves everyone in the community. Everyone is welcome in the library, and we serve all ages and all backgrounds of people,” said Orion Township Library Director Chase McMunn. “It is truly open to everybody.”

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

In 2011, Bloomfield Hills voters passed a Library Levy Implementation millage giving residents access to the Baldwin Public Library, located in Birmingham, the closest library for most in Bloomfield Hills.

The original 0.39-mills proposal passed 52% yes to 48% no. In 2020 voters approved a renewal at 0.52-mills for six years by a 67% yes to 33% no margin.

This year it passed by its highest margin yet, 69.7% to 30.3%.

Residents will pay the renewed library millage of up to 0.52 mills (52 cents per $1,000 taxable value). The city levied 0.36-mills last year.

The levy will be on 2027 summer tax bills and raise $440,405 in the first year.

It will help to cover costs at the library including the ongoing renovations.

Renovations began in August and the next phase will run from late January 2027 through early May 2027 and includes the north end of the building, from about the atlas stand through the study rooms and Computer Lab.

The final phase will run from early May 2027 through July 2027 and includes the bulk of Adult and Teen Services, including the service desk.

LATHRUP VILLAGE

Language for a new library services millage was approved by the village council in January. The village contracts with the Southfield Public Library to provide services to village residents.

The new proposal was for a dedicated library millage set at 1-mill for six years, which would raise $175,000 in its first year.

It passed 1,744 (63.2%) yes to 1,016 no (36.8%) no

Lathrup Village currently pays for library services through its general fund budget.

Village City Administrator Mike Green said in January that when the Headlee override millage proposal failed in November 2025, they looked into adjustments to the city's budget.

The library services contract was under consideration to be cut, but the council opted not to cancel it and put the decision to voters in November.

"The city extends its appreciation to voters for supporting the Lathrup Village Library Millage," the city said in a statement. "This support helps ensure the city can continue providing residents with access to library services and resources that contribute to the educational, cultural, and community well-being of Lathrup Village."

LYON TOWNSHIP

With the current library millage set to expire, Lyon Township voters were asked to approve a new 10-year millage for up to 1.1-mills.

They did so, but by the narrowest margin of any of the millage proposals – 48 votes.

The new millage passed 6,120 (50.2%) yes to 6,072 (49.8%) no.

In 2017, voters approved a 0.89-mill operating millage, but due to Headlee rollbacks, the library operating millage collection rate for 2025 was 0.86-mills and collected $1.9 million dollars in 2026.

The library will collect $2.5 million, which will pay for operational costs, staff, purchase materials and pay for events.

According to the township, the average purchase cost of a home in August, 2026 is $520,000 making the average cost for the library operating millage is $286 annually.

Of the 8,566 households in the township, 5,018 have library card holders.

ORION TOWNSHIP

The township looked to expand its library facilities and asked voters to approve a $13.3 million improvement bond.

It also passed by a narrow margin – 10,163 (51.1%) yes to 9,711 (48.9%) no.

In 1996, voters passed an operating millage in perpetuity for the library.

"We haven't gone out for anything since then. It is in perpetuity, and it started at 1.5 mills," said Library Director Chase McMunn. "With the Headlee rollback it has decreased. This year it is 1.313

mills. And that's the only operating money we get from taxpayers. We do get some funding from the state every year. There's a little bit of state funding that goes to all libraries in Michigan."

The proposal for the 20-year improvement bond at a millage will be levied in 2027 of 0.311-mills ($0.31 per $1,000 of taxable value).

The 29,000 square foot building, located on Joslyn Road, was built in 1989. At the time it was designed to serve a population of 30,000 and housed a collection of 100,000 volumes with a capacity for 200,000 items to be circulated each year.

"Our building was built in the '80s so it's about 40 years ago and since then the way people use libraries has changed just a little bit. Personal computers were relatively rare and the collection was entirely physical at that point," said McMunn. "These days, what people need out of a library has changed quite a bit and we're seeking to bring the library up to date and add some of the amenities that we think the community could really use."

Plans include adding a 2,500 square foot addition dedicated to children's programs, adding to the front portico area, optimizing the outdoor spaces on the 19-acre site, an indoor 1,300 square foot addition learning and play area for younger children and other interior changes.

"On the interior, we will have a lively café space. The vision is that it would be like a four-seasons room, but rather than completely enclose it, we'd have nice windows so we can let sunlight in above and a living wall with leaves and water to add a little bit of nature in there," McMunn said. "And the idea behind this is it's a casual space where you can gather."

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST

Trust Agenda

Trust Minutes

Trust Financial Reports

Gifts to Trust: Receipts

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Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting

Rotary Donor Room

Monday, November 16, 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.

A. Approval of the October 19, 2026 minutes p. 90
B. Acceptance of the October 2026 receipts of $2,000.82 p. 97
C. Approval of the October 2026 disbursements of $13,264.28 p. 98

III. New and Miscellaneous Business

A. **Suggested motion**: To sell the Trust's shares in T Rowe Price All Capp Opp Fund and reinvest into Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund, to sell shares in the Janus Henderson Triton I Fund and reinvest into Allspring Disc Small Cap Inst Fund, to sell Pro Shares St P 500 Div Aristocrats and reinvest into Putnam Large Cap Value Y Fund, and to sell Eaton Vance Atlanta Cap SMID Cap and reinvest into BNY Mellon and Dynamic Value I and Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Funds.

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, December 21, 2026

Motion: To adjourn the November 16, 2026 Trust Meeting.

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BALDWIN LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES,
TRUST MEETING
October 19, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Rumple at 8:13 p.m.

Library Board present: Wendy Friedman, Pam Graham, Frank Pisano, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumple.

Absent and excused: Jennifer Wheeler.

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: One.

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 September 28, 2026 minutes
B. Acceptance of the September 2026 receipts of $6,308.99
C. Approval of the September 2026 disbursements of $1,210.24

1st Pisano
2nd Rock
A roll call vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumple.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Wheeler.
The motion was approved unanimously.

3. New and Miscellaneous Business: Pisano noted that an investment update will be shared during the November Trust meeting after the Finance Committee has a meeting with Raymond James advisor Jim Cummins.

4. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

1st Pisano
2nd Friedman
A voice vote was taken.
Yeas: Friedman, Graham, Pisano, Rock, Rumple.

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Nays: None.
Absent and excused: Wheeler.
The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next Trust Meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2026, following the regular meeting in the Rotary Tribute & Donor Room.

Wendy Friedman, Secretary Date

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Baldwin Public Library Trust: October 2026

October receipts totaled $1,210.24 October disbursements totaled $6,308.99

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

	June 2026 - EOY	**October 2026**
Total endowment investments*	*$ 1,290,491.52*	$ 1,288,777.62
Endowment funds distributed for use	*$ 217,608.53*	$ 196,655.70
Total endowment funds	*$ 1,508,100.05*	$ 1,485,433.32
General spendable funds	*$ 688,078.22*	$ 704,710.86
Building fund	*$ 152,877.03*	$ 155,403.84
Restricted funds**	*$ 45,390.25*	$ 24,555.53
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*	$ 907,887.88
Total endowment funds	*$ 1,508,100.05*	$ 1,485,433.32
Total non-endowment funds	*$ 909,563.15*	$ 907,887.88
Total of all Trust funds	*$ 2,417,663.20*	$ 2,393,321.20

* 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 October 31, 2026

Index	2026: YTD	2025: Entire Year
S&P 500-Equity Benchmark	10.73%	16.39%
U.S. Aggregate-Bond Benchmark	0.54%	-0.20%
Blended Return of Both Benchmarks* *(S&P 500: 75% and U.S. Aggregate: 25%)*	8.18%	12.24%
Baldwin Endowment Funds' Portfolio	7.37%	9.73%
Endowment Funds' Performance Compared to Blended Return of Benchmarks	**-1.76%**	**-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 October 31, 2026, the breakdown was as follows:

Raymond James Endowment Funds Account	$1,302,609.61
Raymond James Building Mutual Funds Account	$645,027.41
Huntington Bank Checking Account	$4,880.24
Huntington Bank Money Market Account	$440,803.94
Total	**$ 2,393,321.20**

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

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
BALANCES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
OCTOBER 31, 2026

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	Prior Month	Current		Current				Change in	Ending
	Balance	Month	Year to Date	Month	Year to Date	Transfer	Transfer	Investment	Balance
	09/30/26	Revenue	Revenue	Expenses	Expenses	In	Out	Value	10/31/26
Huntington Bank Checking:									
Endowment Money	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$7,232.43	$20,952.83	$7,232.43			$0.00
Van Dragt Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00
Restricted Funds - Memorials and Friends	$4,880.05	$0.19	$0.76	$3,996.29	$18,884.63	$3,996.29			$4,880.24
Restricted Funds - Building	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00
Restricted Funds - Covid and MAF Idea Lab	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,504.14	$0.00			$0.00
Subtotal - Restricted Funds	$4,880.05								$4,880.24
General Spendable Funds	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,035.56	$3,025.17	$2,035.56			$0.00
TOTAL	$4,880.05	$0.19	$0.76	$13,264.28	$45,366.77	$13,264.28	$0.00		$4,880.24
Huntington Bank Money Market:									
Endowment Budgeted Funds	$203,888.14	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($7,232.43)		$196,655.71
Endowment Investment Funds	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Building Fund	$999.75	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$999.75
Van Dragt Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Restricted Funds	$32,494.94	$0.00	$553.30	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($3,996.29)		$28,498.65
Restricted Fund - Covid	$516.43	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$516.43
Restricted Fund - Idea Lab/MAF	$45.86	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00		$45.86
General Spendable Funds	$214,122.47	$2,010.63	$11,696.24	$10.00	$40.00	$0.00	($2,035.56)		$214,087.54
TOTAL	$452,067.59	$2,010.63	$12,249.54	$10.00	$40.00	$0.00	($13,264.28)		$440,803.94
Raymond James & Associates:									
Endowment Fund Investments	$1,281,696.19	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00	$0.00	$13,115.69	$1,294,811.88
Endowment Cash	$9,424.52	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00	$0.00	($1,626.79)	$7,797.73
Sub-total Endowment Funds	*$1,291,120.71*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*			*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$11,488.90*	*$1,302,609.61*
General Spendable Funds Cash	$498.76	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$498.76
General Spendable Mutual Funds	$487,049.29	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00	$0.00	$2,743.79	$489,793.08
General Spendable Building Mutual Funds	$153,869.11	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00	$0.00	$866.46	$154,735.57
Sub-total General Spendable Funds	*$641,417.16*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*			*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$3,610.25*	*$645,027.41*
TOTAL	$1,932,537.87	$0.00	$0.00			$0.00	$0.00	$15,099.15	$1,947,637.02
Total All Funds	$2,389,485.51	$2,010.82	$12,250.30	$13,274.28	$45,406.77	$13,264.28	($13,264.28)	$15,099.15	$2,393,321.20
Memo: Total Including Marshall Fredericks Statue in Grand Hall ($70,000).									$2,463,321.20

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST
ENDOWMENT BY INDIVIDUAL FUND OCTOBER 31, 2026

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							VALUE	CURRENT
		PRINCIPAL		VALUE AS OF	2026/27	EARNINGS	JULY 1, 2026 to	VALUE OF
		AMOUNT		JULY 1, 2026	DONATIONS	INCOME OUT	JUNE 30, 2027	ENDOWMENT
FUND	NAME	OF FUND	PURPOSE				(1,713.90)	INVESTMENTS
401	Frances Balfour	$10,000.00	Adult Reading	$14,895.95			($19.22)	$14,876.73
402	Gladys E. Brooks	$41,437.86	Large Print Books/Senior Citizens	$61,724.90			($79.63)	$61,645.27
403	Jane Cameron	$68,770.00	Programs	$98,283.05			($132.15)	$98,150.90
404	Jane Martin Clark	$5,000.00	Baldwin Public Library	$7,447.97			($9.61)	$7,438.36
405	Jan Coil	$10,500.00	Baldwin Public Library	$15,517.79			($20.18)	$15,497.62
406	Aubrey & Grace Flood	$5,000.00	Youth Services	$7,447.97			($9.61)	$7,438.36
407	Paul R. Francis	$12,000.00	Staff Appreciation	$16,094.47			($23.06)	$16,071.41
408	Friends of the Library	$32,000.00	Library Collections	$47,667.31			($61.49)	$47,605.82
409	Priscilla Goodell	$113,718.00	Baldwin Public Library	$169,394.30			($218.53)	$169,175.78
410	Emmelene Hornac	$50,000.00	Youth Services & Adult Reading	$74,479.78			($96.08)	$74,383.70
411	H. G. Johnston	$6,350.00	Reference Collection	$9,407.71			($12.20)	$9,395.51
412	Bob & Jean Kelly	$10,508.00	Youth Services Programs	$15,050.08			($20.19)	$15,029.89
413	William Kernan, Jr.	$25,000.00	Library Collections	$37,239.92			($48.04)	$37,191.88
414	Merle L. Roninger	$250,890.00	Reference Collection	$373,644.51			($482.12)	$373,162.39
415	Rosso Family Foundation	$10,000.00	Baldwin Public Library	$14,895.97			($19.22)	$14,876.75
416	Marion G. Sweeney	$11,400.00	Youth Services	$16,336.87			($21.91)	$16,314.96
417	Stephen Vartanian	$10,000.00	Audio Visual Material	$14,895.97			($19.22)	$14,876.75
419	Clarice G. Taylor	$59,852.76	Professional Development	$91,352.71			($115.02)	$91,237.70
421	Eric & Julie Gheen	$10,000.00	Adult Reading Print Books	$14,072.89			($19.22)	$14,053.67
422	Ileane Thal	$50,488.54	Baldwin Public Library	$66,279.90			($97.02)	$66,182.88
423	Judith Nix	$15,207.48	Adult & Youth Programs	$20,870.21			($29.22)	$20,840.98
424	MAF-Rae Dumke	$10,000.00	Architecture Books	$14,118.36			($19.22)	$14,099.14
425	Linne Underdown Hage Forester	$35,109.96	Professional Development	$42,860.36			($67.47)	$42,792.89
426	Richard & Mary Henne Book Fund	$10,000.00	Adult Reading Print Books	$11,810.27			($19.22)	$11,791.05
427	Douglas R. Koschik	$18,554.00	Building Improvements	$21,880.89			($35.65)	$21,845.23
428	Gerald "Jerry" Dreer	$10,100.00		$12,821.40			($19.41)	$12,801.99
		$891,886.60		$1,290,491.51	$0.00	$0.00	($1,713.90)	$1,288,777.61

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

12e		Prior Month Balance	Current Month	Year to Date	Current Month	Year to Date			Change in Investment	Ending Balance
Gift & Tribute Funds	**Purpose**	**09/30/26**	**Revenue**	**Revenue**	**Expense**	**Expense**	**Transfer In**	**Transfer Out**	**Value**	**10/31/26**
General Spendable Funds		$702,002.00	$2,010.63	$11,696.24	$2,045.56	$3,065.17			$2,743.79	$704,710.86
Restricted Funds:										
Building Fund		$154,537.38	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00			$866.46	$155,403.84
Van Dragt Fund		$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00				$0.00
Memorials/Tributes		$10,791.39	$0.19	$300.76	$80.94	$80.94				$10,710.64
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	$1,741.44	$0.00	$250.00	$2,176.89	$5,419.00				($435.45)
	Young Adult Programs	$5,444.72	$0.00	$0.00	$1,515.46	$5,473.22				$3,929.26
	Youth Services Programs	$4,252.78	$0.00	$3.30	$183.84	$1,872.30				$4,068.94
	Idea Lab Program Supplies	$559.39	$0.00	$0.00	$39.16	$2,342.97				$520.23
	Outreach & Equipment	$5,199.62	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$3,696.20				$5,199.62
	Sub-total Restricted	$183,089.01	$0.19	$554.06	$3,996.29	$21,388.77	$0.00	$0.00	$866.46	$179,959.37
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		$908,308.66	$2,010.82	$12,250.30	$6,041.85	$24,453.94	$0.00	$0.00	$3,610.25	$907,887.88
Endowment Funds										
Endowment Budgeted Funds	General Funds	$60,259.57	$0.00	$0.00	$263.35	$1,116.43				$59,996.22
	Adult Large Print	$2,206.98	$0.00	$0.00	$215.20	$906.43				$1,991.78
	Adult Services Department	$35,942.94	$0.00	$0.00	$909.20	$984.80				$35,033.74
	Adult Audio Visual	$712.29	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00				$712.29
	Adult Reference	$71,470.06	$0.00	$0.00	$1,200.00	$4,340.00				$70,270.06
	Adult Programs	$14,893.28	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$985.00				$14,893.28
	Architecture	$889.18	$0.00	$0.00	$41.00	$174.77				$848.18
	Youth Services Department	$6,358.50	$0.00	$0.00	$1,485.70	$2,434.72				$4,872.80
	Youth Programs (Nix)	$501.99	$0.00	$0.00	$478.98	$478.98				$23.01
	Professional Development	$7,470.18	$0.00	$0.00	$2,578.52	$9,209.33				$4,891.66
	Staff Appreciation	$1,836.99	$0.00	$0.00	$60.48	$197.37				$1,776.51
	Koschik Building Fund	$1,346.17	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$125.00				$1,346.17
	Sub-total	$203,888.13	$0.00	$0.00	$7,232.43	$20,952.83	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$196,655.70
Total Endowment Investments	All Funds	$1,277,288.72	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$11,488.90	$1,288,777.62
Total Endowment Funds		$1,481,176.85	$0.00	$0.00	$7,232.43	$20,952.83	$0.00	$0.00	$11,488.90	$1,485,433.32
Total All Trust Funds		$2,389,485.51	$2,010.82	$12,250.30	$13,274.28	$45,406.77	$0.00	$0.00	$15,099.15	$2,393,321.20
Memo: Total Including Marshall Fredericks Statue in Grand Hall ($70,000).										$2,463,321.20

TRUST RECEIPTS
October-26

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Trust Money Mkt General Funds:		
Walter J. Kirchberger	$ 1,000.00	
Carter A. Agree in Memory of Marilyn Agree	$ 125.00	
Kathryn Bergeron	$ 25.00	
Money Market Interest Income	$ 860.63	$ 2,010.63
Friends of BPL:		
- Adult Programs		
- Teen Programs		
- Youth Programs		
- Idea Lab Program Supplies		
- Outreach and Equipment		
Trust Money Mkt Restricted Funds:		
		$ -
Memorial Book Fund:		
Checking Account Interest	$ 0.19	$ 0.19
Trust Money Mkt Endowment Fund:		
		$ -
Total Receipts at Huntington Bank	$ 2,010.82	$ 2,010.82
Raymond James		
Huntington Bank to Raymond James)		$0.00
Total Trust Receipts (Before Bank Fees)	$2,010.82	$2,010.82
Monthly Banking Fee on Money Market Account	$ (10.00)	$ (10.00)
Total Trust Receipts (Net)	$2,000.82	$2,000.82

CHECK REGISTER FOR CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
CHECK DATE FROM 10/01/2026 - 10/30/2026

Bank LIBRY BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount	
10/05/2026	LIBRY	6610	MISC	DETROIT HISTORY TOURS, LLC	175.00	
10/07/2026	LIBRY	6611	010358	THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY GROUP LLC	1,200.00	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6612	000902	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	184.00	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6613	006432	ELISABETH PHOU	107.35	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6614	010156	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	34.95	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6615	010344	J.W. PEPPER & SON INC	1,013.84	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6616	MISC	JOSH CAMPEAU	15.90	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6617	005498	KRISTEN TAIT	665.36	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6618	000757	SCHOLASTIC INC	945.23	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6619	MISC	STUDIO 7 PROMOTIONS LLS	20.00	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6620	007403	SUSAN DION	18.53	
10/19/2026	LIBRY	6621	010208	TONIES US, INC	443.77	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6622	004867	BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST	49.98	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6623	MISC	BRIAN CHRISTOPHER KEMP	100.00	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6624	MISC	CAMERON CRAWFORD	729.16	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6625	000902	CENGAGE LEARNING INC	31.20	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6626	009315	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	3,729.70	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6627	009315	VOID	0.00	V
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6628	009315	VOID	0.00	V
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6629	010156	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	233.90	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6630	004604	GORDON FOOD	487.76	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6631	008945	H JENNINGS	39.96	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6632	MISC	HAYLIE MAY	22.51	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6633	001090	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	1,193.25	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6634	MISC	IRENE MILLER	600.00	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6635	MISC	JONATHON CARPUS	100.00	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6636	MISC	MANHATTAN SHORT INC	600.00	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6637	MISC	ROBBIE TERMAN	300.00	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6638	000757	SCHOLASTIC INC	44.90	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6639	007403	SUSAN DION	31.38	
10/30/2026	LIBRY	6640	009030	SYNTHA GREEN	146.65	

LIBRY TOTALS:

Total of 31 Checks:	13,264.28
Less 2 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 29 Disbursements:	13,264.28